



Marine Notice No. 21 of 2023

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

Notice of Irish Anglerfish and Megrin Survey (IAMS) 2023 – Leg III, North and Northwest Coasts

1. Notice of Irish Anglerfish & Megrin Survey (IAMS) 2023 – Leg III

Further to Marine Notice 02 of 2023, the third leg of the annual Irish Anglerfish and Megrin Survey (IAMS 2023) will be carried out from **14 April 2023 to 23 April 2023** to the north and northwest coast of Ireland by the Marine Institute in fulfilment of Ireland's obligations¹ under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). The IAMS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 49 otter trawls each of 60 minutes' duration in ICES area 6.a. The approximate location of these hauls is given in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 below. Fishing 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 legislation² that may be encountered in the notified areas.

If an operator has static gear or other obstructions within the 3 nmi radius 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 station is of concern using Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 below.

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

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

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

4. Contact Details

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

- **Aodhan Fitzgerald**, Marine Institute: 087-2488765
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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

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Encl: Appendix 1: IAMS 2023 Survey Stations

Appendix 2: Map of IAMS 2023 Leg III survey stations labelled with station numbers.

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For general enquiries, please contact the Maritime Safety Policy Division, email:
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Dept. of Transport, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.
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Appendix 1: IAMS 2023 Survey Stations

IAMS 2023 Leg III survey stations can be located at the following coordinates:

Station	Decimal Latitude	Decimal Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	55.1690	-9.3230	55° 10.14 N	009° 19.38 W
2	57.3545	-9.3600	57° 21.27 N	009° 21.60 W
3	55.7810	-9.4065	55° 46.86 N	009° 24.39 W
4	56.5920	-8.3840	56° 35.52 N	008° 23.04 W
5	55.7455	-6.9970	55° 44.73 N	006° 59.82 W
6	54.7655	-10.4380	54° 45.93 N	010° 26.28 W
7	55.5345	-9.6075	55° 32.07 N	009° 36.45 W
8	56.1930	-8.4075	56° 11.58 N	008° 24.45 W
9	56.4305	-7.7865	56° 25.83 N	007° 47.19 W
10	56.3830	-8.8160	56° 22.98 N	008° 48.96 W
11	55.2900	-9.9875	55° 17.40 N	009° 59.25 W
12	56.9445	-9.1855	56° 56.67 N	009° 11.13 W
13	57.8945	-8.9945	57° 53.67 N	008° 59.67 W
14	56.4370	-7.9980	56° 26.22 N	007° 59.88 W
15	56.6400	-9.0090	56° 38.40 N	009° 00.54 W
16	57.5070	-9.6035	57° 30.42 N	009° 36.21 W
17	56.2030	-7.3135	56° 12.18 N	007° 18.81 W
18	55.9890	-7.5365	55° 59.34 N	007° 32.19 W
19	55.3920	-7.9600	55° 23.52 N	007° 57.60 W
20	57.0870	-9.2280	57° 05.22 N	009° 13.68 W
21	55.4610	-9.9070	55° 27.66 N	009° 54.42 W
22	56.9695	-8.5755	56° 58.17 N	008° 34.53 W
23	57.6085	-9.4225	57° 36.51 N	009° 25.35 W
24	55.6075	-9.5505	55° 36.45 N	009° 33.03 W
25	54.8290	-9.0110	54° 49.74 N	009° 00.66 W
26	56.5815	-7.5550	56° 34.89 N	007° 33.30 W
27	54.5410	-10.7730	54° 32.46 N	010° 46.38 W
28	56.9140	-8.2545	56° 54.84 N	008° 15.27 W
29	54.5465	-11.1355	54° 32.79 N	011° 08.13 W
30	55.9235	-7.9720	55° 55.41 N	007° 58.32 W
31	56.0025	-8.8425	56° 00.15 N	008° 50.55 W
32	55.1785	-10.0470	55° 10.71 N	010° 02.82 W
34	55.2725	-8.7350	55° 16.35 N	008° 44.10 W
35	54.7150	-9.6065	54° 42.90 N	009° 36.39 W
36	54.8345	-9.9530	54° 50.07 N	009° 57.18 W
37	57.8840	-9.3815	57° 53.04 N	009° 22.89 W
38	55.9790	-9.3340	55° 58.74 N	009° 20.04 W
39	57.5390	-8.8975	57° 32.34 N	008° 53.85 W
40	56.6400	-9.0090	56° 38.40 N	009° 00.54 W
41	56.5780	-9.2605	56° 34.68 N	009° 15.63 W
42	55.7433	-8.0682	55° 44.60 N	008° 04.09 W
43	56.2565	-8.2330	56° 15.39 N	008° 13.98 W
44	57.9795	-9.3430	57° 58.77 N	009° 20.58 W

45	55.8830	-6.7540	55° 52.98 N	006° 45.24 W
46	54.8705	-10.4535	54° 52.23 N	010° 27.21 W
47	54.5185	-8.5755	54° 31.11 N	008° 34.53 W
48	55.0155	-9.8605	55° 00.93 N	009° 51.63 W
49	57.7180	-9.4850	57° 43.08 N	009° 29.10 W
50	56.9445	-9.1855	56° 56.67 N	009° 11.13 W

Appendix 2: Map of IAMS 2023 Leg III survey stations labelled with station numbers.

