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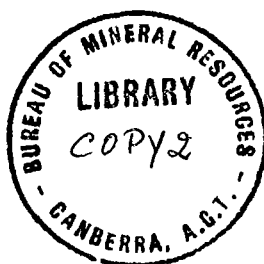
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## SUMMARY

Two hundred and ninety bottom samples and 3500 km of sparker profiles were obtained from the Continental shelf and upper Continental slope off eastern Australia between the Swain Reefs and Port Macquarie. The wide Continental shelf and gently inclined upper slope of the northern part of this area is mantled by reef-derived organic carbonates. Quartz sands dominate on the much narrower shelf and steep slope to the south. The seismic profiles indicate an undisturbed conformable sequence 300 to 400 metres thick in the Capricorn Channel thinning landwards. Farther south off Fraser Island the prism of superficial sediments thins seawards and phosphatic limestone bedrock, possibly of Miocene age, crops out on the upper Continental slope. Platy slabs of phosphatic limestone, probably derived from the same horizon, were dredged from a number of localities on the upper slope south of Cape Moreton.

## INTRODUCTION

The geological reconnaissance of the Australian Continental Shelf by the Bureau of Mineral Resources was continued during 1970 off the central and southern Queensland and northern New South Wales coasts. The shelf from the Capricorn Channel southwards to 32°S was covered and in addition off lying seamounts and islands were studied.

This report consists of a cruise summary and a brief preliminary assessment of some of the data collected.

### Personnel

The B.M.R. scientific personnel who took part in the 1970 marine geological cruise were,

→ Dr H.A. Jones	Supervisor
Mr D. Jongsma	Party leader
Mr J.F. Marshall	Geologist
Mr R. Dulski	Technical Officer
Mr M. Tratt	Technical Officer
Mr D.M. Foulstone	Technical Assistant

In addition a number of visitors from other institutions joined the vessel. Dr V. Palmeri and Dr H. Hekel both from the Queensland Geological Survey joined the cruise from 1/10/70 to 20/10/70; Dr P. Roy from the New South Wales Geological Survey participated in the cruise from 1/12/70 till 14/12/70. From 22/10/70 to 26/10/70 a Commonwealth Film Unit Crew of four men, filmed the shipboard operations.

## Vessel

For this survey the B.M.R. chartered the Motor Vessel San Pedro Strait, 330 tons gross, an oil rig supply vessel owned by San Pedro (Offshore) Pty Ltd (Plate 1). The vessel has an overall length of 36.6 metres and is powered by two 456 H.P. diesel engines giving a cruising speed of 10 knots. Two winches capable of 5 tons draw are located on the main deck aft of the superstructure. The San Pedro Strait was equipped with a Simrad "Skipper" echosounder, a Decca 202 radar unit, and an automatic "Arkas" Pilot. A 3.5 metre Quintrex aluminium dinghy with a 20 H.P. outboard motor was carried.

This type of vessel was well suited for the purposes of this survey although she tended to pound heavily in moderate seas. Ample room on the deck gave the party plenty of working space. Two portable laboratories owned by the B.M.R. were welded to the deck on the starboard side of the vessel. A large A frame with a raised platform was positioned on the stern of the vessel to facilitate dredging operations.

## Surveying methods and equipment

Most bottom samples were collected with a small conical dredge and a pipe dredge. A canvas bag was clamped over the open lower end of the dredge to retain the sample. To get better recovery of sediment where the bottom consisted of hard packed sand or cemented shell detritus, a doubled 1-metre length of 20 mm chain was passed through the towing bridle and welded to the bridle link to link; this helped the lip of the dredge to bite into the sediment surface and was found to be more effective than a much heavier weight not rigidly attached to the dredge. The small dredge was worked on 4-mm wire from a fast running, 3 h.p. diesel winch mounted on the stern of the ship.

Where hard sea bottom was suspected, conventional rock dredges with mouth openings of 60 cm were used. These were towed on 9 mm steel wire using the ship's 5-ton winch and the large A frame on the stern of the vessel.

Water depth profiles were obtained with the ship's Simrad "Skipper" 38.5 Kc/sec echo-sounder. This instrument has a straight line dry paper recorder with a 2-range scale to a maximum depth of 1097 metres. Seismic reflection profiles were obtained with a 1000-joule, 3-electrode Sparkarray sound source, a 7-element MP 7 hydrophone, and an Ocean Sonics GDR-T recorder using 48 cm wet paper. Traverses were run at a speed of 5 to 6 knots.



Plate 1A.      The m.v. "San Pedro Strait".

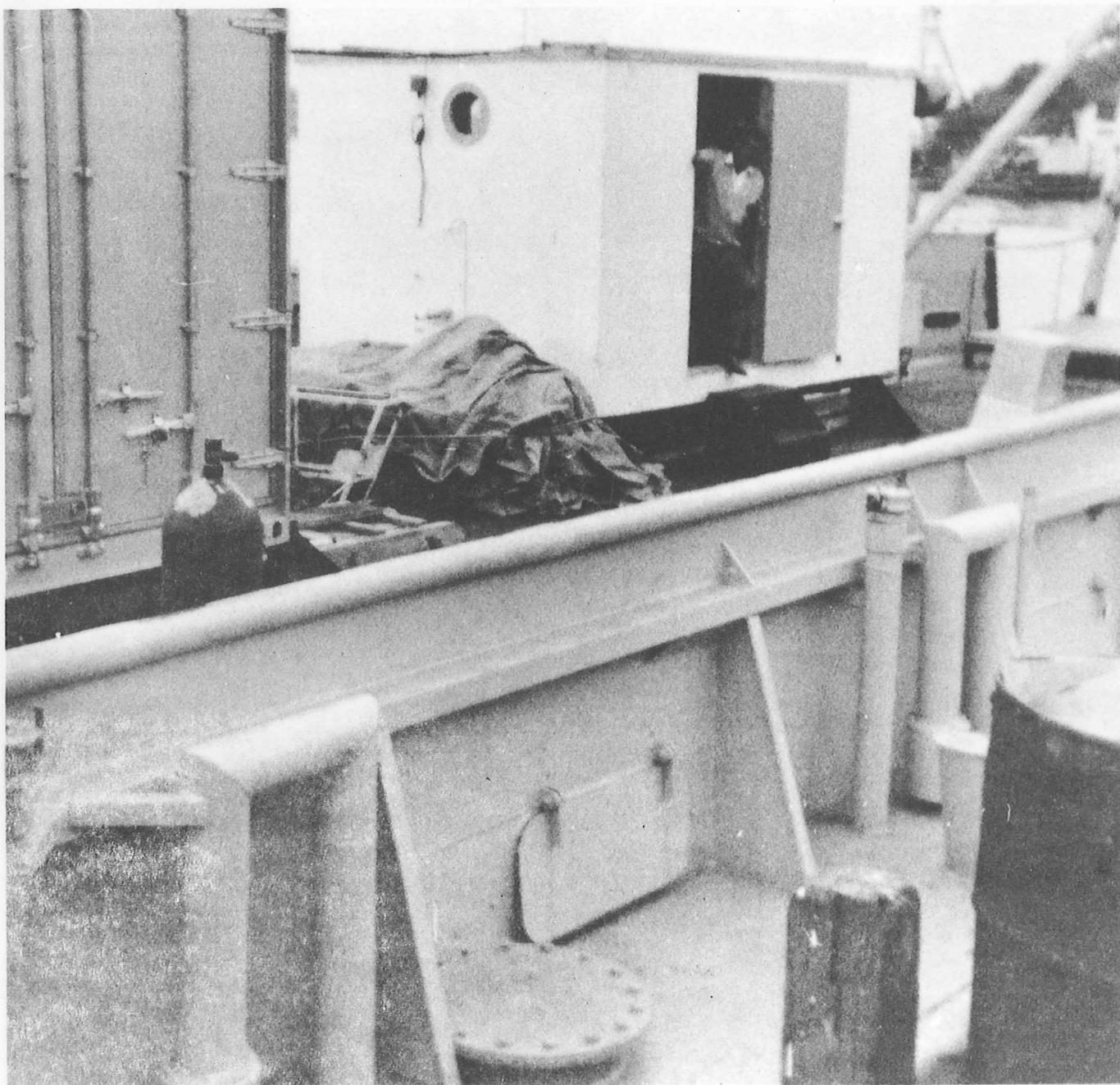


Plate 1B. The B.M.R. portable laboratories are shown welded to the deck of the "San Pedro Strait". Part of the A frame on the stern of the vessel can be seen in the top left hand corner.



Photographs of the seabed were obtained with an Edgerton Germehansen and Grier Model 205 underwater camera and a Model 206 light source. The shutter opening and synchronized flash were triggered by a weight slung 3 metres below the frame in which the camera and light source were mounted. This arrangement gave a field of view of about four square metres.

