



Marine Notice No. 57 of 2021

*Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers,
Yachtsmen and Seafarers*

Notice of Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) 2021

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that, the annual Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) will be carried out off the northwest, west and south coast of Ireland between the **30 October and 14 December 2021** by the Marine Institute.

The IGFS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 170 fishing hauls of 30-minute duration each in ICES area VIa, VIIb, VIIg and VIIj. The approximate location of these hauls is given in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. As part of the requirements for the 2021 survey, fishing will take place within a 2 nautical miles radius of these indicative positions.

2. Details of Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the R.V. '*Celtic Explorer*' (Callsign: **EIGB**). The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will be towing a high headline GOV 36/47 demersal trawl during fishing operations.

3. Notification of Static Gear or Other Obstructions

The Marine Institute requests that commercial fishing and other marine operators keep a 2 nautical mile area around the tow mid-points clear of any gear or apparatus during the survey period outlined above. While there is no statutory provision for the loss of gear at sea, the MI will make every effort to avoid gear adequately marked according to legislation¹ that may be encountered in the notified areas. In the event that an operator has static gear or other obstructions within 2nmi of the points listed above it is the responsibility of the owner to notify the survey managers or vessel directly. This should be communicated by identifying specifically which "Prime Station" is of concern using the Appendices and contact details provided. It is not required to provide positional details of commercial operations beyond 3-4 nautical miles of the survey points provided.

¹ See Articles 9-17 of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 404/2011](#). For overview of regulations, see the [BIM Fisheries Management Chart for 2021](#).

Specifics of any fishing gear or other obstructions that are known and cannot be kept clear of these survey haul locations can be notified using the contact details below.

4. Further Information

If you require any further information, please contact:

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and are reminded of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012], and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476834/1890-213434. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie

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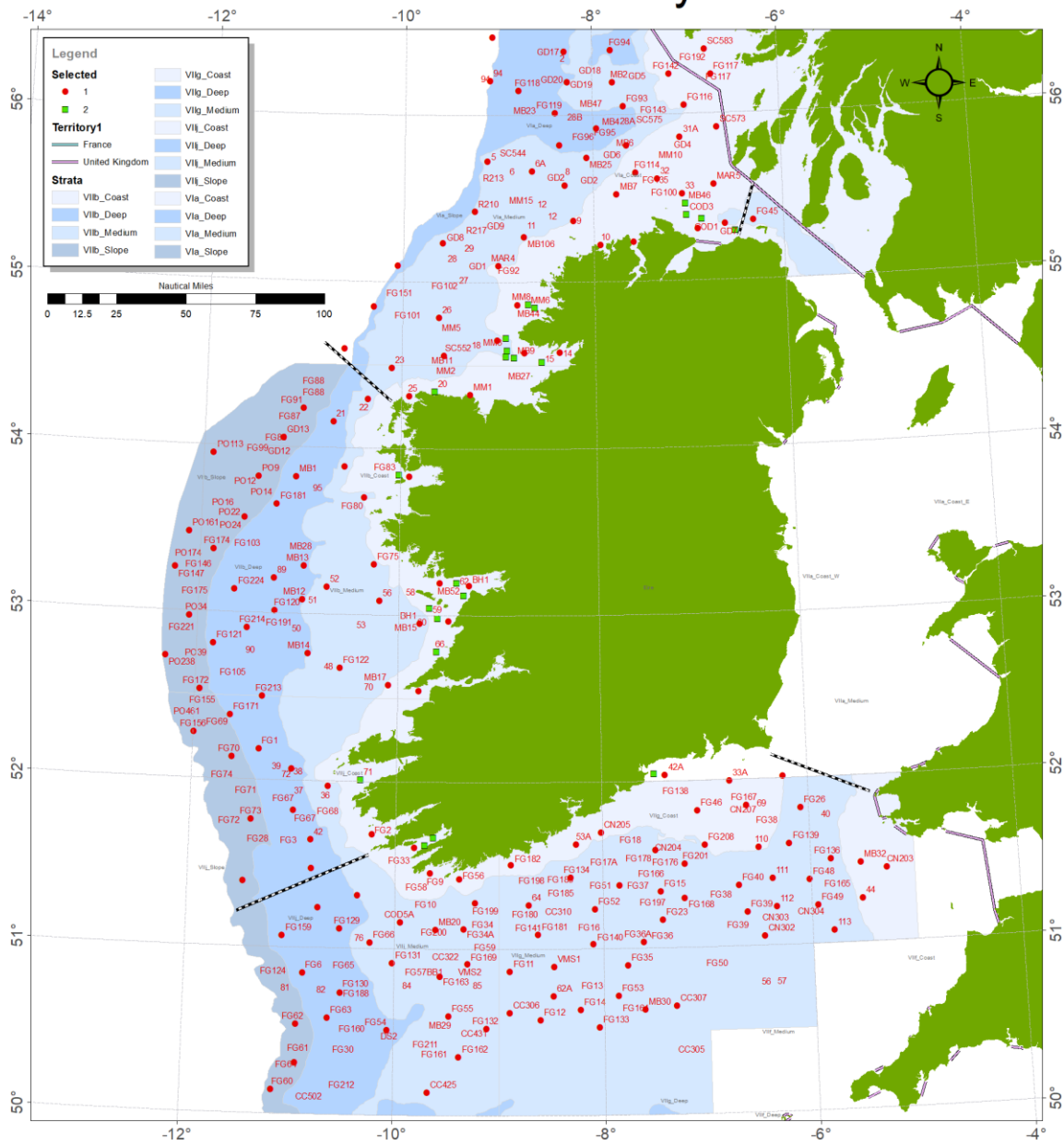
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Appendix 2 – Table of Irish Groundfish Survey Stations

