

Cruise Report: Skjoldmöen (190313)

Objective: In situ measurements including concentrations of chlorophyll-a (as indicator for biomass) and photosynthetic efficiency (both with a fluorescence sensor); the latter describing how well phytoplankton do photosynthesis and useful as a stress indicator.

Method: The in situ sensors were implemented in a flow-through systems connected to a pump and sampling hose. The hose was attached to rigid horizontal beam mounted over the side of the sailing vessel Skjoldmöen, and weighted to keep it at a depth of 2 meter. The cruise was intended as a trial for an upcoming circumnavigation of the world.

Results: Unfortunetaly, we had several technical difficulties. At first, the hose was not deep enough immersed and the pump sucked air through the system while the vessel were rolling, even at lower sea states. We believe that was the reasoning while the pump failed shortly. These are the reasons why no scientific data are available

We thank the Directorate of Fisheries for the permission to conduct our trial of equipment.

Best regards



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