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## Short Cruise Report MARIA S. MERIAN cruise MSM98 (GPF 20-3\_092)

**Emden – Emden (Germany)**  
**08.01.2021 – 23.01.2021**  
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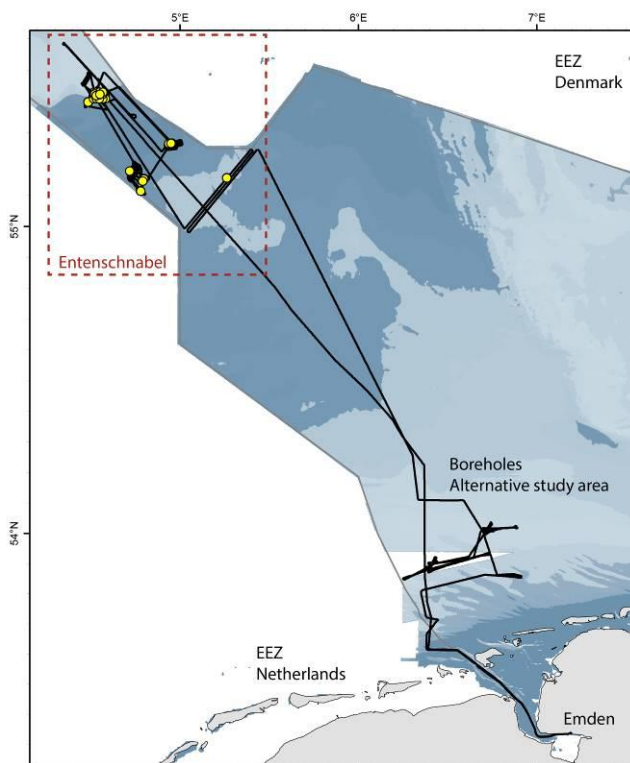


Figure 1: Overview of the ships track (black line) and stations (yellow dots) of MSM98.

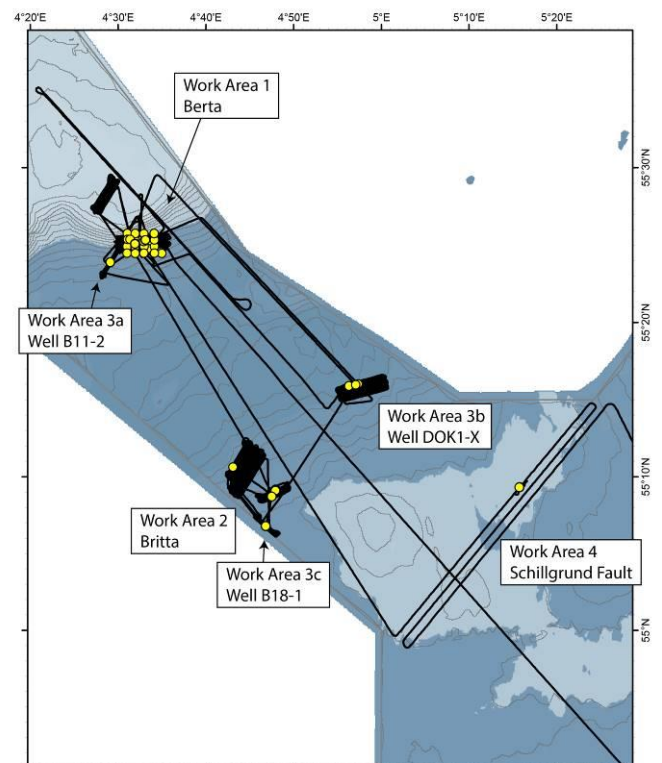


Figure 2: Map of the primary work area in the Entenschnabel in the German North Sea.

