



## Marine Notice No. 27 of 2022

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

### North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm - Geophysical Survey Campaign off the coast of Dublin, Meath, and Louth

#### 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that North Irish Sea Array (NISA) Offshore Wind Farm is to undertake a geophysical survey campaign on the proposed NISA Array area, off the coast of North County Dublin, Meath, and Louth. The campaign is expected to take place between **27 May 2022** and **30 June 2022**, weather permitting.

#### 2. Location of Activity

The survey campaign will be confined to the proposed NISA OWF array area. This area forms an irregular shape spanning 32 km north-south and 14km east-west at its widest point. At its closest location, near Rush in Co. Dublin, the survey site is 7.4km from the coastline.

The locations of the survey works are as follows:

Site Boundary Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	53° 30' 08.06" N	005° 58' 00.17" W
2	53° 32' 39.96" N	005° 57' 50.79" W
3	53° 33' 49.62" N	005° 57' 56.43" W
4	53° 33' 50.84" N	005° 57' 02.45" W
5	53° 35' 01.38" N	005° 56' 52.49" W
6	53° 37' 46.43" N	005° 56' 43.35" W
7	53° 38' 30.37" N	005° 56' 18.82" W
8	53° 41' 44.65" N	005° 57' 25.16" W
9	53° 44' 07.09" N	005° 59' 25.32" W
10	53° 44' 29.45" N	005° 58' 21.00" W
11	53° 44' 29.52" N	005° 52' 23.60" W
12	53° 46' 37.20" N	005° 51' 36.79" W
13	53° 46' 47.79" N	005° 52' 52.34" W
14	53° 48' 07.33" N	005° 50' 00.28" W

15	53° 47' 14.28" N	005° 46' 14.63" W
16	53° 42' 59.06" N	005° 48' 45.91" W
17	53° 40' 57.72" N	005° 49' 50.72" W
18	53° 34' 36.27" N	005° 50' 22.49" W
19	53° 31' 25.83" N	005° 49' 53.55" W

### 3. Details of the Survey Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the “**Fugro Mercator**” Survey vessel (call sign **C6DU5**). As the survey vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre when surveying, due to the deployment of the towed survey equipment from the vessel for the duration of the survey activities, other vessels are kindly requested to keep a wide berth.

The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The survey will utilise multibeam echosounders, sub-bottom profilers, side-scan sonar, magnetometer, both hull-mounted and towed. Typically, the towed cable lengths will be about four times the water depth while acquiring survey data. The work will be conducted during 24hr operations. Mariners are advised to keep continuous watch on VHF radio channel 16 when navigating the area.

### 4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other matters should be directed to NISA’s Senior Project Manager,

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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](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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Encl: Appendix 1 Map of Survey Area.

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