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Department of Transport

Marine Notice No. 68 of 2023

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

Notice of Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) 2023

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 coast of Ireland between **31 October and 16 December 2023** by the Marine Institute.

The IGFS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 170 fishing hauls of 30 minutes duration each in International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) areas VIa, VIIb, VIIg and VIIj. The approximate location of the shooting position of these hauls is given in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to this document. Fishing in the 2023 survey will take place within a 2 nautical mile (nmi) 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 2nmi 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 Marine Institute 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 below. It is **not** required to provide positional details of commercial operations beyond 3 to 4 nmi of the survey points provided.

¹See Articles 9-17 of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 404/2011](#). For overview of regulations, see the [BIM Fisheries Management Chart for 2022](#).

4. Further Information

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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, 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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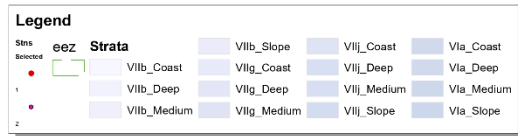
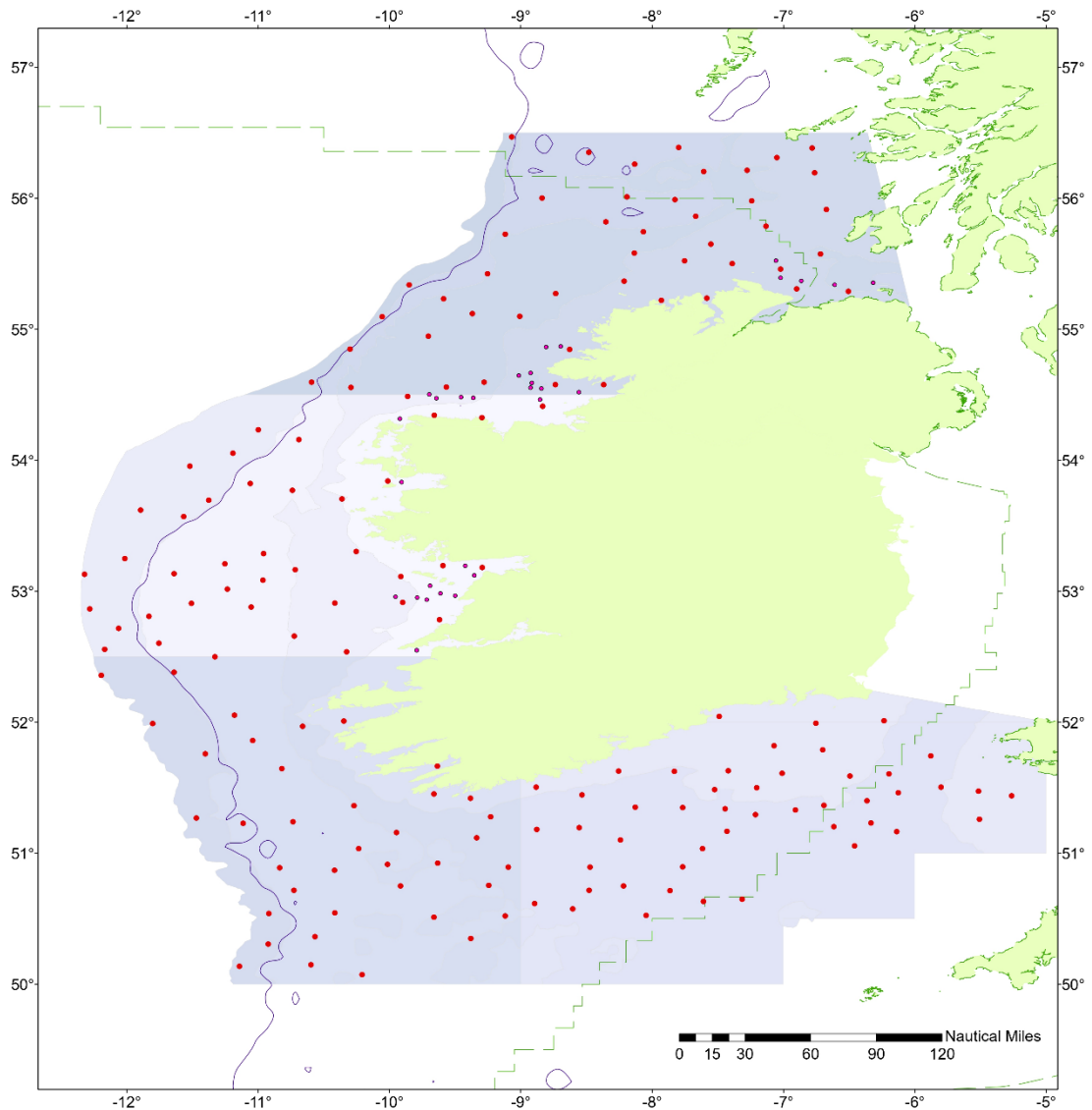
Appendix 1: Map of Irish Groundfish Survey Stations