## Objectives

Methane seeping from the seafloor, particularly in shallow shelf-regions, is one source of atmospheric methane, but exact amounts are still discussed. This holds for natural seepages, but also for methane, which may escape from active and abandoned oil & gas wells. During research cruise HE537 (July 2019) we studied the seafloor at the German Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the North Sea for gas seepage. While none of the nine studied abandoned wells (of about 100 in the German EEZ) released obviously gas, we found hundreds, so far unknown gas flares in the study area. Particularly the flanks of the salt dome Berta were identified as hotspot also exhibiting 10-fold enriched methane concentrations in the water column, but the intensity, temporal variation, rates, local atmospheric methane concentrations, microbial fate and isotopic nature of the gas remained unknown. In the frame of this cruise, we intended to answer these open questions by an interdisciplinary approach using hydroacoustic and electromagnetic measurements, gas geochemistry and microbiology. Our studies should also base on gas samples taken by a small-size remotely operated vehicle (ROV). Extending our previous investigations, we planned to further characterize the nature of the active gas system at the recently discovered seep sites in the German North Sea including the quantity of emitted methane, the gas source and fate, and further test, whether yet unstudied abandoned wells release gas. A better knowledge about shallow seep systems along continental shelf margins would be needed to evaluate the importance for gas exchange and fluid fluxes from the seafloor into the water column and eventually into the atmosphere.

**AIM 1** Quantities of emitted methane: How much gas is released in form of gas bubbles from the seafloor?

**AIM 2** Variability of gas emissions: Although our initial study did not systematically investigate the temporal variability, first results do indicate that flares are not stable over times of hours and days. Better understanding about the variability and the controlling factors would be crucial to evaluate the gas quantities released.

**AIM 3** Source of the emitted fluids: Gas samples taken directly at the seeps sites at the seafloor allow constraining the gas source from gas composition and isotopic investigations.

**AIM 4** Fate of the released methane: Does methane released from the seafloor in the 'Entenschnabel' reach the sea-air interface and contribute to the atmospheric inventory?

**AIM 5** Pockmarks generation: Are the depressions detected at salt diapir Britta formed by fluid release? Are they related to the drilling activities at this site?

**AIM 6** Integrity of wells: Our initial study focused on nine abandoned well sites in the 'Entenschnabel'-area and did not indicate leakage. However, leaking wells have been reported for three wells in the Norwegian North Sea. Further investigations on other wells in the 'Entenschnabel'-area would be needed to extent our knowledge on potential leakage in the German sector.

**AIM 7** Faults acting as fluid migration pathways: Focused water column mapping along the Schillgrund fault zone would help to evaluate the fluid flow patterns in this part of the 'Entenschnabel'.

**AIM 8** Electromagnetic signature and quantity of shallow subsurface gas: Electromagnetic and acoustic profiling provide means to locate and quantify the concentration of free gas in the sediment. While bubbles represent temporary pulses, the amount of gas in the shallow subsurface links to the long-term impact of methane seepage in the working area. Additional electromagnetic soundings contribute to understand the subsurface sediment signatures associated with gas migration and seepage in the 'Entenschnabel'.

## **Narrative**

On Friday, 08 January 2021, RV MARIA S. MERIAN left her mooring at the Nordkai in Emden's inland harbor at 08:30 local time to start cruise MSM98 in the North Sea. Before we were allowed to sail, all crewmembers and scientific participants spent four days in quarantine in single rooms in a hotel in Leer. In addition, all participants were tested twice for Covid-19 and after all tests were negative, everyone was able to board the ship on January 06, 2021 and begin preparations for departure. Our two containers with the scientific equipment as well as the Golden Eye had already been delivered from Bremen and Hannover on January 04 and 05, so we could quickly start unloading the containers, setting up the labs and preparing the equipment we had brought with us. On 07. January 2021 all the measuring instruments were prepared for operation and lashed down until we set sail. At the start of our expedition, we were very lucky with the weather, so that we were able to reach our working areas in the Entenschnabel in relatively calm seas for the time of year on the evening of 08. January 2021. We used the first night at sea for a first hydroacoustic mapping in our main study area to get an overview of the current activity of gas seeps. Data that we have already recorded here in 2019 showed numerous gas bubble seeps that we intended to investigate in more detail during this expedition.

