

APPENDIX 5
SPECIMEN REPORT OF SURVEY



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HIGH NORTH23
Arctic Marine Geophysics Campaign

North/North-West of Svalbard
Area of the Yermak Plateau
Southern area of Vestnesa Ridge and Molloy Hole

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REPORT OF SURVEY

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PART 1

1. Introduction

1.1 The Italian Navy – Acting as national marine focal point for Arctic marine research – launched in 2017, the Pluriannual Joint Research Program in the Arctic, named HIGH NORTH. A new year activity is in progress with an enhanced overview having a look to the 3D mapping from satellite to seabed.

The HIGH NORTH 2020-2023 Program has for main target the knowledge of Arctic Ocean (Svalbard area), in support of the global community for the gap of knowledge and the rapidly changing, at the beginning of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030). It will develop on Hydro- Oceanographic campaign and research focused mainly on the unsurveyed area closed to the sea ice-edge.

1.2 Weather conditions during the survey were always favorable.

1.3 The survey started on 14th July and ended on 08th August. There was no interruption in the activities. There were no extra activities during the survey period. Tidal stream caused no difficulties. No logistic problem occurred.

1.4 The survey area has been split in 3 main zones. (North/North-West of Svalbard, Area of the Yermak Plateau and Southern area of Vestnesa Ridge and Molloy Hole)

Due to the absence of obstacles, the planned survey area has been totally covered. This corresponds to an area of 2856 km².

2. Geodetic Control

2.1 N.A.

3. Digital Surveying System

3.1 Following table summarize the equipped instrumentation used for the survey:

| Hydrographic instruments | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Sensor | Company | Model | Serial Number |
| MBES | Kongsberg Marine | EM 302 | // |
| MRU | Seatex | MRU 5E | // |
| Positioning system | Kongsberg Marine | Seapath 330 | // |
| | FUGRO Seastar | 3610 STARFIX L1 | |
| CTD probe | Valeport | RapidCast CTD | // |
| Multiparametric probe | SBE | 911 PLUS | // |
| SVS | Valeport | miniSVS | // |

To acquire hydrographic data the proprietary software *SIS (Seafloor Information System)*, version 4.3.0, has been used, installed in a *HWS (Hydrographic Work Station)* MP8300 with following features:

- Processor: Intel® Core™ i7-3770 CPU @ 3.40 Ghz
- RAM: 8 GB
- Operating System: Windows 7 Professional SP1
- System Type: 64-bit Operating System

For data processing the software *CARIS “Hips & Sips”, version 10.1*, has been used, installed on a commercial workstation with following features:

- Processor: Intel® Xenon® CPU E3-1535M v5 @ 2.9 Ghz
- RAM: 32 GB
- Operating System: Windows 7 Professional SP1
- System Type: 64-bit Operating System

Acquired lines have been converted and imported in Caris HIPS&SIPS projects. Later a BASE (Bathymetry Associated with Statistical Error) has been created, type *CUBE (Combined Uncertainty and Bathymetry Estimator)* with following settings:

- resolution: 50m;
- order IHO S-44: 2 (a=1; b=0.023);
- method: “density & locale” in configuration “default”.

The obtained surface has been checked, using CARIS Editor H&S, leading to the necessary cleaning of anomalous data.

The resulting surface has been finalized for subsequent products realization.

3.2 N.A.

3.3 N.A.

4. Nav-aids

4.1 Positioning data have been acquired with Kongsberg Seapath 330 with STARFIX corrections type L1 received by a FUGRO demodulator SEASTAR 3610. Attitude and heading values have been acquired by the system Seatex Seapath 300 equipped in the ship, linked with organic attitude giver Seatex MRU 5E. The same system, operating in DGPS mode with STARFIX L1 corrections coming from FUGRO demodulator 3610, has been connected with the echosounder as primary positioning system.

4.2 The system, operating in DGPS mode with STARFIX L1 corrections coming from FUGRO demodulator 3610, has been connected with the echosounder as primary positioning system. Positioning systems used WGS84 horizontal datum for hydrographic data, ITRS system, representation ITRF2020.

4.3 The calibration of MBES EM 302 occurred on 20th July 2023.

Calibrations parameters have been repeatedly checked during acquisition phase, to verify their quality. Resulting angular variations from the calibration have been implemented directly into the acquisition software SIS (“Installation Parameters - MRU Angular Offset”).

4.4 This setup has allowed a seabed data completely in accordance with requirements for order 2 surveys (IHO S44 – 6.1.0th Edition october 2022, Table 1: “Minimum Standards for Hydrographic Surveys”).

5. Bathymetry

5.1 Acquisition of bathymetric data has been carried on with the multibeam echosounder Kongsberg EM 302.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Frequency:</i> | 30 kHz |
| <i>Swath:</i> | Dual |
| <i>Head:</i> | Single |
| <i>Transmit Array (degrees)</i> | 150 x 2 |
| <i>Receive Array (degrees)</i> | 2 x 30 |
| <i>Max number of beams/swath</i> | 432 (HD Equidistant) |

Acquisition settings:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <i>Vs:</i> | Profile |
| <i>Dual Swath mode:</i> | Dynamic |
| <i>Ping Mode:</i> | Auto |
| <i>Sound Speed to Transducer:</i> | Sensor |
| <i>Sector Coverage angles:</i> | From 55° to 70° |
| <i>Angular Coverage mode:</i> | Auto |
| <i>Beam Spacing:</i> | HD Equidistant |
| <i>Absorption Coefficient:</i> | Salinity (from CTD profile) |
| <i>Filtering:</i> | <i>Spike filter Strength:</i> MEDIUM <i>Range Gate:</i> NORMAL <i>Phase Ramp:</i> NORMAL <i>Penetration Filter Strength:</i> OFF <i>Slope:</i> ON <i>Aeration:</i> OFF <i>Sector Tracking:</i> OFF <i>Interference:</i> ON |
| <i>Pitch Stabilization</i> | ON |

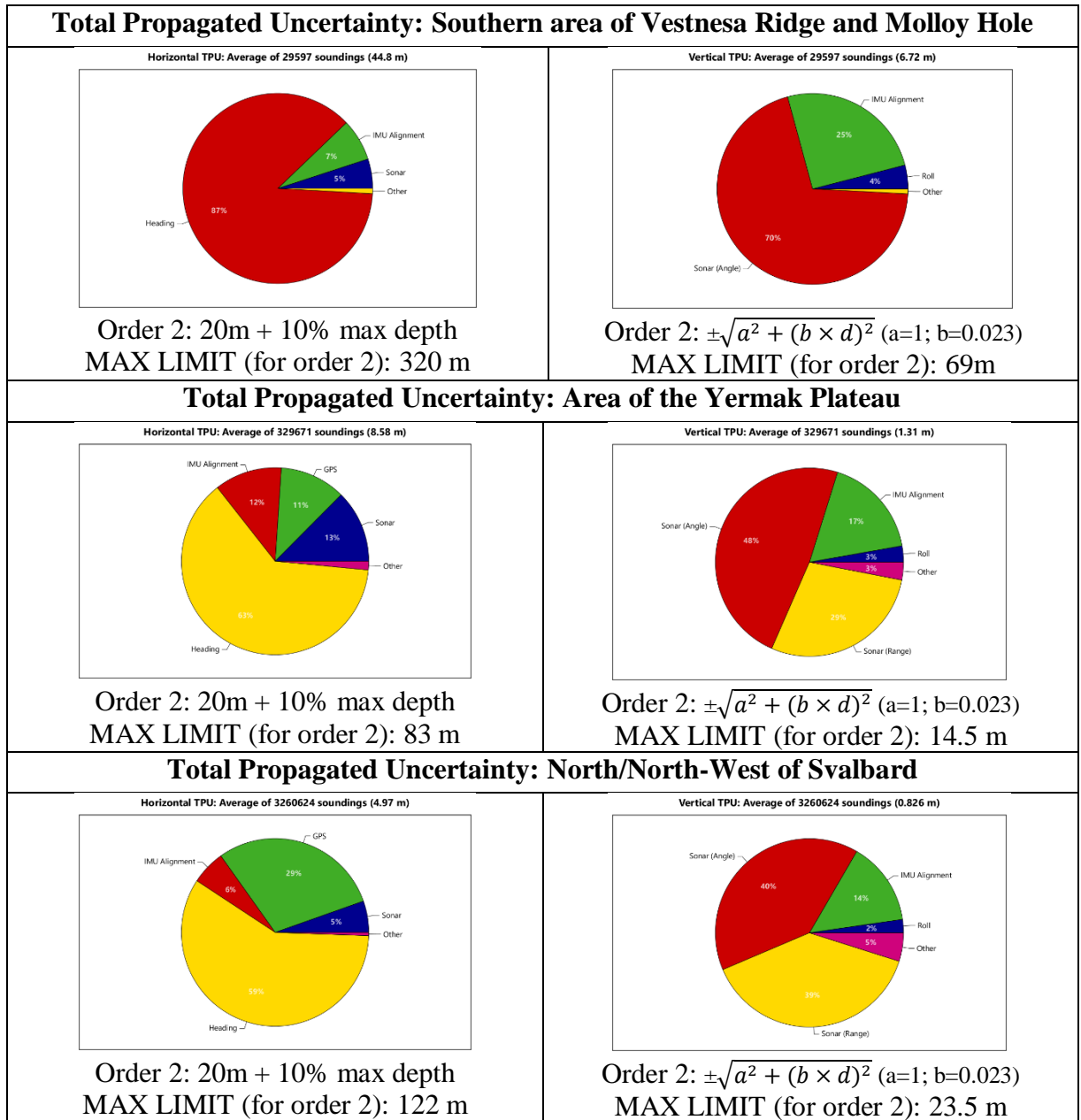
5.2 Sound propagation velocity data in the water column have been measured with SBE 911 plus CTD.

5.3 Due to no presence of obstacles, survey area in planning phase has been fully explored. This correspond to a coverage of 2856 km² area.

5.4 Line directions mainly followed a regular grid, with some variations to better check specific areas.

5.5 The statistical computation of the Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU) has been computed using the Caris H&S tool for “Uncertainty” and expressed as two different values for the horizontal (THU) and vertical (TVU) uncertainty. These values have been linked with the max depth of the

corresponding area to check if the results were in compliance with the S-44 publication “IHO Standards for Hydrographic Surveys” (6.1.0th edition – 2022).



