



## Marine Notice No. 12 of 2024

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

### Notice of Irish Anglerfish and Megrin Survey (IAMS) 2024 – Leg III, North and Northwest Coasts

#### 1. Notice of Survey

Further to [Marine Notice 03 of 2024](#), the Department of Transport has been advised that the third leg of the annual Irish Anglerfish and Megrin Survey (IAMS 2024) will be carried out from **12 April 2024 to 21 April 2024** to the north and northwest coast of Ireland by the Marine Institute in fulfilment of Ireland's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) obligations<sup>1</sup>.

The IAMS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 50 otter trawls, each of 60 minutes' duration, in ICES area 6.a. The approximate location of these hauls is given in the table in Appendix 1 and map in Appendix 2 below. The survey will take place within a 3-nautical-mile radius of these indicative positions.

#### 2. Details of Survey Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the **RV Celtic Explorer** (Callsign: **EIGB**). The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will be towing a Jackson demersal trawl during fishing operations.

#### 3. Safety Information

The Marine Institute requests that commercial fishing and other marine operators keep the 3 nmi radius around each of the tow points or "stations" 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 legislation<sup>2</sup> that may be encountered in the notified areas.

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<sup>1</sup> Articles 9-17 of EU Regulation (EU) No 404/2011, available [here](#)

<sup>2</sup> For overview of current EU regulations, please consult the BIM Fisheries Management Chart 2022 [here](#)

If an operator has static gear or other obstructions within the 3 nmi radius of the points listed in Appendix 1, it is the responsibility of the owner to notify the survey managers or vessel directly. This should be communicated by identifying specifically which station is of concern using the information set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 below.

It is not required to provide positional details of commercial operations beyond a 4 nmi radius of the survey points provided.

#### 4. Contact Details

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:

- **Aodhan Fitzgerald**, Marine Institute: 087-2488765
- **Eoghan Kelly**, Marine Institute: 087-9935128

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: IAMS 2024 Survey Station Coordinates  
Appendix 2: Map of IAMS 2024 Leg III Survey Stations

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## Appendix 1: IAMS 2024 Survey Station Coordinates

IAMS 2024 Leg III survey stations can be located at the following coordinates:

Station	Latitude	Longitude
1	55°49'40.8"N	8°29'20.4"W
2	57°21'25.2"N	9°21'43.2"W
3	56°11'2.4"N	9°17'29.4"W
4	56°35'7.8"N	7°33'10.8"W
5	56°58'10.2"N	8°34'31.8"W
6	54°32'34.8"N	10°46'19.2"W
7	55°12'46.8"N	10°5'31.2"W
8	54°58'57"N	9°24'39.6"W
9	56°35'58.2"N	8°28'24.6"W
10	56°11'9.6"N	6°47'40.2"W
11	56°53'58.2"N	9°4'53.4"W
12	54°42'37.8"N	10°37'48"W
13	54°33'1.8"N	10°17'54.6"W
14	55°53'31.2"N	7°50'29.4"W
15	55°22'17.4"N	9°46'19.2"W
16	55°48'21.6"N	9°23'36.6"W
17	55°31'31.78"N	7°45'17.14"W
18	56°19'4.8"N	8°17'54.6"W
19	56°11'34.8"N	7°47'9.6"W
20	55°56'20.4"N	9°14'38.4"W
21	57°51'41.4"N	9°39'55.8"W
22	55°19'24.83"N	9°29'54.01"W
23	56°14'5.09"N	9°10'44.81"W
24	55°32'4.2"N	9°36'27"W
25	54°35'44.29"N	9°17'0.18"W
26	54°39'36.3"N	8°55'5.17"W
27	55°26'34.8"N	9°46'22.8"W
28	56°40'31.3"N	8°12'38.77"W
29	55°45'18"N	9°25'10.2"W
30	54°30'41.4"N	9°35'24"W
31	55°40'28.2"N	9°10'30"W
32	56°28'10.33"N	9°4'14"W
33	57°41'27.6"N	9°40'57"W
34	55°44'43.8"N	6°59'49.2"W
35	55°53'51"N	8°16'57"W
36	56°21'36"N	8°46'30"W
37	57°58'46.2"N	9°20'34.8"W
38	57°31'6.6"N	9°36'27"W
39	54°50'8.04"N	9°57'1.24"W
40	54°31'40.8"N	10°47'22.2"W
41	56°42'19.8"N	9°5'36.6"W
42	55°10'26.4"N	8°48'55.8"W
43	56°21'28.8"N	7°49'48"W
44	57°53'2.4"N	9°22'53.4"W
45	57°15'24.5"N	8°30'13.17"W

46	55°27'39.6"N	9°54'25.2"W
47	55°58'39"N	8°5'13.2"W
48	57°42'41.53"N	9°5'23.72"W
49	57°27'46.8"N	9°25'49.8"W
50	56°9'3.6"N	9°17'25.8"W

Appendix 2: Map of IAMS 2024 Leg III Survey Stations

