

**AMAP
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1. INTRODUCTION

The monitoring programme in relation to Greenland marine environment was initiated in 1994 as a part of the Arctic Marine Monitoring Programme (AMAP). Monitoring is carried out in four regions in Greenland: Avanersuaq (Thule), Disko, Narsarsuaq/Nanortalik, Ittoqqortoormiit (Scoresbysund)/Kangerlussuaq.

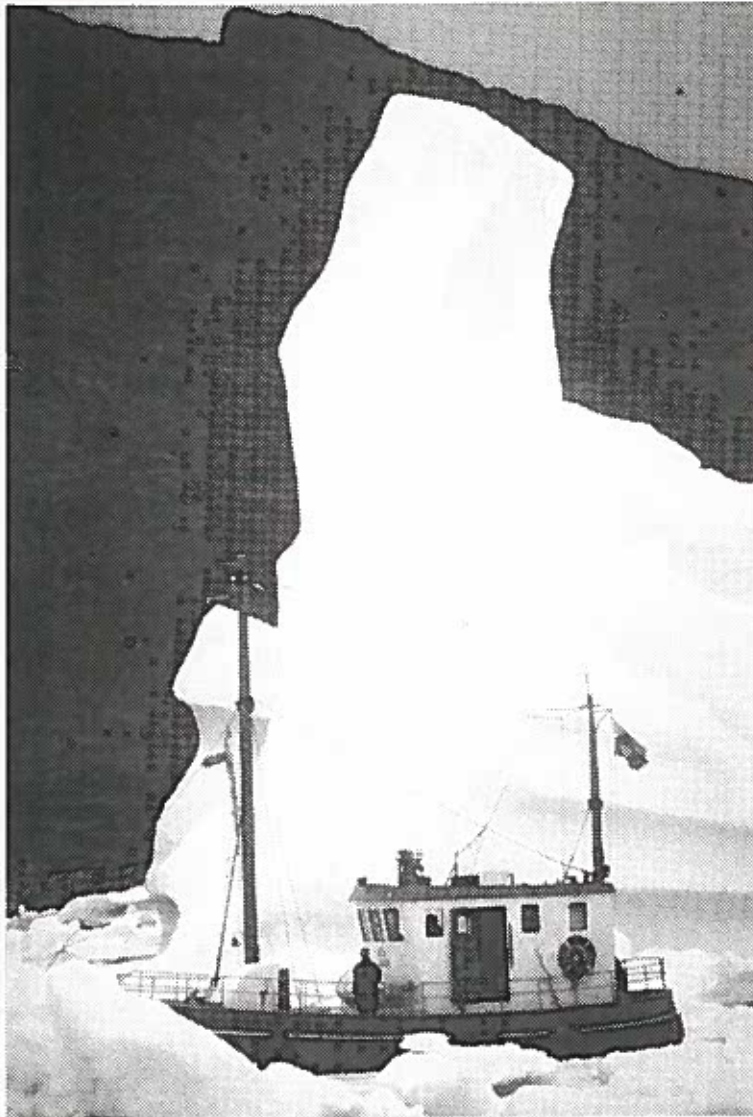
This report describes the marine monitoring programme carried out in the Nanortalik region in June 1992. Samples were taken of sediments, Blue mussels (*Mytilis edulis*), Shorthorn sculpin (*Myoxocephalus scorpius*) and seawater. In the same region - near Aappillattoq, east of Nanortalik - Ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*), and later Glaucous gulls (*Larus hyperboreus*), were collected.

The samples collected will be analyzed for (1) heavy metal content by Greenland Environmental Research Institute (GERI); (2) organic compounds (PAH and PCB) by Denmark Environmental Research Institute (DERI); and (3) for radionucleatides (Cs-134/137 and Sr-90) by Risø.

2. LOGISTICS

The members of the expedition arrived at Narsarsuaq from Copenhagen and Nuuk respectively on 7 June 1994. The research vessel "Adolf Jensen" awaited in the Narsarsuaq harbour and departed at 4 pm. The navigation through Tunulliarfik (Skovfjord) past Igaliku and Narsaq progressed without any problems as there was little ice present. On the way to Mato-løbet the ice was extremely tightly packed (8/10). At 10 pm. we anchored in a small bay before Mato-løbet.