Our initial mapping confirmed the activity of gas bubble seeps in our main study area and so we were able to start directly with the planned sampling program on Saturday, 09 January 2021. As the weather continued to be very kind to us, the Golden Eye was first successfully deployed to image electromagnetic indications of gases in the upper sediment layers. Subsequently, the use of a small ROV gave us our first visual impressions of the gas bubble seeps. The positions of these gas bubble outlets had to be located in order to place a sonar lander next to them, which was done successfully in the afternoon. The lander stayed on the seafloor for five days and observed the temporal variability of the gas bubble seeps. The first working day at sea was completed successfully with a CTD water sampling program and sediment sampling with a multicorer. We used the night of January 10 for more hydroacoustic mapping and checked additional areas for gas bubble seeps. We were also able to complete all of our planned stations on Sunday, 10 January, 2021 in excellent weather conditions. An EK60 echo sounder brought along and installed in the moon pool was first calibrated in the morning to also quantitatively evaluate gas plumes in the collected echograms. Further water samples and sediment samples were taken using the CTD and multicorer, and the ROV was used again to hunt for gas bubbles. On Monday morning of 11 January 2021 the sea was still calm enough to monitor a known flare location in high resolution with the echo sounder, which will allow us to estimate fluxes of escaping methane. In a flare area near a salt dome discovered during Heincke cruise HE537, we were able to conduct systematic CTD samplings with the aid of ADCP profiles to look for flow directions. First results of CTD measurements directly above a flare show a 5-fold increase in methane concentrations compared to the surrounding area. Hydroacoustic surveys conducted at night recorded more flares and even two wrecks lying on the seabed, which are marked on the nautical charts, however. We were also able to observe three flare locations over an entire tidal cycle, which allowed us to gain very valuable insights into their activity and intensity. This was only possible because the ship could be kept in position with an accuracy of much less than 10 meters, despite the sometimes very stormy sea with waves up to 5 m high and a wind force of up to Beaufort 9.

During the night of Thursday, 14 January 2021, the sea calmed down so that we again had ideal conditions for all instrument deployments. First, we recovered the sonar lander on Thursday morning. The data were immediately reviewed and backed up, giving a great time series showing activity from multiple gas bubble releases over five days. The day continued to be very rewarding. After obtaining sediment samples in the area of the gas bubble seeps with the multicorer in beautiful sunrise weather, we deployed the ROV to sample the now well-known gas seep locations. The ROV team succeeded to catch three gas samples for isotopic analyses. At the end of the day, the Golden Eye was used again with the electric

dipole-dipole system for a 7-hour survey over the known seep area with the aim of detecting shallow gas in the sediment.

On the following Friday, 15 January 2021, everything also went perfectly. After more sediment samples were taken with the multicorer, the sonar lander was deployed a second time. This deployment is not far from the first position, but at gas seeps that probably correlate with a fault system in the subsurface above a salt dome. Again, the instrument remained on the seafloor for four days. Friday afternoon we moved to our second working area where we discovered some depressions on the seafloor in 2019. Here we started with electromagnetic surveys with Golden Eye, which we were able to navigate directly over the depressions thanks to MERIAN's excellent Dynamic Positioning precision. These turned out to be areas of firmer substrate, densely populated by sponges and other filter-feeding organisms, as we flew over them using Golden Eye's video images. The first successful gravity core deployment on Saturday, 16 January 2021, ultimately showed us that this firmer substrate consisted of peat. A ROV dive on Saturday afternoon completed our impressions of the peats, their colonization and the extent of these areas on the seabed. Late Saturday afternoon we sampled the water column of a nearby old borehole with a CTD and mapped the surrounding area with hydroacoustics during the night to check whether methane migrates through the sediments at these locations and escapes into the water column. On Sunday, 17 January 2021, we finished our investigations in the area of the depressions with another Golden Eye mission and a ROV dive to search for gas bubbles. On Monday, 18 January 2021, the multicorer was used to sample two abandoned drill sites. Also, water samples were taken using the CTD-Rosette at those locations. The samples will be analyzed for their methane concentration in the laboratories on land to assess whether the old drill sites are sources of methane escaping to the sea and the atmosphere. Weather conditions were perfect on Tuesday, 19 January 2021, to recover the sonar lander after the second deployment and four days of measurements of our seafloor observatory. Assessing the recorded data the deployment of the lander was found to be again very successful. The data will be very useful to analyze the variability of the gas emissions. The rest of the day proved to become even more successful. The ROV completed two important tasks during one dive: On the one hand, a sonar transponder was recovered, which got lost during an earlier dive. Since the transponder is almost as heavy as the ROV, the task turned out to be quite complex, but was professionally solved by the deck crew and the ROV team using a hook with a sling. On the other hand, gas samples were successfully collected. The sampled sites were difficult to find, as the release of gas bubbles was intervallic rather than continuous. During the rest of the day, a detailed hydroacoustic survey was conducted to quantify the amount of gas released around the sample sites.