Zones of Confidence (ZOC) and Data Quality:

| AREA | CATZOC | DRVAL1 | DRVAL2 | POSACC | SOUACC | SUREND | SURSTA | TECS OU | VERDAT |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Southern area of Vestnesa Ridge and Molloy Hole | B | 1732 | 3030 | 44.8 | 6.7 | 20230803 | 20230729 | MBES | - |
| Area of the Yermak Plateau | B | 483 | 633 | 8.6 | 1.3 | 20230728 | 20230721 | MBES | |
| North/North-West of Svalbard | B | 151 | 1021 | 5.0 | 0.8 | 20230726 | 20230721 | MBES | - |

6. Sonar

6.1 No Side Scan Sonar was used.

6.2 N.A.

6.3 N.A.

6.4 N.A.

6.5 N.A.

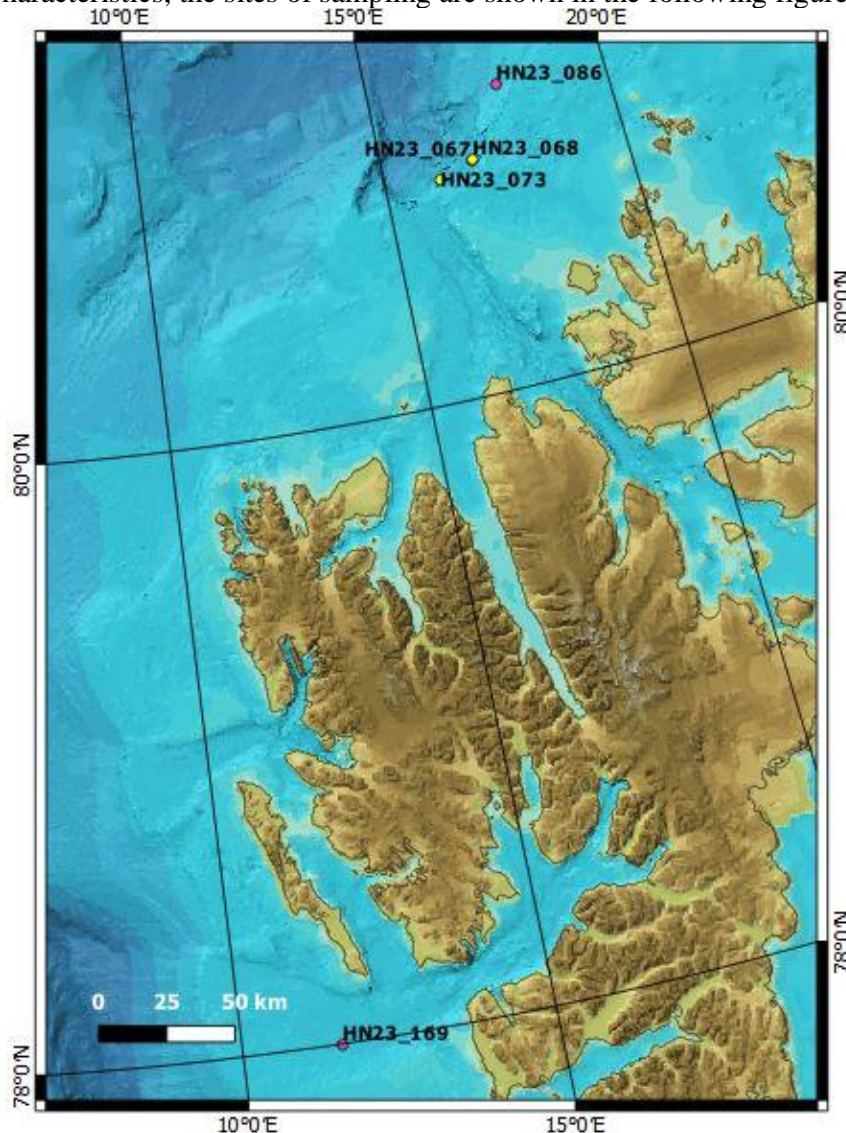
7. Seabed Sampling

7.1

Seafloor sediment stations were determined based on morpho-bathymetric observation and data, during the HighNorth23 campaign, and the bottom sediments sampling were obtained using grab and box-corer methods. The difference of the two methods is that the grab samples disturb sediments, instead, the box corer samples undisturbed sediment where the interface water-sediment is conserved.

The five seafloor sampling sites **Errore. L'origine riferimento non è stata trovata.** were conducted in the Norske Banken Region, North West and West of Svalbard Islands between 24/07/2023 and 04/08/2023.

The two methods of seabed sampling were used during the campaign HighNorth23 to characterize some areas still unidentified, so the areas were determined on the morpho-bathymetric characteristics, the sites of sampling are shown in the following figure.



In details:

- HN23_067_BEN_01 and HN23_068_BCO_01 **Errore. L'origine riferimento non è stata trovata.**) were sampled on the margin of the continental shelf, near the shelf break;
- HN23_068_BCO_02 was sampled at the end of the continental slope near the debris flow;
- HN23_073_BEN_02 was sampled at the end of the continental slope.
- HN23_169_BEN_03 was sampled in the West of Svalbard Island

| SEAFLOOR ACTIVITY | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| STATION | NR | YYYYMMDD | TIME UTC hh:mm | LAT dd° mm.mmmm' | LONG dd° mm.mmmm' | DEPTH m | ACTIVITY |
| HN23_067 | 1 | 20230724 | 08:49 | 80°45.7786'N | 016°50.1881'E | 197 | BEN |
| HN23_068 | 1 | 20230724 | 09:16 | 80°45.9809'N | 016°51.4403'E | 200 | BCO |
| HN23_073 | 2 | 20230724 | 14:21 | 80°43.5283'N | 016°07.5344'E | 678 | BCO |
| HN23_086 | 2 | 20230725 | 15:21 | 80°59.1817'N | 017°42.4624'E | 410 | BEN |
| HN23_169 | 3 | 20230804 | 16:44 | 77°59.8655'N | 011°38 .1861'E | 209 | BEN |

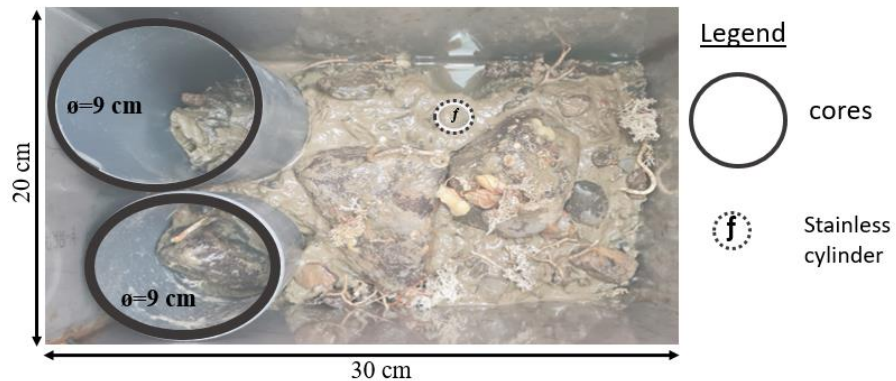
BCO= Box Corer site; BEN= Grab site

Table of the executed Grab and box corer

7.2 sediment analysis result

The bottom sediments sampling were obtained using grab and box-corer methods.

The box-corer characterized by a stainless box sized 30x20x50 cm working with 125 kg weighted head for the recovery of undisturbed sediment-water interface and a 70l stainless grab.



HN23 BCO_01 sampling scheme.



Box corer sample without box

During a sampling by box-corer, a boulder wedged between the blade and the box caused sampling failure and caused damage to the mechanism.

The grab is made by stainless sized 70 L, can collect the first layer of the seafloor.



The grab scheme



HN23 grab sampling and color determination

Moisture content is determined by the difference between of the sample's wet weight and the sample's dry weight after removal water through drying it.

In the lab each sample was treated according to the following steps:

- Weigh wet sample;
- dry the sample at 80-120°C for 12-24h;
- weigh dry sample;
- moisturize the dry sample to washing the grain size $<0,0625\mu\text{m}$ to remove fine particles of clay and silt;
- dry again the sample

- put the sample on the pile of sieve mechanically shaken (about 45min) to separate all coarse sediment classes
- weigh the sediment over each sieve
- calculated the % of each grain size class

Only for BCO_01, was determined the sediment density, using a stainless cylinder having a fixed weight and volume (7.5 cm³), here referred as density-cylinder.

The textural colour of the sample is observed using the Munsell soil color chart then placed next to the sampled sediments for photographs.

The on-board sediment analysis included the classification of the sediment colour, the determination of sediment bulk density, the water content, the grain size and the mud/sand ratio according to the S-57.

The water content was obtained by the difference between wet and dry samples.

The density of a sediment sample is calculated by adding a known weight of dry sediment to a known volume of water. The density is calculated only with the stainless cylinder.

$$\text{Bulk density} = \frac{Ww}{Vc} * 1000$$

$$\text{Dry bulk density} = \frac{Wd}{Vc} * 1000$$

Ww = weight wet sediment; Wd = weight dry sediment; Vc = volume density-cylinder

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Stainless cylinder cm ³ | 7.5 |
| Wet weight (g) | 12.40 |
| Dry weight (g) | 8.90 |
| Water content (g) | 3.50 |
| Weight sediment >0.063 mm (g) | 5.70 |
| Weight sediment <0.063 mm (g) | 3.20 |
| | |
| Bulk density g/cm ³ | 1.65 |
| Bulk dry density g/cm ³ | 1.19 |

BCO_01 stainless cylinder

The sand/mud ratio was obtained by wet sieving at 63 microns.

As results we obtained data about the percentage of each grain size.

The data is used to determine the NATSUR/NATQUA attributes of SBDARE according to the IHO S-57 standard.