We reached Qaqortoq, Julianehåb, the next morning after sailing for three hours through very tightly packed ice (8-9/10). Here we replaced the ships batteries, and in the afternoon we continued following the inland route past Eqalugaarsuit and Saarloq to Zacharias Havn



Tightly packed polar ice in Mato-løbet near Qaqortoq, Julianehåb, 8 June 1994

north of Alluitsup Paa, Sydprøver. Few problems with the ice were encountered on the way.

From the 9 - 12 June samples were collected over an area of approximately 150 km² around Tuttuarsuk island, ca. 10 km east from Alluitsup Paa. The ice conditions in the area were reasonable and only hampered sampling efforts a little.

On the afternoon of 12 June, we departed the sampling area and travelled along the same route back to Narsuaq, where we arrived at 3 am. 13 June. Once again, it was only in Mato-løbet that there was a lot of ice. In Narsuaq all the samples were delivered to KNI to be sent back to Copenhagen. The research vessel departed Narsuaq on the morning of 14 June, and headed towards Narsarsuaq, where we then caught a plane back to Copenhagen. The flight was delayed until 9 pm. due to bad weather.

The members of the expedition included - Marianne Cleemann (chemist - DERI), Lone Hertz (laboratory technician - DERI) and Christian Glahder (expedition leader - biologist - GERI). Laura Glahder Lindberg also came along as a guest. The skipper of the "Adolf Jensen", was Alving Ettrup. In addition to this, there was a crew of 6 men (engineer, cook, 3 sailors and an assistant biologist).

3. MARINE SAMPLES

As mentioned, the marine sampling was carried out in the area around Tuttutuarsuk island and Unartoq, about 40 km north from Nanortalik and ca. 10 km east from Alluitsup Paa, Sydprøven (Appendix 1.7).

The study area was chosen for two reasons. The first reason was to come as close as possible to the area where Ringed seals and Glaucous gulls were collected, about 50 km east of Nanortalik. Due to the limited duration of the expedition (1 week) and the heavy polar ice, it was considered not possible to reach as far as Aappillatoq. The other reason was to find an area close to the coast where it was possible to collect coastal sediment samples which were relatively uninfluenced by the big rivers.

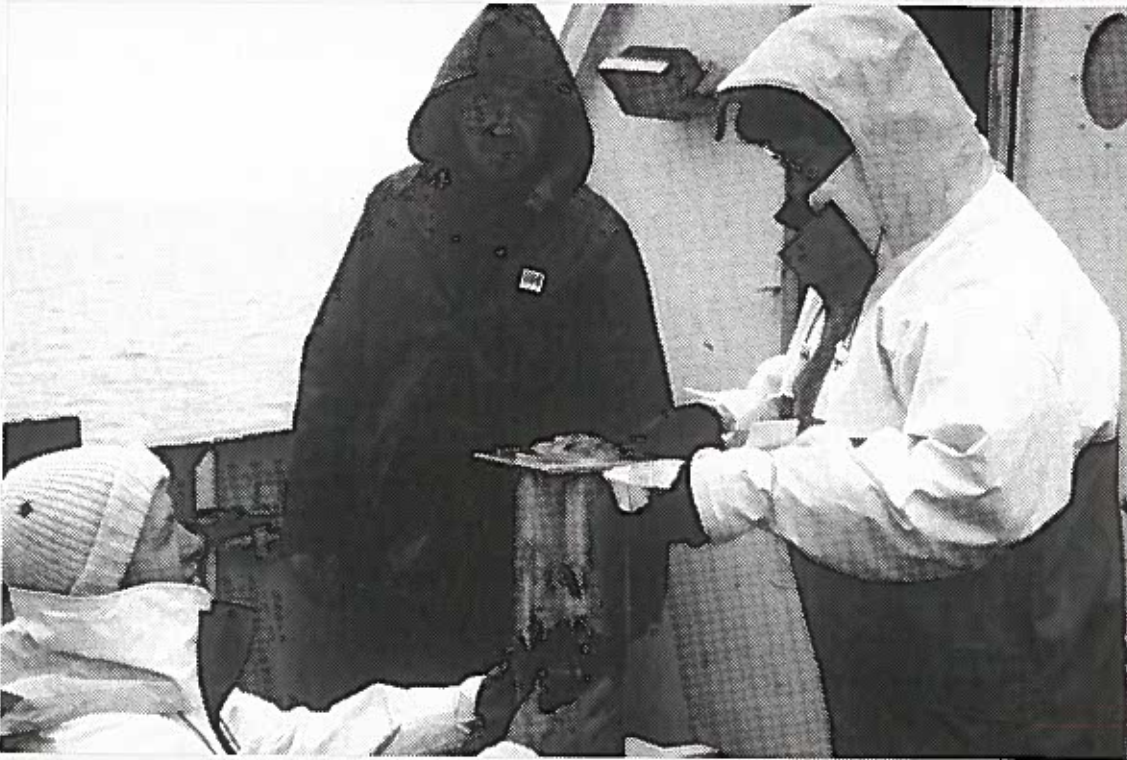
Overall, 10 sampling stations were established and 177 samples were collected. At 5 sediment sample stations a total of 39 samples were taken, including 9 sediment columns cut into slices. At 3 mussel stations, 31 samples were collected containing 5 different size groups of Blue mussels. 102 Shorthorn sculpin were caught at 1 fish station, which was divided into 4 separate netting sites. Finally, 5 samples of seawater, each consisting of 50 l, were collected from 1 water sampling station.