The winds started to pick-up on Wednesday, 20 January 2021. Nevertheless, the conditions still allowed surveying the last remaining working area: The Schillgrund Fault at the Southern edge of the Central Graben. The hydroacoustic survey aimed to clarify, whether this deep-rooted fault is a migration pathway for gases. Completing three out of the planned six 40 km long profiles, we decided to escape the approaching storm with up to predicted 7.5 m waves and focus the remaining two days on hydroacoustic surveys of possible gas emissions at abandoned drill sites near the shores of the East Frisian Islands. One of those sites has also been sampled with the Rosette on Friday, 22 January 2021, after the abating storm allowed station work again. The scientific program ended just before midnight. The pilot assisting the port entry to Emden came aboard as planned at 6am on Saturday, 23 January 2021. After clearing the labs and storing all goods in the containers, the scientific crew of MSM98 left MARIA S. MERIAN until 2pm greatly satisfied with the achievements of the two-week cruise.



Figure 3: Cruise participants of MARIA S. MERIAN cruise MSM98.

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### Cruise participants (scientific crew):

|                            |                  |       |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------|
| 1. Miriam Römer            | Chief Scientist  | MARUM |
| 2. Katrin Schwalenberg     | Electromagnetics | BGR   |
| 3. Udo Barckhausen         | Electromagnetics | BGR   |
| 4. Dennis Hagedorn         | Electromagnetics | BGR   |
| 5. Katja Heeschen          | CTD              | GFZ   |
| 6. Martin Blumenberg       | Gasgeochemistry  | BGR   |
| 7. Stefan Schlömer         | Gasgeochemistry. | BGR   |
| 8. Martin Krüger           | Microbiology     | BGR   |
| 9. Szymon Krupinski        | ROV              | MARUM |
| 10. Pablo Gutierrez Flores | ROV              | MARUM |
| 11. Stefanie Gaide         | Hydroacoustics   | FB5   |
| 12. Janice Malnati         | ICOS/Sediments   | FB5   |
| 13. Yann Marcon            | Sonar Lander     | MARUM |

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## Station list:

| Date     | Station no. | Instru-ment  | GeoB-Number | Location | Begin (UTC) | End (UTC) | Lat (N)     | Lon (E)    | Water depth (m) | Comments                                    |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------------|---|
| 09/01/21 | 001-1       | GE           | 24401-1     | Berta    | 07:04       | 11:12     | 55° 25.13   | 04°32.77   | 43              |   |
| 09/01/21 | 002-1       | ROV          | 24402-1     | Berta    | 11:39       | 13:49     | 55°25.32    | 04°33.14   | 42              | Marum BlueRov                               |
| 09/01/21 | 003-1       | Sonar Lander | 24403-1     | Berta    | 13:40       |           | 55°25.313   | 04°33.141  | 42              | Placed 2 m SW of bubblestream               |
| 14/01/21 | 003-1       | Sonar lander | 24403-1     | Berta    |             | 08:15     |             |            | 42              | Recovery of Lander                          |
| 09/01/21 | 004-1       | CTD          | 24404-1     | B11-2    | 16:05       | 16:30     | 55°23.8884  | 04°29.1251 | 44              | 9 samples; on top of bore hole              |
| 09/01/21 | 004-2       | CTD          | 24404-2     | B11-2    | 17:01       | 17:18     | 55°23.8809  | 04°29.1402 | 44              | 9 samples; 20 m SE of bore hole             |
| 09/01/21 | 004-3       | CTD          | 24404-3     | B11-2    | 17:35       | 17:52     | 55°23.9000  | 04°29.1395 | 44              | 9 samples; 20 m NE of bore hole             |
| 09/01/21 | 004-4       | CTD          | 24404-4     | B11-2    | 18:05       | 18:22     | 55°23.8891  | 04°29.1069 | 44              | 9 samples; 20 m W of bore hole              |
| 09/01/21 | 005-1       | MIC          | 24405-1     | B11-2    | 18:43       | 18:55     | 55°23.8876  | 04°29.1250 | 44              | 1 tube: 3 cm sed; on bore hole              |
| 09/01/21 | 005-2       | MIC          | 24405-2     | B11-2    | 19:05       | 19:11     | 55°23.8859  | 04°29.1249 | 44              | 1 tube: 3 cm sed; on bore hole              |
| 10/01/21 | 006-1       | CTD          | 24406-1     | Berta    | 09:50       | 10:17     | 55°25.4322  | 04°31.0507 | 40              | 9 samples; Grid Berta: W of flare at fault  |
| 10/01/21 | 007-1       | CTD          | 24407-1     | Berta    | 10:38       | 10:58     | 55°25.3229  | 04°31.9509 | 41              | 9 samples; Grid Berta betw flares           |
| 10/01/21 | 008-1       | CTD          | 24408-1     | Berta    | 11:50       | 12:07     | 55°25.3422  | 04°32.7994 | 42              | 9 samples; Grid Berta: WNW of flare cluster |
| 10/01/21 | 009-1       | ROV          | 24409-1     | Berta    | 12:52       | 13:04     | 55°25.076   | 04°33.916  | 43              | Marum BlueRov                               |
| 10/01/21 | 009-2       | ROV          | 24409-2     | Berta    | 13:34       | 14:24     | 55°25.0804  | 04°31.9023 | 41              | GEO-Engieneering BlueRov; gas streams       |
| 10/01/21 | 009-3       | ROV          | 24409-3     | Berta    | 15:10       | 16:27     | 55°25.0704  | 04°31.9335 | 41              | Marum BlueRov; gas cluster, no samples      |
| 10/01/21 | 010-1       | MIC          | 24410-1     | Berta    | 17:18       | 17:25     | 55° 24.7618 | 04°33.4193 | 43              | Failure: empty; background                  |
| 10/01/21 | 010-2       | MIC          | 24410-2     | Berta    | 17:30       | 17:35     | 55° 24.7601 | 04°33.4196 | 43              | Failure: empty; background                  |
| 10/01/21 | 010-3       | MIC          | 24410-3     | Berta    | 17:40       | 17:47     | 55° 24.7622 | 04°33.4199 | 44              | Failure: empty; background                  |
| 10/01/21 | 011-1       | GC           | 24411-1     | Berta    | 18:14       | 18:22     | 55° 24.760  | 04°33.402  | 43              | Failure: empty; background                  |
| 10/01/21 | 011-2       | GC           | 24411-2     | Berta    | 18:30       | 18:36     | 55° 24.761  | 04°33.400  | 43              | Failure: empty; background                  |
| 11/01/21 | 012-1       | GC           | 24412-1     | Berta    | 07:00       | 07:07     | 55° 25.36   | 04°31.10   | 40              | Failure: empty                              |
| 11/01/21 | 013-1       | MIC          | 24413-1     | Berta    | 07:20       | 07:28     | 55° 25.3718 | 04°31.1232 | 41              | Failure: empty                              |
| 11/01/21 | 013-2       | MIC          | 24413-2     | Berta    | 07:40       | 07:41     | 55° 25.3734 | 04°31.1224 | 40              | Failure: empty                              |
| 11/01/21 | 013-3       | MIC          | 24413-3     | Berta    | 07:48       | 07:55     | 55° 25.3725 | 04°31.1205 | 40              | Failure: empty                              |
| 11/01/21 | 014-1       | CTD          | 24414-1     | Berta    | 11:12       | 11:25     | 55°24.9100  | 04°31.0539 | 42              | 8 samples; Grid Berta: Profile B11-4 W      |
| 11/01/21 | 015-1       | CTD          | 24415-1     | Berta    | 11:53       | 12:12     | 55°24.9076  | 04°31.9261 | 42              | 8 samples; Grid Berta: bore hole B11-4      |