The details of the different sampled steps are represented below (Table of Sediments analysis results) and sediment sheets are present in the Annex L.

| HN23_067_BEN_01 | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | Weight (g) | % | | |
| Wet sample | 512.90 | | | |
| Dry sample | 382.20 | | | |
| Water content | 130.70 | 25.48 | | |
| > 4 mm | 43.90 | 11.49 | Gravel | 19.05 |
| > 2 mm | 28.90 | 7.56 | | |
| > 1 mm | 44.90 | 11.75 | Coarse sand | 17.97 |
| > 0.5 mm | 23.80 | 6.23 | | |
| > 0.25 mm | 24.60 | 6.44 | Medium sand | 13.63 |
| > 0.125 mm | 27.50 | 7.20 | | |
| > 0.063 mm | 0.50 | 0.13 | Fine sand | 0.13 |
| < 0.063 mm | 188.10 | 49.22 | Mud | 49.22 |

Lab analysis HN23_067_BEN_01



Organic HN23_067_BEN_01

From left to right: a – pebbles > 4mm; b – granuls > 2mm; c – very coars sand > 1mm; d – coarse sand > 500µm; e – medium sand > 250µm; f – fine sand > 125µm; g – very fine sand > 63µm

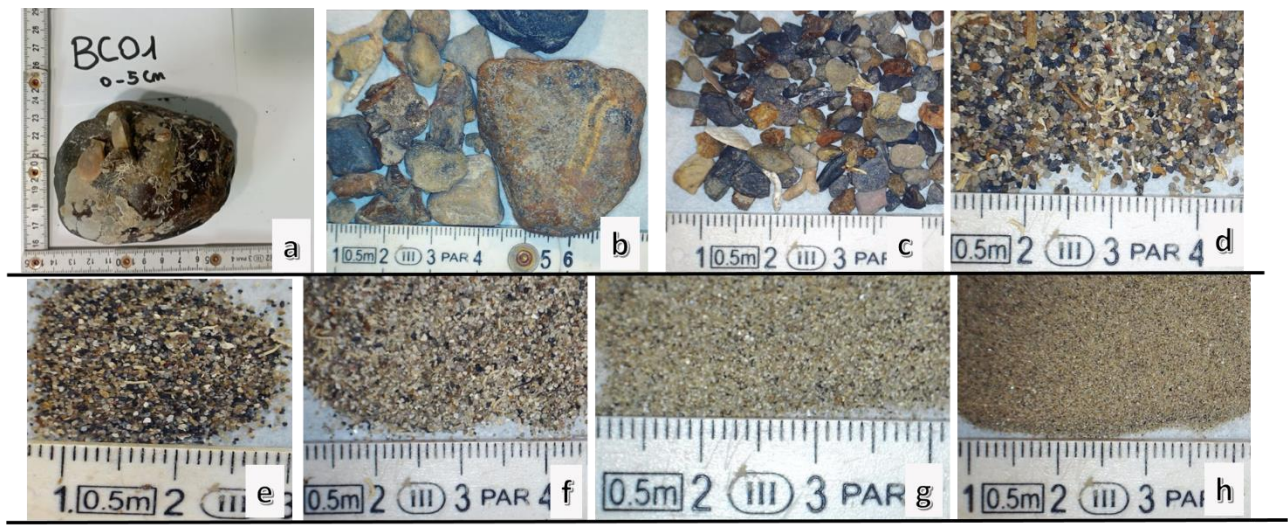


Grain size classification HN23_067_BEN_01

| HN23_068_BCO_01_0-5 cm | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | Weight (g) | % | | |
| Wet sample | 356.30 | | | |
| Dry sample | 271.10 | | | |
| Water content | 85.20 | 23.91 | | |
| > 4 mm | 144.40 | 53.26 | Gravel | 58.54 |
| > 2 mm | 14.30 | 5.27 | | |
| > 1 mm | 12.00 | 4.43 | Coarse sand | 8.45 |
| > 0.5 mm | 10.90 | 4.02 | | |
| > 0.25 mm | 10.90 | 4.02 | Medium sand | 10.37 |
| > 0.125 mm | 17.20 | 6.34 | | |
| > 0.063 mm | 15.50 | 5.72 | Fine sand | 5.72 |
| < 0.063 mm | 45.90 | 16.93 | Mud | 16.93 |

Lab analysis HN23_BCO_01 0-5 cm

From left to right: a, b – cobbles pebbles > 4mm; c – medium, fine pebbles, granules > 2mm; d – very coarse sand > 1mm;



Grain size classification HN23_068_BCO_01_0-5cm

| HN23_068_BCO_01_5-16cm | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| | Weight (g) | % | | |
| Wet sample | 594.20 | | | |
| Dry sample | 400.40 | | | |
| Water content | 193.80 | 32.62 | | |
| > 4 mm | 10.60 | 2.65 | Gravel with shells | 5.47 |
| > 2 mm | 11.30 | 2.82 | | |
| > 1 mm | 12.50 | 3.12 | Coarse sand | 7.07 |
| > 0.5 mm | 15.80 | 3.95 | | |
| > 0.25 mm | 24.60 | 6.14 | Medium sand | 15.16 |
| > 0.125 mm | 36.10 | 9.02 | | |
| > 0.063 mm | 41.70 | 10.41 | Fine sand | 10.41 |
| | | | | |
| < 0.063 mm | 247.80 | 61.89 | Mud | 61.89 |

Lab analysis HN23_068_BCO_01 5-16 cm

From left to right: a – medium pebbles > 4mm; b – pebbles > 2mm; c – very coarse sand > 1mm; d – coarse sand > 500µm; e – medium sand > 250µm; f – fine sand > 125µm; g – very fine sand > 63µm

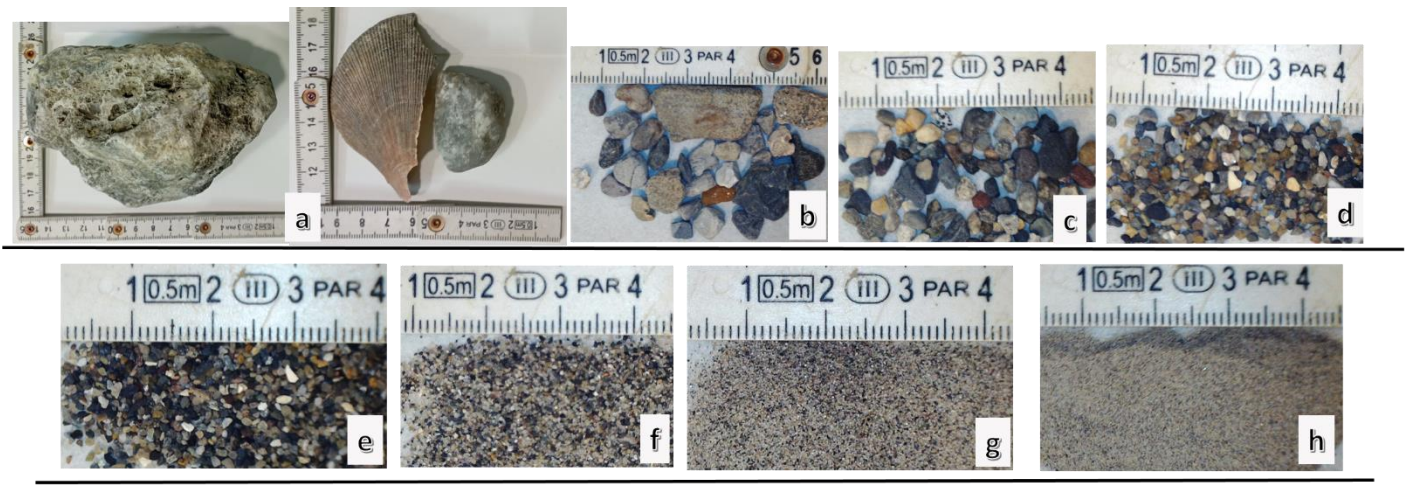


Grain size classification HN23_068_BCO_01 5-16cm

| HN23_073_BCO_02 | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | Weight (g) | % | | |
| Wet sample | 476.60 | 31.14 | | |
| Dry sample | 328.20 | 23.43 | | |
| Water content | 148.40 | 3.90 | | |
| > 4 mm | 76.90 | 4.24 | Gravel | 27.33 |
| > 2 mm | 12.80 | 3.87 | | |
| > 1 mm | 13.90 | 4.75 | Coarse sand | 8.10 |
| > 0.5 mm | 12.70 | 6.28 | | |
| > 0.25 mm | 15.60 | 15.33 | Medium sand | 11.03 |
| > 0.125 mm | 20.60 | | | |
| > 0.063 mm | 50.30 | 38.21 | Fine sand | 15.33 |
| < 0.063 mm | 125.40 | 31.14 | Mud | 38.21 |

Lab analysis HN23_073_BCO_02

From left to right: a,b – pebbles, shells > 4mm; c – granules > 2mm; d – very coarse sand > 1mm; e – coarse sand > 500µm; f – medium sand > 250µm; g – fine sand > 125µm; h – very fine sand > 63µm



Grain size classification HN23_073_BCO_02

| HN23_086_BEN_02 | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | Weight (g) | % | | |
| Wet sample | 524.60 | | | |
| Dry sample | 362.70 | | | |
| Water content | 161.90 | 30.86 | | |
| > 4 mm | 5.00 | 1.38 | Gravel | 2.23 |
| > 2 mm | 3.10 | 0.85 | | |
| > 1 mm | 3.90 | 1.08 | Coarse sand | 2.43 |
| > 0.5 mm | 4.90 | 1.35 | | |
| > 0.25 mm | 8.60 | 2.37 | Medium sand | 11.06 |
| > 0.125 mm | 31.50 | 8.68 | | |
| > 0.063 mm | 48.40 | 13.34 | Fine sand | 13.34 |
| < 0.063 mm | 257.30 | 70.94 | Mud | 70.94 |

Lab analysis HN23_086_BEN_02

From left to right: a,b – pebbles > 4mm; c – granuls > 2mm; d – very coars sand > 1mm; e – coarse sand > 500µm; f – medium sand > 250µm; g – fine sand > 125µm; h – very fine sand > 63µm

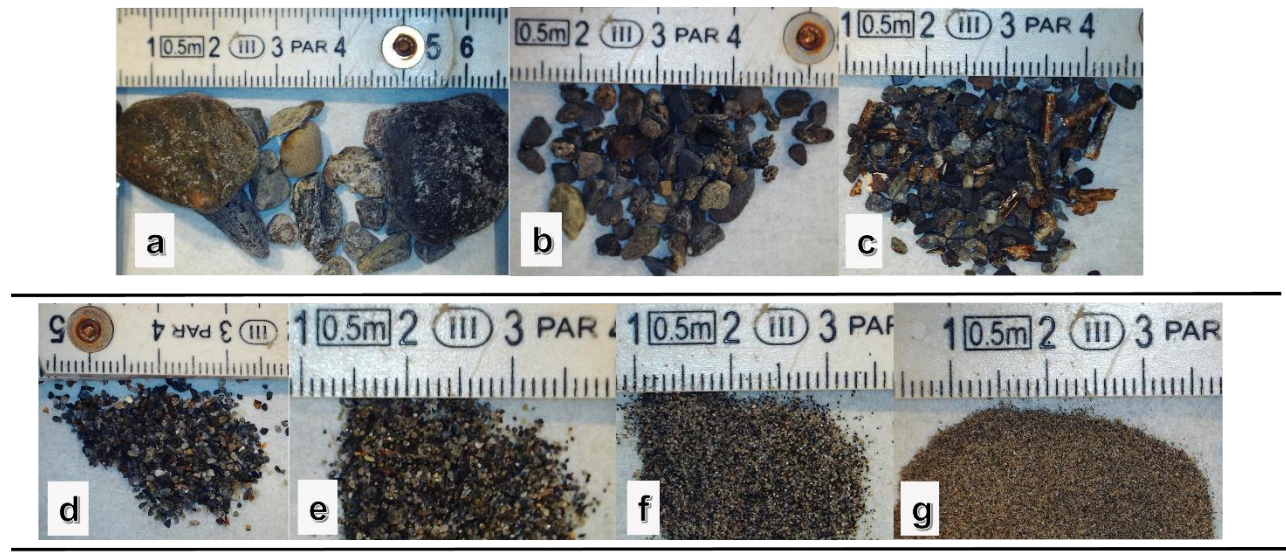


Grain size classification HN23_086_BEN_02

| HN23_169_BEN_03 | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | Weight (g) | % | | |
| Wet sample | 917.00 | | | |
| Dry sample | 587.80 | | | |
| Water content | 329.20 | 35.90 | | |
| > 4 mm | 79.30 | 13.49 | Gravel | 19.63 |
| > 2 mm | 36.10 | 6.14 | | |
| > 1 mm | 25.20 | 4.29 | Coarse sand | 7.33 |
| > 0.5 mm | 17.90 | 3.05 | | |
| > 0.25 mm | 11.80 | 2.01 | Medium sand | 3.98 |
| > 0.125 mm | 11.60 | 1.97 | | |
| > 0.063 mm | 12.50 | 2.13 | Fine sand | 2.13 |
| < 0.063 mm | 393.40 | 66.93 | Mud | 66.93 |

