

Cruise Report

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F.K. Littorina

Cruise No.: L15-12

Dates of Cruise: 06.07. – 10.07.2015

Areas of Research: Public relations and aquarium west shore

Port Calls: Osterby/Laeso (07.07. – 08.07.2015)

Institute: GEOMAR

Chief Scientist: Heidi Gonschior

Number of Scientists: 4

Projects:

Acquisition of living marine organisms for the public relations division (GEOMAR), the institute's own aquarium and the Multimar Wattforum - Tönning in the northern Kattegat.

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This cruise report consists of XX pages including cover:

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2. Research program

The aim of this cruise of the research vessel “Littorina” from July 7th to July 10th 2015 was the sampling of living marine organisms for the public relations division (GEOMAR) and the institutes own aquarium.

Marine invertebrates and vertebrates were collected with dredges at different stations and depth in the northern Kattegat for use during “RV Alkor Open Doors Event 2015” and to complete scientific collections in the Kiel aquarium.

Additional depth water sampling was maintained for rearing the organisms.

3. Narrative of cruise with technical details

06.07.15	08:25	Departure of RV “Littorina” from Kiel harbor.
07.07.15	15:30	Arrival at the 1th station in the southern of Læsø & sampling of depth water from 20m of depth. Salinity was 30,5 and Temperature at 11.7 °C.
	15:55	First dredge at 18m of depth. (Dive point: 56°21.927N, 11°18.221E)
	17:10	Finished first station after 7 dredge towings.
	17:15	Heading towards anchoring position close to Grenaa/DK.
	19:45	Anchoring at Greena/DK.
08.07.15	06:30	Departing anchoring position.
	07:50	Arrival at the 2. Station.
	08:00	First dredge at 20m of depth. (Dive point: 56°25.354N, 11°21.300E)
	11:10	Finished second station after 12 dredge towings and heading towards Kiel because of bad weather.
09.07.15	04:30	Mooring at port of Kiel.

4. Scientific report and first results

During your fieldwork the sampling results contained a wide range of marine organisms with a focus on a high salinity environment within the Baltic Sea in an area called the Kattegat. Because this area is located close to the North Sea it is characterized by a high salinity and also by a high abundance of North Sea species, which is important and very interesting for sampling cruises. An effect of the low salinity environment like existing in most parts of the Baltic Sea is that the organisms, which are mainly emigrated from the North Sea, have to cope with salinity stress. To deal with that energy demanding stress the organisms have to relocate their focus from growth processes to e.g. ion exchange processes resulting in smaller sizes compared to their species members in the salty North Sea environment. One proper way to show the public the differences in species abundance and the size to stress relationship is the public presentation of living organisms. This public relations work is done during the Alkor Open Ship 2015 day, in the Kiel Aquarium and also in the Multimar Wattforum, which we supported with living organisms from this cruise.

To gain as many different species as possible we also dredged in various depths between 12 to 25m where the factor “light intensity” plays also a big role in benthic community composition.

5. Scientific equipment: moorings and instruments

- **Dredge**
- **Depthwater pump**
- **Salinity probe**

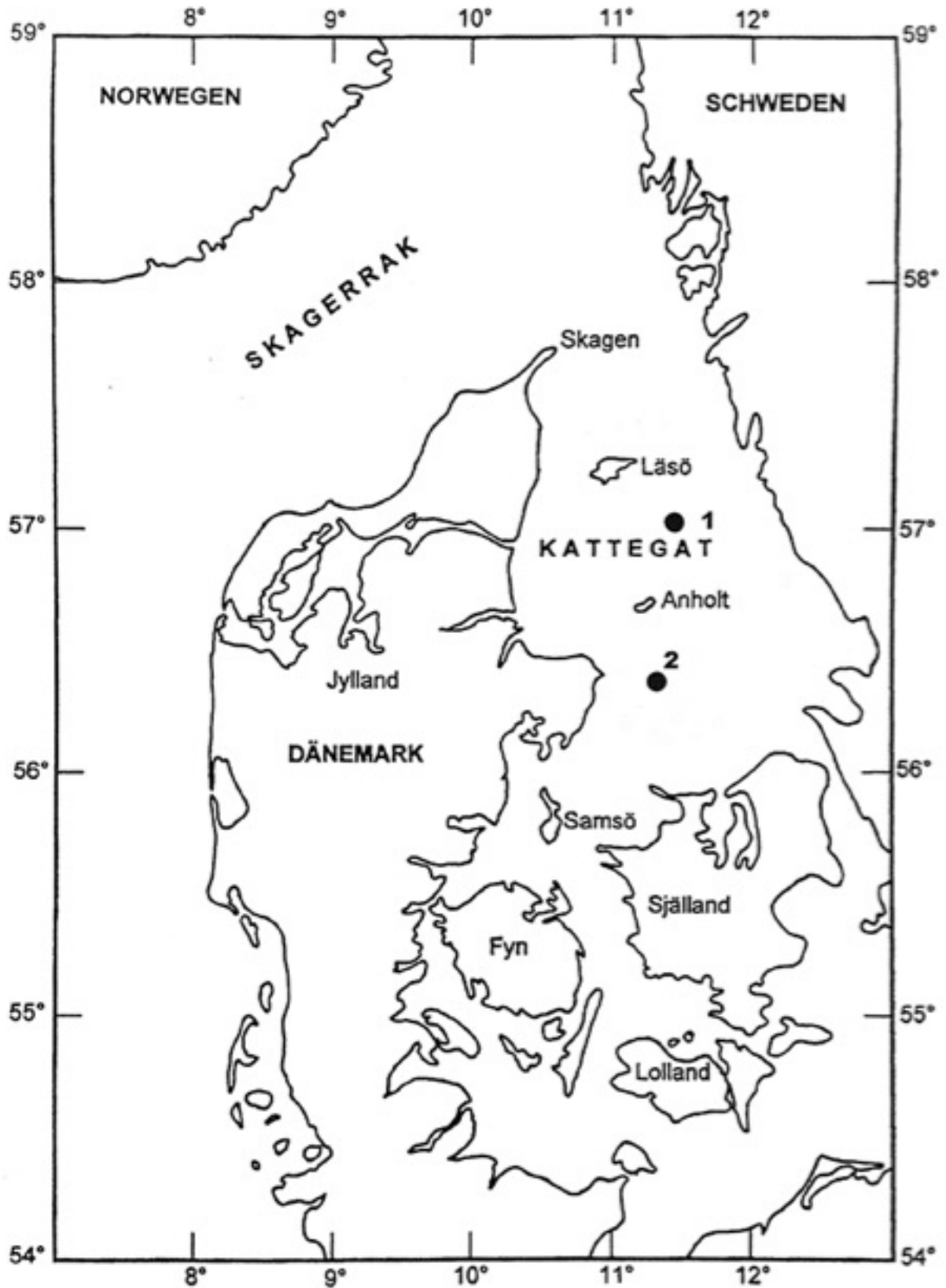
6. Acknowledgements

Thanks to the captain and the whole Littorina crew for the big support during the trip.

7. Appendices

- A. Map
- B. Station list

Map:



Station list:

Station 1	56°21.980N; 11°16.391E
Station 2	56°25.354N; 11°21.300E