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List of Vessels Operated by BAS and its Predecessors



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HMS Bransfield (formerly Veslekari) 1943

HMS William Scoresby 1943-46*~

SS Fitzroy (chartered) 1943-48

SS Eagle (chartered) 1944-45

MV Trepassey (chartered) 1945-47

MV/RRS John Biscoe (1) 1947-56*~

MV Norsel (chartered) 1954-55

MV Oluf Sven (chartered) 1955-57 - Falkland Islands Dependencies Aerial Survey Expedition

RRS Shackleton 1955-69*~

RRS John Biscoe (2) 1956-91*~

MV Tottan (chartered) 1958-59

MV Kista Dan (chartered) 1959-60, 1965-66

MV Perla Dan (chartered) 1966 –70

RRS Bransfield 1970-99*~

RRS James Clark Ross 1991-present*~

RRS Ernest Shackleton 1999-present*~

Smaller vessels (not complete)

Auxillary Ketch Penelope 1948-53 (Stanley, Falkland Islands)

Trawler Jane 1970-71 (built for work from South Georgia but never deployed)

Key:

* summary of history available

~ information available on BAS website <http://www.bas.ac.uk>

Information Sheet 11 (draft 1990) summarises info on these, and other vessels. It was never released as it was found to have some errors.