Lab analysis HN23_169_BEN_03

From left to right: **a** – pebbles > 4mm; **b** – granules > 2mm; **c** – very coarse sand > 1mm; **d** – coarse sand > 500µm; **e** – medium sand > 250µm; **f** – fine sand > 125µm; **g** – very fine sand > 63µm



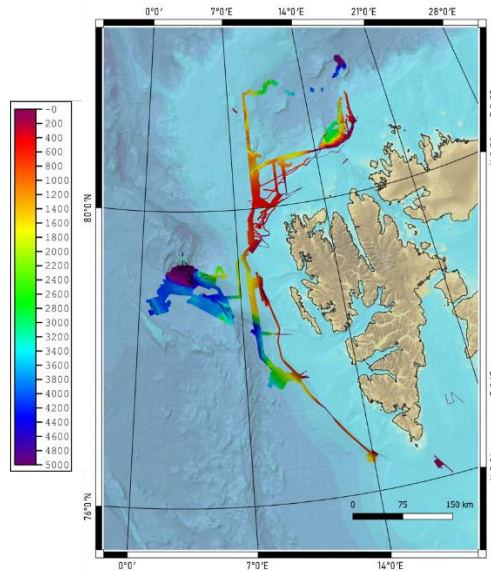
Grain size classification HN23_BEN_03

| | ATTRIBUTE S-57 | | | IHO S-44 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| HN23_067_BEN_01 | NATSUR 1 | NATSUR 2 | NATSUR 3 | Gravelly mud |
| | 1 | 6 | 4 | |
| | NATQUA 1 | NATQUA 2 | NATQUA 3 | |
| | 5 | - | 3 | |
| HN23_068_BCO_01 0-5 cm | NATSUR 1 | NATSUR 2 | NATSUR 3 | Sandy gravel |
| | 7 | 1 | 4 | |
| | NATQUA 1 | NATQUA 2 | NATQUA 3 | |
| | - | 5 | 2 | |
| HN23_068_BCO_01 5- 16 cm | NATSUR 1 | NATSUR 2 | NATSUR 3 | Sandy mud |
| | 1 | 4 | 4 | |
| | NATQUA 1 | NATQUA 2 | NATQUA 3 | |
| | 7 | 2 | 1 | |
| HN23_073_BCO_02 | NATSUR 1 | NATSUR 2 | NATSUR 3 | Gravelly mud |
| | 1 | 7 | 4 | |
| | NATQUA 1 | NATQUA 2 | NATQUA 3 | |
| | 7 | - | 1 | |
| HN23_086_BEN_02 | NATSUR 1 | NATSUR 2 | NATSUR 3 | Sandy mud |
| | 1 | 4 | 4 | |
| | NATQUA 1 | NATQUA 2 | NATQUA 3 | |
| | 5 | 1 | 2 | |
| HN23_169_BEN_03 | NATSUR 1 | NATSUR 2 | NATSUR 3 | Gravelly mud |
| | 1 | 6 | 4 | |
| | NATQUA 1 | NATQUA 2 | NATQUA 3 | |
| | 7 | - | 3 | |

IHO S-57 and S-44 ATTRIBUTE

8. Seabed Topography and Texture

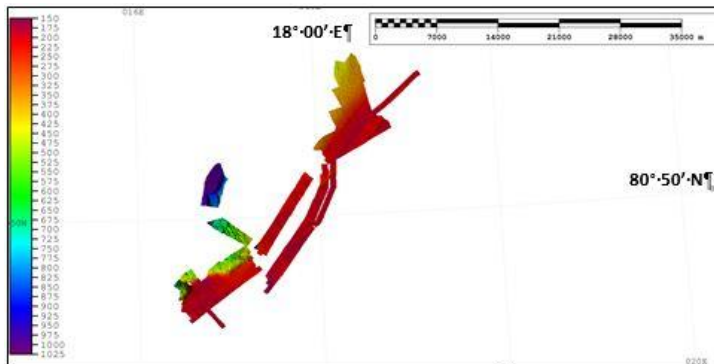
The High North23 cruise gave us the opportunity to collect new Multibeam data, in order to complete or increase the bathymetric coverage of some areas along the continental margin that haven't been completely covered previously



8.1

a) North-North/West of Svalbard Islands:

At the end of the operations, an area of 161km² was scanned on this area, covering a bathymetric range between 151 m and 1021 m depth.

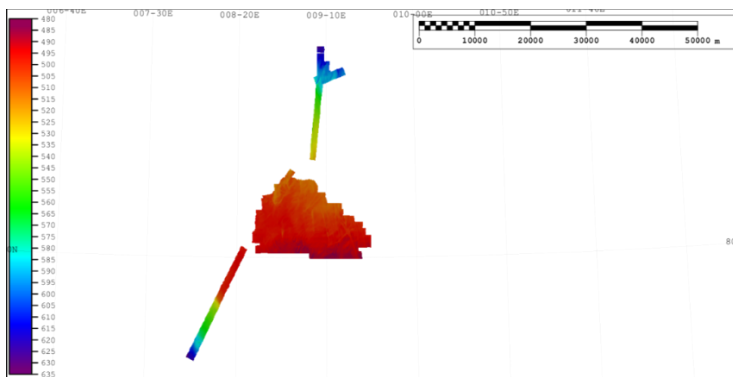


| Depth: | Km ² | % |
|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| 0 – 500 | 139,83 | 86,85 |
| 500 – 1000 | 19,63 | 12,19 |
| 1000 – 1500 | 1,54 | 0,96 |
| 1500 – 2000 | | |
| 2000 – 2500 | | |
| 2500 – 3000 | | |
| 3000 – 3500 | | |

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Min Depth | 151,3 |
| Max Depth | 1021,4 |

b) Yerank Plateau Area:

At the end of the operations, an area of 278 km² was scanned on this area, covering a bathymetric range between 483 m and 633 m depth.

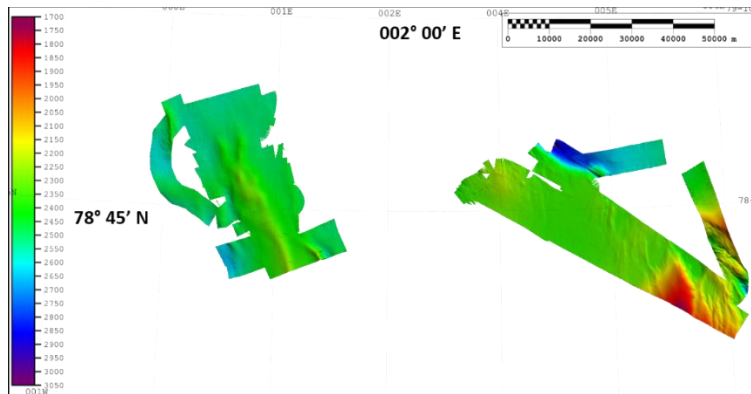


| Depth: | Km ² | % |
|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| 0 – 500 | 115,53 | 41,52 |
| 500 – 1000 | 162,69 | 58,48 |
| 1000 – 1500 | | |
| 1500 – 2000 | | |
| 2000 – 2500 | | |
| 2500 – 3000 | | |
| 3000 – 3500 | | |

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Min Depth | 483 |
| Max Depth | 633 |

c) Southern area of Vestnesa Ridge and Molloy Hole:

At the end of the operations, an area of 2668 km² was scanned on this area, covering a bathymetric range between 1732 m and 3030 m depth.



| Depth: | Km ² | % |
|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| 0 – 500 | | |
| 500 – 1000 | | |
| 1000 – 1500 | | |
| 1500 – 2000 | 63,97 | 2,39 |
| 2000 – 2500 | 1883,95 | 70,61 |
| 2500 – 3000 | 374,79 | 14,04 |
| 3000 – 3500 | 345,32 | 12,86 |

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Min Depth | 1732,4 |
| Max Depth | 3030 |

8.2 N.A.

8.3 N.A.

8.4 N.A.

8.5 N.A.

8.6 During the survey, no significant discordances have been found with existing bathymetric.

8.7 N.A.

9. Tides and Sounding Datum

9.1 Considering the depth inside the areas, the distance from nearest reference ports, and that tide variations were small, bathymetric data has not been corrected with tidal variations.

9.2 N.A.

9.3 N.A.

9.4 N.A.

9.5 N.A.

9.6 N.A.

9.7 N.A.

10. Tidal Streams

10.1 N.A.

10.2 N.A.

10.3 N.A.

10.4 N.A.

10.5 N.A.

11. Wrecks and Obstructions

11.1 No wrecks or obstruction has been observed, so no further investigation has been necessary.

11.2 N.A.

11.3 N.A.

11.4 N.A.

12. Lights and Buoys

12.1 No lights or buoys were present in the area.

12.2 N.A.

12.3 N.A.

12.4 N.A.

13. Coastline, Topography, Measured Distances, Conspicuous Objects and Marks

13.1 Due to the distance from the coast, a detailed description of the coastline (or alignments and conspicuous points) has not been possible, since it was out of sight.