The four marine sample types are discussed in greater detail below.

3.1 Sediment

The positions of the 5 sediment stations (S 1 - S 5) are given in Appendix 1.1, together with respective water depths. The geographic positioning of the stations is depicted in Appendix 1.7. For further details refer to Appendix 1.2.

Sediment samples were taken from relatively deep water (160 - 285 m) as the bottom was soft at these depths. Samples were taken with a HAPS bottom sampler with a 1/70 m² orifice. In most cases only the top 1.5 cm (0 - 1.5 cm) of the ca. 20 cm column of sediment collected was taken as a sample. According to the AMAP programme guidelines, only the top 1 cm (0-1.0 cm) was to be sampled. However, as the bottom surface was often uneven, the approximate average surface level was determined as being 0 cm in order to avoid collecting insufficient sediment.



The top 1.5 cm of the sediment column was cut off with a stainless steel knife for PAH/PCB-analyses, 9 June 1994. (Marianne Cleemann, Daniel and Lone Hertz).

One to two columns of sediment per station, 8 columns overall, were cut up into 1 cm slices for possible dating and further analyses. One column was cut up into 3 cm slices and used for Risø's analyses. If there is a need of more sample material, for instance if there is a big stone in the top 9 cm of the Risø sample, sediment can be obtained from one of the sediment columns mentioned above.

Sediment samples that were to be used for heavy metal analyses (GERI) and Risø's tests were cut with a plastic ruler and placed into plastic bags and frozen.

Sediment samples that were to be used for PAH- and PCB-analyses (DERI) were cut with a stainless steel knife and placed into a folio tray and frozen.

3.2 Mussels

The positions of the 3 mussel stations (M 1 - M 5) are given in Appendix 1.1 The geographic positioning of the stations is depicted in Appendix 1.7. For further details refer to Appendix 1.3 and 1.4.

Blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) of the following 5 size categories were collected at the 3 sampling stations (shell length in cm): 3.0 - 3.9; 4.0 - 4.9; 5.0 - 5.9; 6.0 - 6.9; 7.0 - 7.9. As was recommended in the AMAP programme, an attempt was made to collect mussels of the 2.0 - 2.9 cm size category, but the few that were found of that size were inaccessible. A minimum of 40 mussels in the 3.0 - 3.9 cm size category were collected from each station, and 30 of these were cut up for tests. A minimum of 30 mussels were collected for each of the other groups at each station, of which approximately 20 were cut up for tests.