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Appendix 1: Map of Irish Groundfish Survey Stations

Irish Groundfish Survey 2021



Map of IGFS2021 survey stations (red circles – primary; green squares - secondary) labelled with Prime Station number.

Appendix 2. IGFS Survey Stations are located by the following coordinates (WGS 84)

Vla

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
23	54° 32.81' N	8° 50.58' W	MB9	VlaCoast
24	54° 31.11' N	8° 33.33' W	15	VlaCoast
101	55° 22.08' N	6° 51.83' W	COD1	VlaCoast
102	55° 23.5' N	7° 1.34' W	COD3	VlaCoast
223	55° 27.62' N	7° 1.71' W	MB46	VlaCoast
341	54° 52.07' N	8° 41.74' W	MM8	VlaCoast
389	54° 50.71' N	8° 37.65' W	MM6	VlaCoast
13	56° 11.82' N	7° 46.76' W	MB2	VlaCoast
19	55° 13.21' N	7° 55.74' W	10	VlaCoast
20	55° 31.4' N	7° 45.21' W	MB7	VlaCoast
25	54° 34.62' N	8° 22.14' W	14	VlaCoast
100	55° 18.62' N	6° 54.23' W	COD2	VlaCoast
103	55° 31.3' N	7° 3.43' W	33	VlaCoast
104	55° 36.83' N	7° 19.16' W	32	VlaCoast
109	55° 21.98' N	8° 12.81' W	9	VlaCoast
141	54° 51.82' N	8° 48.39' W	MB44	VlaCoast
142	54° 34.62' N	8° 44.03' W	MB45	VlaCoast
192	56° 23.07' N	6° 47.01' W	SC583	VlaCoast
194	55° 51.58' N	7° 4.17' W	31A	VlaCoast
195	55° 54.83' N	6° 40.5' W	SC573	VlaCoast
222	55° 14.31' N	7° 35.05' W	FG115	VlaCoast
224	56° 3.12' N	7° 0.83' W	FG116	VlaCoast
337	55° 39.05' N	7° 33.1' W	FG114	VlaCoast
398	56° 13.89' N	6° 43.34' W	FG117	VlaCoast
18	55° 40.65' N	7° 12.68' W	31	VlaCoast
107	55° 49.21' N	8° 21.17' W	MMMA3	VlaDeep
189	56° 2.99' N	7° 40.28' W	FG93	VlaDeep
190	55° 55.24' N	7° 57.45' W	FG96	VlaDeep
215	55° 5.74' N	10° 3.29' W	FG108	VlaDeep
229	56° 9.03' N	8° 47.28' W	FG118	VlaDeep
230	56° 0.76' N	8° 23.92' W	FG119	VlaDeep
372	54° 51.06' N	10° 17.92' W	GD11	VlaDeep
374	56° 23.38' N	7° 47.84' W	FG94	VlaDeep
390	56° 11.94' N	8° 16.09' W	GD19	VlaDeep
391	56° 22.91' N	8° 18.04' W	GD16	VlaDeep
12	56° 18.81' N	8° 20.59' W	2	VlaDeep
196	55° 17.43' N	6° 30.64' W	FG98	VlaMedium
340	54° 39.87' N	8° 55.49' W	MM3	VlaMedium
369	54° 33.2' N	8° 55.49' W	GD10	VlaMedium