13.2 N.A.

13.3 N.A.

13.4 N.A.

13.5 N.A.

13.6 N.A.

14. Sailing Directions and Nomenclature

14.1 N.A.

14.2 N.A.

14.3 N.A.

15. Radio Signals

15.1 N.A.

16. Ancillary Observations

16.1 N.A

17. Miscellaneous

17.1

CTD\XBT (Annex R.1):

During survey activities, oceanographic data were acquired using multiparameter probes. The purpose of these acquisitions is manifold: firstly, it is essential to obtain the sound velocity in water to correct hydrographic acquisition; particularly in regions where variations in sound propagation in water are rapid and sometimes substantial. Additionally, the acquisition of water temperature and salinity parameters, along with other associated variables, enables a long-term study of characteristics of Arctic water masses.

While the majority of samplings occurred from the deck of the Alliance ship, a portion of CTD probes was deployed from a smaller boat to approach as close as possible to the ice line, obtaining data from these challenging-to-explore zones as well. Also transects were performed with the system "underway CTD" to profile some areas where different masses of water are mixed.

Finally, a series of "XBT" was launched from which temperature and salinity measurements were extrapolated.

Drifters (Annex R.2):

During the High North 23 (HN23) campaign, the Hydrographic Institute on board of the Research Vessel "Alliance" deployed Iridium SVP drifters, made by MetOcean Data System LTD in the different operational areas of interest. The purpose of this activity was to collect data about the surface currents and sea surface temperatures in the Arctic Ocean. The deployment of the drifters was made considering the coverage of the area that were of a specific interest based in the studies performed before for the sea currents circulation.

Marine Mammals Observations (Annex R.3):

During the High North23 campaign, , various marine mammals observations were conducted by the personnel of the Italian Hydrographic Institute. These observations were carried out throughout the duration of the cruise. The purpose of this activity was to identify and catalog observed marine mammals in the Arctic Ocean with the aim of creating a database of data, useful for scientific research. The observations were carried out throughout the duration of the expedition, with operators stationed on the bridge and deck of the ship 24 hours a day. At the beginning of the campaign, the onboard personnel were briefed and educated to enhance their knowledge of Arctic marine mammals, aiming to facilitate the identification and classification of marine species in the region.

Ice Dynamic Observation :

One of the most important activity to carry out during a polar cruise as High North23 is to set an efficient and reliable service of ice dynamic observation. Through this service, it is possible to plan and conduct the navigation, manage and schedule (or re-schedule if needed) the sequence of scientific activities. In order to set up and make systematic observation of ice dynamics possible, a procedure was developed during the High North23 cruise. Nowadays, the principal instrument utilized in order to provide this kind of service are satellites: the Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (also known as Copernicus) is one of the most important program of Earth observation, coordinated and managed by the European Commission.

Marine Litter Observations (Annex R.4):

During the "High North23" campaign, conducted by the staff of the Hydrographic Institute of the Italian Navy on the R/V Alliance from 19/07/2023 to 05/08/2023, a systematic activity of observations of marine litter was done in the Arctic Ocean during the transfer of navigation. GESAMP (Group of Expert on the Scientific Aspect of Marine Environmental Protection) has formulated guidelines also disseminated by the UNEP (United Nations Environmental Program), useful for tracing and subsequent analysis of the dispersion of plastics and microplastics in the sea; to contribute to the marine litter observation, it is necessary to establish the observation corridor according to the height above the water and the vessel speed assuring that the observation corridor is not affected by the hull of the vessel. The litter must be separated by the type of material into anthropogenic (plastic, paper, other) or organic matter according to its length. The observations were made in accordance with the guidelines created by observing a sector of 30° on the port side, for a distance not exceeding 20 meters from the ship.

Manta Trawl (Annex R.5):

During the High North 23 (HN23) "Marine Geophysics Campaign manta trawls have been conducted in the Arctic Ocean. The purpose of this activity was to analyze water samples collected and to assess the plastic pollution in the Arctic Ocean. This information is essential to understand the extent of plastic pollution which is a widespread problem affecting the marine environment, threatening ocean health, the health of marine species, food safety and quality, human health Furthermore, performing this activity provides essential information of how the ocean currents contribute to the transport of plastic. Each sample was filtered with a 100 µm mesh sieve, collected in special glass jar and stabilized with 80% ethanol for subsequent analysis upon return to the laboratories.

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|--|---|------------|
| Hydrographer | Signature | Date |
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Additional annexes, e.g. copies of communication with the Hydrographic Office, may be added as required.

Accompanying Documents

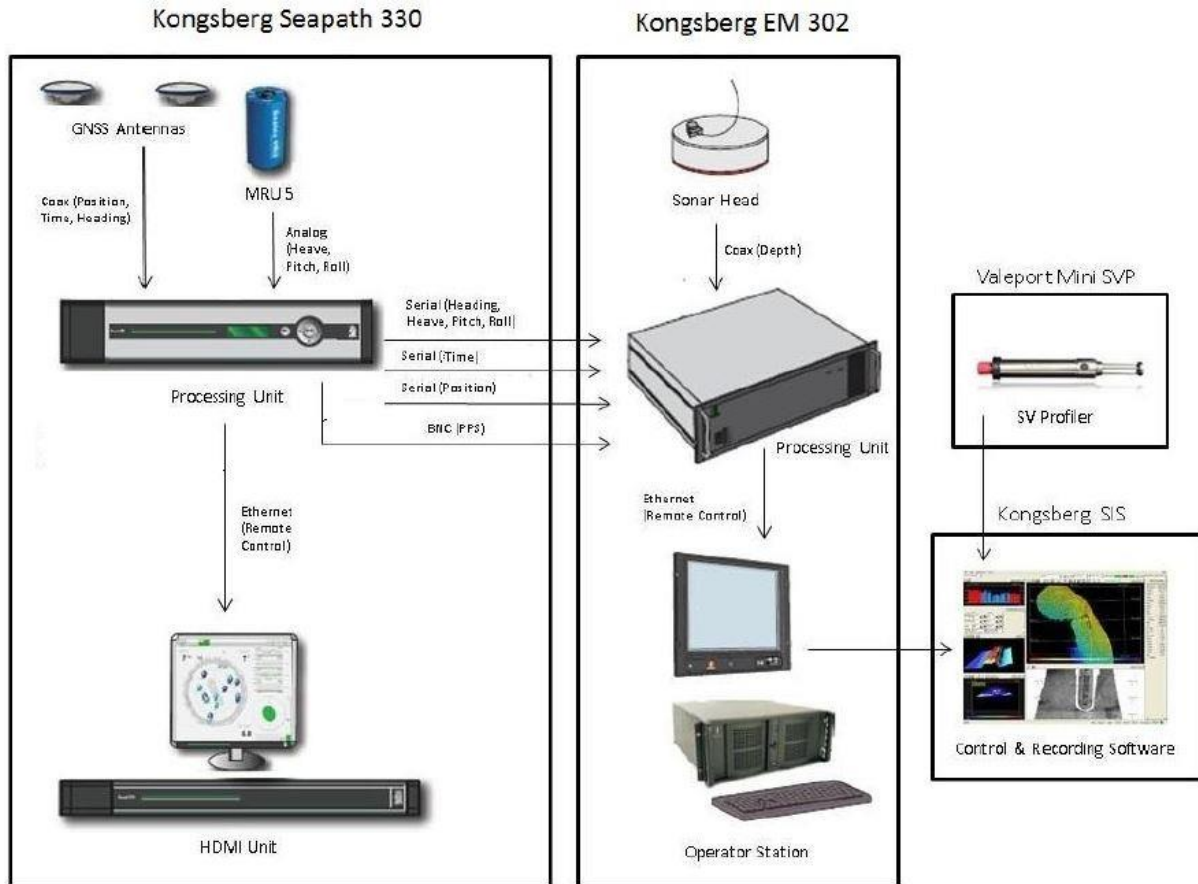
A.1 In the accompanying documents, the following data can be found:

- a. Raw multibeam data;
- b. Sound Velocity Profiles and CTD data;
- c. Vessel file *.hvf.

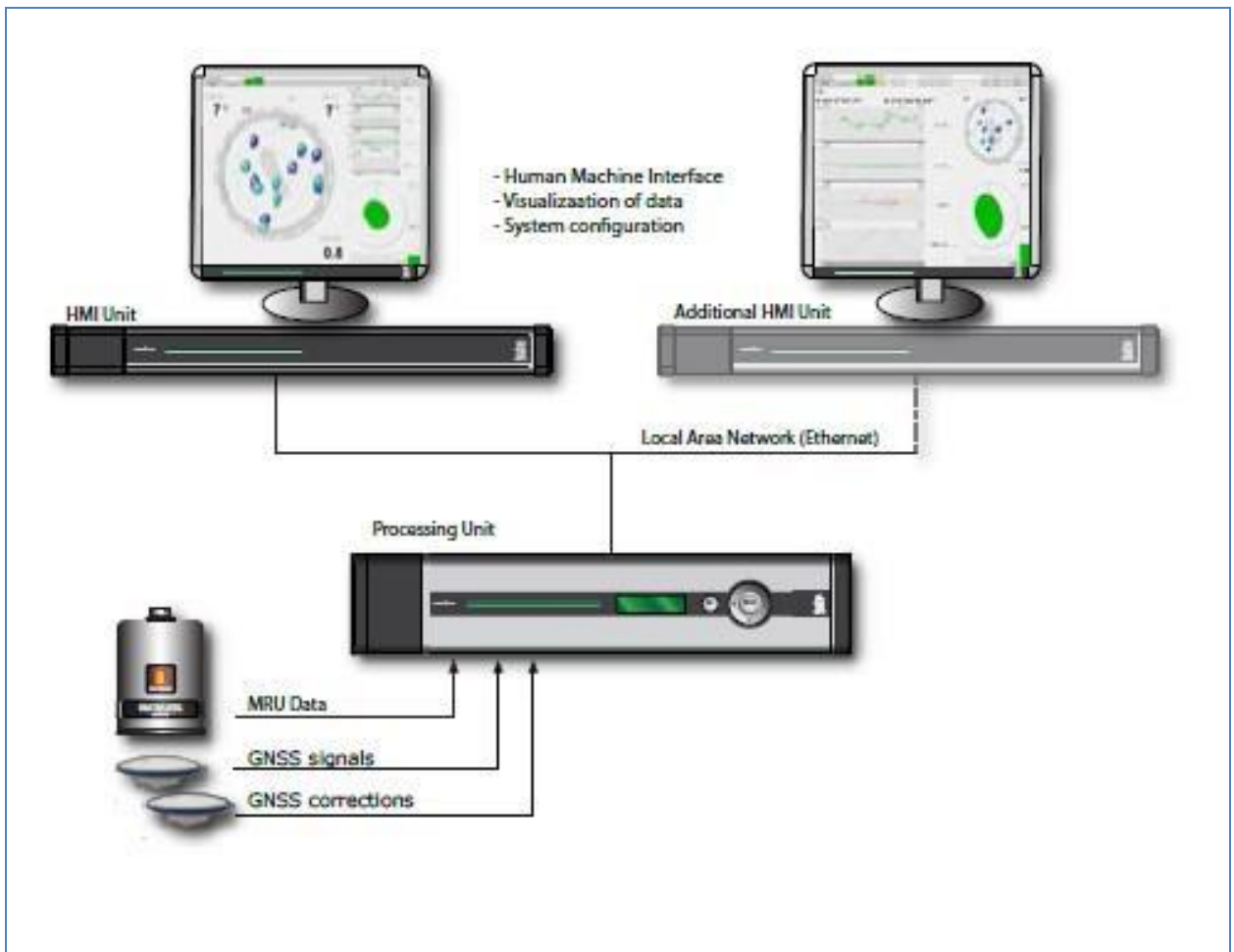
A.2 N.A.