In the laboratory on board the "Adolf Jensen" the mussels were separated into mm groups within their respective cm size categories (see Appendix 1.4), cut up and left to drip dry. The soft sections were then cut free with a scalpel and deposited directly into plastic bags (for heavy metal analyses, GERI) or folio trays (for PAH- and PCB-analyses, DERI) and frozen. The shells were dried in paper bags and packed down in plastic bags for possible future use.



Collection of Blue mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) at station M 2, 11. June 1994 (Lone Hertz).

3.3 Fish

The positions of the fish station's 4 netting sites (F1) are given in Appendix 1.1. The geographic position of the fish station is depicted in Appendix 1.7. For further details refer to Appendix 1.5.

According to AMAP's marine monitoring programme, it is essential to take samples from Polar cod (*Boreogadus saida*) or Arctic cod (*Arctogadus glacialis*). However, discussions with the local trawl fishermen revealed that Polar cod were seldom caught in the area. Since the "Adolf Jensen" was only fitted with a little trawl net (a so called Siegsbee trawl) it was decided to catch the AMAP programme's alternative fish Sculpin *Myoxocephalus* sp. We chose the Shorthorn sculpin (*Myoxocephalus scorpius*).

The Shorthorn sculpins were caught in shallow water. The mean length of the sculpins was 24.8 ± 4.7 cm (N=102) ranging from 15.0 to 37.0 cm. The mean weight of the fish was 198.3 ± 117.8 g (N=88), ranging from 43 to 575 g. All the sculpin were placed in plastic bags and frozen.

3.4 Seawater

The position of the seawater sample station (V1) is given in Appendix 1.1., together with the water depth at which samples were taken. The geographic position of the fish station is depicted in Appendix 1.7. Appendix 1.6 shows the five 50 l water samples that were taken at the station. The Risø containers were rinsed 3 times with seawater prior to being filled up. The water temperature measured with two reversible thermometers at a depth of 3 meters was found to be $+1.49^{\circ}\text{C}$. The water samples were sent directly to Risø from Narsaq.

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Appendix 1.1 Station positions

Station	Location	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Depth (m)/sample
S1	N. Unartoq Fjord	60°28'96	45°23'90	160
S2	Unartoq Øst	60°29'15	45°18'27	235
S3	Tugtutuarssun Øst	60°25'30	45°20'22	285
S4	Unartoq Øst	60°26'50	45°18'25	272
S5	Tugtutuarssuk Sydvest	60°24'60	45°28'55	256
M1	Tugtutuarssuk Øst	60°25'60	45°24'30	Mussels
M2	Nukasak Vest	60°28'20	45°16'20	Mussels
M3	Unartoq Vest	60°30'30	45°21'20	Mussels
F1	Unartoq	60°30'50	45°19'50	Sculpins
F1	Unartoq	60°25'30	45°23'30	Sculpins
F1	Unartoq	60°28'35	45°16'20	Sculpins
F1	Unartoq	60°29'70	45°26'00	Sculpins
V1	N. Unartoq Fjord	60°28'96	45°23'90	3

Appendix 1.2 Sediment stations

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Ini.	Column slice (cm)	Remarks
S1	13801	Sediment	AMAP	9.6.94	CMG	2	DERI
S1	13802	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S1	13803	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S1	13804	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S1	13805	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI, ÷PAH
S1	13806	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI, ÷PAH
S1	13807	"	"	"	"	0-16	GERI, in one cm slices
S1	13808	"	"	"	"	0-3,3-6,6-9, 9-12, 12-14	RISØ, one big stone in upper 9 cm
S2	13809	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S2	13810	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S2	13811	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S2	13812	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S2	13813	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S2	13814	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S2	13815	"	"	"	"	0-21	GERI, in one cm slices
S2	13816	"	"	"	"	0-21	GERI, in one cm slices
S3	13817	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S3	13818	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S3	13819	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S3	13820	"	"	"	"	-	DERI
S3	13821	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S3	13822	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI

Appendix 1.2 Sediment stations, (cont.)