3	54° 47.26' N	9° 37.26' W	26	VlaMedium
7	55° 43.6' N	9° 7.06' W	5	VlaMedium
115	55° 44.69' N	8° 3.99' W	MB25	VlaMedium

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Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
117	55° 5.89' N	9° 0.42' W	MAR4	VlaMedium
137	55° 21.2' N	6° 19.03' W	FG45	VlaMedium
143	54° 33.45' N	9° 34.1' W	SC552	VlaMedium
191	55° 40' N	8° 38.69' W	6A	VlaMedium
257	56° 14.43' N	7° 10.34' W	FG142	VlaMedium
306	55° 34.8' N	8° 18.09' W	GD2	VlaMedium
307	55° 34.41' N	6° 43.42' W	MAR5	VlaMedium
325	55° 16.35' N	8° 44.05' W	MB106	VlaMedium
367	55° 14' N	9° 35.07' W	GD8	VlaMedium
392	55° 49.02' N	7° 38.51' W	MM11	VlaMedium
402	54° 39.13' N	9° 0.98' W	MM4	VlaMedium
405	55° 20.2' N	6° 36.9' W	GD7	VlaMedium
4	54° 59.02' N	9° 24.58' W	27	VlaMedium
228	56° 28.12' N	9° 4.24' W	FG106	VlaSlope
271	54° 35.81' N	10° 35.57' W	FG149	VlaSlope
213	54° 44.27' N	10° 26.2' W	FG113	VlaSlope

VIIb

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
43	53° 2.5' N	9° 41.41' W	59	VIIbCoast
44	53° 11.59' N	9° 25.39' W	62	VIIbCoast
45	52° 46.98' N	9° 37.11' W	66	VIIbCoast
304	52° 58.96' N	9° 36.65' W	FG173	VIIbCoast
310	53° 50.49' N	10° 0.73' W	FG83	VIIbCoast
353	53° 7.22' N	9° 21.18' W	MB52	VIIbCoast
29	54° 18.95' N	9° 55.2' W	25	VIIbCoast
124	52° 32.87' N	9° 47.54' W	68	VIIbCoast
327	54° 19.54' N	9° 17.74' W	MM1	VIIbCoast
355	52° 57.86' N	9° 29.99' W	FG207	VIIbCoast
388	53° 11.68' N	9° 35.62' W	FG217	VIIbCoast
403	53° 10.82' N	9° 17.86' W	BH1	VIIbCoast
404	52° 57' N	9° 47.28' W	BH1	VIIbCoast
415	53° 49.94' N	9° 54.44' W	FG84	VIIbCoast
40	52° 55.98' N	9° 42.9' W	60	VIIbCoast
33	53° 5.08' N	10° 57.79' W	MB12	VIIbDeep
34	53° 12.53' N	11° 15.1' W	89	VIIbDeep
35	53° 17.25' N	10° 57.43' W	MB13	VIIbDeep
38	52° 45.76' N	10° 53.67' W	MB14	VIIbDeep
110	54° 9.48' N	10° 41.42' W	21	VIIbDeep
123	52° 54.41' N	11° 30.37' W	FG214	VIIbDeep
184	53° 53.31' N	10° 34.2' W	FG82	VIIbDeep
231	53° 0.92' N	11° 14.1' W	FG120	VIIbDeep
232	52° 48.56' N	11° 50' W	FG121	VIIbDeep
396	53° 8.17' N	11° 38.49' W	FG224	VIIbDeep
414	53° 39.32' N	11° 14.73' W	FG181	VIIbDeep
1	53° 43.65' N	10° 52.24' W	95	VIIbDeep
31	53° 9.9' N	10° 43.14' W	52	VIIbMedium
47	52° 34.87' N	10° 5.68' W	MB17	VIIbMedium
111	54° 29.07' N	10° 6.26' W	23	VIIbMedium
113	53° 5.1' N	10° 11.58' W	56	VIIbMedium
180	53° 18.2' N	10° 15.28' W	FG75	VIIbMedium
185	53° 42.28' N	10° 21.76' W	FG80	VIIbMedium
233	52° 40.79' N	10° 34.39' W	FG122	VIIbMedium
27	54° 28.81' N	9° 27.34' W	MB10	VIIbMedium
147	53° 34.18' N	11° 33.97' W	PO24	VIIbSlope
152	52° 43.43' N	12° 18.06' W	PO238	VIIbSlope
186	54° 13.95' N	10° 59.95' W	FG91	VIIbSlope
209	52° 58.14' N	12° 4.85' W	PO34	VIIbSlope

211	53° 49.03' N	11° 26.4' W	PO9	VIIbSlope
262	53° 28.49' N	12° 7.13' W	PO161	VIIbSlope
269	53° 15.48' N	12° 14.76' W	FG147	VIIbSlope
303	52° 31.87' N	11° 57.07' W	FG172	VIIbSlope
Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
413	53° 22.46' N	11° 51.99' W	FG174	VIIbSlope
418	54° 3.18' N	11° 11.66' W	GD13	VIIbSlope
146	53° 41.65' N	11° 22.49' W	PO14	VIIbSlope

VIIg

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
79	51° 37.57' N	8° 15.28' W	53A	VIIgCoast
92	51° 35.34' N	6° 29.55' W	110	VIIgCoast
95	52° 2.09' N	7° 22.91' W	42A	VIIgCoast
96	51° 59.62' N	6° 45.37' W	33A	VIIgCoast
98	52° 0.66' N	6° 14.11' W	FG25	VIIgCoast
131	51° 15.56' N	5° 30.58' W	44	VIIgCoast
132	51° 28.44' N	5° 31.03' W	MB32	VIIgCoast
156	51° 49.12' N	7° 4.47' W	FG46	VIIgCoast
289	51° 50.45' N	6° 36.11' W	FG167	VIIgCoast
295	51° 41.71' N	8° 0.8' W	CN205	VIIgCoast
316	51° 35.19' N	7° 29.49' W	FG178	VIIgCoast
324	51° 26.23' N	5° 15.89' W	CN203	VIIgCoast
346	51° 30.03' N	7° 12.41' W	FG201	VIIgCoast
348	51° 30.34' N	8° 53' W	FG182	VIIgCoast
357	51° 36.63' N	7° 0.65' W	FG208	VIIgCoast
97	51° 49.44' N	6° 29.6' W	69	VIIgCoast
72	50° 36.86' N	8° 53.64' W	CC306	VIIgMedium
73	50° 34.45' N	8° 36.24' W	FG12	VIIgMedium
74	50° 42.99' N	8° 28.78' W	62A	VIIgMedium
76	50° 38.01' N	8° 13.28' W	FG14	VIIgMedium
78	50° 38.86' N	7° 18.79' W	CC307	VIIgMedium
81	51° 15.68' N	8° 42.82' W	64	VIIgMedium
85	51° 20.31' N	7° 26.64' W	FG15	VIIgMedium
86	51° 10.06' N	7° 25.81' W	FG23	VIIgMedium
89	51° 4.39' N	5° 47.61' W	113	VIIgMedium
90	51° 13.79' N	6° 20.03' W	112	VIIgMedium
91	51° 24.04' N	6° 21.99' W	111	VIIgMedium
93	51° 36.29' N	6° 11.81' W	FG139	VIIgMedium
99	51° 49.09' N	6° 4.59' W	FG26	VIIgMedium
128	50° 53.77' N	7° 46.04' W	FG35	VIIgMedium
129	50° 37.89' N	7° 36.65' W	MB30	VIIgMedium
134	51° 21.92' N	6° 41.68' W	FG40	VIIgMedium
158	51° 23.04' N	6° 0.82' W	FG48	VIIgMedium
159	51° 13.67' N	5° 56.25' W	FG49	VIIgMedium
160	51° 12.19' N	6° 37.07' W	FG39	VIIgMedium
163	51° 14.19' N	8° 4.8' W	FG52	VIIgMedium
164	50° 42.81' N	7° 51.85' W	FG53	VIIgMedium
245	50° 31.57' N	8° 2.77' W	FG133	VIIgMedium
246	51° 30.26' N	5° 48.08' W	FG136	VIIgMedium
249	51° 1.64' N	8° 5.8' W	FG140	VIIgMedium
250	51° 25.69' N	8° 18.56' W	FG134	VIIgMedium
290	51° 17.62' N	7° 12.89' W	FG168	VIIgMedium
319	51° 5.12' N	8° 37.4' W	FG181	VIIgMedium
347	51° 22.56' N	7° 50.52' W	FG37A	VIIgMedium