Appendix 2: IGFS Survey Stations are located at the following coordinates (WGS 84)

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Irish Groundfish Survey 2023



Appendix 2: IGFS Survey Stations are located at the following coordinates (WGS 84)

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude
2	53° 49.31' N	11° 3.6' W
7	55° 43.56' N	9° 7.15' W
10	55° 25.45' N	9° 15.21' W
14	56° 12.9' N	7° 16.6' W
15	56° 0.72' N	8° 11.48' W
16	55° 59.42' N	7° 49.57' W
17	55° 51.71' N	7° 40.15' W
19	55° 13.25' N	7° 55.76' W
20	55° 31.38' N	7° 45.26' W
22	54° 35.35' N	8° 54.91' W
23	54° 32.81' N	8° 50.58' W
24	54° 31.11' N	8° 33.4' W
25	54° 34.61' N	8° 22.16' W
26	54° 20.65' N	9° 39.49' W
27	54° 28.83' N	9° 27.3' W
28	54° 30.1' N	9° 41.75' W
29	54° 18.95' N	9° 55.2' W
31	53° 9.89' N	10° 43.13' W
33	53° 5.06' N	10° 57.74' W
34	53° 12.49' N	11° 15.21' W
35	53° 17.26' N	10° 57.49' W
36	52° 52.77' N	11° 3.15' W
39	52° 39.45' N	10° 43.54' W
40	52° 56.03' N	9° 42.87' W
41	52° 57.38' N	9° 57.21' W
42	53° 6.71' N	9° 54.82' W
43	53° 2.5' N	9° 41.41' W
44	53° 11.59' N	9° 25.39' W
45	52° 46.96' N	9° 37.12' W
46	52° 32.22' N	10° 19.64' W
49	52° 3.18' N	11° 10.87' W
53	52° 0.55' N	10° 20.93' W
57	51° 38.69' N	10° 49.13' W
63	50° 43.03' N	10° 43.65' W
65	50° 45.01' N	9° 54.9' W
66	50° 45.21' N	9° 14.67' W
67	51° 27.19' N	9° 39.63' W
69	51° 9.41' N	9° 56.81' W
72	50° 36.88' N	8° 53.67' W
73	50° 34.44' N	8° 36.25' W
74	50° 42.96' N	8° 28.8' W
75	50° 44.98' N	8° 13.07' W

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180	53° 18.19' N	10° 15.27' W
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183	53° 46.21' N	10° 44.32' W
185	53° 42.28' N	10° 21.77' W
186	54° 13.95' N	10° 59.95' W
192	56° 23.09' N	6° 46.99' W
193	55° 58.79' N	7° 14.48' W
195	55° 54.84' N	6° 40.49' W
196	55° 17.4' N	6° 30.39' W
208	53° 7.7' N	12° 19.32' W
210	52° 43' N	12° 3.76' W
212	53° 57.29' N	11° 31.18' W
215	55° 5.7' N	10° 3.33' W
216	55° 20.38' N	9° 50.99' W
222	55° 14.29' N	7° 35.05' W
223	55° 27.55' N	7° 1.47' W
225	56° 11.73' N	6° 45.85' W
228	56° 28.16' N	9° 4.23' W
231	53° 0.94' N	11° 14.06' W
232	52° 48.55' N	11° 49.92' W
239	51° 45.52' N	11° 24.08' W
244	50° 31.19' N	9° 7.08' W
245	50° 31.56' N	8° 2.79' W
246	51° 30.26' N	5° 48.08' W
252	51° 58.13' N	10° 39.65' W
256	55° 30.13' N	7° 23.38' W
260	54° 56.9' N	9° 42.21' W
261	53° 37.21' N	11° 53.75' W
270	53° 14.99' N	12° 0.94' W
271	54° 35.81' N	10° 35.56' W
278	51° 16.09' N	11° 28.23' W
281	50° 32.63' N	10° 24.93' W
283	50° 20.95' N	9° 22.89' W
290	51° 17.62' N	7° 12.89' W
293	50° 55.42' N	9° 37.94' W
294	50° 53.55' N	9° 5.72' W
296	51° 37.75' N	7° 25.29' W
297	51° 47.32' N	6° 42.16' W
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79	51° 37.57' N	8° 15.28' W
80	51° 26.7' N	8° 32.04' W
82	51° 11.68' N	8° 33.32' W
83	51° 5.99' N	8° 14.47' W
84	51° 37.43' N	7° 49.89' W
85	51° 20.3' N	7° 26.61' W
86	51° 10.08' N	7° 25.79' W
90	51° 13.81' N	6° 20.03' W
91	51° 24.04' N	6° 21.99' W
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