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OCEAN TRANSPORT IN THE TASMAN/CORAL SEAS CRUISE FR 7/92

DIMETHYL SULPHIDE IN SURFACE AND SUB-SURFACE WATERS

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Submitted by:

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Research Plan Franklin FR 7/92

Itinerary

Sail Townsville 0800 Saturday 19 September 1992 Arrive Brisbane 1200 Tuesday 6 October 1992

Scientific Program

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The objectives of this study are to analyse in detail the ocean dynamics in the Tasman/Coral Sea. Specifically, we want

- 1) To estimate the volume transport of the East Australian Current (EAC) at 23°S and 30°S and to estimate the time variability of this transport at 30°S. The EAC differs from the surface western boundary currents in other oceans in that the eddies are of the same magnitude as the mean current so that it appears that the current is discontinuous in time and along the coast. Thus part of the problem is to acquire sufficient data to properly define the EAC. As part of this objective, we hope to determine the large-scale general circulation of the Tasman/Coral Sea using patterns of tracers (temperature, salinity, oxygen and nutrients) and of density to estimate geostrophic circulation (baroclinic plus barotropic) at all depths.
- 2) In collaboration with US scientists completing a section between South America and New Zealand at about 32°S, to estimate the meridional heat and freshwater fluxes. One of the keys to accurately estimating these fluxes is to have good estimates of the transport in the western boundary current (Hall and Bryden 1982).

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3) To estimate the natural distribution of DMS/DMSP in surface and subsurface waters, the dominant phytoplankton responsible, and to assess the flux between the ocean and the atmosphere.

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Cruise Objectives

- To recover, service and re-deploy the current meter array which was deployed on FR 10/91 at 30°S
- To complete 2 CTD/ADCP/nutrient sections as indicated on the figure.
- To sample for, and analyse on board, DMS/DMSP

Cruise Track

A proposed cruise track is shown on the attached figure. CTD stations are shown as crosses.

ORV Equipment Required

All standard instrumentation icluding 24 bottle rosette, ACR deck unit, Aanderaa tape reader. Underway pH and fluorescence, profiling pH on the CTD. Deck lab for DMS work.

Equipment to be provided by users

Mooring equipment, back up ACR units.

Time Estimates

Steaming	8.0 days
CTD stations	4.5 days
Moorings	4.0 days
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(If the weather is good then this time will be used to Allowance for bad weather 0.5 days

complete a repeat section (CTD/ADCP) across the

current meter moorings.)

Total		17 days
Time	available	17 days

Personnel

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This Cruise Plan is in accordance with the directions of the National Facility Steering Committee for the oceanographic research vessel Franklin.

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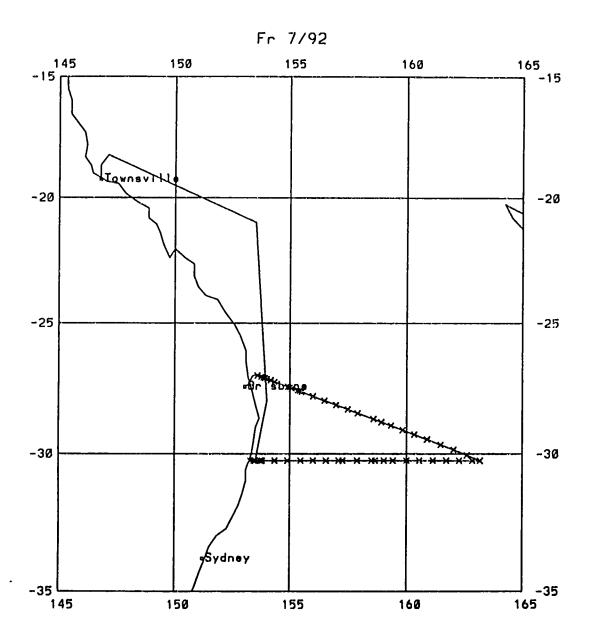
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