Digital Surveying System

B.1 In addition to the description carried on in Chapter 3, the following pictures explain the system hardware onboard.



MB EM302 System



Seapath 330 & MRU5 System

B.2 N.A.

B.3 N.A.

B.4 N.A.

B.5 N.A.

B.6 N.A.

B.7 N.A.

B.8 N.A.

B.9 N.A.

Geodetic Data

Section 1 - Description of Observations

C.1.1 See Chapter 4.

Section 2 - Horizontal Datum, Spheroid, Projection and Grid Details; List of Coordinates

C.2.1 All control is referred to World Geodetic System 1984 Datum, World Geodetic System 1984 Spheroid.

C.2.2 N.A.

C.2.3 N.A.

C.2.4 N.A.

Section 3 - Descriptions of Stations

C.3.1 N.A.

C.3.2 N.A.

C.3.3 N.A.

C.3.4 N.A.

C.3.5 N.A.

Section 4 - Abstract of observations

C.4.1 See Chapter 5.

Section 5 - Description of Adjustment

C.5.1 N.A.

C.5.2 N.A.

Section 6 – Transformation of Co-ordinates

C.6.1 N.A.

Section 7 – Correspondence with other Surveying Authorities

C.7.1 N.A.

Diagram of Control

1. N.A.
2. N.A.

Navaid Calibrations and Validations

D.1 See Chapter 4.

D.2 See Chapter 4.

D.3 Calibration has been done on 20th July 2023 with a patch test. All computed parameters, have been periodically checked during acquisitions, verifying their goodness. Angular variations, resulting from calibrations, have been directly inserted into the acquisition software SIS (Installation Parameters – MRU Angular Offset).

D.4 See Vessel File attached in the accompanying documents.

| Offset angles (deg.) | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| | Roll | Pitch | Heading |
| TX Transducer: | 0.71 | 0.06 | 359.76 |
| RX Transducer: | 0.65 | 0.01 | 359.68 |
| Attitude 1, COM2/UDP5: | -0.18 | -0.05 | -0.08 |
| Attitude 2, COM3/UDP6: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Stand-alone Heading: | | | 0.00 |

Offsets for angles in SIS.

D.5 N.A.

D.6 N.A.

Sound Velocity and Bar-Check Observations

- E.1 Data in the project.
- E.2 N.A.
- E.3 Data in the project.
- E.4 N.A.
- E.5 N.A.

Levelling and Tidal Observations

F.1 N.A.

F.2 N.A.

F.3 N.A.

F.4 N.A.

F.5 N.A.

Accuracy of Soundings

G.1 See Chapter 5.5 and 9.1.

G.2 See Chapter 5.

G.3 See Chapter 5.

Comparison with Published Chart

H.1 N.A.

H.2 N.A.

H.3 N.A.

H.4 N.A.

H.5 The horizontal reference datum of the positions correspond to the datum of the survey.

H.6 N.A.

Wrecks and Obstructions

- I.1 No wrecks or obstruction observed.
- I.2 N.A.
- I.3 N.A.
- I.4 N.A.
- I.5 N.A.
- I.6 N.A.
- I.7 N.A.

Tidal Stream Observations

J.1 N.A.

Light Sectors and Buoys

K.1 N.A.

K.2 N.A.

Seabed Textures, Natures of the Bottom and Retained Seabed Samples

L.1 [View Chapter 7.](#)

L.2 [View Chapter 7.](#)

L.3 [View Chapter 7.](#)

Topographical Features, Conspicuous Objects and Marks

M.1 N.A.

M.2 N.A.

M.3 N.A.

M.4 N.A.

M.5 N.A.

Sailing Directions Amendments and Nomenclature

N.1 N.A.

N.2 N.A.

N.3 N.A.

N.4 N.A.

N.5 N.A.

N.6 N.A.

N.7 N.A.

N.8 N.A.

N.9 N.A.

N.10 N.A.

Views

O.1 N.A.

O.2 N.A.

O.3 N.A.

Light List Amendments

P.1 N.A.

Radio Signals Amendments

Q.1 N.A.

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Ancillary/Miscellaneous Observations

R.1 Tables of miscellaneous observations: CTD + ICE EDGE CTD + Underway CTD +XBT

| CTD STATION | DATE YYYYMM DD | TIME UTC HH:M M | LAT (N) DD MM.MMM | LONG (E) DD MM.MMM | DEPTH (in meters) | BOTTOM DEPTH (in meters) | DEEPEST WATER SAMPLE (in meters) |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| HN23_001_CTD_001 | 20230719 | 14:18 | 76 26.286 | 013 49.110 | 1093 | 1100 | 1080 |
| HN23_004_CTD_002 | 20230720 | 06:34 | 77 39.028 | 010 15.570 | 1040 | 1047 | // |
| HN23_010_CTD_003 | 20230720 | 14:52 | 78 45.073 | 008 35.438 | 595 | 608 | // |
| HN23_014_CTD_004 | 20230720 | 19:44 | 79 03.355 | 008 26.784 | 694 | 714 | // |
| HN23_017_CTD_005 | 20230721 | 05:20 | 79 46.245 | 007 30.978 | 752 | 760 | // |
| HN23_029_CTD_006 | 20230721 | 19:28 | 80 21.379 | 008 59.259 | 644 | 660 | // |
| HN23_035_CTD_007 | 20230721 | 21:42 | 80 19.407 | 008 54.391 | 615 | 628 | // |
| HN23_037_CTD_008 | 20230722 | 02:24 | 80 24.084 | 010 51.110 | 575 | 580 | // |
| HN23_038_CTD_009 | 20230722 | 06:41 | 80 29.171 | 012 19.480 | 646 | 660 | // |
| HN23_047_CTD_010 | 20230722 | 19:02 | 80 46.912 | 016 31.897 | 768 | 776 | // |
| HN23_059_CTD_011 | 20230723 | 16:16 | 80 52.950 | 016 51.189 | 975 | 987 | // |
| HN23_091_CTD_012 | 20230726 | 01:19 | 80 34.299 | 015 46.379 | 318 | 327 | // |
| HN23_092_CTD_013 | 20230726 | 06:14 | 80 36.285 | 013 48.563 | 150 | 160 | // |
| HN23_095_CTD_014 | 20230726 | 12:04 | 80 24.376 | 011 30.998 | 440 | 450 | // |
| HN23_097_CTD_015 | 20230726 | 16:57 | 80 10.219 | 009 56.750 | 549 | 558 | // |
| HN23_098_CTD_016 | 20230726 | 22:38 | 80 06.356 | 007 58.222 | 508 | 522 | // |
| HN23_115_CTD_017 | 20230728 | 13:24 | 80 00.125 | 008 10.775 | 480 | 502 | 350 |
| HN23_120_CTD_018 | 20230729 | 05:08 | 78 13.154 | 010 24.402 | 282 | 292 | // |
| HN23_122_CTD_019 | 20230729 | 09:12 | 78 17.613 | 009 02.274 | 1085 | 1105 | // |
| HN23_126_CTD_020 | 20230729 | 13:28 | 78 19.872 | 007 51.814 | 2577 | 2594 | // |
| HN23_132_CTD_021 | 20230729 | 18:17 | 78 25.540 | 006 58.012 | 3330 | 3337 | // |
| HN23_136_CTD_022 | 20230730 | 00:52 | 78 37.374 | 005 28.370 | 2290 | 2310 | // |
| HN23_141_CTD_023 | 20230730 | 07:56 | 78 48.279 | 003 46.415 | 2195 | 2216 | // |
| HN23_160_CTD_024 | 20230802 | 19:16 | 78 52.042 | 001 04.716 | 2483 | 2495 | 2200 |
| HN23_170_CTD_025 | 20230805 | 04:55 | 78 45.364 | 006 11.029 | 2221 | 2230 | // |

| ICE CTD | DATE YYYYMMDD | TIME UTC HH:MM | LAT (N) DD MM.MMM | LONG (E) DD MM.MMM | DEPTH (in meters) |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| HN23_026_ICE_CTD_001 | 2023.07.21 | 16:04 | 80 20.604 | 009.09.101 | 50.5 |
| HN23_027_ICE_CTD_002 | 2023.07.21 | 16:30 | 80 20.237 | 009 08.849 | 66.4 |
| HN23_055_ICE_CTD_003 | 2023.07.23 | 14:14 | 80 53.199 | 016 51.092 | 64.7 |
| HN23_056_ICE_CTD_004 | 2023.07.23 | 14:20 | 80 53.321 | 016 51.156 | 66.2 |
| HN23_057_ICE_CTD_005 | 2023.07.23 | 15:09 | 80 53.395 | 016 55.443 | 62.1 |
| HN23_058_ICE_CTD_006 | 2023.07.23 | 15:16 | 80 53.599 | 016 55.630 | 63.4 |
| HN23_076_ICE_CTD_007 | 2023.07.24 | 19:22 | 80 51.239 | 017 27.766 | 66.1 |
| HN23_077_ICE_CTD_008 | 2023.07.24 | 19:30 | 80 51.316 | 017 26.367 | 65.9 |
| HN23_078_ICE_CTD_009 | 2023.07.24 | 19:35 | 80 51.380 | 017 26.353 | 66.4 |
| HN23_104_ICE_CTD_010 | 2023.07.27 | 15:48 | 80 07.086 | 008 54.768 | 64.0 |
| HN23_105_ICE_CTD_011 | 2023.07.27 | 15:56 | 80 07.077 | 008 53.810 | 60.8 |
| HN23_106_ICE_CTD_012 | 2023.07.27 | 16:24 | 80 07 061 | 008 54.695 | 63.1 |
| HN23_107_ICE_CTD_013 | 2023.07.27 | 16:30 | 80 07.223 | 008 54.773 | 62.7 |

