

FOR COLLATING CENTRE USE

**CRUISE SUMMARY REPORT**

Centre: DOD Ref. No.:

Is data exchange restricted  Yes  In part  No**SHIP** enter the full name and international radio call sign of the ship from which the data were collected, and indicate the type of ship, for example, research ship; ship of opportunity, naval survey vessel; etc.Name: RV AlkorCall Sign: DBNDType of ship: research vesselCRUISE NO. / NAME Alkor 267

enter the unique number, name or acronym assigned to the cruise (or cruise leg, if appropriate).

CRUISE PERIOD start 24/09/2005 to 03/10/2005 end  
(set sail) day/ month/ year day/ month/ year (return to port)PORT OF DEPARTURE (enter name and country) Kiel, GermanyPORT OF RETURN (enter name and country) Kiel, Germany**RESPONSIBLE LABORATORY** enter name and address of the laboratory responsible for coordinating the scientific planning of the cruiseName: Max Planck Institute for Marine MicrobiologyAddress: Celsiusstr 1Country: D-28359 Bremen**CHIEF SCIENTIST(S)** enter name and laboratory of the person(s) in charge of the scientific work (chief of mission) during the cruise.Prof. Antje Boetius, MPI/IUB/AWI**OBJECTIVES AND BRIEF NARRATIVE OF CRUISE** enter sufficient information about the purpose and nature of the cruise so as to provide the context in which the report data were collected.

This cruise contributed to the BMBF Geotechnology project MUMM and the EU Project EXOCET (Extreme ecosystem studies in the deep ocean: Technological Developments) as well as to the objectives of the virtual institute "MarTech" of the Helmholtz foundation. EXOCET and MarTech are projects of the collaboration between MPI, AWI and the University Bremen. In the framework of the previous EU Project METROL in the North Sea the question was addressed how methane turnover is controlled in shallow gassy sediments. Objectives of Exocet and MarTech are testing of underwater technology, including payloads of two platforms, the ROV Cherokee and the underwater benthic crawler MOVE. Tasks included

A) The quantification of the microbial turnover of methane in gassy sediments as well as the characterisation of the geochemical conditions

B) Collection of gas and sediment from natural gas seeps using ROV pushcores and gas collectors.

C) Measuring in situ oxygen consumption with chamber incubations, profiling and 2D optode set up using the MOVE crawler

D) test of WLAN connection between ship and buoy connected to MOVE

E) identification of microorganisms responsible for methane turnover

Station work focused on areas already intensively studied in earlier years by Hovland & Judd (1988). Geographical information came from Statoil.

**PROJECT (IF APPLICABLE)** if the cruise is designated as part of a larger scale cooperative project (or expedition), then enter the name of the project, and of organisation responsible for co-ordinating the project.Project name: MUMM, EXOCET, MARTECHCoordinating body: EU, BMBF, Helmholtz





**TRACK CHART:** You are strongly encouraged to submit, with the completed report, an annotated track chart illustrating the route followed and the points where measurements were taken.

Insert a tick(✓) in this box if a track chart is supplied



**GENERAL OCEAN AREA(S):** Enter the names of the oceans and/or seas in which data were collected during the cruise – please use commonly recognised names (see, for example, International Hydrographic Bureau Special Publication No. 23, 'Limits of Oceans and Seas').