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| 11/01/21 | 016-1 | CTD | 24416-1 | Berta | 12:38 | 12:58 | 55°24.9094 | 04°32.9797 | 43   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; Profile B11-4           |
| 11/01/21 | 017-1 | CTD | 24417-1 | Berta | 13:20 | 13:40 | 55°24.9110 | 04°34.1466 | 43   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; Profile B11-4 E         |
| 12/01/21 | 018-1 | CTD | 24418-1 | Berta | 08:03 | 08:30 | 55°25.0777 | 04°31.9452 | 42   | 9 samples; 20 m E of flare position            |
| 12/01/21 | 019-1 | CTD | 24419-1 | Berta | 09:04 | 09:29 | 55°25.0764 | 04°31.9354 | 43   | 11 samples; 20 m E of flare position           |
| 12/01/21 | 020-1 | CTD | 24420-1 | Berta | 11:39 | 12:00 | 55°24.4652 | 04°31.0512 | 44,5 | 9 samples; Grid Berta; Southern line (W)       |
| 12/01/21 | 021-1 | CTD | 24421-1 | Berta | 12:17 | 12:35 | 55°24.4628 | 04°31.9593 | 43   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; Southern line (W→E)     |
| 12/01/21 | 022-1 | CTD | 24422-1 | Berta | 13:00 | 13:18 | 55°24.4600 | 04°34.9824 | 45   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; Southern line (E; 5)    |
| 12/01/21 | 023-1 | CTD | 24422-1 | Berta | 13:39 | 13:54 | 55°24.4667 | 04°34.1435 | 44   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; Southern line (W→E)     |
| 12/01/21 | 024-1 | CTD | 24424-1 | Berta | 14:16 | 15:36 | 55°25.3170 | 04°34.1505 | 43   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; flare line (E)          |
| 13/01/21 | 025-1 | CTD | 24425-1 | Berta | 12:01 | 12:20 | 55°25.7430 | 04°31.0649 | 36   | 7 samples; Grid Berta; Northern line (W)       |
| 13/01/21 | 026-1 | CTD | 24426-1 | Berta | 12:51 | 13:12 | 55°25.7443 | 04°31.9725 | 40   | 7 samples; Grid Berta; Northern line (W→E)     |
| 13/01/21 | 027-1 | CTD | 24427-1 | Berta | 13:35 | 14:00 | 55°25.7383 | 04°32.9675 | 41   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; Northern line (W→E)     |
| 13/01/21 | 028-1 | CTD | 24428-1 | Berta | 14:17 | 14:36 | 55°25.7427 | 04°34.1406 | 43   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; Northern line (E)       |
| 13/01/21 | 029-1 | CTD | 24429-1 | Berta | 15:06 | 15:26 | 55°24.4675 | 04°32.9723 | 43   | 8 samples; Grid Berta; Southern line (E)       |
| 14/01/21 | 030-1 | MIC | 24430-1 | Berta | 08:55 | 09:05 | 55°25.3659 | 04°31.1176 | 41   | 2 tubes 10 cm; BW and sediment: Berta Flare    |
| 14/01/21 | 030-2 | MIC | 24430-2 | Berta | 09:45 | 09:50 | 55°25.3653 | 04°31.1142 | 41   | 4 tubes empty: Berta Flare                     |
| 14/01/21 | 030-3 | MIC | 24430-3 | Berta | 10:07 | 10:11 | 55°25.3659 | 04°31.3653 | 41   | 1 tubes 2 cm; BW and sediment: Berta Flare     |
| 14/01/21 | 031-1 | ROV | 24431-1 | Berta | 10:45 | 12:08 | 55°25.073  | 04°31.936  | 43   | 2 gas samples                                  |
| 14/01/21 | 031-2 | ROV | 24431-2 | Berta | 12:35 | 13:09 | 55°25.080  | 04°31.925  | 43   | 1 gas sample                                   |
| 14/01/21 | 032-2 | GE  | 24432-1 | Berta | 13:35 | 21:20 | 55°25.24   | 04°32.93   | 41.5 | GE with electrical dipole dipole system; flare |
| 15/01/21 | 033-1 | MIC | 24433-1 | Berta | 07:05 | 07:13 | 55°25.0766 | 04°31.9320 | 43   | 1 tube with 3 cm sediment; 1 BW                |
| 15/01/21 | 033-2 | MIC | 24433-2 | Berta | 07:27 | 07:34 | 55°25.0800 | 04°31.9320 | 42.5 | empty  |
| 15/01/21 | 033-3 | MIC | 24433-3 | Berta | 07:42 | 07:49 | 55°25.0801 | 04°31.9322 | 42.5 | empty  |
| 15/01/21 | 033-4 | MIC | 24433-4 | Berta | 07:55 | 08:04 | 55°25.0787 | 04°31.9313 | 42.5 | empty; 1 BW                                    |
| 15/01/21 | 033-5 | MIC | 24433-5 | Berta | 08:13 | 08:21 | 55°25.0809 | 04°31.9318 | 42.5 | 2 tubes with 4 cm sediment; 2 BW               |
| 15/01/21 | 034-1 | MIC | 24434-1 | Berta | 08:47 | 08:58 | 55°25.3167 | 04°33.1205 | 42   | 2 tubes with 5 cm sediment; 2 BW               |

