



Marine Notice No. 29 of 2023

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

Celtic Interconnector Project: Survey - Ireland

Amended 30/05/2023

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been notified by Next Geosolutions that they will be performing a detailed marine, geotechnical and UXO survey on behalf of Nexans for CIDAC as part of the Celtic Interconnector Project. The survey will follow the planned route of the Celtic Interconnector Project offshore cable route between the southeast coast of Ireland and the coast of France. The survey will begin on **29 April**, subject to weather and operational constraints, and will take approximately **169 days of which 26 will be within Irish waters**.

As of 30 May 2023, the nearshore operations using the vessel “**Deep Volans**” have been completed. The detailed Marine Survey being undertaken by the “**OSV Relume**” is expected to commence on 31 May 2023, subject to operational and weather constraints. The UXO survey works will be undertaken by the offshore vessel “**Ievoli Cobalt**” (**Call Sign: IBOK**). This survey is scheduled to begin on 18 June 2023 and will take approximately 20 days, subject to operational and weather constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The surveys will take place within the locations indicated in the table below. The section of the route which passes through Irish territorial waters and the Irish EEZ are summarised in the table below. Further details can be found in the maps set out in the Appendix to this notice. Full detailed coordinates for the operation are available upon request from the contacts listed below under point 4.

Location ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	51°56'2.772'N	007°51'35.8041'W
2	51°56'1.8722'N	007°51'34.6501'W
3	51°48'29.1192'N	007°45'18.2093'W
4	51°47'35.3042'N	007°45'4.9723'W
5	51°39'21.4597'N	007°50'17.6953'W
6	50°40'0.0014'N	007°18'38.3068'W

3. Details of the Survey Vessels

The surveys will be conducted by two vessels for both offshore and nearshore operations. The “**OSV Relume**” (Call Sign: **C6TR4**) will be conducting the detailed marine, geotechnical survey works in the offshore areas. The “**levoli Cobalt**” (Call sign: **IBOK**) will be undertaking the UXO Survey. Operations by both vessels will be conducted on a 24-hour basis. The nearshore operations will be conducted by the vessel “**Deep Volans**” (Call Sign: **PETL**). Work on the “**Deep Volans**” will be conducted on a 12-hours basis. All nearshore operations have now been completed.

Both vessels will display the relevant lights and shapes during periods of restricted manoeuvrability and adhere to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) and all licencing requirements. During operations both vessels will be running survey lines, and all vessels operating in the area are requested to leave a wide berth. Both survey vessels will keep a listening watch on VHF channel 16 and will actively transmit an AIS signal. A listening watch will also be maintained on VTS VHF Channels as appropriate.

4. Contact Details

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the **International Collision Regulations** and 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, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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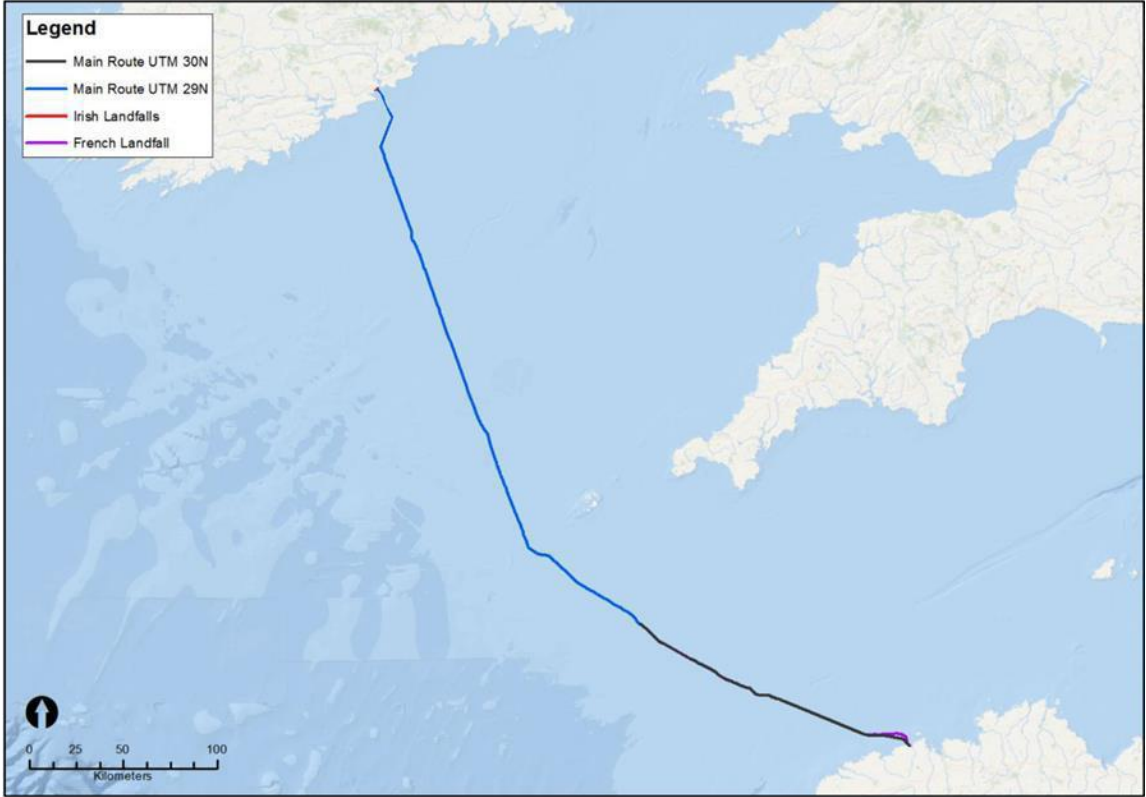
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Encl: Appendix – Maps of Survey Area

