



Marine Notice No. 64 of 2022

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

**North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm -
Subtidal Benthic Ecology Survey Campaign - Export
Cable Route Area, off the coast of North County
Dublin and County Meath.**

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm intend to undertake a **Subtidal Benthic Ecology Survey** campaign on the proposed NISA Export Cable Route Area, off the coast of North County Dublin and County Meath.

The campaign will involve the deployment of benthic grab, water quality sonde and drop-down video equipment from a survey vessel within the bounds of the proposed NISA Export Cable Route area, detailed below.

The campaign is expected to be completed between **28th September 2022** and **5th October 2022**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The survey campaign will be confined to the proposed NISA Export Cable Route area. This area forms an irregular shape spanning 11 km north-south and 18km east-west at its widest point. The survey area has 2 landfall areas close to Balbriggan, County Dublin. See map at Appendix 1 below.

The array area is bounded by the following 16 points (Lat/Long WGS 84 zone 30N):

Site Boundary Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	53° 42' 03.13" N	005° 57' 40.31" W
2	53° 41' 44.66" N	005° 57' 25.19" W
3	53° 38' 30.37" N	005° 56' 18.96" W
4	53° 37' 46.45" N	005° 56' 43.44" W
5	53° 37' 44.57" N	005° 56' 50.99" W
6	53° 37' 51.13" N	006° 03' 23.39" W

7	53° 35' 13.37" N	006° 08' 33.71" W
8	53° 35' 09.70" N	006° 08' 50.28" W
9	53° 35' 21.51" N	006° 09' 12.60" W
10	53° 36' 08.71" N	006° 09' 50.03" W
11	53° 37' 30.86" N	006° 07' 23.88" W
12	53° 37' 23.73" N	006° 11' 07.80" W
13	53° 37' 49.33" N	006° 11' 22.92" W
14	53° 37' 50.80" N	006° 12' 04.67" W
15	53° 38' 01.35" N	006° 12' 47.51" W
16	53° 40' 19.19" N	006° 01' 44.39" W

3. Details of the Survey Vessel

The campaign will be conducted by survey vessel **Husky** (Call Sign: **2EQI7**).

An onboard Fisheries Liaison Officer will be available to discuss operations throughout the duration of the survey campaign.

4. Safety Precautions

All vessels operating within this area are requested to keep a wide berth and pass at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash.

The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals.

Mariners are advised to keep continuous watch on **VHF radio channel 16** when navigating the area.

5. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice should be directed to NISA's Senior Project Manager:

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For enquiries related to fishing, please contact the dedicated Fisheries Liaison Officer for NISA Offshore Wind Farm:

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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: Map of Survey Area.

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