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I SUMMARY

- 402.5m(swc), 430.0m(swc) ; upper *senectus* Zone (lower *australis* Dino Zone) :
Campanian : very nearshore marine : immature
- 451.0m(swc), 489.0m(swc) : middle *senectus* Zone (upper *aceras* Dino Zone) :
Campanian : nearshore marine : immature
- 534.5m(swc) : lower *senectus* Zone (middle to lower *aceras* Dino Zone) :
Campanian : nearshore marine : immature
- 575.0m(swc) : upper *apoxyexinus* Zone (upper *cretacea* Dino Zone) : Santonian :
nearshore marine : immature
- 650-70m(cutts) : upper *apoxyexinus* Zone (lower *cretacea* Dino Zone) : Santonian :
nearshore marine : immature
- 762.0m(swc), 788.0m(swc) mid *apoxyexinus* Zone (788.0m upper *porifera* Dino
Zone) : Santonian : nearshore marine : immature
- 820.0m(swc), 837.0m(swc), 875-90m(cutts), 915-25m(cutts) : lower *apoxyexinus*
Zone : Santonian : nearshore marine to very nearshore marine : immature
- 927.0m(swc) : indeterminate (almost barren)
- 954.0m(swc), 1022.0m(swc) : upper *mawsonii* Zone : Coniacian-Turonian : very
nearshore marine with significant freshwater algae at 1022m : immature
- 1048.0m(swc) : *mawsonii* Zone : Turonian : possibly non-marine lake : immature
- 1107.0m(swc), 1150.0m(swc) : lower *mawsonii* Zone : Turonian : non-marine to
slightly brackish : immature
- 1186.0m(swc), 1188.0m(swc), 1200.0m(swc) : *distocarinus* Zone (*infusorioides*
Dino Zone at 1200.0m) : Cenomanian : non-marine lacustrine and marginally
marine : immature
- 1208.0m(swc), 1329.0m(swc) : indeterminate (almost barren)
- 1344-59m(cutts) : *paradoxa* Zone : late Albian : slightly brackish : marginally
mature.

II INTRODUCTION

After well completion, twenty five samples (21 swcs, 4 cuttings) were submitted for detailed study. These results are summarised herein.

Palynomorph occurrence data are shown as Appendix I and form the basis for the assignment of the samples to twelve spore-pollen and dinoflagellate units of Campanian to Albian age.

Specimen counts were made on all assemblages and expressed in the raw data as percentages. In the running text, percentages from cuttings are always bracketed (5%) to show that they may be inaccurate due to caving.

The Cretaceous spore-pollen zonation is essentially that of Dettmann and Playford (1969), but has been significantly modified and improved by various authors since, and most recently discussed in Helby et al (1987), as shown on Figure 1. The Late Cretaceous zonation has been modified by Morgan (1992) in project work for BHPP (Figure 2). Tertiary zones are essentially those of Partridge (1976).

Maturity data was generated in the form of Spore Colour Index, and is plotted on Figure 3 Maturity Profile of Loch Ard-1. The oil and gas windows on Figure 3 follow the general consensus of geochemical literature. The oil window corresponds to spore colours of light-mid brown (Staplin Spore Colour Index of 2.7) to dark brown (3.6). These correspond to vitrinite reflectance values of 0.6% to 1.3%. Geochemists argue variations on kerogen type, basin type and basin history. The maturity interpretation is thus open to reinterpretation using the basic colour observations as raw data. However, the range of interpretation philosophies is not great, and probably would not move the oil window by more than 200 metres.

Sample processing usually involves the following steps. Extra techniques are only used if required:

- (a) digest about 10gm of crushed rock in 50% HF overnight
- (b) wash out several times over 10 micron polyester sieve. Acidify with conc HCl if flourosilicate gel forms
- (c) heavy liquid separation used concentrated $ZnBr_2$ with SG of 2.0.
- (d) wash out float fraction over 10 micron polyester sieve. Acidify if $Zn(OH)_2$ precipitate forms
- (e) mount a sieved kerogen slide
- (f) oxidise in Schutze Solution (conc 30% HNO_3 with crystalline $KClO_3$)

