



Marine Notice No. 39 of 2023

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

Seven Heads and the Old Head of Kinsale – Deployment of benthic sensors

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University College Cork, that they deployed **12** benthic sensors on **12 June** between the **Seven Heads and the Old Head of Kinsale**. The acoustic tracking equipment is part of a research project that aims to track skate. The benthic sensors will be deployed for 12 months.

2. Location of Activity

A table of coordinates for the benthic sensors' deployment positions and a map showing the locations are attached at Appendices 1 and 2. Each sensor consists of a mooring weight and an acoustic sensor for tracking tagged skate in the area. Each sensor has no surface marker.

3. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other relevant matters, should be directed to:

- **University College Cork**
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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.

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Encl: **Appendix 1:** Coordinates (WGS84) for 12 benthic sensors
Appendix 2: Mapped location of the 12 benthic sensors – visualised in CRS 29N

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Appendix 1: Coordinates (WGS84) for 12 benthic sensors

Position Number	Latitude	Longitude	Mooring Floatation (m)
1	51°35.4786' N	8°41.3094' W	18.0
2	51°35.7432' N	8°40.6860' W	15.2
3	51°35.7378' N	8°39.9390' W	14.7
4	51°35.9346' N	8°39.2508' W	12.5
5	51°36.1200' N	8°38.5260' W	12.5
6	51°36.2760' N	8°37.9776' W	11.5
7	51°36.4206' N	8°37.2990' W	10.6
8	51°36.6150' N	8°36.6684' W	12.6
9	51°36.9588' N	8°35.4306' W	14.4
10	51°36.7881' N	8°36.0676' W	12.4
11	51°37.1292' N	8°34.7940' W	10.7
12	51°37.2996' N	8°34.1568' W	8.7

Appendix 2: Mapped location of the 12 benthic sensors – visualised in CRS 29N