| UCTD TRANSECT | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| DATE | STATION | TIME UTC | LATITUDE (N) | LONGITUDE (E) | SEABED DEPTH | TRANSECT LENGTH (m) | TRANSECT DEPTH (m) |
| 20.07.2023 | HN23_011 | 15:22 | 78 45.424 | 008 35.732 | 581 | 5477 | 323 |
| | HN23_012 | 15:57 | 78 48.300 | 008 34.435 | 498 | | |
| 20.07.2023 | HN23_013 | 16:04 | 78 49.295 | 008 33.930 | 485 | 25927 | 321 |
| | HN23_014 | 19:10 | 79 03.181 | 008 27.053 | 703 | | |
| 25/26.07.2023 | HN23_090 | 19:46 | 80 53.342 | 017 37.989 | 208 | 50008 | 256 |
| | HN23_091 | 00:53 | 80 34.378 | 015 48.546 | 322 | | |
| 26.07.2023 | HN23_091 | 01:54 | 80 34.523 | 015 46.491 | 327 | 36590 | 257 |
| | HN23_092 | 05:32 | 80 34.128 | 013 51.642 | 156 | | |
| 26.07.2023 | HN23_092 | 06:48 | 80 34.353 | 013 44.011 | 170 | 45672 | 365 |
| | HN23_095 | 11:36 | 80 24.571 | 011 32.525 | 452 | | |
| 26.07.2023 | HN23_095 | 12:34 | 80 24.109 | 010 27.475 | 451 | 39641 | 363 |
| | HN23_097 | 16:28 | 80 10.312 | 009 55.414 | 555 | | |
| 26.07.2023 | HN23_097 | 18:14 | 80 09.471 | 009 50.345 | 555 | 36972 | 365 |
| | HN23_098 | 21:58 | 80 06.349 | 008 00.278 | 523 | | |
| 29.07.2023 | HN23_121 | 05:36 | 78 15.434 | 010 21.815 | 291 | 29004 | 377 |
| | HN23_122 | 08:30 | 78 17.645 | 009 05.875 | 1003 | | |
| 29.07.2023 | HN23_123 | 09:48 | 78 17.869 | 008 58.068 | 1199 | 24972 | 403 |
| | HN23_126 | 12:22 | 78 19.737 | 007 52.435 | 2598 | | |
| 29.07.2023 | HN23_126 | 14:20 | 78 19.910 | 007 51.818 | 2595 | 21174 | 396 |
| | HN23_131 | 16:54 | 78 25.772 | 007 01.503 | 3307 | | |
| 29.07.2023 | HN23_133 | 19:36 | 78 26.249 | 006 56.715 | 3317 | 39347 | 392 |
| | HN23_136 | 23:50 | 78 37.147 | 005 25.664 | 2308 | | |
| 30.07.2023 | HN23_137 | 02:46 | 78 37.603 | 005 20.629 | 2307 | 10680 | 385 |
| | HN23_138 | 03:33 | 78 40.428 | 004 55.385 | 2343 | | |
| 30.07.2023 | HN23_139 | 03:51 | 78 40.889 | 004 51.320 | 2342 | 27742 | 402 |
| | HN23_140 | 06:58 | 78 48.417 | 003 45.566 | 2223 | | |
| 25/26.07.2023 | HN23_090 | 19:46 | 80 53.342 | 017 37.989 | 208 | 50008 | 256 |
| | HN23_091 | 00:53 | 80 34.378 | 015 48.546 | 322 | | |
| 26.07.2023 | HN23_091 | 01:54 | 80 34.523 | 015 46.491 | 327 | 36590 | 257 |
| | HN23_092 | 05:32 | 80 34.128 | 013 51.642 | 156 | | |
| 26.07.2023 | HN23_092 | 06:48 | 80 34.353 | 013 44.011 | 170 | 45672 | 365 |
| | HN23_095 | 11:36 | 80 24.571 | 011 32.525 | 452 | | |
| 26.07.2023 | HN23_095 | 12:34 | 80 24.109 | 010 27.475 | 451 | 39641 | 363 |
| | HN23_097 | 16:28 | 80 10.312 | 009 55.414 | 555 | | |
| 26.07.2023 | HN23_097 | 18:14 | 80 09.471 | 009 50.345 | 555 | 36972 | 365 |
| | HN23_098 | 21:58 | 80 06.349 | 008 00.278 | 523 | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------|----------|-------|-----------|------------|------|-------|-----|
| 20.07.2023 | HN23_011 | 15:22 | 78 45.424 | 008 35.732 | 581 | 5477 | 323 |
| | HN23_012 | 15:57 | 78 48.300 | 008 34.435 | 498 | | |
| 20.07.2023 | HN23_013 | 16:04 | 78 49.295 | 008 33.930 | 485 | 25927 | 321 |
| | HN23_014 | 19:10 | 79 03.181 | 008 27.053 | 703 | | |
| 29.07.2023 | HN23_121 | 05:36 | 78 15.434 | 010 21.815 | 291 | 29004 | 377 |
| | HN23_122 | 08:30 | 78 17.645 | 009 05.875 | 1003 | | |
| 29.07.2023 | HN23_123 | 09:48 | 78 17.869 | 008 58.068 | 1199 | 24972 | 403 |
| | HN23_126 | 12:22 | 78 19.737 | 007 52.435 | 2598 | | |
| 29.07.2023 | HN23_126 | 14:20 | 78 19.910 | 007 51.818 | 2595 | 21174 | 396 |
| | HN23_131 | 16:54 | 78 25.772 | 007 01.503 | 3307 | | |
| 29.07.2023 | HN23_133 | 19:36 | 78 26.249 | 006 56.715 | 3317 | 39347 | 392 |
| | HN23_136 | 23:50 | 78 37.147 | 005 25.664 | 2308 | | |
| 30.07.2023 | HN23_137 | 02:46 | 78 37.603 | 005 20.629 | 2307 | 10680 | 385 |
| | HN23_138 | 03:33 | 78 40.428 | 004 55.385 | 2343 | | |
| 30.07.2023 | HN23_139 | 03:51 | 78 40.889 | 004 51.320 | 2342 | 27742 | 402 |
| | HN23_141 | 06:58 | 78 48.417 | 003 45.566 | 2223 | | |

| XBT | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| XBT STATION | DATE | TIME UTC | LATITUDE (N) | LONGITUDE (E) | XBT DEPTH (meters) | SEABED DEPTH (meters) |
| HN23_003_XBT_001 | 2023.07.19 | 17:53 | 76 27.738 | 012 32.584 | 1718 | 1718 |
| HN23_124_XBT_002 | 2023.07.29 | 10:22 | 78 18.278 | 008 43.764 | 1545 | 1545 |
| HN23_125_XBT_003 | 2023.07.29 | 11:25 | 78 19.066 | 008 15.998 | 1830 | 2195 |
| HN23_129_XBT_004 | 2023.07.29 | 15:19 | 78 21.835 | 007 34.697 | 1830 | 2785 |
| HN23_130_XBT_005 | 2023.07.29 | 16:11 | 78 24.078 | 007 15.954 | 1830 | 3212 |
| HN23_134_XBT_006 | 2023.07.29 | 20:38 | 78 29.061 | 006 33.407 | 1830 | 2379 |
| HN23_135_XBT_007 | 2023.07.29 | 22:13 | 78 32.910 | 005 59.835 | 1830 | 2168 |
| HN23_138_XBT_008 | 2023.07.30 | 03:33 | 78 40.428 | 004 55.385 | 1830 | 2343 |
| HN23_140_XBT_009 | 2023.07.30 | 05:25 | 78 44.564 | 004 17.062 | 1830 | 2358 |

R.2 Tables of miscellaneous observations: Drifters

| Drifters | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------|
| DRIFTERS STATION | NR | Date YYYYMMDD | UTC TIME HH:MM | LATITUDE dd mm.mmm | LONGITUDE dd mm.mmm | DEPTH m | ID Drifter |
| HN23_079 | 1 | 20230724 | 21:41 | 80°59.206'N | 018°12.431'E | 191 | 300534064584500 |
| HN23_079 | 2 | 20230724 | 21:42 | 80°59.186'N | 018°12.485'E | 196 | 300534064580500 |
| HN23_110 | 3 | 20230727 | 18:13 | 80°07.313'N | 008°46.897'E | 510 | 300534064587540 |
| HN23_165 | 4 | 20230803 | 19:11 | 78°37.845'N | 001°02.173'E | 2469 | 300534064580410 |
| HN23_171 | 5 | 20230805 | 09:20 | 78°43.730'N | 006°01.026'E | 2080 | 300534064582500 |
| HN23_174 | 6 | 20230806 | 00:02 | 76°55.743'N | 009°56.144'E | 430 | 300534064588390 |

R.3 Tables of miscellaneous observations: Marine Mammals Observations

| Marine Mammals | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------|
| DD/MM/YY | UTC TIME HHMM | LAT: DD/MM.MMM | LON: DD/MM.MMM | SPECIES | N. ANIMALS |
| 20/07/2023 | 15:11 | 78°50.981' N | 008°32.924' E | ROUGH-TOOTHED DOLPHIN | 5 |
| 20/07/2023 | 11:00 | 77°48.000' N | 010°01.000' E | HOURLASS DOLPHIN | 20 |
| 20/07/2023 | 15:30 | 78°35.065' N | 008°57.402' E | HOURLASS DOLPHIN | 8 |
| 20/07/2023 | 11:40 | 77°54.000' N | 009°54.000' E | MINKE WHALE | 2 |
| 20/07/2023 | 19:15 | 79°03.210' N | 008°26.995' E | FIN WHALE | 1 |
| 20/07/2023 | 13:33 | 78°35.000' N | 008°55.000' E | COMMON DOLPHIN | 15 |
| 21/07/2023 | 13:10 | 80°08.524' N | 008°51.267' E | MINKE WHALE | 1 |
| 23/07/2023 | 8:30 | 80°43.896' N | 016°46.568' E | FIN WHALE | 1 |
| 25/07/2023 | 18:52 | 80°51.896' N | 017°21.492' E | FIN WHALE | 1 |
| 26/07/2023 | 7:29 | 80°43.386' N | 013°22.902' E | SOWERBY'S BEAKED WHALE | 1 |
| 26/07/2023 | 23:10 | 80°46.716' N | 017°19.481' E | SOWERBY'S BEAKED WHALE | 1 |
| 27/07/2023 | 8:50 | 80°02.437' N | 009°11.329' E | WHITE BEAKED DOLPHIN | 15 |
| 27/07/2023 | 15:26 | 80°10.059' N | 009°54.034' E | FIN WHALE | 6 |
| 27/07/2023 | 20:40 | 80°05.898' N | 008°37.818' E | WHITE BEAKED DOLPHIN | 6 |
| 28/07/2023 | 7:40 | 80°01.262' N | 008°42.737' E | WHITE BEAKED DOLPHIN | 4 |
| 29/07/2023 | 12:49 | 78°19.814' N | 007°51.883' E | MINKE WHALE | 1 |
| 29/07/2023 | 16:30 | 78°25.504' N | 006°57.925' E | SPERM WHALE | 1 |
| 30/07/2023 | 16:00 | 78°51.345' N | 005°12.431' E | SPERM WHALE | 1 |
| 01/08/2023 | 21:25 | 78°42.800' N | 001°16.900' E | MINKE WHALE | 1 |
| 02/08/2023 | 11:40 | 78°46.972' N | 000°25.922' E | NARVAL | 1 |
| 04/08/2023 | 8:25 | 78°04.385' N | 009°20.506' E | WHITE BEAKED DOLPHIN | 4 |