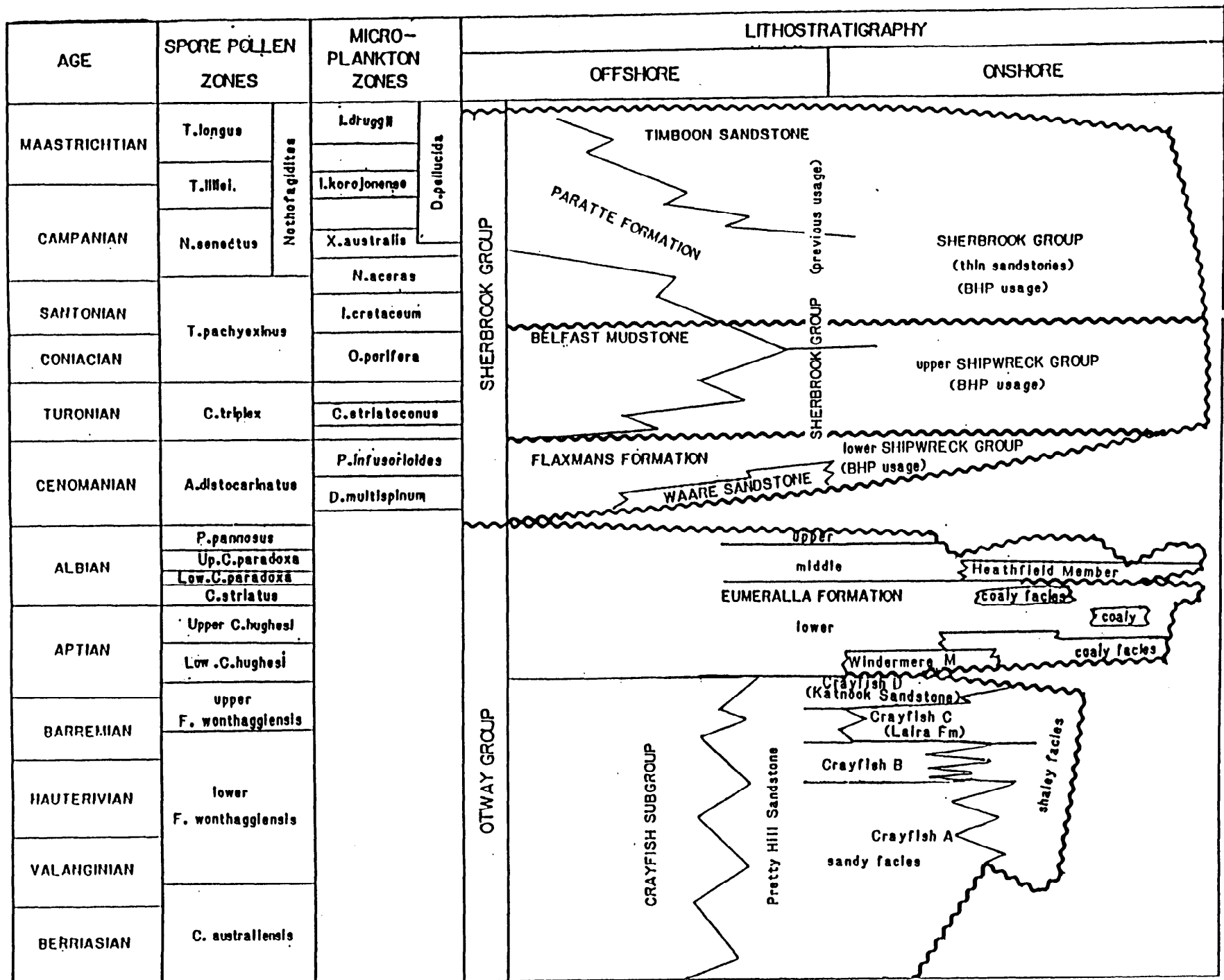


FIGURE 1. CRETACEOUS REGIONAL FRAMEWORK, OTWAY BASIN

SPORE-POLLEN ZONES	SPORE-POLLEN HORIZONS	DINOFLAGELLATE ZONES	DINOFLAGELLATE HORIZONS
LONGUS	upper T. confessus 1 T. sectilis G. rudata • 1b N. senectus • 1d	DRUGGII	M. conorata 1a M. conorata 1c M. druggii 1e I. pellucida 2
	lower T. sabulosus 2a T. longus 2b		
LILLEI	upper T. sectilis 3a	KOROJONENSE	I. korojonense 3 I. cretacea
	lower T. lillei 3b		I. korojonense 3c I. pellucida
SENECTUS	upper G. rudata 7a	upper AUSTRALIS	X. australis 4 X. ceratoides A. wisemaniae A. suggestium 4a
	middle T. sabulosus 7e	lower AUSTRALIS	N. aceras 5 N. semireticulata X. australis • 6
	lower N. senectus 9a		N. tuberculata 7 X. australis 7b N. tuberculata 7c N. semireticulata O. obesa 7d
APOXYEXINUS	upper A. cruciformis 1% A. cruciformis 1-4%	ACERAS	N. tuberculata 7 X. australis 7b N. tuberculata 7c N. semireticulata O. obesa 7d
	middle 11		middle T. suspectum Heterosphaeridium 10%+ 8 Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 9
	lower 12 A. cruciformis 10%+	lower ACERAS	N. aceras 9b
	lower 12a A. cruciformis 10%+		I. belfastense 10 A. denticulata Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 10a I. belfastense A. denticulata 11a
MAWSONII	A. distocarinatus 12c	CRETACEA	I. cretacea 11b
	consistent 13 A. distocarinatus P. mawsonii 15a	PORIFERA	O. porifera 12b
DISTOCARINATUS		STRIATOCONUS	
	common saccates A. cruciformis	INFUSORIOIDES	C. edwardsii 14 C. edwardsii • 15 C. edwardsii • 15b
			dinoflagellates

FIGURE 2 ZONATION USED HEREIN SHOWING THE NUMBERED HORIZONS AGAINST THE EXISTING FORMAL ZONATION.

• = frequent (4-10%) ● = common (11-30%)

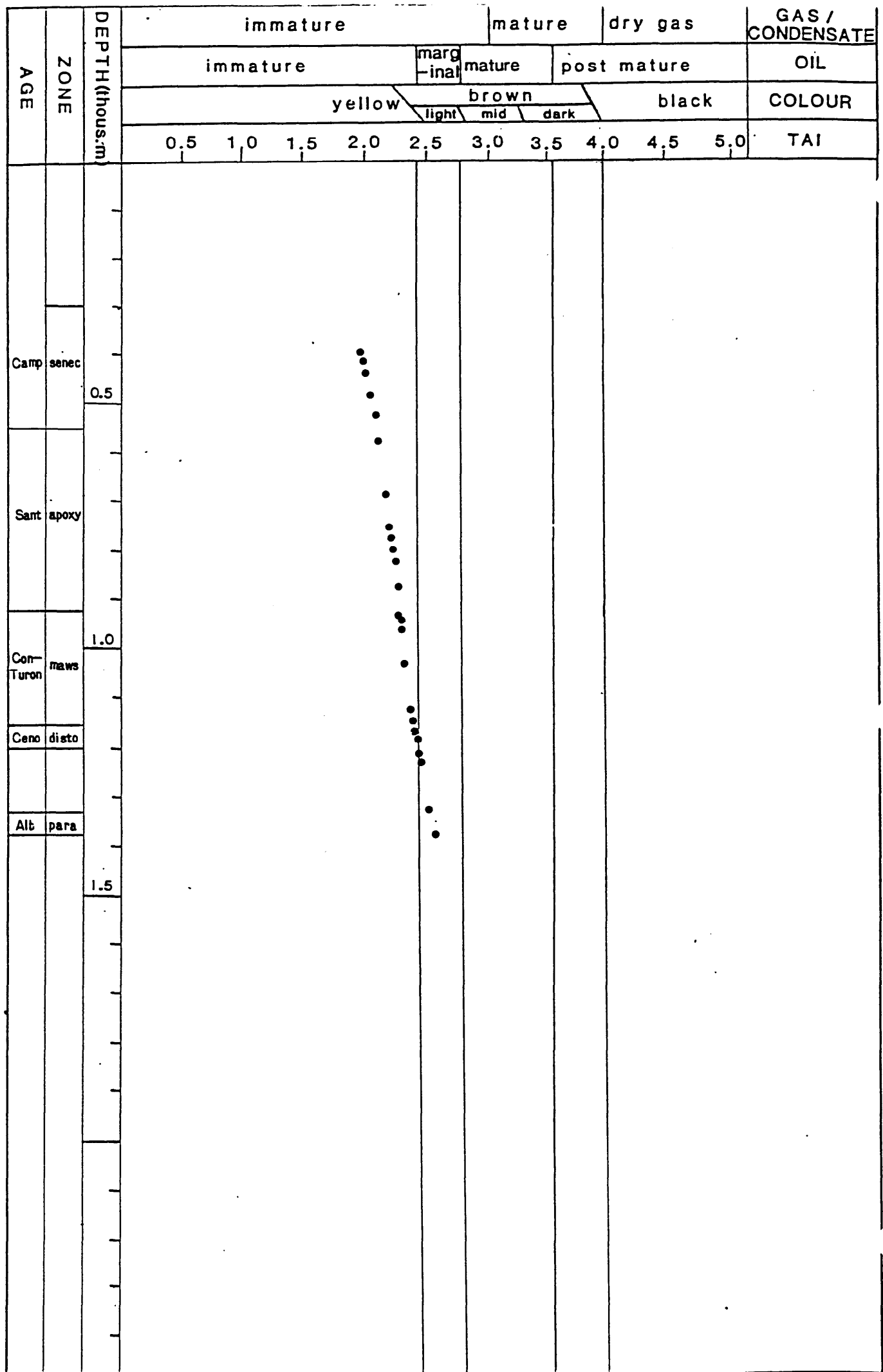


FIGURE 3 MATURITY PROFILE, BHPP : LOCH ARD-1

- (g) wash out over 10 micron polyester sieve
- (h) add 5% KOH to dissolve humic acids
- (i) wash out over 10 micron polyester sieve
- (j) examine under microscope for satisfactory oxidation. repeat steps f to g if required
- (k) heavy liquid separation using ZnBr₂ solution (SG of 2.0)
- (l) wash out float fraction using polyester sieve. Acidify if Zn(OH)₂ precipitate forms
- (m) dehydrate onto coverslip
- (n) mount microscope slides using Eukitt medium.

Sample examination usually involved the following steps:

- (a) scan two traverses at x10 to log the bulk of the assemblage and get some idea of age
- (b) scan at x40 and count the first 100 specimens to get percentage contents for each species. From this, saline "Microplankton Content" (%) can be developed to provide an index of marine influence. Where the sample is too lean to provide 100 specimens, frequency is estimated from the specimens seen with A=abundant, C=common, F=frequent, R=rare
- (c) return to x10 to scan at least two large coverslips to log rare species, and finalise age conclusions. Log more slides if required.
- (d) develop "Saline Microplankton Diversity" by counting up total species identified of dinoflagellates plus spiny acritarchs, as a second index of marine influence. This count includes species seen both inside and outside the court.
- (e) develop "Freshwater Microplankton Content" by totally all freshwater algal elements (*Botryococcus*, *Schizosporis*, *Paralecaniella*, *Leiosphaeridia*, *Nummus*).
- (f) examine sieved kerogen slide for specimens of *Cyathidites* to establish spore colour for Spore Colour Maturity Index.

III PALYNOSTRATIGRAPHY

A 402.5m(swc), 430.0m(swc) : upper *senectus* Zone (lower *australis* Dino Zone)

Assignment to the upper *Nothofagidites senectus* Spore Pollen Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers and at the base by oldest *Gambierina rudata*. Common forms are *Dilwynites granulatus*, *Falcisporites similis* and *Proteacidites* spp. Frequent are *Cyathidites* and *Microcachryidites*. Rare but significant are *Australopollis obscurus*, *Tricolpites sabulosus* and *Nothofagidites* spp. Very rare Permian reworking was seen.

Assignment to the lower *Xenikoon australis* dinoflagellate Zone is indicated at the top by youngest *Nelsoniella semireticulata* and *N. aceras*, and at the base by the continued presence of *X. australis*. All the dinoflagellate species are rare.

Very nearshore marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (3% and 7% downhole) and their low diversity. Freshwater algae (*Botryococcus*) are significant at 402.5m suggesting lacustrine environments. Spores and pollen are abundant and diverse, with cuticle frequent at 402.5m.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

B 451.0m(swc), 489.0m(swc) : middle *senectus* Zone (upper *aceras* Dino Zone)

Assignment to the middle *N. senectus* Spore Pollen Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers and at the base by oldest *T. sabulosus*. Rare but significant are *Nothofagidites* spp, *Ornamentifera sentosa* and *Tricolpites gillii*. Common taxa are *F. similis* and *Proteacidites* spp. Frequent are *A. obscurus*, *Cyathidites minor*, *Dilwynites*, *M. antarcticus* and *Phyllocladidites mawsonii*. *T. sabulosus* is frequent at 430m and 451m. Minor Permian reworking was seen.