356	50° 53.62' N	8° 28.4' W	VMS1	VIIgMedium
371	51° 2.12' N	7° 37.03' W	FG36A	VIIgMedium
408	51° 3.37' N	6° 27.63' W	CN302	VIIgMedium
75	50° 45' N	8° 13.01' W	FG13	VIIgMedium

VIIj

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
352	51° 37.17' N	9° 43.13' W	FG205	VIIjCoast
382	51° 39.91' N	9° 38.2' W	FG223	VIIjCoast
56	51° 41.09' N	10° 13.75' W	FG2	VIIjCoast
67	51° 27.2' N	9° 39.62' W	FG9	VIIjCoast
168	51° 25.2' N	9° 22.92' W	FG56	VIIjCoast
380	51° 36.42' N	9° 48.95' W	FG204	VIIjCoast
125	51° 30.03' N	10° 3.71' W	FG33	VIIjCoast
50	52° 4.13' N	11° 1.5' W	MB53	VIIjDeep
57	51° 38.71' N	10° 49.15' W	42	VIIjDeep
59	51° 28.34' N	10° 48.63' W	FG4	VIIjDeep
61	50° 50.71' N	10° 52.07' W	FG6	VIIjDeep
64	50° 43.79' N	10° 30.46' W	FG188	VIIjDeep
121	50° 34.69' N	10° 37.43' W	FG63	VIIjDeep
175	51° 2.06' N	10° 14.03' W	FG66	VIIjDeep
240	51° 49.14' N	10° 59.83' W	FG67	VIIjDeep
241	51° 18.9' N	10° 21.48' W	FG128	VIIjDeep
242	51° 6.98' N	10° 31.53' W	FG129	VIIjDeep
244	50° 31.18' N	9° 7.05' W	FG132	VIIjDeep
279	51° 3.98' N	11° 4.3' W	FG159	VIIjDeep
283	50° 21.03' N	9° 22.77' W	FG162	VIIjDeep
284	50° 50.07' N	9° 33.67' W	FG163	VIIjDeep
302	52° 22.92' N	11° 38.43' W	FG171	VIIjDeep
321	50° 8.12' N	9° 40.6' W	CC425	VIIjDeep
351	51° 14.38' N	10° 44.09' W	FG203	VIIjDeep
381	50° 54.79' N	10° 0.98' W	FG131	VIIjDeep
384	52° 29.99' N	11° 19.8' W	FG213	VIIjDeep
49	52° 3.18' N	11° 10.87' W	39	VIIjDeep
70	51° 6.82' N	9° 36.39' W	MB20	VIIjMedium
165	50° 35.73' N	9° 28.59' W	FG55	VIIjMedium
166	50° 30.6' N	10° 3.58' W	FG54	VIIjMedium
252	51° 58.12' N	10° 39.72' W	MB51	VIIjMedium
291	50° 54.61' N	9° 18.03' W	FG169	VIIjMedium
330	51° 6.99' N	9° 20.24' W	FG34A	VIIjMedium
350	51° 16.6' N	9° 13.73' W	FG199	VIIjMedium
52	51° 53.08' N	10° 43.82' W	36	VIIjMedium
173	50° 32.3' N	10° 55.12' W	FG62	VIIjSlope
235	52° 7.89' N	11° 36.52' W	FG70	VIIjSlope
238	51° 23.39' N	11° 27.69' W	FG126	VIIjSlope
239	51° 45.62' N	11° 24.09' W	FG73	VIIjSlope

276	52° 16.46' N	11° 59.45' W	FG156	VIIjSlope
399	50° 8.53' N	11° 8.31' W	FG60	VIIjSlope
62	50° 43.55' N	11° 1.73' W	81	VIIjSlope

* Prime Station is the fixed station position annually, whether selected or not.

** Stratum is the Survey subareas. Delimited by ICES Area and nominal depth contour relating to i) *Coast (<80m);
ii) *Medium (<120m); iii) *Deep (<200m); iv) *Slope (<600m).