R.4 Tables of miscellaneous observations: Marine Litter Observations

| Marine Litter | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------|-----------|
| STATION | NR. | DD/MM/YY | UTC TIME HHMM | LAT: DD/MM.MMM | LON: DD/MM.MMM | DEPTH | ACTIVITY |
| HN23_001 | 1 | 19/07/2023 | 15:08 | 76°26.621' N | 013°46.660' E | 1132 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_002 | 1 | 19/07/2023 | 15:38 | 76°27.348' N | 013°41.260' E | | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_006 | 2 | 20/07/2023 | 8:24 | 77°40.866' N | 010°10.052' E | 963 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_007 | 2 | 20/07/2023 | 8:57 | 77°47.418' N | 010°02.915' E | 503 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_008 | 3 | 20/07/2023 | 13:30 | 77°35.065' N | 008°57.402' E | 732 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_009 | 3 | 20/07/2023 | 14:00 | 78°41.224' N | 008°42.888' E | 674 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_019 | 4 | 21/07/2023 | 8:30 | 79°54.907' N | 008°07.401' E | 544 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_020 | 4 | 21/07/2023 | 9:00 | 79°57.817' N | 008°15.267' E | 499 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_022 | 5 | 21/07/2023 | 13:33 | 80°20.193' N | 009°04.453' E | 628 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_024 | 5 | 21/07/2023 | 14:03 | 80°17.930' N | 009°09.369' E | 597 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_039 | 6 | 22/07/2023 | 8:26 | 80°30.126' N | 012°37.615' E | 711 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_040 | 6 | 22/07/2023 | 8:58 | 80°29.957' N | 012°53.053' E | 652 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_042 | 7 | 22/07/2023 | 13:40 | 80°38.893' N | 014°38.310' E | 162 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_043 | 7 | 22/07/2023 | 14:10 | 80°40.635' N | 015°07.219' E | 228 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_049 | 8 | 23/07/2023 | 8:32 | 80°44.026' N | 016°45.864' E | 321 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_050 | 8 | 23/07/2023 | 9:05 | 80°45.619' N | 016°37.778' E | 440 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_053 | 9 | 23/07/2023 | 13:00 | 80°49.590' N | 016°52.134' E | 662 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_054 | 9 | 23/07/2023 | 13:30 | 80°53.007' N | 016°45.873' E | 1015 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_071 | 10 | 24/07/2023 | 13:14 | 80°43.674' N | 016°30.435' E | 374 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_072 | 10 | 24/07/2023 | 13:44 | 80°43.055' N | 016°13.936' E | 625 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_081 | 11 | 25/07/2023 | 8:34 | 80°40.100' N | 017°26.575' E | 205 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_082 | 11 | 25/07/2023 | 9:04 | 80°50.985' N | 017°33.615' E | 187 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_83 | 12 | 25/07/2023 | 13:30 | 80°56.057' N | 017°47.270' E | 312 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_084 | 12 | 25/07/2023 | 14:00 | 80°58.512' N | 017°42.186' E | 398 | OBSML_OUT |

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| HN23_093 | 13 | 26/07/2023 | 8:35 | 80°31.174' N | 012°54.073' E | 718 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_094 | 13 | 26/07/2023 | 9:05 | 80°30.600' N | 012°41.815' E | 718 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_095 | 14 | 26/07/2023 | 13:35 | 80°21.658' N | 011°01.954' E | 469 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_096 | 14 | 26/07/2023 | 14:05 | 80°19.280' N | 010°48.818' E | 463 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_100 | 15 | 27/07/2023 | 10:30 | 80°02.507' N | 009°00.241' E | 510 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_101 | 15 | 27/07/2023 | 11:00 | 80°02.418' N | 009°14.558' E | 497 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_102 | 16 | 27/07/2023 | 13:31 | 80°03.582' N | 009°14.613' E | 503 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_103 | 16 | 27/07/2023 | 14:02 | 80°03.578' N | 009°27.961' E | 503 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_112 | 17 | 28/07/2023 | 9:00 | 80°00.760' N | 008°50.500' E | 490 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_113 | 17 | 28/07/2023 | 9:30 | 80°00.768' N | 009°50.500' E | 492 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_116 | 18 | 28/07/2023 | 13:55 | 79°59.805' N | 008°11.418' E | 502 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_117 | 18 | 28/07/2023 | 14:25 | 79°59.018' N | 008°10.831' E | 501 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_127 | 19 | 29/07/2023 | 14:25 | 78°20.059' N | 007°49.928' E | 2637 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_128 | 19 | 29/07/2023 | 14:55 | 78°21.381' N | 007°38.504' E | 2760 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_142 | 20 | 30/07/2023 | 9:06 | 78°48.293' N | 003°54.532' E | 2235 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_144 | 20 | 30/07/2023 | 9:36 | 78°48.570' N | 003°44.320' E | 2224 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_145 | 21 | 30/07/2023 | 13:20 | 78°47.883' N | 004°43.182' E | 2356 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_146 | 21 | 30/07/2023 | 13:50 | 78°49.435' N | 004°28.737' E | 2366 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_147 | 22 | 31/07/2023 | 08:45 | 78°48.240' N | 003°29.367' E | 2305 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_148 | 22 | 31/07/2023 | 9:15 | 78°46.751' N | 003°21.424' E | 2296 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_150 | 23 | 01/08/2023 | 13:35 | 78°46.986' N | 000°55.580' E | 2519 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_151 | 23 | 01/08/2023 | 16:05 | 78°46.202' N | 000°43.800' E | 2519 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_153 | 24 | 01/08/2023 | 13:35 | 78°46.986' N | 000°55.580' E | 2292 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_154 | 24 | 01/08/2023 | 14:05 | 78°46.202' N | 000°43.800' E | 2522 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_155 | 25 | 02/08/2023 | 8:30 | 78°48.888' N | 001°13.113' E | 2458 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_156 | 25 | 02/08/2023 | 9:00 | 78°49.721' N | 001°25.347' E | 2455 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_157 | 26 | 02/08/2023 | 13:34 | 78°50.790' N | 000°55.850' E | 2480 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_158 | 26 | 02/08/2023 | 14:04 | 78°51.509' N | 001°06.914' E | 2485 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_161 | 27 | 03/08/2023 | 8:36 | 78°59.328' N | 000°01.547' E | 2560 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_162 | 27 | 03/08/2023 | 9:06 | 78°57.037' N | 000°03.510' E | 2580 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_163 | 28 | 03/08/2023 | 13:33 | 78°45.078' N | 000°49.740' E | 2453 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_164 | 28 | 03/08/2023 | 14:09 | 78°48.509' N | 000°52.202' E | 2369 | OBSML_OUT |
| HN23_167 | 29 | 04/08/2023 | 8:20 | 78°04.395' N | 009°20.159' E | 673 | OBSML_IN |
| HN23_168 | 29 | 04/08/2023 | 8:40 | 78°03.946' N | 009°35.663' E | 360 | OBSML_OUT |

R.5 Tables of miscellaneous observations: Manta Trawl

| MANTA | | | | | | | |
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| STATION | NR | YYYYMMDD | UTC TIME hh:mm | LAT dd° mm.mmm' | LONG dd° mm.mmm' | DEPTH m | ACTIVITY |
| HN23_001 | 1 | 20230719 | 15:08 | 76°26.621'N | 013°46.660'E | 1132 | MAN_IN |
| HN23_002 | 1 | 20230719 | 15:48 | 76°27.433'N | 013°40.614'E | 1192 | MAN_OUT |
| HN23_004 | 2 | 20230720 | 07:16 | 77°39.203'N | 010°14.861'E | 1039 | MAN_IN |
| HN23_005 | 2 | 20230720 | 07:52 | 77°40.360'N | 010°11.461'E | 1016 | MAN_OUT |
| HN23_118 | 3 | 20230728 | 14:35 | 79°58.393'N | 008°10.987'E | 504 | MAN_IN |
| HN23_119 | 3 | 20230728 | 15:08 | 79°57.343'N | 008°11.155'E | 502 | MAN_OUT |
| HN23_150 | 4 | 20230801 | 10:00 | 78°45.499'N | 001°54.121'E | 2519 | MAN_IN |
| HN23_151 | 4 | 20230801 | 10:36 | 78°44.707'N | 001°47.620'E | 2511 | MAN_OUT |
| HN23_172 | 5 | 20230805 | 12:24 | 78°23.642'N | 006°53.498'E | 3319 | MAN_IN |
| HN23_173 | 5 | 20230805 | 12:58 | 78°24.616'N | 006°54.114'E | 3316 | MAN_OUT |

Personnel

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| ACOUSTIC SURVEY: Giuseppe Casano Maurizio Demarte Mauro Marro Alberto Niccolini Samuele Stefanucci |
| MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTED DATA: Serena Bigelli Matteo Guideri Elisa Mammi Roberto Nardini Andrea Simone Pinna Francesco Capece Gilbert Dagher Vincenzo Iacono Giulia Luzi Oronzo Pacucci Giulia Prior Elettra Rosalio Gabriella Taccardi Giovanni Tomaselli Dario Zampini |

Diary of Notable Events

U.1 No notable event happened

Summary of Surveying Activity

V.1

| TOTAL | SEA | | | Harbour | | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| | | Days Lost | | | | | |
| Calendar Days | Surveying | Weather, Ship and Equipment | Passage | Military Duties | Maintenance and Emergency Repair | Leave | Visits including logistic stops |
| 26 | 16 | Downtime 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |