



**The National Marine Biological  
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**Particle Size Results – PS25**

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**Table 1. Summary of the particle size information received from participating laboratories and replicate analysis laboratories for the twenty-fifth particle size distribution - PS25.**

**Replicate Sample Data**

Sample	Method	% < 63 micron	Median (phi)	Mean (phi)	Sort	IGS (SKi)
PS25_42	L	79.89	6.25	6.14	2.25	-0.020
PS25_43	L	80.41	6.28	6.16	2.21	-0.030
PS25_44	L	80.33	6.27	6.14	2.22	-0.040
PS25_45	L	79.81	6.23	6.12	2.22	-0.010
PS25_46	L	80.44	6.23	6.13	2.19	-0.020
PS25_47	L	80.59	6.26	6.15	2.21	-0.020
PS25_48	L	79.91	6.22	6.12	2.22	-0.010
PS25_35	S	81.22	6.70	-	-	-
PS25_36	S	79.61	6.68	-	-	-
PS25_37	S	83.15	6.86	-	-	-
PS25_38	S	82.27	6.91	-	-	-
PS25_39	S	81.81	6.89	-	-	-
PS25_40	S	77.85	7.27	-	-	-
PS25_41	S	78.61	6.74	-	-	-
<b>UM</b>	<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>80.42</b>	<b>6.56</b>	<b>6.14</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>-0.02</b>
<b>UM</b>	<b>LaserRepAv</b>	<b>80.20</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>6.14</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>-0.02</b>
<b>UM</b>	<b>SieveRepAv</b>	<b>80.65</b>	<b>6.86</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Participant Data**

Lab	Method	%<63µm	Median	Mean	Sort	IGS (SKi)
LB1104*	L	78.75	5.57	5.42	1.90	-0.100
LB1107	L	66.4	3.83	4.33	1.66	0.42
LB1114	L	78.86	5.79	5.70	1.92	0.030
LB1115	L	78.75	5.57	5.42	1.90	-0.1
LB1117	L	76.46	5.53	5.50	1.97	0.020
LB1118	L	81.56	5.93	5.78	1.80	0.08
LB1122	L	72.25	-	-	2.02	-0.03

Key to methods:

- L - Laser analysis    DS - Dry sieve    CC - Coulter counter
- S - Sieve    WS - Wet sieve    FD - Freeze dried
- P - Pipette    n/c - not calculated
- L\* - data for this laboratory not included in calculations.
- "-" - No data. See forthcoming Annual Report, Section 6, for details.

**Table 2. Z-score results for the derived statistics supplied by participating laboratories for the particle size exercise - PS25.**

PS25																
Lab	%<63µm	z-score	Flag	Median	z-score	Flag	Mean	z-score	Flag	Sort	z-score	Flag	IGS (SKi)	z-score	Flag	Description
LaserRepAv	80.20	0.75	PASS	6.25	0.44	PASS	6.14	1.40	PASS	2.22	1.64	PASS	-0.021	-0.84	PASS	Mud/Sandy mud
SieveRepAv	80.65	0.89	PASS	6.86	1.54	PASS	-	-	Deemed Fail	-	-	Deemed Fail	-	-	Deemed Fail	-
LB1104*	78.75	0.29	PASS	5.57	-0.77	PASS	5.42	-0.84	PASS	1.90	-0.39	PASS	-0.100	-2.62	Fail	-
LB1107	66.4	-3.68	Fail	3.83	-3.87	Fail	4.33	-4.24	Fail	1.66	-1.94	PASS	0.42	9.14	Fail	-/-
LB1114	78.86	0.32	PASS	5.79	-0.38	PASS	5.70	0.03	PASS	1.92	-0.27	PASS	0.030	0.32	PASS	sM/sM
LB1115	78.75	0.29	PASS	5.57	-0.77	PASS	5.42	-0.84	PASS	1.90	-0.39	PASS	-0.1	-2.62	Fail	Mud/Sandy mud
LB1117	76.46	-0.45	PASS	5.53	-0.84	PASS	5.50	-0.59	PASS	1.97	0.06	PASS	0.020	0.10	PASS	Dk bwn,fluid,sl.sandy mud + org frag/sl.grav,sandy,mud
LB1118	81.56	1.19	PASS	5.93	-0.13	PASS	5.78	0.28	PASS	1.80	-1.04	PASS	0.080	1.45	PASS	Mud/Sandy mud
LB1122	72.25	-1.80	PASS	-	-	Deemed Fail	-	-	Deemed Fail	2.02	0.38	PASS	-0.030	-1.03	PASS	Fine silt/-

"-" no return and/or data from laboratory. See text, Section 6 in the forthcoming Annual Report, for details.

"\*" = centralised analysis





Figure 3. Z-scores for PS25 derived statistics (replicated data not displayed).