Positioning of stations and seismic traverses relied upon celestial navigation and dead reckoning when out of radar range of land. Maximum radar range was 45 kilometres. The accuracy of positioning achieved is detailed in the Appendix.

#### ANCILLARY PROJECTS

Samples of live marine organisms recovered in the dredges were preserved for the Zoology Department of the University of Queensland, and a collection of living and dead molluscs from the dredge hauls was made for the Australian Museum, Sydney. Sediment samples for micropaleontological work were collected in the Capricorn Channel and Curtis Channel areas by geologists from the Queensland Geological Survey. Sediment samples from the southern Queensland Continental shelf were collected for the marine geology section of the University of Queensland. During the last leg of the cruise Dr Roy retained a portion of the bottom samples recovered for the Geological Survey of New South Wales.

#### CRUISE NARRATIVE

The ship sailed from Sydney on 12/9/70, and reached Broad Sound on 16/9/70. The next day was spent in testing the continuous seismic profiling equipment and transferring this equipment to the Estuary Study Party's vessel the "Bali Hai". H.A. Jones and R. Dulski stayed in Broad Sound to assist the Estuary Study Party in their seismic profiling work while the San Pedro Strait commenced systematic sampling of the Capricorn Channel.

The vessel returned to Broad Sound on 21/9/70 and worked for one day in Broad Sound on gravity coring. J.N. Casey joined the vessel when it left Broad Sound on the evening of the 22/9/70 and transferred to the Pilot boat off Gladstone on 24/9/70. Sampling and seismic profiling of the Capricorn Channel continued until 25/9/70. On 26/9/70 the flanks of Cato Bank were dredged. The vessel returned to the Capricorn Channel by 27/9/70 and continued work until 30/9/70. Bunkering took place in Gladstone from 30/9/70 to 2/10/70.

The second leg of the cruise started in Gladstone on the 2/10/70, Drs V. Palmeri and H. Hekel, both from the Queensland Geological Survey, participated in this leg of the cruise. Sampling and seismic work continued outside the Bunker Group until 6/10/70.

The flanks of Swains Reef and Saumarez Reef were dredged on 6/10/70 and 8/10/70 respectively. Sampling and seismic profiling of the Curtis Channel started on 9/10/70 and continued into Hervey Bay till 12/10/70, after which the continental shelf east of Fraser Island was surveyed from 13/10/70 till 14/10/70. Rough seas and strong winds forced the vessel into shelter behind Lady Musgrave Island for one day (15/10/70).

The area inside the Capricorn and Bunker Groups was sampled from 16/10/70 to 18/10/70. A core, a large box dredge and underwater photographs were taken on a submarine terrace and trough feature in the Capricorn Channel in a water depth of about 200 m, on 19/10/70. The "San Pedro Strait" arrived in Gladstone on the morning of 20/10/70.

Jones, Palmeri and Hekel left the ship in Gladstone and a Commonwealth Film Unit Crew joined to film the shipboard operations. Bunkering was completed on 22/10/70 and the vessel left Gladstone that afternoon on course for Fraser Island. Sparker traverses were run off Sandy Cape on the 23/10/70 and sampling continued down to Noosa Head till 25/10/70. The film crew was put ashore in Moolooloobah on the morning of 26/10/70. Surveying of the continental shelf continued but was hampered by rough weather. Two nights were spent in shelter at Noosa Heads and Moolooloobah.

On 31/10/70 course was set for Kelso Bank, which was reached on the morning of 1/11/70. Two days dredging, echosounder and sparker profiling of this bank was undertaken after which the vessel returned to Cape Moreton on 4/11/70. Systematic sampling and seismic profiling continued from Cape Moreton to Danger Point until 6/11/70. Failure of the vessels steering gear necessitated arrival in Brisbane on 7/11/70, which was earlier than planned.

The San Pedro Strait stayed in Brisbane for repairs and bunkering for one week and left on 14/11/70. Sparker traverses were run across two canyons off Noosa and Cape Moreton until 16/11/70. Systematic work south of Danger Point commenced on 17/11/70, but extremely rough weather necessitated sheltering in Byron Bay from 18/11/70 to 21/11/70. Work on the continental shelf down to Coffs Harbour continued until 26/11/70. The San Pedro Strait went north on 27/11/70 to occupy stations missed earlier due to bad weather. Dredges on the edge of the shelf off Cape Byron and sparker traverses of this region were taken during the next few days, with rough seas hampering operations. On 29/11/70 course was set for Brisbane for a final bunkering stop. Brisbane was reached on 30/11/70.

The vessel left Brisbane on the afternoon of 2/12/70, with Dr P. Roy from the New South Wales Geological Survey on board for the final leg of the cruise. On 3/12/70 a search was made for Moreton Seamount with a view of dredging its flanks. This seamount was not located. Automatic pilot trouble caused a return to Noosa for repairs on 4/12/70. An echosounder profile parallel to the shelf edge south of Cape Moreton was made the next day and some large dredge hauls on the shelf edge south of Cape Byron were made on 5/11/70. The area for systematic sampling just south of Coffs Harbour was reached on 6/12/70 and surveying continued. Rough weather made work difficult and with the onset of gale force winds the vessel was forced to shelter until 10/12/70. From 10/12/70 to 13/12/70 systematic sampling and seismic work continued down to latitude 32°.

The cruise terminated on the morning of 14/12/70 in Sydney.

### RESULTS

Two hundred and ninety stations were occupied during this cruise (Fig. 1) and about 3500 kilometres of sparker profiles were run (Fig. 2). Continuous echosounding was normally carried out between bottom sample stations.

### Morphology

The morphology of the area is characterised by a wide continental shelf and gentle upper continental slope in the north and a narrow continental shelf and relatively steep upper continental slope in the south. In the north many coral reefs are present near the edge of the shelf. In the south any reefs that exist are submarine features and tend to occur at or below the shelf break. Because of these differences, and others, the area has been divided into a northern province and a southern province for descriptive purposes.

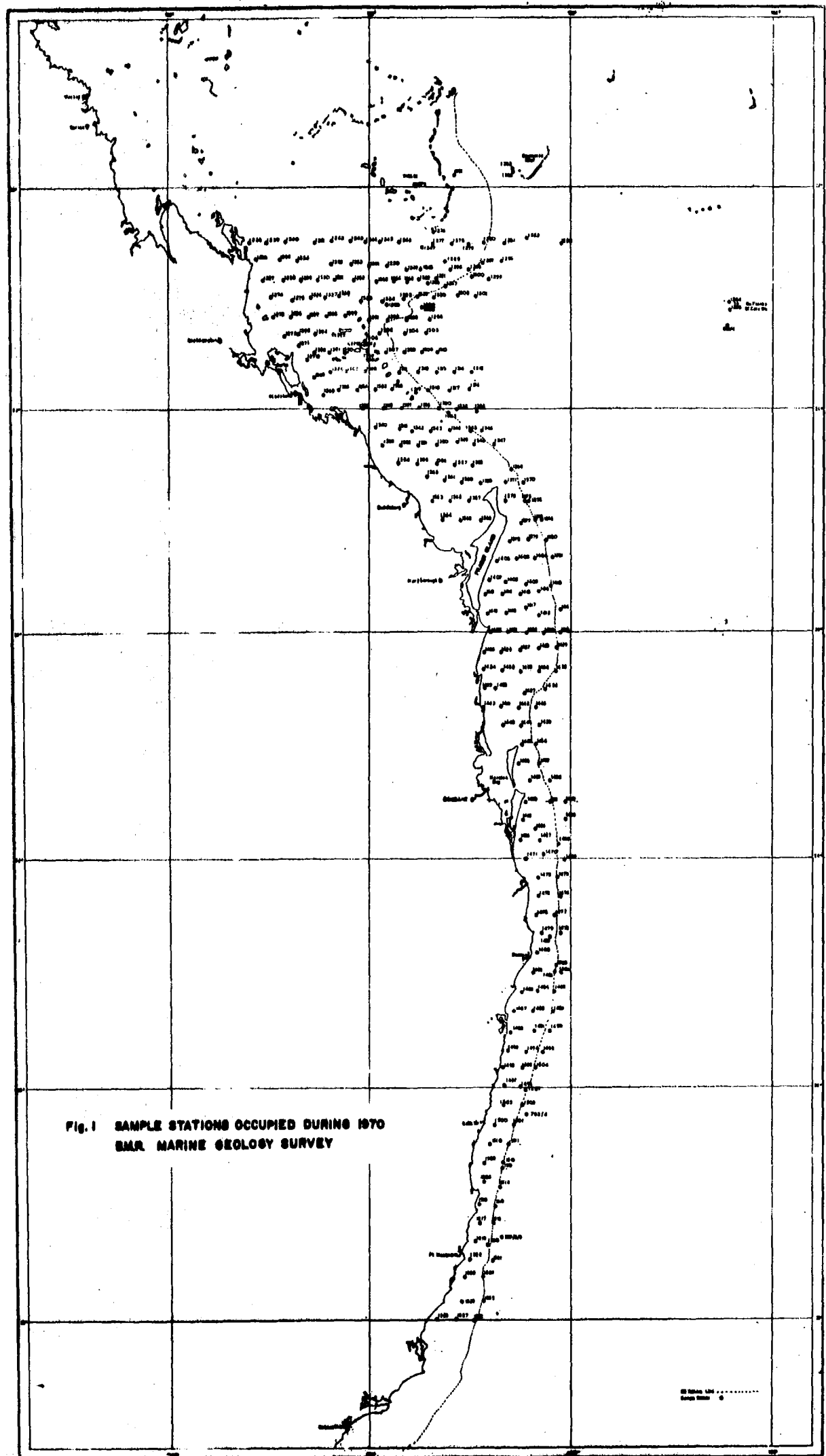
The northern province is that part of the continental shelf and upper continental slope north of Sandy Cape. It includes the Capricorn and Curtis Channels, Hervey Bay, the Capricorn and Bunker Groups, and the southern part of the Swain Reefs. The inner shelf tends to have a smooth topography except to the northwest of North Reef where a number of banks and shoals occur. These can be considered to be an extension of the Capricorn Group. The inner shelf extends out to a depth of about 50 metres. On the outer shelf there is a line of coral reefs which comprise the Bunker and Capricorn Groups. From Lady Musgrave Island in the south the reefs run in a northwesterly direction as far as North Reef. To the north the Swain Reefs rise abruptly from the sea floor which here stands at a little over 100 metres depth. Near Hixson Cay soundings of 110 metres were recorded as close as the ship could safely approach the reefs in the prevailing weather conditions, a distance of a few hundred metres.

