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TRAWLER NETTED MINE OFF COULPORT

A fishing boat crew netted a mine floating off Coulpport on Tuesday.

The crew immediately dropped the mine back overboard where it sank to the seabed.

A Clyde Submarine Base spokesman said: "Unsurprisingly the mine was dropped back overboard right away but unfortunately it sank too deep for our divers to take a look at it."

"We can't tell what kind of mine it is and will probably have to wait and see if it surfaces again to identify it."

An Ayr trawler also had a fishy catch when it netted a listening device lost from a Faslane submarine.

The crew of The Sardonian netted part of a towed array, which looks like a giant bobbin of thread, in the Firth of Clyde.

A Base tug picked the device up from the boat's captain on Tuesday.

A Base spokesman said: "We aren't sure how we lost the towed array but

from time to time they do hit rocks on the bottom as they are dragged along at the back of the submarine and break off."