



Marine Notice No. 15 of 2018

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

Notice of Irish Anglerfish and Megrin Survey 2018 North and Northwest Coast of Ireland

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised that the Marine Institute is carrying out the annual Irish Anglerfish and Megrin Survey (IAMS 2018). The survey will be carried out from the 10th-21st April 2018 to the North and Northwest coast of Ireland in fulfilment of Ireland's Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) obligations. The IAMS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 50 otter trawls of 60 minutes duration in ICES area 6.a. The approximate location of these hauls is given in Figure 1 and Appendix 1 below. Fishing will take place within a 3 nautical mile radius of these indicative positions.

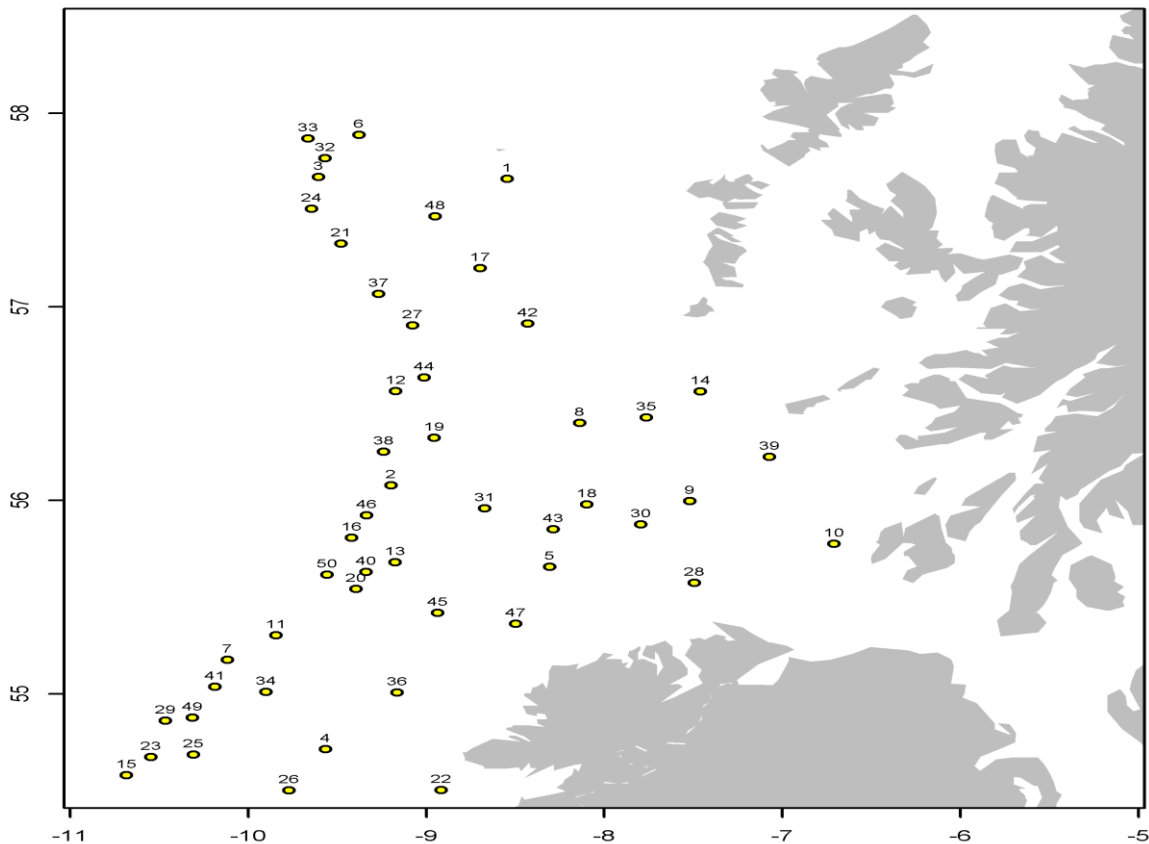


Figure 1. Map of IAMS 2018 survey stations labelled with station numbers.

The survey will be conducted by the R.V. “**Celtic Explorer**” (Callsign: **EIGB**). The vessel will display all appropriate lights and signals during the survey and will also be listening on VHF Channel 16.

The vessel will be towing a Jackson demersal trawl during fishing operations.

The Marine Institute requests that commercial fishing and other marine operators keep a 3nmi area around the tow 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 3nmi of the points listed below 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 Appendix and contact details provided. It is not required to provide positional details of commercial operations beyond 4nmi of the survey points provided.

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.

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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) 6476834/1890213434. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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¹ Articles 9-17 of EU Regulation 404-2011. Available at - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>
For overview of regulations: <http://www.bim.ie/media/bim/content/downloads/Fish-Man-Cht-2017.pdf>

Appendix 1. IAMS Survey Stations are located by the following coordinates (WGS 84)

Station	Latitude	Longitude
1	57°39'.73N	8°32'.76W
2	56°4'.69N	9°11'.91W
3	57°40'.31N	9°36'.34W
4	54°42'.88N	9°34'.02W
5	55°39'.43N	8°18'.50W
6	57°53'.37N	9°22'.70W
7	55°10'.62N	10°6'.94W
8	56°24'.06N	8°8'.27W
9	55°59'.80N	7°31'.24W
10	55°46'.59N	6°42'.74W
11	55°18'.15N	9°50'.66W
12	56°33'.94N	9°10'.29W
13	55°40'.81N	9°10'.495W
14	56°33'.85N	7°27'.75W
15	54°34'.76N	10°41'.06W
16	55°48'.48N	9°25'.26W
17	57°11'.99N	8°41'.84W
18	55°58'.80N	8°6'.04W
19	56°19'.47N	8°57'.31W
20	55°32'.55N	9°23'.76W
21	57°19'.69N	9°28'.71W
22	54°30'.23N	8°55'.005W
23	54°40'.45N	10°32'.77W
24	57°30'.41N	9°38'.70W
25	54°41'.22N	10°18'.53W
26	54°30'.12N	9°46'.34W
27	56°54'.25N	9°4'.62W
28	55°34'.45N	7°29'.79W
29	54°51'.75N	10°27'.88W
30	55°52'.62N	7°47'.86W
31	55°57'.55N	8°40'.42W
32	57°46'.14N	9°34'.07W
33	57°52'.22N	9°39'.93W
34	55°0'.64N	9°54'.05W
35	56°25'.76N	7°45'.90W
36	55°0'.45N	9°9'.77W
37	57°4'.01N	9°16'.08W
38	56°15'.14N	9°14'.44W
39	56°13'.51N	7°4'.44W
40	55°37'.80N	9°20'.37W
41	55°2'.19N	10°11'.17W
42	56°54'.81N	8°25'.82W

43	55°51'.08N	8°17'.24W
44	56°38'.13N	9°0'.71W
45	55°25'.12N	8°56'.29W
46	55°55'.39N	9°20'.12W
47	55°21'.76N	8°29'.94W
48	57°28'.13N	8°57'.03W
49	54°52'.65N	10°18'.72W
50	55°37'.00N	9°33'.49W