Assignment to the upper *Nelsoniella aceras* Dinoflagellate Zone is indicated at the top by youngest *Nelsoniella tuberculata* and at the base by oldest *X. australis*. Rare but significant species include *Areosphaeridium suggestium*,

Isabelidinium cretaceum and *N. aceras*. No dinoflagellate species are frequent, but *Heterosphaeridium* spp are consistent.

Nearshore marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (11% and 6% downhole) and diversity. Spores and pollen are abundant and diverse and cuticle fragments are common at 489m.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

C 534.5m(swc) : lower *senectus* Zone (lower to middle *aceras* Dinoflagellate Zone)

Assignment to the lower *N. senectus* Spore Pollen Zone is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers, and at the base by oldest *N. endurus*. Rare elements include *A. obscurus*, *O. sentosa* and *Tricolporites apoxyexinus*. Common taxa are *Cyathidites minor*, *Dilwynites*, *Falcisporites similis* and *Proteacidites*. Frequent is *M. antarcticus*. Minor Permian reworking was seen.

Assignment to the lower or middle *N. aceras* Dinoflagellate Zone is indicated at the top by youngest *Odontochitina obesa* and at the base by oldest *Nelsoniella aceras* in swcs. *Heterosphaeridium heteracanthum* is frequent with *Isabelidinium cretaceum* and *Odontochitina operculata* consistent. A single *Amphidiadema denticulata* is considered reworked and rare *Heterosphaeridium cf laterobrachius*, *Odontochitina porifera* and *N. aceras* are age significant.

Nearshore marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (14%) and diversity. Spores and pollen are abundant and diverse.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

D 575.0m(swc), 650-70m(cutts) : upper *apoxyexinus* Zone (575m upper *cretacea* Dino Zone, 650-70m lower *cretacea* Dino Zone)

Assignment to the upper *Tricolporites apoxyexinus* Zone of Santonian age is indicated at top and base by the absence of younger and older markers respectively and confirmed by the dinoflagellate data. *T. apoxyexinus* occurs at 575m, and the single *Appendicisporites distocarinatus* at 670m is considered reworked. Common are *Cyathidites* spp, *Dilwynites*, *Falcisporites* and

Microcachrydites. *Proteacidites* spp are frequent here, but not below, confirming the subzone. *A. cruciformis* is very rare, as is Permian reworking.

At 575m, the presence of *Isabelidium belfastense rotundata* and *Amphiadema denticulata* indicate the upper *Isabelidium cretaceum* Dinoflagellate Zone. *Odontochitina porifera* and *Heterosphaeridium cf laterobrachius* are also present, but no dinoflagellates are frequent. At 670m, oldest *I. cretaceum* with *Isabelidium rectangulare rectangulare* and without younger markers considered in place, indicates the lower *I. cretaceum* Zone. Again, no dinoflagellates are frequent, but *Heterosphaeridium heteracanthum* is the most consistent.

Nearshore marine environments are indicated by low dinoflagellate content (5% and 9% downhole) and diversity, with spores and pollen abundant and diverse.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

E 762.0m(swc), 788.0m(swc) : middle *apoxyexinus* Zone (788.0m upper *porifera* Dino Zone)

Assignment to the middle *T. apoxyexinus* Zone of Santonian age is indicated at the top by youngest frequent *A. cruciformis* (4%) and at the base by the absence of older markers. Common are *Cyathidites* and *Falcisporites*. Frequent are *A. cruciformis*, *Dilwynites*, *Microcachrydites* and *Osmundacidites*. *Proteacidites* are very rare here and below. Very rare Permian and Triassic reworking are seen. *T. apoxyexinus* was not seen.

Dinoflagellates are scarce but include *Isabelidium rectangulare* at 788m without younger markers, indicating the upper *Odontochitina porifera* Zone. Rare taxa include *O. porifera* (788m) and *Odontochitina cribropoda* (762m), confirming the assignment. The most frequent dinoflagellate is *H. heteracanthum* in both samples. *Trithyrodinium marshalli* and *Circulodinium deflandrei* are consistent.

Nearshore marine environments are indicated by the low dinoflagellate content (7% and 13% downhole) and diversity with abundant and diverse spores and pollen.