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| 15/01/21 | 034-2 | MIC          | 24434-2 | Berta  | 09:20 | 09:34 | 55°25.3139 | 04°33.1252 | 42   | empty   |
| 15/01/21 | 035-1 | GC           | 24435-1 | Berta  | 09:56 | 10:04 | 55°25.33   | 04°33.12   | 42   | empty   |
| 15/01/21 | 036-1 | Sonar Lander | 24436-1 | Berta  | 11:20 | 12:56 | 55°25.079  | 04°31.929  | 42   | Lander positioning with "GEO Engineering" ROV       |
| 19/01/21 | 036-2 | Sonar Lander | 24436-2 | Berta  | 07:30 | 08:03 |            |            |      | Recovery  |
| 15/01/21 | 037-1 | GE           | 24437-1 | Britta | 14:53 | 23:05 | 55°09.079  | 04°47.794  | 43   | EM Survey Pockmarks, Britta                         |
| 16/01/21 | 038-1 | MIC          | 24438-1 | Britta | 07:12 | 07:35 | 55°09.0817 | 04°47.9104 | 43.5 | Britta Pockmark 1; 1 tubes 2 cm sediment; 1 BW      |
| 16/01/21 | 038-2 | MIC          | 24438-2 | Britta | 07:45 | 07:50 | 55°09.0820 | 04°47.9233 | 43.5 | Britta Pockmark 1; 1 tube 2 cm sediment; 1 BW       |
| 16/01/21 | 039-1 | MIC          | 24439-1 | Britta | 08:04 | 08:12 | 55°09.1047 | 04°47.9329 | 43.5 | Britta Pockmark 2; 1 tube 10 cm sediment; 1 BW      |
| 16/01/21 | 039-2 | MIC          | 24439-2 | Britta | 08:27 | 08:33 | 55°09.1048 | 04°47.9341 | 43   | Britta Pockmark 2; 3 tube 30 cm sediment; 2 BW      |
| 16/01/21 | 040-1 | MIC          | 24440-1 | Britta | 09:04 | 09:11 | 55°09.1301 | 04°47.9389 | 43   | Britta Pockmark 3; 2 tubes sediment; 1 BW           |
| 16/01/21 | 041-1 | MIC          | 24441-1 | Britta | 09:51 | 09:58 | 55°09.1503 | 04°47.9510 | 43   | Britta Pockmark 4; 1 tube 5 cm sediment; 1 BW       |
| 16/01/21 | 042-1 | MIC          | 24442-1 | Britta | 10:24 | 10:34 | 55°09.1630 | 04°47.9745 | 43   | Britta Pockmark 4; 1 tube 5 cm sediment; 1 BW       |
| 16/01/21 | 042-2 | MIC          | 24442-2 | Britta | 10:37 | 10:50 | 55°09.1730 | 04°47.9723 | 43.5 | Britta Pockmark 4; 1 tube 5 cm sediment; 1 BW       |
| 16/01/21 | 043-1 | GC           | 24443-1 | Britta | 11:12 | 11:19 | 55°09.1046 | 04°47.9341 | 43   | Britta Pockmark 4; 42 cm sediment                   |
| 16/01/21 | 044-1 | ROV          | 24444-1 | Britta | 12:28 | 13:24 | 55°09.0843 | 04°47.9350 | 43   | Britta Pockmark survey                              |
| 16/01/21 | 045-1 | CTD          | 24445-1 | B18-1  | 14:40 | 15:00 | 55°06.7815 | 04°46.8297 | 42   | 8 samples; B18-1 (right at borehole)                |
| 16/01/21 | 045-2 | CTD          | 24445-2 | B18-1  | 15:10 | 15:30 | 55°06.7779 | 04°46.8164 | 42   | 8 samples; B18-1 (downstream 250°, 15 m)            |
| 16/01/21 | 045-3 | CTD          | 24445-3 | B18-1  | 15:40 | 15:57 | 55°06.7835 | 04°46.8139 | 42   | 8 samples; B18-1 (downstream 280°, 15 m)            |
| 16/01/21 | 045-4 | CTD          | 24445-4 | B18-1  | 16:08 | 16:27 | 55°06.7816 | 04°46.8497 | 43   | 8 samples; B18-1 (upstream 90°, 15 m)               |
| 17/01/21 | 046-1 | GE           | 24446-1 | Britta | 07:00 | 12:03 | 55°08.705  | 04°47.511  | 43   | EM Survey Chimneys next to salt dome Britta         |
| 17/01/21 | 047-1 | ROV          | 24447-1 | Britta | 12:41 | 14:12 | 55°10.6062 | 04°43.1144 | 45   | flare cluster&pockmark 5km NW of Britta, no samples |



