MIE-AP Workshop (W1) and Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 14, 2004, 09:00-15:30

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The first "Micronekton sampling gear intercalibration experiment (MIE-I)" was undertaken to evaluate the efficacy of sampling gears and procedures employed by different agencies to collect micronekton in the North Pacific and other parts of the world's ocean. The field effort of this program included an 8-day research cruise in Hawaiian waters just prior to the convening of the PICES thirteenth annual meeting in Honolulu. The Hawaii cruise leg served two purposes: (1) to initiate the MIE and obtain preliminary information on the subtropical (oligotrophic open ocean gyre) micronekton community for sampling gear comparative purposes; and (2) to use a relatively benign weather and sea conditions to establish, evaluate and refine design, protocols and logistics of the sampling. Data and results from the cruise are to be reviewed and discussed during this morning ½-day post-cruise workshop. The afternoon ½-day MIE-Advisory Panel meeting will oversee the field program as well as review objectives, aims and future status of the experiment.

- 09:10-09:20 Background and 'Terms of Reference' for the '*Micronekton sampling gear intercalibration experiment*'
- 09:20-10:30 Review of cruise activities, sampling, and status of the data and analysis
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee/tea break
- 10:45-12:00 Continue review and discussion of cruise results
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-14:30 Where does the MIE go from here? Discussion on the second MIE logistics, including possible platform(s), cruise dates, participants, location (region) of experiment, sampling gears to be included, sampling protocols, as well as sample analysis and disposition. Discussion on the status of the MIE financial support including 'absence of funding' scenarios
- 14:30-14:45 Coffee/tea break
- 14:45-15:30 Summary wrap-up and report write-up