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Ini.	Column slice (cm)	Remarks
S3	13823	Sediment	AMAP	9.6.94	CMG	0-19	GERI, in one cm slices
S3	13824	"	"	"	"	0-19	GERI, in one cm slices
S4	13825	"	"	10.6.94	CMG	1,5	DERI
S4	13826	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S4	13827	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S4	13828	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S4	13829	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S4	13830	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S4	13831	"	"	"	"	0-19	GERI, in one cm slices
S4	13832	"	"	"	"	0-19	GERI, in one cm slices
S5	13833	"	"	11.6.94	"	2	DERI
S5	13834	"	"	"	"	2	DERI
S5	13835	"	"	12.6.94	"	1,5	DERI
S5	13836	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S5	13837	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S5	13838	"	"	"	"	1,5	DERI
S5	13839	"	"	11.6.94	"	0-14	GERI, in one cm slices

Appendix 1.3 Musselstations (Blue mussel *Mytilus edulis*) (number = no.; length category = l.c.)

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Ini.	no.	l.c. (cm)	Remarks
M1	15311	Blue mussel	AMAP	10.6.94	CMG	34	3-4	DERI
M1	15312	"	"	"	CMG	28	3-4	GERI
M1	15313	"	"	"	CMG	20	5-6	GERI
M1	15314	"	"	"	CMG	34	4-5	DERI
M1	15315	"	"	"	CMG	20	4-5	GERI
M1	15316	"	"	"	CMG	20	6-7	GERI
M1	15317	"	"	"	LH	25	5-6	DERI
M1	15318	"	"	"	CMG	8	7-8	GERI
M1	15319	"	"	"	MC	20	6-7	DERI
M1	15320	"	"	"	LH	8	7-8	DERI
M1	15321	"	"	"	CMG	-	-	RISØ ca. 1.400 g
M1	15359	"	"	"	CMG	-	6-7	GERI, shell
M1	15360	"	"	"	CMG	-	4-5	GERI, shell
M1	15361	"	"	"	CMG	-	5-6	GERI, shell
M1	15362	"	"	"	CMG	-	3-4	GERI, shell
M1	15363	"	"	"	CMG	-	7-8	GERI, shell
M1	15364	"	"	"	LH	-	3-4	DERI, shell
M1	15365	"	"	"	LH	-	4-5	DERI, shell
M1	15366	"	"	"	LH	-	5-6	DERI, shell
M1	15367	"	"	"	LH	-	6-7	DERI, shell
M1	15368	"	"	"	LH	-	7-8	DERI, shell
M2	15369	"	"	11.6.94	LH	20	4-5	DERI
M2	15370	"	"	"	CMG	20	4-5	GERI
M2	15371	"	"	"	CMG	20	5-6	GERI
M2	15372	"	"	"	MC	20	5-6	DERI
M2	15373	"	"	"	LH	20	6-7	DERI
M2	15374	"	"	"	CMG	18	6-7	GERI
M2	15375	"	"	"	CMG	20	7-8	GERI, shells lacking
M2	15376	"	"	"	MC	17	7-8	DERI, shells lacking

Appendix 1.3 Musselstations (Blue mussel *Mytilus edulis*), (cont.)

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Ini.	no.	l.c. (cm)	Remarks
M2	13840	Blue mussel	AMAP	11.6.94	LGL	27	3-4	GERI
M2	13841	"	"	"	MC	27	3-4	NERI
M2	13873	"	"	12.6.94	CMG	-	4-5	GERI, shell
M2	13874	"	"	"	CMG	-	3-4	GERI, shell
M2	13875	"	"	"	CMG	-	5-6	GERI, shell
M2	13876	"	"	"	CMG	-	6-7	GERI, shell
M2	13877	"	"	"	CMG	-	3-4	NERI, shell
M2	13878	"	"	"	CMG	-	4-5	NERI, shell
M2	13879	"	"	"	CMG	-	5-6	NERI, shell
M2	13880	"	"	"	CMG	-	6-7	NERI, shell
M3	13881	"	"	"	CMG	31	3-4	GERI
M3	13882	"	"	"	MC	30	3-4	NERI
M3	13883	"	"	"	LH	25	4-5	NERI
M3	13884	"	"	"	CMG	20	4-5	GERI
M3	13885	"	"	"	CMG	20	5-6	GERI
M3	13886	"	"	"	MC	20	5-6	NERI
M3	13887	"	"	"	LH	20	6-7	NERI
M3	13888	"	"	"	CMG	20	6-7	GERI
M3	13889	"	"	"	CMG	20	7-8	GERI
M3	13890	"	"	"	MC	20	7-8	NERI, in two trays
M3	13891	"	"	"	LH	-	7-8	NERI, shell
M3	13892	"	"	"	LH	-	6-7	NERI, shell
M3	13893	"	"	"	LH	-	5-6	NERI, shell
M3	13894	"	"	"	LH	-	4-5	NERI, shell
M3	13895	"	"	"	LH	-	3-4	NERI, shell
M3	13896	"	"	"	LH	-	7-8	GERI, shell
M3	13897	"	"	"	LH	-	6-7	GERI, shell
M3	13898	"	"	"	LH	-	5-6	GERI, shell
M3	13899	"	"	"	LH	-	4-5	GERI, shell
M3	13900	"	"	"	LH	-	3-4	GERI, shell

