Dataset name: **Acoustic densities**

PROJECT TITLE: **MOBYDICK**

Oceanographic cruise: **MOBYDICK incl. transit La Réunion – Study area**

Start date: **18/02/2018**

End date: **27/03/2018**

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 Geographic information: **Indian sector of the Southern Ocean**

 Latitude: **20°S – 52.5°S**

 Longitude: **55°E – 74.5°E**

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# OPERATIONS

## Sampling device(s)

Echosounder.

## List of stations sampled

Continuously acquired data for the entire cruise duration.

# INSTRUMENTS

Instrument Type: **Broadband echosounder**

Manufacturer: **Simrad**

Model: **EK80**

Instrument Features / Calibration: **N/A**

# DESCRIPTION of PARAMETERS

## Sampling details

Acoustic backscatter of macrozooplankton and micronekton: Five sampling frequencies: 18 – 38 – 70 – 120 – 200 kHz.

## Analytical procedure

Analyses of multifrequencies signal (following Behagle *et al.*, 2017).

## Units

* Acoustic density: NASC (Nautical Area Scattering Coefficient)

## Sensor precision

'Continuous' data acquisition at a 3 seconds time resolution (ping interval).

## Post-cruise data analysis/treatment required

See § 3.2 above.

## Estimated Date of Delivery

October 2018

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