F 820.0m(swc), 837.0m(swc), 875-90m(cutts), 915-25m(cutts) : lower *apoxyexinus* Zone

Assignment to the lower *T. apoxyexinus* Zone of Santonian age is indicated at the top by the downhole influx of *A. cruciformis* and at the base by the absence of older markers. At 837m, *A. cruciformis* is 16% of the assemblage and the lower *T. apoxyexinus* Zone has certainly been penetrated. At 820m however, *A. cruciformis* is only 7% of the assemblage, and so somewhat transitional from the middle *apoxyexinus* Zone. Common taxa are *Cyathidites*, and *Falcisporites*. Frequent to common are *A. cruciformis*, *Dilwynites* and *Microcachrydites*. Rare Permian and Triassic reworking was seen, and inertinite dominates several assemblages.

Dinoflagellates are rare and lack zonal markers. *Trithyrodinium marshalli* is persistent to the interval base but not below and may have future potential. *C. deflandrei* is consistent throughout. *Isabelidinium balmei* occurs at 837m only. *Heterosphaeridium* spp and *Botryococcus* are the most frequent microplankton.

Environments are nearshore to very nearshore marine, as shown by low dinoflagellate content (6%, 7%, 9%, 1% downhole) and diversity, and dominant and diverse spores and pollen. Significant lacustrine influence is seen at 820m, 890m, and 925m as shown by significant freshwater algal *Botryococcus* (4%, 3% and 8%).

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

G 927.0m(swc) : indeterminate

This sample was virtually barren, with only minor inertinite and extremely rare spores and pollen recovered.

H 954.0m(swc), 1022.0m(swc) : upper *mawsonii* Zone

Assignment to the upper *Phyllocladidites mawsonii* Zone of Coniacian-Turonian age is indicated at the top by youngest *Appendicisporites distocarinatus* and at the base by the downhole decrease in *Amosopollis cruciformis* (4% and 7% within the subzone, 1% or less below it). At the zone top, *Dilwynites* becomes more frequent, and *A. cruciformis* becomes less frequent. Within the zone, *Cyathidites*, *Dilwynites*, *Falcisporites* and

Microcachrydites are common, with *A. cruciformis* and *Podosporites microsaccatus* frequent. *A. distocarinatus* is very rare but consistent. Very rare Permian reworking was seen.

Dinoflagellates are very rare and mostly long-ranging. Youngest *Aptea* sp occurs at 954m and may have future potential. *H. heteracanthum* and *Botryococcus* continue to be the most frequent forms.

Very nearshore marine environments are indicated by low dinoflagellate content (5% and 2% downhole) and diversity with significant lake influence suggested by freshwater algal *Botryococcus* (2% and 8% downhole). Spores and pollen are common and diverse.

Yellow spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons.

I 1048.0m(swc) : *mawsonii* Zone, subzone indeterminate

This sample was extremely lean with minor inertinite and very rare palynomorphs. The presence of *P. mawsonii* indicates that zone, but it cannot be assigned to either subzone. Microplankton are very rare but only freshwater algal taxa were seen (*Botryococcus* and *Shizosporis*) suggesting non-marine lacustrine environments.

J 1107.0m(swc), 1150.0m(swc): lower *mawsonii* Zone

Assignment to the lower *P. mawsonii* Zone is indicated at the top by a downhole decrease in *A. cruciformis* (from around 5% above, to <1% in this subzone), and at the base by oldest *P. mawsonii*. Common are *Cyathidites*, *Dilwynites* and *Falcisporites* with *Gleicheniidites* abundant at 1150m only. Frequent are *Microcachrydites*. *A. distocarinatus* is very rare but consistent. Very rare Permian reworking was seen.

Dinoflagellates are extremely rare and not age diagnostic.

Environments are non-marine to slightly brackish with only one or two dinoflagellate specimens seen in each sample. Freshwater algal *Botryococcus* is frequent at 1107m and rare at 1150m suggesting lacustrine influence. Spores and pollen are abundant and diverse, with large cuticle fragments very common at 1107m.

Yellow to light brown spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons, but approaching early marginal maturity for oil.

**K 1186.0m(swc), 1188.0m(swc), 1200.0m(swc) : *distocarinatus* Zone
(*infusorioides* Dino Zone at 1200m)**

Assignment to the *Appendicisporites distocarinatus* Zone of Cenomanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger markers and at the base by oldest *A. distocarinatus* and the absence of older markers. *Falcisporites similis* is abundant with *Cyathidites*, *Dilwynites* and *Microcachrydites* frequent to common. *A. distocarinatus* is rare but consistent and *Liliacidites kaitangataensis* and *Senectotetradites varireticulatus* occur at 1186 only. Permian and Triassic reworking are consistent and some Early Cretaceous taxa are reworked, especially at 1188m.