From the Swain Reefs the edge of the shelf swings to the southwest. It skirts the Capricorn and Bunker Groups, and then trends southeast past Lady Elliot Island. This embayment of the shelf in the Capricorn Channel is a manifestation of a large trough which slopes down to the northwestern Tasman abyssal plain.

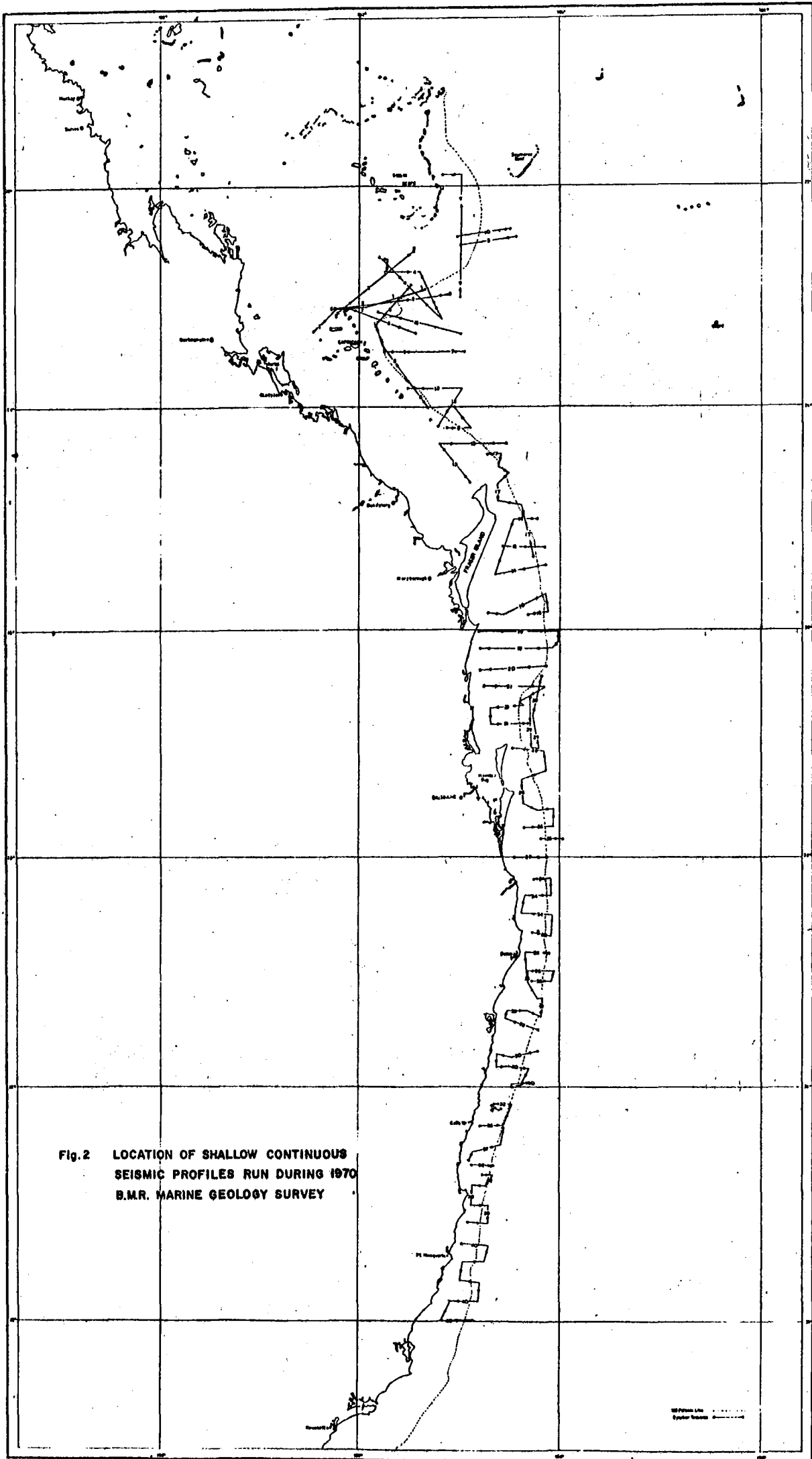
In the Capricorn Channel the upper part of the continental slope has a very gentle gradient of about  $0.3^{\circ}$ . This smooth slope is broken at a depth of about 180 metres by a step which ranges in height from 11 to 36 metres; a well defined depression or trough is usually present at the foot of the step and there is some evidence that these features constitute a modified terrace and step form related to a low sea level stand.

East of the Capricorn and Bunker Groups the shelf extends seawards for approximately 15 kilometres. The sea floor then drops away relatively steeply from about 55 metres to 200 metres at an inclination of  $4^{\circ}$ . At 200 metres the sea floor then slopes down more gently with a gradient of about  $0.5^{\circ}$ . No step is found off the Capricorn and Bunker Groups between 180 and 200 metres but a distinct change in slope can be detected at this depth. This suggests that a terrace and step feature was originally present and is now obscured by a mantle of coral debris transported from the edge of the shelf.

North of Breaksea Spit the upper continental slope and outer shelf are incised by a number of erosional channels. One channel crossing the outer shelf-upper slope zone near the 100-metre isobath was found to be 70 metres deep and 3 kilometres wide, but most are much smaller than this at this depth. These channels would appear to be the submerged remnants of an ancient river system but the data have not yet been evaluated in sufficient detail to enable correlations with existing onshore drainage patterns to be made.



**Fig. 1 SAMPLE STATIONS OCCUPIED DURING 1970  
BMR MARINE GEOLOGY SURVEY**



**Fig.2 LOCATION OF SHALLOW CONTINUOUS  
SEISMIC PROFILES RUN DURING 1970  
B.M.R. MARINE GEOLOGY SURVEY**

Reference Line  
Shaded Areas

The continental shelf off Breaksea Spit and the northern part of Fraser Island is only 16 to 20 kilometres wide. A line of banks (Gardiner Banks) occurs 16 kilometres off Fraser Island. There is evidence to suggest that these banks were exposed during a low sea level stand, probably during the Pleistocene, and that they formed low lying offshore islands during that time.

From Cape Moreton south to Port Macquarie the topography of the shelf is smooth and the gradient very gentle. At about 70 metres the gradient increases slightly to about 0.3°. This gentle gradient continues to a depth between 250 and 300 metres at which point the slope steepens abruptly and the sea floor descends rapidly to the Tasman abyssal plain. Sometimes at this change in gradient reef-like structures are observed.

A number of submarine canyons occur between Noosa Heads and Coffs Harbour. No trace of these canyons appears on the shelf, and the heads of these canyons occur at a depth of about 200 metres. Canyons encountered on this survey were found off Noosa Heads, Cape Moreton, and just north of Coffs Harbour. There are some indications to suggest that at least another two canyons occur between Cape Moreton and Coffs Harbour.

#### Sediments

The superficial sediments show a distinct variation from north to south as well as varying from the inner shelf to the continental slope. The northern province is characterised by an abundance of coralline material and a deficiency of quartz, whereas the southern province is quartz-rich with only isolated patches of coralline material. There is a size gradation of coarse to fine from the inner shelf to the continental slope. Anomalies exist where banks and reefs occur near the edge of the shelf; coarse sands and gravels are usually present in these areas. At a few localities on the upper part of the continental slope currents have scoured away the sediment and bedrock is exposed. In two localities where bedrock was encountered, and dredged successfully, indications of phosphate were found.

In the Capricorn Channel the sediments are calcareous sandy clays consisting of abraded mollusc shells, foraminifera, coral fragments and fine terrigenous material. Around the banks and drowned coral reefs in the Capricorn Channel the sediments are coarse shelly sands and coral gravel. In the near-shore regions there is an increase in terrigenous material, mainly quartz and clay minerals. In depths greater than 80 metres the sediments are very fine grained, except for mollusc shell fragments, and typically consist of highly plastic blue-grey clay. Close to the Swain Reefs, however, reef-derived coarse material extends at least to 350 metres depth.

In the Curtis Channel, between the mainland and the Capricorn and Bunker Groups, the near-shore sediments contain a large amount of terrigenous material, and the rest is usually made up of abraded mollusc shells. Further offshore white and grey calcareous sands are dominant. These consist of coral sand, abraded mollusc shells and foraminifera. Near the reefs, coral sand and gravel are present. Some of the sands have a speckled appearance due to the presence of white coral and black foraminifera. The black colour of the foraminifera is due to bacterial reduction of the fine sediment filling the tests.

On the seaward side of the Capricorn and Bunker Groups the sediments are very coarse near the reefs and even at the edge of the shelf, 15 kilometres further east, the sediments are still fairly coarse. They consist of abraded mollusc shells, coral sands, pebbles and boulders, and foraminifera. From the shelf break the seafloor drops quite rapidly to 200 metres. Beyond 200 metres the sediments are plastic sandy clays and calcareous silty clays containing abundant pelagic foraminifera.

In the Curtis Channel to the north of Hervey Bay the sediments contain a fairly high proportion of quartz in the near-shore areas, and become increasingly calcareous towards the edge of the shelf. Most of the calcareous material is shell debris; coral is only a minor constituent in most places. On the slope the sediments are predominantly calcareous sandy silts containing a high proportion of pelagic foraminifera.

In Hervey Bay the sediments are chiefly coarse sands composed of quartz and rock fragments with coarse abraded mollusc shells on the banks.

The upper slope off Sandy Cape supports little or no sediment and bedrock has been recovered by dredge between 300 and 500 metres. The rock consists of a conglomerate with brown pebbles of phosphatic algal material cemented by a calcareous fossiliferous micrite. Analyses of this rock indicate up to 5 percent  $P_2O_5$  is present.

On the shelf south of Sandy Cape and north of Cape Moreton the sediments consist of quartz sands with a substantial amount of shell material. About 30 kilometres offshore a band of coarse shelly grit extends from the southern end of Fraser Island to Caloundra Head. Barwon Bank southeast of Noosa Heads supports live coral, seaweed and molluscs. The outside edge of the shelf and the upper part of the slope are covered by foraminiferal sands and silt.



Between Cape Moreton and Port Macquarie the sediments are nearly all sand-size with some silty material near river-mouths. The sand contains generally quartz, brown ferruginised sand grains and abraded mollusc shells. Other constituents, present in some but not all samples, are rock fragments and glauconite. The deeper water samples tend to be finer grained, but sediments with clay as the dominant fraction are very rare. The deeper samples usually contain a high proportion of pelagic foraminifera. At a number of localities on the upper continental slope nodules were dredged together with sediment. Some of these nodules were phosphatic. Analyses indicate irregular and generally very low grades, but one nodule assayed at 26 percent  $P_2O_5$ .

#### Sparker Traverses

Forty sparker traverses were run over the continental shelf and upper continental slope in the area surveyed (Fig. 3). In shallow depths penetration of only 0.1 to 0.2 seconds of two way travel time was achieved; multiple reflections usually obscured any deeper horizons. On the edge of the shelf, and on the slope, penetration was of the order of 0.5 seconds two way travel time.

In the Capricorn Channel the continuous seismic profiles show undisturbed layers of sediment down to depths of 300 to 400 metres below the sea floor. This wedge of undisturbed sediment thins towards the coast. A deep strong reflecting horizon is present in most of the profiles in this area, and it prevents further penetration of the sub-bottom strata. This strong reflector which is of undulating character in places may prove to be bedrock.

Between Cape Capricorn and Cape Moreton seismic profiles run over the edge of the shelf show a strong sub-bottom reflector. This reflector is an unconformable horizon and occurs between 40 and 60 metres below the sea floor. This reflector is acoustically impenetrable and most probably represents bedrock. The strata above this unconformable reflector exhibit conformability with some penecontemporaneous cut and fill structures. Foreset bedding can often be observed in this upper sequence.

In the sparker profiles off Sandy Cape and Fraser Island the more recent sediments thin towards the edge of the shelf and a strong reflector emerges and crops out on the sea floor.

The seismic profiles between Cape Moreton and Port Macquarie show a sediment wedge thickening seaward with a strong reflector beneath it. This reflector tends to fall away sharply just before the shelf break indicating that it represents an ancient sea floor. Figure 3 is a line drawing of the first leg of traverse 30 which runs from east to west over the edge of the shelf. Two distinct unconformities can be observed in this profile. Horizon 1 is the present sea floor, whereas horizon 2 is a previous sea floor with a more pronounced break in slope at about 0.75 seconds. Horizon 2 is present in other traverses north and south of this one. Horizon 3 is presumably bedrock with no evidence of stratification below it and it has a very irregular attitude. Foreset bedding is observed on the edge of the shelf between horizons 1 and 2. Further north opposite Stradbroke Island hard packed sand on the continental slope prevents seismic penetration.

#### Kelso Bank

Kelso Bank forms part of the Lord Howe Island seamount chain. It lies approximately 400 miles due east of Bustard Head (Lat.  $29^{\circ}$  S. Long.  $159^{\circ}$  E). A survey of this bank showed it to consist of a steep sided seamount with its base between 4000-5000 metres. Three distinct surfaces are seen to occur at the top of the bank. Figure 4 shows continuous seismic profiles and sample stations on Kelso Bank. The bank is elliptical in plan, the most extensive surface is at 55 metres, a small patch on the southeast side has a depth of 18 m while around the eastern side a very smooth flat terrace occurs at 275 metres. These different surfaces may reflect the changes in relative sea level due to isostasy and eustasy which have affected the erosion of this bank.

In the sparker traverses a wedge of sediment occurs on the inner margin of the 275-metre platform. Dredges on Kelso Bank recovered no bedrock or phosphatic material. The edge of the seamount at 55 m and the 18-metre patch support live coral. The inner part of the bank is covered with coarse coral sand and calcareous algae. From the 275-metre platform white calcareous foraminiferal ooze was recovered by the dredge.

#### Cato Bank

Cato Banks occurs about 240 miles east of Cape Capricorn. (Lat.  $23^{\circ}14'S$ , Long.  $155^{\circ}32'E$ ). The base of this bank is at around 3000 to 4000 metres. A small island surrounded by a circular fringing reef occurs on the southeastern side of the bank. Five large box dredge stations on this bank recovered mainly coral algae, calcareous sands and some live coral. No phosphatic material or bedrock was brought up in the dredges.