Appendix 1.5 Fish stations (Shorthorn sculpin *Myoxocephalus scorpius*)

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Ini.	length (cm)	weight (g)	Remarks
F1	13842	Shorthorn sculpins	AMAP	12.6.94	CMG	27.0	252	GERI
F1	13843	"	"	"	"	23.9	146	NERI
F1	13844	"	"	"	"	25.0	190	GERI
F1	13845	"	"	"	"	24.3	190	NERI
F1	13846	"	"	"	"	24.4	185	GERI
F1	13847	"	"	"	"	25.9	225	NERI
F1	13848	"	"	"	"	24.6	185	GERI
F1	13849	"	"	"	"	23.5	167	NERI
F1	13850	"	"	"	"	22.2	130	GERI
F1	13851	"	"	"	"	18.9	83	NERI
F1	13852	"	"	"	"	20.9	122	GERI
F1	13853	"	"	"	"	23.2	135	NERI
F1	13854	"	"	"	"	21.4	109	GERI
F1	13855	"	"	"	"	23.0	155	NERI
F1	13856	"	"	"	"	21.9	127	GERI
F1	13857	"	"	"	"	19.0	74	NERI
F1	13858	"	"	"	"	18.3	71	GERI
F1	13859	"	"	"	"	37.0	>600g	NERI
F1	13860	"	"	"	"	28.0	334	GERI
F1	13861	"	"	"	"	25.9	190	NERI
F1	13862	"	"	"	"	25.0	226	GERI
F1	13863	"	"	"	"	23.9	156	NERI
F1	13864	"	"	"	"	26.1	254	GERI
F1	13865	"	"	"	"	25.0	208	NERI
F1	13866	"	"	"	"	24.7	235	GERI
F1	13867	"	"	"	"	24.6	178	NERI
F1	13868	"	"	"	"	22.6	140	GERI
F1	13869	"	"	"	"	22.5	143	NERI

Appendix 1.5 Fish stations (Shorthorn sculpin *Myoxocephalus scorpius*), (cont.)

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Ini.	length (cm)	weight (g)	Remarks
F1	13870	Shorthorn sculpin	AMAP	12.6.94	CMG	20.3	99	GERI
F1	13871	"	"	"	"	20.0	95	NERI
F1	13872	"	"	"	"	17.4	60	GERI
F1	15301	"	"	10.6.94	"	23.5	-	NERI
F1	15302	"	"	"	"	29.4	-	NERI
F1	15303	"	"	"	"	19.6	-	NERI
F1	15304	"	"	"	"	22.2	-	NERI
F1	15305	"	"	"	"	23.6	-	NERI
F1	15306	"	"	"	"	22.1	-	NERI
F1	15307	"	"	"	"	29.8	-	NERI
F1	15308	"	"	"	"	27.6	-	NERI
F1	15309	"	"	"	"	32.0	-	NERI
F1	15310	"	"	"	"	22.0	-	NERI
F1	15322	"	"	"	"	15.0	-	-
F1	15323	"	"	"	"	24.0	-	-
F1	15324	"	"	11.6.94	"	34.2	456	NERI
F1	15325	"	"	"	"	37.0	> 610	NERI
F1	15326	"	"	"	"	35.3	534	NERI
F1	15327	"	"	"	"	36.7	545	NERI
F1	15328	"	"	"	"	25.8	195	NERI
F1	15329	"	"	"	"	25.0	182	NERI
F1	15330	"	"	"	"	27,0	238	NERI
F1	15331	"	"	"	"	23.6	156	NERI
F1	15332	"	"	"	"	23.6	149	NERI
F1	15333	"	"	"	"	23.7	156	NERI
F1	15334	"	"	"	"	23.8	160	NERI
F1	15335	"	"	"	"	21.1	102	NERI
F1	15336	"	"	"	"	23.7	142	NERI