Dinoflagellates are present only at 1200m and include *Cribroperidinium edwardsii*, indicating the *Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides* Dinoflagellate Zone. All species are extremely rare.

Environments are non-marine lacustrine at 1186 and 1188m, shown by the total absence of dinoflagellates, frequent freshwater *Botryococcus* (10% and 3%), and diverse spores and pollen. At 1200m, marginally marine to brackish environments are shown by very rare dinoflagellates (2%), their very low diversity (3 species) and *Botryococcus* content (3%). Pollen and spores are abundant and diverse.

Yellow to light brown spore colours indicate immaturity for hydrocarbons, approaching early maturity for oil.

L 1208.0m(swc), 1329.0m(swc) : indeterminate

These two samples are extremely lean, yielding rare inertinite and very rare spores and pollen. Some of the spore pollen are clearly caved (*T. sabulosus*). No microplankton were seen but two few palynomorphs were observed to consider this diagnostic of non-marine environments.

M 1344-59m(cutts) : *paradoxa* Zone

Assignment to the *Coptospora paradoxa* Zone of Albian age is indicated at the top by youngest *C. paradoxa* (coincident with the downhole influx of fern

spores including *Cicatricosisporites australiensis*, *Crybelosporites striatus*, *Foraminisporis asymmetricus*, *Trilobosporites trioreticulatus* and *Triporoletes bireticulatus*) and at the base on oldest *C. paradoxa*. Common are *Cyathidites minor*, *Falcisporites similis* and *Microcachryidites* while *C. australiensis* is frequent. *Senectotetradites varireticulatus* is also present.

Slightly brackish environments are favoured by very rare spiny acritarchs and a single dinoflagellate species. These could be caved in these cuttings, but the absence of other obvious caving suggests that they are probably in place.

Botryococcus is very rare but spores and pollen are abundant and diverse.

Light brown spore colours suggest marginal maturity for oil but immaturity for gas/condensate.

IV CONCLUSIONS

The sampled section comprises the early Campanian to Albian (upper *senectus* to *paradoxa* Zones) in nearshore, marginally marine and non-marine environments. At the base, Albian Eumeralla Formation is securely dated in brackish environments. The Cenomanian *distocarinatus* Zone is marginally marine at the base, but shallows to freshwater lakes at the top. The Turonian lower *mawsonii* Zone is brackish while the Turonian-Coniacian upper *mawsonii* Zone deepens to become very nearshore marine. Further deepening occurs into the nearshore to very nearshore Santonian lower *apoxyexinus* Zone, then into the nearshore Santonian-Campanian middle *apoxyexinus* to middle *senectus* Zones. Above that, shallowing again occurs into the very nearshore marine Campanian upper *senectus* Zone. Younger section was not sampled.

At the base, the section is only marginally mature.

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BASIN: OTWAY SPORE-POLLEN ZONES

ELEVATION: _____

KB: _____

GL: _____

WELL NAME: LOCH ARD-1

TOTAL DEPTH: _____

AGE	PALYNOLOGICAL ZONES	HIGHEST DATA				LOWEST DATA				
		Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg	Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg	
NEOGENE	Plei T. pleistocenicus									
	Plio M. lipsus									
	Mio	C. bifurcatus								
		T. bellus								
	Olig	P. tuberculatus								
PALEOGENE	upper N. asperus									
	mid N. asperus									
	lower N. asperus									
	P. asperopolus									
	Earl	upper M. diversus								
		mid M. diversus								
		lower M. diversus								
	Pale	upper L. balmei								
		lower L. balmei								
	LATE CRETACEOUS	upper T. longus								
lower T. longus										
T. lillei										
N. senectus		403	1			535	0			
up T. apoxyxinus		575	2			670	5			
mid T. apoxyxinus		762	0			788	1			
low T. apoxyxinus		820	0			925	5			
P. mawsonii		954	1			1150	0			
A. distocarinatus	1186	2			1200	1				
EARLY CRETACEOUS	P. pannosus									
	upper C. paradoxa	1344	3							
	lower C. paradoxa					1395	4			
	C. striatus									
	upper C. hughesi									
	lower C. hughesi									
F. wonthaggiensis										
up C. australiensis										