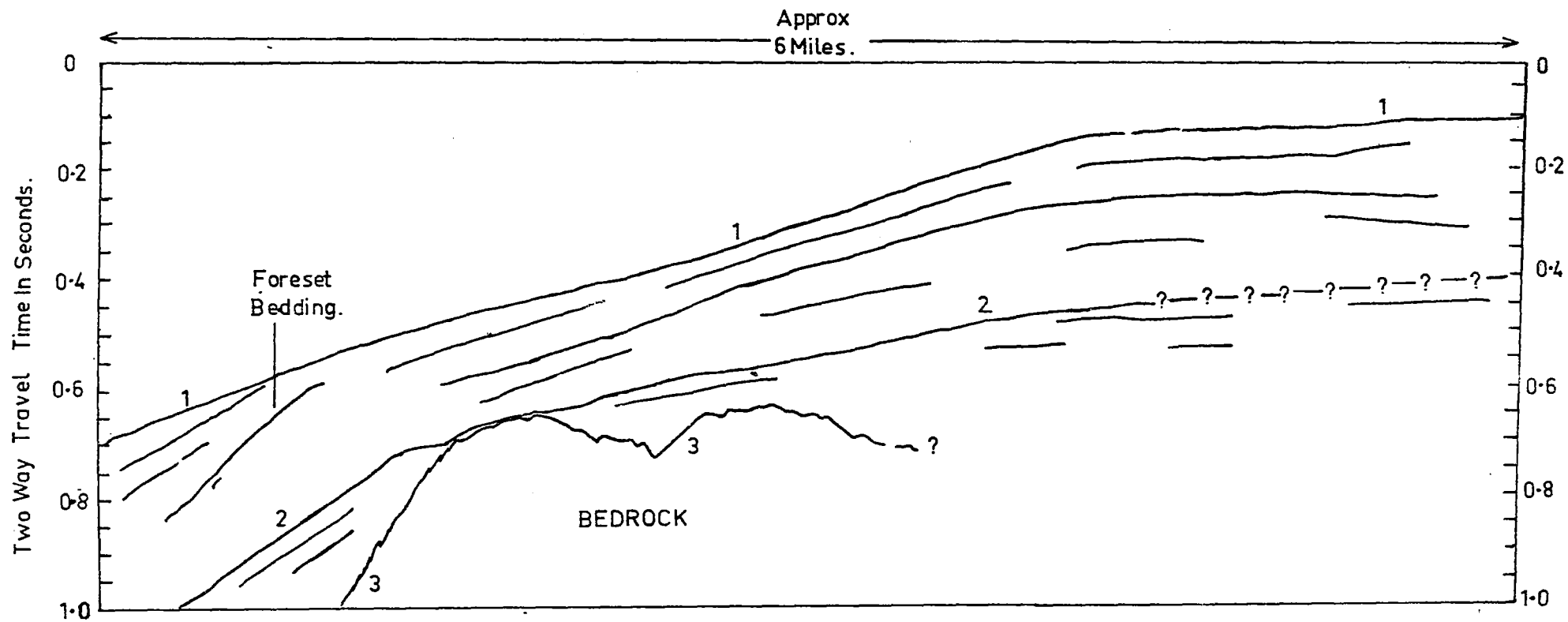


FIG 3 SKETCH OF START OF SPARKER TRAVERSE 30

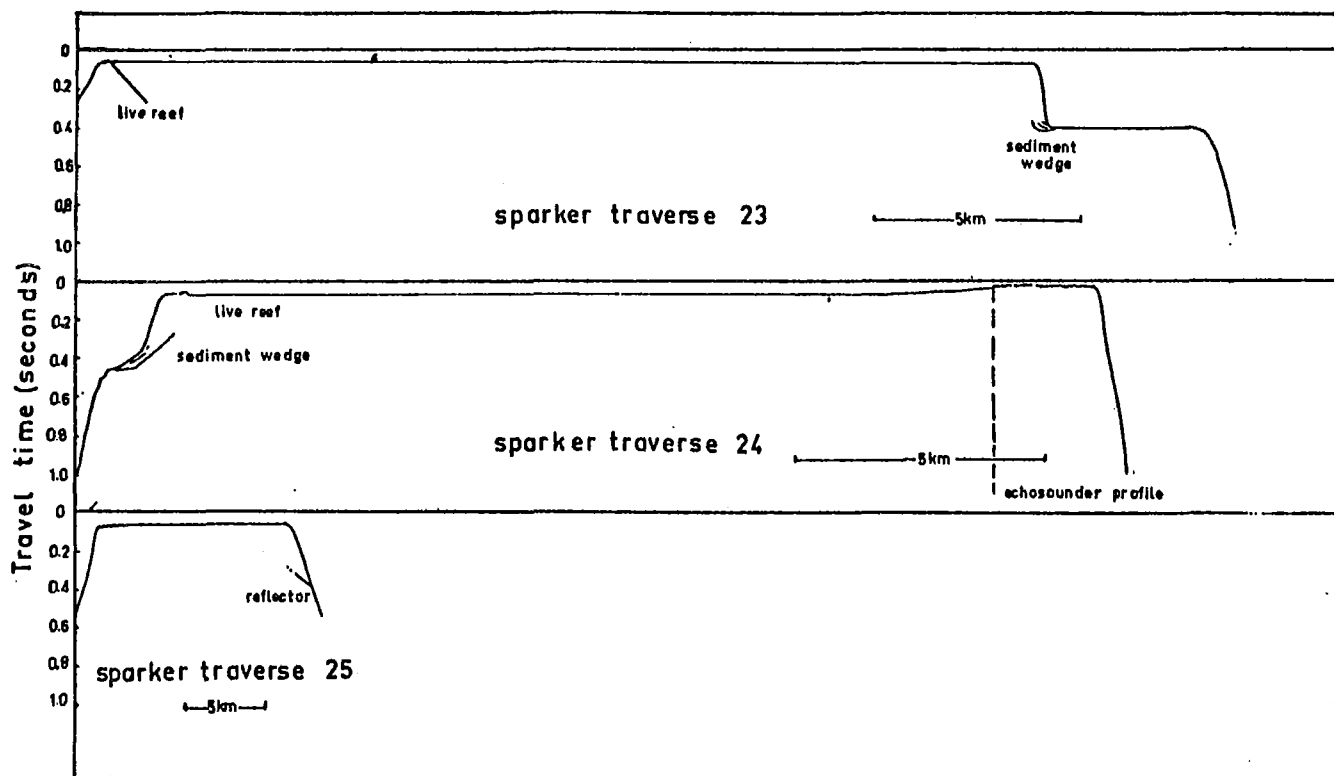
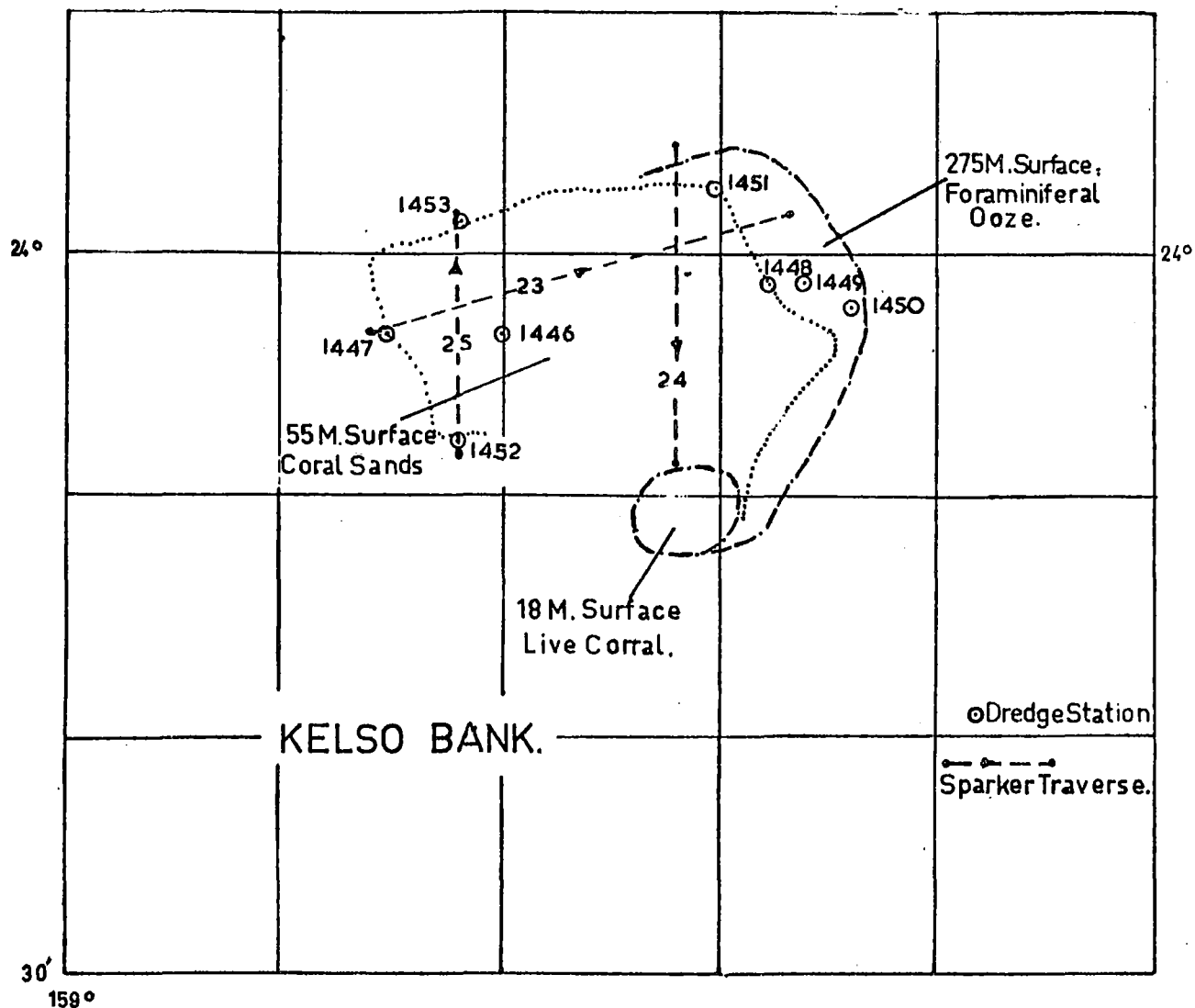