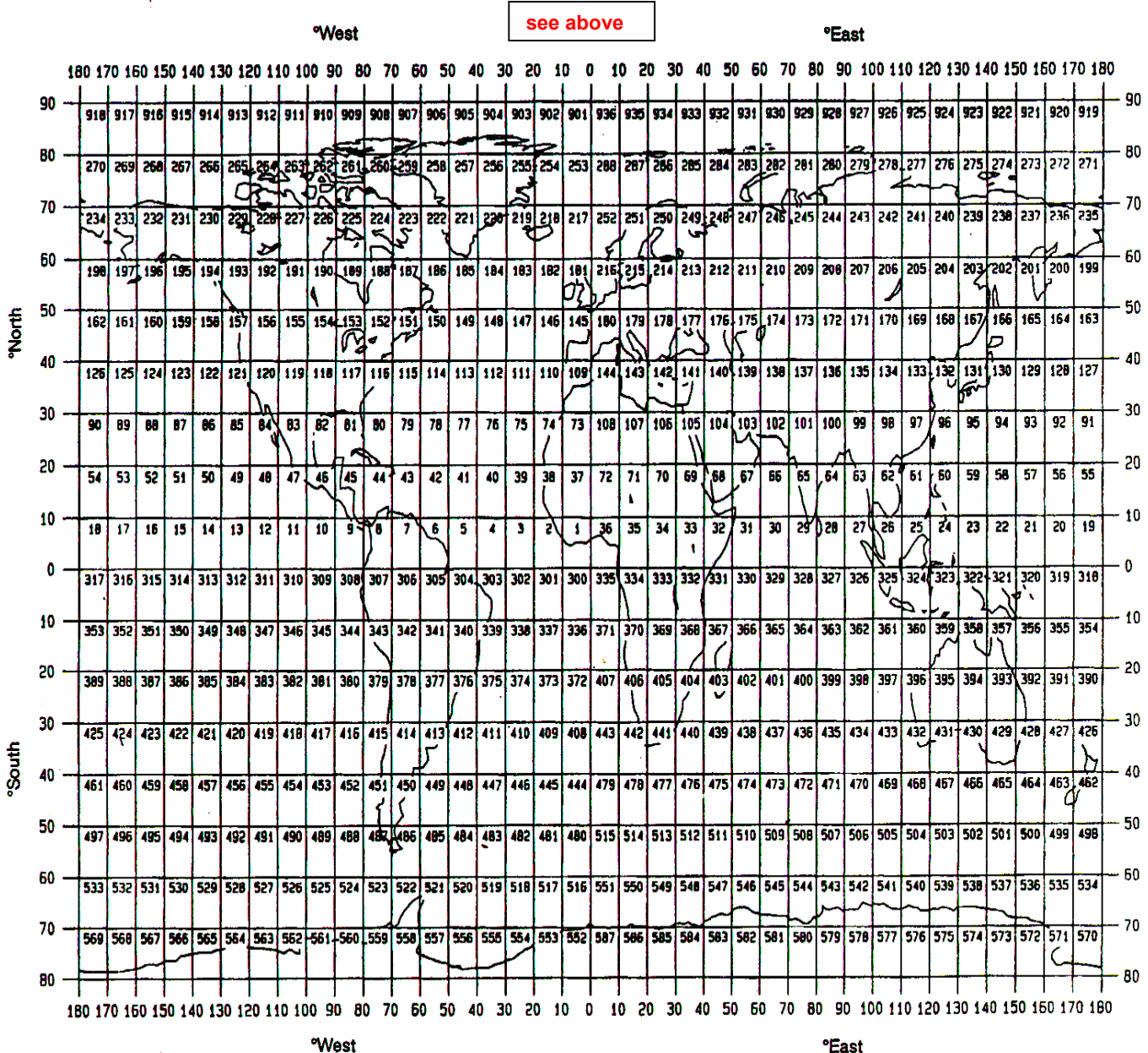
Northern North Sea

**SPECIFIC AREAS:** If the cruise activities were concentrated in a specific area(s) of an ocean or sea, then enter a description of the area(s). Such descriptions may include references to local geographic areas, to sea floor features, or to geographic coordinates.