Environments :

- lacustrine (algal acritarchs).
- ◊ non-marine (no or very few 5% algal acritarchs).
- * brackish (spiny acritarch, no or very few dinoflagellates 1%).
- * / p marginal marine (1-5% very low diversity dinoflagellates).
- Δ nearshore marine (6-30% low to medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- Δ / R intermediate marine (31-60% medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- Δ Δ offshore marine (61%-80% medium to high diversity dinoflagellates).
- ⊙ far offshore marine/oceanic (81%-100% high diversity dinoflagellates and/or planktonic forams).

Confidence Ratings :

- 0 : good to excellent with numerous zone fossils in core/swc.
- 1 : fair with rare zone fossils in core/swc.
- 2 : poor with non-diagnostic assemblage in core/swc. Often occurs next to a distinctive 0 to 1 rating, lacking the zone fossil seen adjacent.
- 3 : good with extinction event (top range) in cuttings.
- 4 : poor to fair with inception event (base range) in cuttings and therefore may be picked too low if caved or too high if swamped by cavings.
- 5 : poor with non-diagnostic assemblage in cuttings. Usually seen adjacent to a higher rating and picked on the absence of key zone fossil.
- ? : no confidence. Picked as a best guess in very poor data.

Data recorded by : Roger Morgan May 94

Data revised by : Roger Morgan May 94

PALYNOLOGICAL DATA SHEET

BASIN: OTWAY DINOFLAGELLATE ZONES ELEVATION: KB _____ GL: _____
 WELL NAME: LOCH ARD-1 TOTAL DEPTH: _____

AGE	PALYNOLOGICAL ZONES	HIGHEST DATA				LOWEST DATA			
		Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg	Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg
LATE CRETACEOUS	M. druggii								
	Maa								
	I. korojonense								
	upper X. australis								
	lower X. australis	403	1			430	0		
	N. aceras	451	1			534	0		
	I. cretaceum	575	0			670	4		
	O. porifera	788	2			788	0		
C. striatoconus									
P. infusorioides	1200	1			1200	1			

Environments :

- o lacustrine (algal acritarchs).
- ∅ non-marine (no or very few 5% algal acritarchs).
- * brackish (spiny acritarch, no or very few dinoflagellates 1%).
- */∅ marginal marine (1-5% very low diversity dinoflagellates).
- ∅ nearshore marine (6-30% low to medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- ∅/∅ intermediate marine (31-60% medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- ∅/∅ offshore marine (61%-80% medium to high diversity dinoflagellates).
- ⊖ far offshore marine/oceanic (81%-100% high diversity dinoflagellates and/or planktonic forams).

Confidence Ratings :

- 0 : good to excellent with numerous zone fossils in core/swc.
- 1 : fair with rare zone fossils in core/swc.
- 2 : poor with non-diagnostic assemblage in core/swc. Often occurs next to a distinctive 0 to 1 rating, lacking the zone fossil seen adjacent.
- 3 : good with extinction event (top range) in cuttings.
- 4 : poor to fair with inception event (base range) in cuttings and therefore may be picked too low if caved or too high if swamped by cavings.
- 5 : poor with non-diagnostic assemblage in cuttings. Usually seen adjacent to a higher rating and picked on the absence of key zone fossil.
- ? : no confidence. Picked as a best guess in very poor data.

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ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES BASED ON 100 SPECIMEN COUNT

"X" REPRESENTS RARE PRESENCE OUTSIDE THE COUNT

"A" = ABUNDANT, "C" = COMMON, "F" = FEW, "R" = RARE

RANGE CHART OF OCCURRENCES BY LOWEST APPEARANCE WITHIN GROUP

0402.5 SMC
0430.0 SMC
0451.0 SMC
0489.0 SMC
0534.5 SMC
0575.0 SMC
0650-70 CUTTS X
0762.0 SMC
0788.0 SMC
0820.0 SMC
0837.0 SMC
0875-90 CUTTS
0915-25 CUTTS
0927.0 SMC
0954.0 SMC
1022.0 SMC
1048.0 SMC
1107.0 SMC
1150.0 SMC
1186.0 SMC
1188.0 SMC
1200.0 SMC
1208.0 SMC
1329.0 SMC
1344-59 CUTTS

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 0489.0 SMC . X
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