Appendix 1.5 Fish stations (Shorthorn sculpin *Myoxocephalus scorpius*), (cont.)

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Ini.	length (cm)	weight (g)	Remarks
F1	15337	Shorthorn sculpin	AMAP	11.6.94	CMG	23.0	152	GERI
F1	15338	"	"	"	"	21.5	109	GERI
F1	15339	"	"	"	"	25.1	185	GERI
F1	15340	"	"	"	"	30.0	365	GERI
F1	15341	"	"	"	"	28.3	300	GERI
F1	15342	"	"	"	"	29.0	280	GERI
F1	15343	"	"	"	"	25.8	202	GERI
F1	15344	"	"	"	"	28.9	150	GERI
F1	15345	"	"	"	"	22.8	155	GERI
F1	15346	"	"	"	"	21.7	142	GERI
F1	15347	"	"	"	"	22.9	140	GERI
F1	15348	"	"	"	"	25.3	195	GERI
F1	15349	"	"	"	"	23.3	159	GERI
F1	15350	"	"	"	"	23.0	128	GERI
F1	15351	"	"	"	"	21.0	114	GERI
F1	15352	"	"	"	"	22.4	138	GERI
F1	15353	"	"	"	"	18.3	70	GERI
F1	15354	"	"	"	"	18.6	78	GERI
F1	15355	"	"	"	"	17.7	63	GERI
F1	15356	"	"	"	"	17.9	57	GERI
F1	15357	"	"	"	"	19.3	84	GERI
F1	15358	"	"	"	"	15.2	43	GERI
F1	15377	"	"	"	"	24.8	189	GERI
F1	15378	"	"	"	"	25.2	184	GERI
F1	15379	"	"	"	"	25.0	181	GERI
F1	15380	"	"	"	"	27.9	251	RISØ
F1	15381	"	"	"	"	25.3	215	RISØ
F1	15382	"	"	"	"	22.5	112	RISØ