**Please insert here the number of each square in which data were collected from the below given chart**

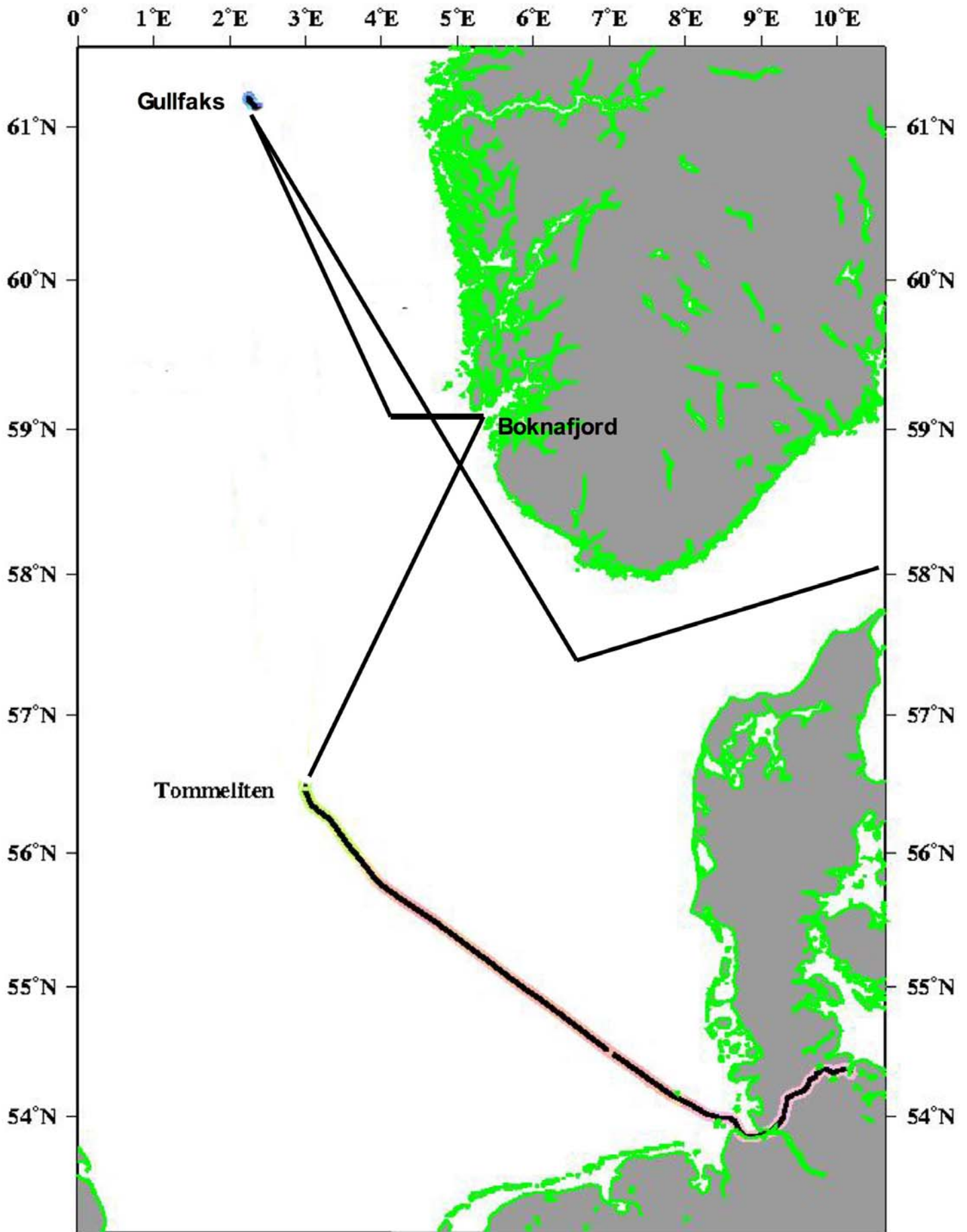
216, 252

**GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE - INSERT 'X' IN EACH SQUARE IN WHICH DATA WERE COLLECTED**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

Please send your completed report without delay to the collating centre indicated on the cover page



Cruise track Alkor 267

Date	Station	Area	Gear	UTC Start	Start		End time	End		depth
					Latitude	Longitude		Latitude	Longitude	
25-sep-05	1273-1	Tommeliten	ES	20:20	56° 30,00	3° 10,00	20:49	56° 29,82	2° 85,00	75m
25-sep-05	1273-2	Tommeliten	ES	21:01	56° 30,00	3° 05,00	21:10	56° 29,82	2° 80,00	75m
25-sep-05	1273-3	Tommeliten	ES	21:20	56° 30,00	3° 00,00	21:35	56° 29,82	2° 75,00	75m
25-sep-05	1273-4	Tommeliten	ES	21:38	56° 30,00	2° 55,00	21:49	56° 29,82	2° 70,00	75m
25-sep-05	1274	Tommeliten	ROV	22:22	56° 30,02	2° 59,49	3:59	56° 29,84	2 59,82	75m
26-sep-05	1275/1276	Tommeliten	MOVE	5:25	56° 29,96	2° 59,83	10:35	56° 30,16	3° 00,16	75m
26-sep-05	1277	Tommeliten	CH4-Sensor	12:43	56° 29,78	2° 59,81	14:18	56° 29,98	2° 59,87	75m
26-sep-05	1278	Tommeliten	TV-MUC	16:25	56° 29,94	2° 59,88	16:40	56° 29,92	2° 59,88	75m
26-sep-05	1279	Tommeliten	TV-MUC	17:05	56° 29,93	2° 59,74	17:19	56° 29,92	2° 59,86	75m
28-sep-05	1280	Skudenes fjord	ES	17:35	59° 00,37	5° 41,94	18:28	59° 00,97	5° 42,66	85m
28-sep-05	1281	Skudenes fjord	ROV	18:40	59° 09,27	5° 43,20	21:05	59° 9,33	5° 43,29	85m
28-sep-05	1282	Skudenes fjord	MOVE	6:52	59° 01,11	5° 43,78	11:13	59° 1,20	5° 43,74	85m
28-sep-05	1283	Skudenes fjord	MOVE	13:32	59° 01,31	5° 43,77	17:42	59° 1,33	5° 43,56	85m
28-sep-05	1284	Skudenes fjord	MOVE	19:36	59° 03,69	5° 49,40	20:40	59° 3,69	5° 49,14	85m
28-sep-05	1285	Skudenes fjord	MOVE	22:09	59° 0,89	5° 44,44	0:12	59° 00,86	5° 44,44	35m
30-sep-05	1286	Gullfaks	ES	4:35	61° 10,47	2° 14,57	5:05	61° 10,42	2° 14,50	145m