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| 18/01/21 | 048-1 | MIC | 24448-1 | B18-1          | 07:03 | 07:16 | 55°06.7807 | 04°46.8306 | 42 | 3 tubes > 10 cm sediment; 1 tube 3 cm; 2 BW              |
| 18/01/21 | 049-1 | MIC | 24449-1 | DOK1-X well    | 08:58 | 09:08 | 55°15.8865 | 04°56.3239 | 47 | 3 tubes > 10 cm sediment; 2 BW                           |
| 18/01/21 | 050-1 | CTD | 24450-1 | DOK1-X well    | 10:05 | 10:35 | 55°15.8867 | 04°56.3230 | 47 | 8 samples; well position; bottle 4 leak                  |
| 18/01/21 | 050-2 | CTD | 24450-2 | DOK1-X well    | 10:05 | 12:08 | 55°15.8888 | 04°56.3392 | 47 | 8 samples; 15m 90° from well position, downstream        |
| 18/01/21 | 050-3 | CTD | 24450-3 | DOK1-X well    | 11:19 | 11:41 | 55°15.8856 | 04°56.3387 | 48 | 8 samples; 15m 110° from well position, downstream       |
| 18/01/21 | 050-4 | CTD | 24450-4 | DOK1-X well    | 11:51 | 12:09 | 55°15.8882 | 04°56.3109 | 47 | 8 samples; 15m 260° from well position, upstream         |
| 18/01/21 | 051-2 | CTD | 24451-2 | DOK1-X flare 1 | 13:04 | 13:25 | 55°16.0066 | 04°57.3691 | 48 | 5 samples; flare site; no signal in EM; near pipeline    |
| 18/01/21 | 051-2 | CTD | 24451-2 | DOK1-X flare 1 | 13:32 | 13:50 | 55°16.0066 | 04°57.3705 | 47 | 5 samples; flare site; no signal in EM; near pipeline    |
| 18/01/21 | 052-1 | CTD | 24452-1 | DOK1-X flare 2 | 14:51 | 15:11 | 55°15.9566 | 04°57.1044 | 47 | 8 samples; on flare site; clear in EM before CTD         |
| 18/01/21 | 052-2 | CTD | 24452-2 | DOK1-X flare 2 | 15:20 | 15:45 | 55°15.9557 | 04°57.1016 | 46 | 8 samples; 5m downstream flare; clear in EM before CTD   |
| 19/01/21 | 053-1 | ROV | 24453-1 | Berta          | 08:27 | 08:50 | 55°25.070  | 04°31.927  | 42 | recovery of beacon; successful; GeoEngineering ROV       |
| 19/01/21 | 054-1 | ROV | 24454-1 | Berta          | 09:34 | 10:42 | 55°25.3176 | 04°33.1427 | 43 | gas sampling at flare cluster; 2 bags; Marum ROV         |
| 20/01/21 | 055-1 | CTD | 24455-1 | Thor-1         | 09:17 | 09:38 | 55°09.3138 | 05°15.7494 | 43 | 8 samples; well position; 5 m from bottom; storm         |
| 20/01/21 | 055-2 | CTD | 24455-2 | Thor-1         | 09:48 | 10:05 | 55°09.3214 | 05°15.7617 | 41 | 8 samples; 15m 40° from well; downstream; storm          |
| 20/01/21 | 055-3 | CTD | 24455-3 | Thor-1         | 10:17 | 10:42 | 55°09.3102 | 05°15.7620 | 42 | 8 samples; 15m 70° from well; downstream; storm          |
| 20/01/21 | 055-4 | CTD | 24455-4 | Thor-1         | 10:55 | 11:16 | 55°09.3170 | 05°15.7380 | 42 | 8 samples; 15m 270° from well; downstream; storm         |
| 22/01/21 | 056-1 | CTD | 24456-1 | D1 - well      | 07:08 | 07:45 | 53°53.877  | 06°24.669  | 27 | 5 samples; CTD slide bar on well position; max 20m depth |

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MIC: Mini-Multicorer  
ROV: Remotely operated vehicle

GC: Gravity corer  
GE: Golden Eye