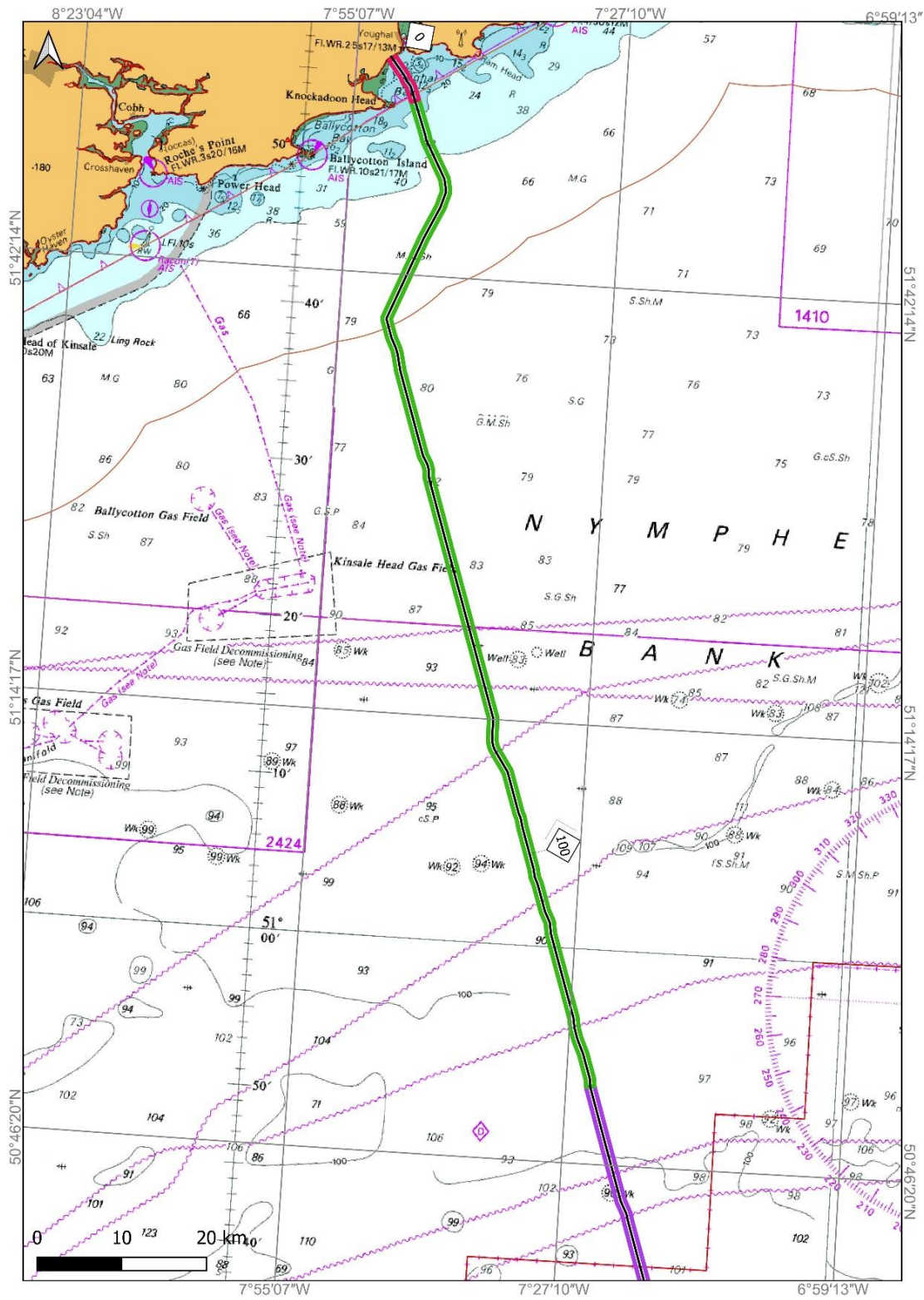
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Appendix: Maps of Route and Survey Area

Map 1



Map 2:



Map 3