Fig.4 KELSO BANK DREDGE STATIONS AND SPARKER TRAVERSES SHOWING THREE DISTINCT SURFACES

**APPENDIX**  
PHOSPHATE SECTION DATA SHEET

Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude	Fix*	Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
Tasman	870 - 1238	22°30.1	150°47.5	A	33	Condred	9/19	0656	5 GT 3/2
	- 1239	22°30.2	150°58	A	51		9/19	0803	5 Y 5/2
	1240	22°30.1	151°10	A	62		9/19	0912	5 Y 6/1
	1241	22°30	151°26	B	55		9/19	1044	10 YR 6/2
	1242	22°29	151°37	O	73		9/19	1158	5B GT 6/1
	1243	22°29	151°48	O	77		9/19	1305	5B GT 6/1
	1244	22°29.5	151°58	C	79		9/19	1420	5B GT 6/1
	1245	22°29.5	152°06.5	O	91		9/19	1530	5 GT 6/1
	1246	22°30	152°17	C	99		9/19	1635	5 GT 6/1
	1247	22°33	152°21	O	90		9/19	1815	5 GT 6/1
	1248	22°45	152°30.05	O	132		9/20	0642	5 GT 6/1
	1249	22°45	152°21	O	123		9/20	0804	5 GT 6/1
	1250	22°43	152°10.5	O	93		9/20	0914	5 GT 6/1
	1251	22°43	151°59.5	C	69		9/20	1026	5 Y 6/1
	1252	22°42	151°48.6	O	68		9/20	1136	5 GT 6/1
	1253	22°42	151°37.4	O	68		9/20	1241	5 GT 5/2
	1254	22°40	151°16.	B	58		9/20	1345	5 GT 5/2
	1255	22°39.1	151°06.3	A	55		9/20	1450	5 GT 5/2
	1256	22°38.4	150°52.3	A	43		9/23	0556	5 GT 5/2
	1257	22°50	150°56	A	37		9/23	0705	5 Y 6/1
	1258	22°50	151°08	A	42		9/23	0813	5 Y 6/1
	1259	22°50	151°19	B	53		9/23	0920	5 Y 6/1
	1260	22°50.5	151°29	O	53		9/23	1036	5 Y 6/1
	1261	22°50.5	151°39	O	64				5 Y 6/1
	1262	22°50.5	151°51	O	32		9/23	1247	5 Y 6/1
	1263	22°50.5	152°03	C	113		9/23	1357	5 GT 6/1
	1264	22°51	152°12	C	128		9/23	1507	5 GT 6/1
	1265	22°52	152°22.5	O	137		9/23	1620	10 Y 6/2
	1266	22°53	152°34.5	O	179		9/23	1731	10 Y 4/2
	1267	22°54	152°44	O	323		9/23	1856	5 Y 6/1
	1268	23°53	151°32	A	22		9/24	1020	5 Y 5/2
	1269	23°44	151°27.5	A	24		9/24	1125	10 YR 5/4
	1270	22°34.5	151°22.5	A	28		9/24	1230	10 YR 4/2
	1271	23°25.5	151°17.5	A	33		9/24	1336	5 Y 6/1
	1272	23°20/5	151°09.5	A	24		9/24	1444	10 YR 5/4
	1273	23°10	151°02.	A	24		9/24	1548	10 YR 5/4

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Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude		Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
Tasman	870 - 1274	22°59	161°01	A	33	Condred	9/24	1700	5 Y 6/1
	1275	23°01	151°14	A	38		9/24	1815	
	1276	22°24	152°37	B	110		9/25	0815	5 Y 6/1
	1277	22°30	152°37	C	95		9/25	0908	5 GY 6/1
	1278	22°30	152°48	C	137		9/25	1020	5 GY 6/1
	1279	22°30	152°58	C	152		9/25	1132	5 Y 6/1
	1280	22°30	153°08	C	174		9/25	1245	5 Y 5/6
	1281	22°30	153°20	C	252		9/25	1415	5 Y 5/2
	1282	22°30	153°32	C	324		9/25	1645	5 Y 6/1
	1283	22°30	153°54	C	346		9/25	1835	
	1283	22°27.5	153°33	C	357	Boxdred	9/27	1830	10 YR 6/2
Cato I	1284				300	Boxdred	9/26	0845	N 9
	1285				538		9/26	1015	N 9
	1286				155		9/26	1130	N 9
	1287				165		9/26	1315	N 9
	1288				146		9/26	1500	
Tasman	1289	22°42	152°46	B	146	Condred	9/28	0705	5 GY 6/1
	1290	23°04	152°13	A	137		9/28	1055	5 Y 6/1
	1291	23°11.6	151°59.5	A	57		9/28	1232	10 YR 7/4
	1292	23°11.5	152°10.5	B	179		9/28	1340	
	1293	23°11.5	152°22.2	C	283		9/28	1510	10 Y 6/2
	1294	23°11	152°35.5	C	327		9/28	1637	10 Y 6/2
	1295	22°45	152°48	C	155		9/29	0742	5 GY 4/1
	1296	22°45	152°58	C	225		9/29	0900	5 GY 6/1
	1297	22°45	153°07	C	234		9/29	1045	5 GY 6/1
	1298	22°40	153°18	C	311		9/29	1205	5 GY 6/1
	1299	22°50	153°10	C	344		9/29	1344	5 GY 6/1
	1300	22°48	153°00	C	333		9/29	1512	5 GY 6/1
	1301	22°58	153°02	D	377		9/29	1637	5 GY 6/1
	1302	22°58	152°52	C	355		9/29	1840	5 GY 6/1
	1303	23°19	152°33	C	322		10/03	0820	5 GY 6/1
	1304	23°19	152°20.5	B	283		10/03	1000	5 Y 6/1
	1305	23°19	152°06	A	64		10/03	1107	10 YR 7/4
	1306	23°23.5	151°56.5	A	40		10/03	1219	10 YR 7/4
	1307	23°30	152°09.5	A	66		10/03	1355	10 YR 7/4
	1308	23°30	152°20.5	B	289		10/03	1518	10 Y 6/2

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Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude	Fix	Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
Tasman	S70 1309	23°30	152°30	C	322	Condred	10/03	1635	5 Y 6/1
	1310	23°30	152°39.5	C	357	Condred	10/03	1800	5 Y 6/1
	1311	23°40.2	152°17.7	A	59	Condred	10/04	0610	5 Y 7/2
	1312	23°40	152°28.6	B	296	Condred	10/04	0725	5 Y 6/1
	1313	23°40	152°39.4	C	335	Condred	10/04	0844	5 Y 6/1
	1314	23°40	152°50.4	C	388	Condred	10/04	1008	5 Y 6/1
	1315	23°40	153°00	C	453	Condred	10/04	1138	5 Y 6/1
	1316	23°50	152°59	C	426	Condred	10/04	1336	5 Y 6/1
	1317	23°51	152°47	C	315	Condred	10/04	1458	5 Y 6/1
	1318	23°51	152°34.2	B	91	Condred	10/04	1612	10 YR7/4
	1319	23°51.8	152°26.2	A	55	Condred	10/04	1701	5 GY7/2
	1320	24°00	152°40.5	A	60	Condred	10/04	1842	10 YR7/4

