



Marine Notice No. 31 of 2021

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

The Sea Monitor-EU Interreg Project Deployment of Acoustic Listening Stations At Tory Island

1. Notice of activity.

The Department of Transport has been advised that Acoustic Listening Stations (ALS) will be deployed at Tory Island on 14 May 2021 in order to detect the presence of acoustically tagged fish and marine mammals, as part of the EU INTERREG research project.

2. Timeline for Deployment

The Acoustic Listening Stations will be deployed on 14 May 2021. A separate Marine Notice will issue detailing a timeline for retrieval.

3. Location of activity

12 Acoustic Listening Stations are planned to be deployed at Tory Island Latitude and longitude co-ordinates of the boundary points can be found in Appendix 1.

4. Details of Survey Vessel

The **Vanguard** (callsign: **EIUN7**) will be used for the deployment of the Acoustic Listening Stations units. Operations will be carried out during daylight hours to facilitate a safe deployment of acoustic receivers on the seabed. The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals.

5. Safety precautions

The majority of the arrays (e.g., receivers placed in depths of more than 30m) will be fitted with acoustic releases and do not require lines to surface. Some of the inshore arrays in shallower waters will be attached to a basic 16" orange hard float marked "SeaMonitor" with corresponding ID number (e.g., 1, 2, 3, etc.). The receiver's units are all clearly labelled with contact information if found or hauled up accidentally. In the event of a gear entanglement or accidental recovery the units also have instructions not to throw back into the water. The units should be kept safe, and the Loughs Agency contacted so that they can arrange collection.

6. Contact Details

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

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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

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Appendix 1

Coordinates of the deployment of ALS unit at Tory Island

Station	Latitude	Longitude
1	55 14 48.4511"N	008 11 49.6737"W
2	55 14 36.9326"N	008 11 40.2529"W
3	55 14 19.2948"N	008 11 27.5204"W
4	55 14 02.3770"N	008 11 11.0764"W
5	55 13 45.8191"N	008 10 54.0930"W
6	55 13 28.9013"N	008 10 37.6938"W
7	55 13 11.9835"N	008 19 21.5865"W
8	55 12 54.7057"N	008 10 06.4973"W
9	55 12 37.0679"N	008 09 52.0449"W
10	55 11 56.0332"N	008 09 30.3231"W
11	55 10 57.3605"N	008 09 56.6818"W
12	55 09 54.7284"N	008 09 42.8369"W