



## Marine Notice No. 66 of 2021

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

### Informing and Mapping the Offshore Renewable Environment (I-MORE) Survey in the North Irish Sea

#### 1. Notice of activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that the Informing and Mapping the Offshore Renewable Environment (I-MORE) Survey will be carried out from **4 January until the 13 January 2022** in the North Irish Sea.

#### 2. Overview and Location of the Survey Activity

The location of the outline area for these works is given below and a map of proposed survey area is given in Appendix 1. The equipment to be used in the survey comprises the MANTA – 200 Seabed Cone Penetration Testing (CPT) System. The aim of this survey is to gather critical seabed data to feed into existing Post Doc and group research across a range of disciplines including marine geotechnics and physical geology, and to better understand the geology and engineering properties of the sediment in this area and to identify potential geohazards to infrastructure development.

#### Location of the outline area

ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	53° 54.598' N	005° 43.926' W
2	53° 38.393' N	005° 44.816' W
3	53° 39.014' N	006° 10.225' W
4	53° 55.244' N	006° 9.293' W

#### 3. Details of Vessel

The survey will be carried out by the **RV Celtic Explorer** (callsign: **EIGB**). The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. Work will be performed on 24-hour schedule. All operations will be carried out in accordance with safe operating practices regarding MMO procedures and cognisant of fishing gear.

#### 4. Additional Information

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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](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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Encl: Appendix 1 Map of proposed survey area

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