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Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude		Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
Tasman	870 - 1321	22°30	152°39.5	C	357	Condred	10/05	1010	5 GY 6/1
	1322	22°50	152°28.5	C	135		10/05	1121	5 GY 6/1
	1323	23°01	152°20	D	141		10/05	1310	5 Y 5/2
	1324	23°02	152°25	B	130		10/05	1430	10 YR 5/4
	1325	23°022	151°55	A	69		10/05	1550	10 YR 7/4
	1326	23°00	151°25	C	44		10/06	0836	5 YR 6/1
	1327	23°00	151°33	B	49		10/06	0938	5 Y 6/1
	1328	23°03	151°42.4	A	51		10/06	1040	5 Y 7/2
	1329	23°00	152°28	C	225		10/06	1543	5 GY 5/2
	1330	23°00	152°38	C	304		10/06	1710	
	1331	21°43	152°51	D	113	Boxdred	10/07	0900	10 Y 6/2
	1332	21°51	153°26	A	128		10/07	1350	N/9
	1333	21°50	153°26	A	219		10/08	1525	N/9
	1334	24°02	153°03	B	493	Condred	10/09	0840	5 Y 6/1
	1335	24°01	152°52.4	A	329		10/09	1000	10 Y 6/2
	1336	23°59.5	152°29.5	A	48		10/09	1200	10 YR 7/4
	1337	24°00	152°19	A	46		10/09	1325	5 Y 6/1
	1338	24°00	152°08	B	42		10/09	1435	5 Y 6/1
	1339	24°00	151°56.5	A	27		10/09	1538	
	1340	24°10.5	152°03.5	A	27		10/09	1710	N/4
	1341	24°11.5	152°17	A	33		10/09	1815	5 Y 6/1
	1342	24°12	152°24.5	B	37		10/10	0648	5 Y 6/1
	1343	24°12.0	152°36	A	27		10/10	0802	5 Y 6/1
	1344	24°11.8	152°47	A	40		10/10	0908	5 Y 6/1
	1345	24°11.7	152°59.5	A	82		10/10	1027	5 Y 6/4
	1346	24°11.5	153°06.	A	479		10/10	1138	5 Y 5/2
	1347	24°20	153°14.8	B	290	Boxdred	10/10	1443	5 Y 6/1
	1348	24°19.4	153°01.8	A	49	Condred	10/10	1555	10 YR 7/4
	1349	24°18.6	152°51.5	A	38		10/10	1704	5 Y 6/1
	1350	24°20.0	152°39.7	A	25		10/10	1807	5 Y 6/1
	1351	24°20	152°28.5	A	31		10/11	0710	5 Y 6/1
	1352	24°20	152°17.5	B	28		10/11	0810	10 YR 5/4
	1353	24°20	152°07.5	A	26		10/11	0915	5 Y 4/1
	1354	24°29.5	152°16.5	A	22		10/11	1040	10 YR 5/4
	1355	24°29.5	152°28.5	A	22		10/11	1150	10 YR 5/4
	1356	24°30	152°39.5	B	27		10/11	1258	5 Y 6/1



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Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude		Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
Tasman	S70 - 1357	24°31	152°50.5	C	46	Condred	10/11	1404	5 Y 6/1
	1358	24°30.5	153°00.5	A	26		10/11	1512	N8
	1359	24°40	153°05.4	A	24		10/11	1610	5 Y 6/1
	1360	24°40	152°54.9	A	26		10/12	0759	5 Y 6/1
	1361	24°38.4	152°44	B	29		10/12	0904	5 Y 6/1
	1362	24°37.2	152°33.0	A	22		10/12	1003	10 YR 4/2
	1363	24°50.2	152°36.6	A	20		10/12	1134	10 YR 4/2
	1364	25°00	152°42.8	A	18		10/12	1247	10 Y 4/2
	1365	25°00	152°53.8	A	18		10/12	1355	5 GY 4/1
	1366	25°00.8	152°59.2	A	24		10/12	1624	5 GY 4/1
	1367	24°50	152°59.2	A	24		10/12	1624	5 Y 5/2
	1368	24°50	152°47.5	B	38		10/12	1725	5 Y 5/2
	1369	24°33	153°24	A	174	Boxdred	10/13	1025	5 Y 5/2
	1370	24°40	153°31	B	512	Condred	10/13	1205	10 YR 8/6
	1371	24°40	153°21	A	18		10/13	1309	5 Y 6/1
	1372	24°50	153°21	A	27		10/13	1414	5 Y 6/1
	1373	24°50	153°32.5	A	100		10/13	1522	10 YR 7/4
	1374	24°50	153°34.5	A	197	Camera	10/13	1540	
	1375	25°00	153°39	B	113	Condred	10/13	1725	
	1376	25°00	153°42.6	A	293	Boxdred	10/14	0825	
	1377	25°01.4	153°30	A	59		10/14	1002	10 YR 7/4
	1378	25°10.6	153°23.4	A	26		10/14	1105	10 YR 5/4
	1379	25°09.6	153°34	A	48		10/14	1200	5 YR 7/2
	1380	25°10	153°34.5	C	329		10/14	1555	5 Y 7/2
	1381	25°20	153°49	C	289		10/14	1744	10 YR 5/4
	1382	23°50	152°13	A	37	Pipdred	16/16	1345	N/9
	1383	23°50	152°03	B	40		10/16	1455	5 Y 6/1
	1384	23°50	151°52	C	36		10/17	0809	5 Y 6/1
	1385	23°50	151°41.5	A	35		10/17	0855	5 Y 5/2
	1386	23°40.5	151°36	A	20		10/17	0957	10 YR 8/2
	1387	23°40.5	151°46.5	A	38		10/17	1100	5 Y 6/1
	1388	23°40	151°57.2	A	44		10/17	1200	5 Y 7/2
	1389	23°30	151°58.5	A	42		10/17	1310	5 Y 8/1
	1390	23°30	151°45	A	27		10/17	1444	5 Y 8/1
	1391	23°30	151°36	A	31		10/17	1537	5 Y 8/1
	1392	23°30	151°27	A	31		10/17	1805	5 Y 6/1

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Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude		Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
S70 - 1393 Tasman	1393	23°19.5	151°38	A	36	Pipdred	10/17	1805	5 Y 6/1
	1394	23°20	151°28	A	35		10/18	0745	5 Y 7/2
	1395	23°20	151°16.8	A	31		10/18	0840	10 YR 4/2
	1396	23°10.3	151°12.7	A	31		10/18	0948	5 Y 6/1
	1397	23°09.6	151°23.2	A	38		10/18	1056	5 Y 6/1
	1398	23°09.6	151°34.3	A	41		10/18	1023	10 YR 7/4
	1399	23°09.6	151°45.4	A	49		10/18	1311	10 YR 7/4
	1400	23°05	152°30	C	237	Bigcore	10/19	1015	
	1401	23°05	152°30	C	197	Boxdred	10/19	1120	5 Y 5/2
	1402	23°05	152°30	C	192	Camera	10/19	1125	
	1403	24°02.5	152°46.5	A	218	Bigcore	10/23	1335	
	1404	25°20	153°38.2	C	55	Pipdred	10/24	0620	5 YR 8/1
	1405	25°21	153°27	B	51		10/24	0730	5 Y 6/1
	1406	25°22	153°15	B	37		10/24	0837	10 YR 5/4
	1407	25°33	153°21	B	27		10/24	0941	5 Y 5/2
	1408	25°33	153°21	B	48		10/24	1045	5 Y 5/2
	1409	25°34.5	153°33	B	58		10/24	1200	10 YR 6/2
	1410	25°35	153°48	C	154	Boxdred	10/24	1420	
	1411	25°48	153°53	D	196		10/24	1644	10 YR 5/4
	1412	25°51	153°40	C	69	Pipdred	10/24	1830	10 YR 6/2
	1413	25°4.	153°07.5	A	35		10/25	0611	10 YR 4/2
	1414	25°39.7	153°19	A	51		10/25	0718	10 YR 5/4
	1415	25°40	153°29	B	59		10/25	0828	5 Y 5/2
	1416	25°38	153°40.5	C	64		10/25	0934	5 Y 7/2
	1417	25°47	153°33	C	64		10/25	1046	5 Y 5/2
	1418	25°50	153°20.4	A	51		10/25	1205	5 Y 5/2
	1419	25°50	153°09.3	A	35		10/25	1357	5 GY 3/2
	1420	26°00	153°11.5	A	55		10/25	1532	5 GY 3/2
	1421	25°59.2	153°22.5	A	59		10/25	1641	5 GY 5/2
	1422	26°00	153°33.5	B	64		10/25	1803	5 Y 5/2
	1423	26°30	153°08.5	A	27		10/26	1150	10 YR 5/4
	1424	26°20	153°07.5	A	27		10/27	0725	10 YR 4/2
	1425	26°10	153°07	A	27		10/27	0825	10 YR 5/4
	1426	26°09.5	153°18.5	A	56		10/27	0936	5 Y 5/2
	1427	26°09	153°29.5	B	64		10/27	1058	10 Y 4/2
	1428	26°08	153°40.5	C	71		10/27	1215	5 Y 6/1