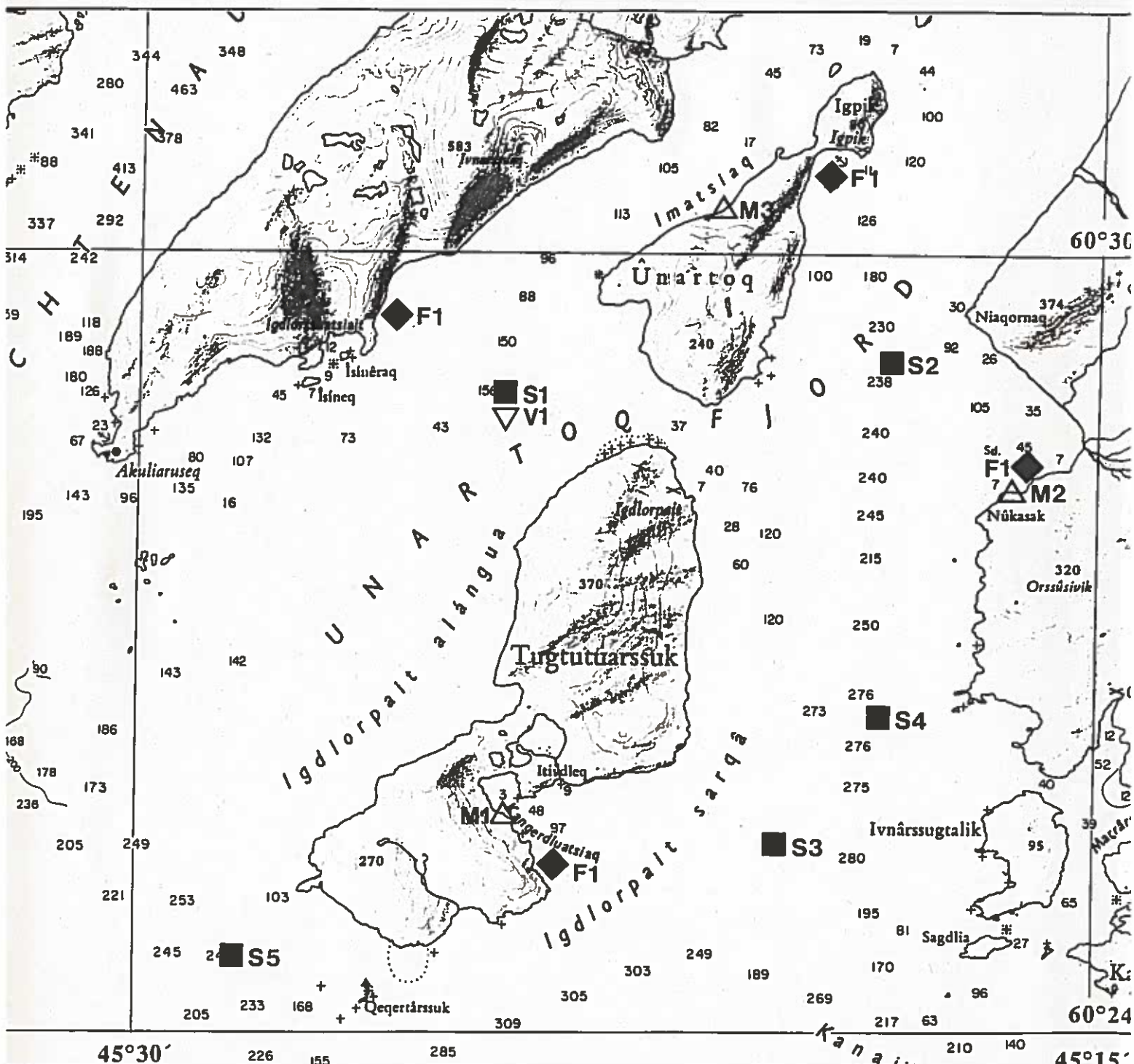
Appendix 1.5 Fish stations (Shorthorn sculpin *Myoxocephalus scorpius*), (cont.)

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Ini.	length (cm)	weight (g)	Remarks
F1	15383	Shorthorn sculpin	AMAP	11.6.94	CMG	16.8	43	RISØ
F1	15384	"	"	"	"	17.3	47	RISØ
F1	15385	"	"	12.6.96	"	32.0	430	RISØ
F1	15386	"	"	"	"	31.6	415	RISØ
F1	15387	"	"	"	"	30.3	382	RISØ
F1	15388	"	"	"	"	30.6	273	RISØ
F1	15389	"	"	"	"	28.7	310	RISØ
F1	15390	"	"	"	"	28.6	248	RISØ
F1	15391	"	"	"	"	27.5	268	RISØ
F1	15392	"	"	"	"	29.8	330	RISØ
F1	15393	"	"	"	"	19.8	87	RISØ
F1	15394	"	"	"	"	20.6	94	RISØ
F1	15395	"	"	"	"	33.8	575	RISØ
F1	15396	"	"	"	"	31.8	446	RISØ
F1	15397	"	"	"	"	30.6	356	RISØ
F1	15398	"	"	"	"	31.6	366	RISØ
F1	15399	"	"	"	"	27.2	250	RISØ
F1	15400	"	"	"	"	28.3	310	RISØ

Appendix 1.6 Seawater station

Station	ID.no.	Sample	Project	Date	Amount	Remarks
V1	-	Seawater	AMAP	9.6.94	5 x 50 l	-

Appendix 1.7 Map of sampling area with stations marked



- S 3 Sediment station
- △ M 2 Mussel station
- ◆ F 1 Fish station
- ▽ V 1 Seawater station