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Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude		Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
Tasman	1429	26°08	153°52	C	201	Boxdred	10/27	1409	10 YR 5/4
	1430	26°00	153°44.5	C	64	Pipdred	10/27	1517	10 YR 7/4
	1431	26°00	153°53.5	D	230		10/27	1620	10 YR 5/4
	1432	26°20.4	153°18.5	A	55		10/28	0802	5 Y 5/2
	1433	26°20	153°30	B	64		10/28	0909	5 Y 5/2
	1434	26°20	153°41	C	113		10/28	1019	5 GY 3/2
	1435	26°20	153°51	C	293		10/28	1150	5 GY 5/2
	1436	26°31	153°45	C	283		10/28	1404	5 Y 5/2
	1437	26°33	153°32	C	60	Boxdred	10/28	1615	
	1438	26°30	153°19.3	A	59	Pipdred	10/28	1722	
	1439	26°49	153°41	C	329		10/29	0845	10 YR 6/2
	1440	26°49.7	153°19.2	A	46		10/29	1121	5 Y 4/1
	1441	26°40.0	153°18.5	A	48		10/29	1245	5 Y 5/2
	1442	26°40	153°30	A	79		10/29	1350	5 Y 5/2
	1443	26°40	153°30.80	A	18		10/29	1555	10 YR 6/2
	1444	26°50	153°30	A	84		10/30	1231	5 Y 5/2
	1445	26°40	153°39	C	220		10/30	1417	10 YR 5/4
Kelaobk	1446	24°03	159°20	B	55	Boxdred	11/01	0640	N9
	1447				220		11/01	0708	
	1448	24°04	159°34	C	91		11/01	1545	
	1449	24°04	159°38.5	C	274		11/01	1700	N9
	1450	24°02	159°35	B	274		11/01	1900	N9
	1451	23°57.5	159°31	C	182		11/02	0955	N9
	1452	24°06.5	159°17	C	128		11/02	1453	N9
	1453	23°59	159°17	C	330		11/02	1715	N8
Tasman	1454	27°00	153°39.2	A	184	Pipdred	11/04	0610	5 Y 5/2
	1455	27°00.1	153°31.5	A	102		11/04	0700	5 Y 5/2
	1456	27°098	153°28.6	A	42		11/04	0800	5 Y 5/6
	1457	27°097	153°41.0	A	170		11/04	0915	5 Y 5/2
	1458	27°18.7	153°47.4	A	220		11/04	1044	10 Y 6/2
	1459	27°19.5	153°35.5	A	75		11/04	1143	5 Y 5/6
	1460	27°30	153°35.0	A	31		11/04	1252	10 YR 6/2
	1461	27°29.8	153°47.7	A	137		11/04	1415	5 Y 5/2
	1462	27°30	153°56.7	B	392		11/04	1530	5 Y 7/2
	1463	27°40	153°56.6	C	225		11/04	1646	5 Y 5/6
	1464	27°44.5	153°38.8		86		11/04	1802	5 Y 6/1

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Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
Tasman	S70 - 1465	27°40	153°31.0	A 42	Pipdred	11/06	1105	10 YR 4/2
	1466	27°50.5	153°29.5	A 47		11/06	1207	10 YR 5/4
	1467	27°51.0	153°41.0	A 80		11/06	1307	10 YR 6/2
	1468	27°52.5	153°52.0	C 190		11/06	1417	10 YR 5/4
	1469	28°05	153°56	C 256		11/06	1550	10 YR 5/4
	1470	27°58.5	153°43.5	A 86		11/06	1805	10 YR 5/4
	1471	27°59.5	153°33.0	A 47		11/06	1915	10 YR 5/4
	1472	28°10.1	153°40.2	A 62		11/17	0731	5 Y 5/6
	1473	28°10.5	153°51.8	B 184		11/17	0852	10 YR 5/4
	1474	28°20.2	153°53.5	C 338		11/17	1010	5 YR 5/2
	1475	28.20	153°40.5	A 58		11/17	1127	10 YR 5/4
	1476	28°30	153°39.5	A 49		11/17	1225	5 YR 5/6
	1477	28°30	153°50.2	A 157		11/17	1336	5 Y 5/6
	1478	28°40	153°53.7	B 234		11/17	1513	10 YR 5/4
	1479	28°40	153°42.3	A 58		11/17	1621	5 Y 5/6
	1480	28°50	153°40	A 58		11/18	0705	10 YR 5/4
	1481	28°41.5	153°47.5	A 99		11/22	1000	10 YR 6/2
	1482	28°59.5	153°37.5	A 48		11/22	1147	10 YR 4/2
	1483	29°10.5	153°31	A 42		11/22	1305	10 YR 4/2
	1484	29°09.5	153°40	A 71		11/22	1420	10 YR 4/2
	1485	29°09.5	153°50	C 219		11/22	1533	10 YR 4/2
	1486	29°00	153°50	C 179		11/22	1640	10 YR 4/2
	1487	29°20	153°26	A 42		11/23	0737	5 Y 3/2
	1488	29°20	153°37.4	A 77		11/23	0849	10 YR 4/2
	1489	29°20	153°48.6	C 240		11/23	1017	10 YR 2/2
	1490	29°30	153°47	C 256		11/23	1125	10 YR 4/2
	1491	29°30	153°37.9	C 77		11/23	1230	10 YR 4/2
	1492	29°31.1	153°24.1	A 51		11/23	1411	10 YR 2/2
	1493	29°40	153°21.7	A 42		11/23	1512	10 YR 4/2
	1494	29°40.2	155°33.1	A 77		11/23	1624	10 YR 4/2
	1495	29°40	153°43.4	C 260		11/23	1733	10 YR 4/2
	1496	30°00.2	153°29.2	A 88		11/24	0803	10 YR 4/2
	1497	29°59.8	153°21.2	A 49		11/24	0852	10 YR 6/2
	1498	29°49.9	153°19.1	A 31		11/24	1000	10 YR 6/2
	1499	29°50.3	153°30.8	A 80		11/24	1107	10 YR 4/2
	1500	30°20	153°14.6	A 59		11/25	1405	5 Y 5/2

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Locality	Sample No.	Latitude	Longitude		Depth (m)	Sampling Method	Date	Time	Colour
Tasman	S70 - 1501	30°20	153°26.2	A	201	Pipdred	11/25	1615	5 Y 4/4
	1502	30°10	153°31.0	A	187		11/25	1830	5 Y 5/2
	1503	30°10	153°19.6	A	66		11/25	1935	5 Y 5/2
	1504	29°50	153°39	A	165		11/26	1818	10 YR 4/2
	1505	28°56.4	153°50.7	A	220		11/29	1150	10 YR 4/2
	1506	29°01	153°54.	A	229	Boxdred	12/05	0740	10 YR 6/2
	1507	30°02.3	153°32.5	A	164		12/05	1250	10 YR 4/2
	1508	30°49.8	153°07.3	A	69	Pipdred	12/06	0830	5 Y 5/2
	1509	30°40	153°08.7	A	58		12/06	0940	10 YR 4/2
	1510	36°30	153°12.	A	55		12/08	1400	10 YR 4/2
	1511	30°30	153°23.0	B	219		12/08	1505	10 YR 4/2
	1512	30°39.6	153°19.8	A	197		12/10	1033	10 YR 4/2
	1513	30°42.4	153°18.6	A	200	Boxdred	12/10	1156	
	1514	30°52.5	153°17.5	A	278		12/10	1300	
	1515	31°01.9	153°13.9	A	274		12/10	1507	10 YR 4/2
	1516	31°10.6	153°13.9	A	241		12/10	1630	10 YR 4/2
	1517	31°10.1	153°05.0	A	82	Pipdred	12/10	1830	10 YR 4/2
	1518	31°00.4	153°04.7	A	46		12/10	1955	5 Y 4/4
	1519	31°20.0	153°02.7	A	64		12/11	0730	10 YR 4/2
	1520	31°22	153°10.4	A	174	Boxdred	12/11	0940	10 YR 4/2
	1521	31°30	153°12.8	A	274		12/11	1212	
	1522	31°29.5	152°59.8	A	62	Pipdred	12/12	0830	5 YR 4/4
	1523	31°40	152°57	A	71		12/12	0932	10 YR 4/2
	1524	31°39.7	153°07.6	A	183	Boxdred	12/12	1210	10 YR 4/2
	1525	31°50.5	153°07.6	A	220		12/12	1430	5 Y 5/2
	1526	32°01.0	153°02.7	A	164		12/12	1625	
	1527	31°59.6	152°51.8	A	108	Pipdred	12/12	1730	10 YR 4/2
	1528	31°59.4	152°40.1	A	42		12/12	1837	10 YR 5/4
	1529	31°51.2	152°54.4	A	91		12/12	2010	10 YR 5/4

\* POSITION GRADING

- A. Accurate: Error less than one mile. Fixed by direct reference to charted position.
- B. Good: Error less than two miles. Short D.R. run from "A" class fix or first class celestial fix.
- C. Fair: Error probably less than three miles. Standard celestial fix or short to moderate D.R. run from "B" class fix.
- D. Approximate: Error may be as much as five to eight miles. Interpolation between widely spaced "B" or "C" class fixes.