



Marine Notice No. 57 of 2024

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

Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) 2024

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that the annual Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) will be carried out by the Marine Institute off the Atlantic coastline of Ireland between **31 October 2024 and 16 December 2024**, subject to operational and weather constraints.

The IGFS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 170 fishing hauls of 30 minutes duration each in International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) areas VIa, VIIb, VIIg and VIIj. The approximate locations of the shooting position of these hauls are set out in the tables at Appendix 1 and a map indicating each position is available in Appendix 2 to this Marine Notice. Fishing in the 2024 survey will take place within a 2 nautical mile (nmi) radius of these indicative positions.

2. Details of Survey Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the **R.V. 'Celtic Explorer' (Callsign: EIGB)**. The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will be towing a high headline GOV 36/47 demersal trawl during fishing operations.

3. Notification of Static Gear or Other Obstructions

The Marine Institute requests that commercial fishing and other marine operators keep a 2nmi area around the tow mid-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 2nmi 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 "Prime Station" is of concern using the appendices and contact details provided below. It is **not** required to provide positional details of commercial operations beyond 3 nmi of the survey points provided.

¹See Articles 9-17 of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 404/2011](#). For overview of regulations, see the [BIM Fisheries Management Chart for 2022](#).

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the **International Collision Regulations** and 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, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie

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Encl: Appendix 1: IGFS Station Coordinates
Appendix 2: Map of IGFS Survey Stations

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Appendix 1 - IGFS Station Coordinates

IGFS Northwest Area Stations

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
13	56° 11.81' N	7° 46.78' W	MB2	VlaCoast
18	55° 40.65' N	7° 12.68' W	31	VlaCoast
19	55° 13.27' N	7° 55.78' W	10	VlaCoast
141	54° 51.82' N	8° 48.39' W	MB44	VlaCoast
222	55° 14.3' N	7° 35.05' W	FG115	VlaCoast
224	56° 3.12' N	7° 0.72' W	FG116	VlaCoast
225	56° 11.69' N	6° 45.83' W	FG117	VlaCoast
256	55° 30.13' N	7° 23.28' W	FG100	VlaCoast
25	54° 34.61' N	8° 22.16' W	14	VlaCoast
100	55° 18.64' N	6° 54.27' W	COD2	VlaCoast
103	55° 31.3' N	7° 3.43' W	33	VlaCoast
109	55° 21.98' N	8° 12.81' W	9	VlaCoast
116	55° 34.67' N	7° 58.83' W	MB26	VlaCoast
192	56° 23.11' N	6° 46.96' W	SC583	VlaCoast
194	55° 51.58' N	7° 4.17' W	31A	VlaCoast
195	55° 54.81' N	6° 40.49' W	SC573	VlaCoast
337	55° 39.06' N	7° 33.23' W	FG114	VlaCoast
24	54° 31.11' N	8° 33.39' W	15	VlaCoast
142	54° 34.53' N	8° 44.11' W	MB45	VlaCoast
415	55° 35.27' N	7° 28.66' W	FG135	VlaCoast
101	55° 22.08' N	6° 51.83' W	COD1	VlaCoast
102	55° 23.5' N	7° 1.34' W	COD3	VlaCoast
104	55° 36.85' N	7° 19.17' W	32	VlaCoast
389	54° 50.81' N	8° 37.64' W	MM6	VlaCoast
138	55° 48.38' N	8° 59.55' W	SC544	VlaDeep
215	55° 5.61' N	10° 3.41' W	FG108	VlaDeep
258	56° 20.25' N	7° 36.25' W	FG144	VlaDeep
412	55° 57.66' N	8° 16.01' W	28B	VlaDeep
422	56° 14.71' N	8° 19.17' W	GD20	VlaDeep
106	56° 0.09' N	8° 50.32' W	MB23	VlaDeep
107	55° 49.2' N	8° 21.2' W	MMMA3	VlaDeep
189	56° 2.97' N	7° 40.31' W	FG93	VlaDeep
190	55° 55.22' N	7° 57.43' W	FG96	VlaDeep
229	56° 9.02' N	8° 47.32' W	FG118	VlaDeep
272	54° 57.7' N	10° 10.53' W	FG151	VlaDeep
28	54° 30.1' N	9° 41.75' W	MB11	VlaMedium
4	54° 59.04' N	9° 24.59' W	27	VlaMedium
14	56° 12.89' N	7° 16.59' W	93	VlaMedium
22	54° 35.35' N	8° 54.91' W	SC555	VlaMedium
140	55° 17.71' N	8° 28.55' W	MB41	VlaMedium
115	55° 44.66' N	8° 3.99' W	MB25	VlaMedium

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
117	55° 5.89' N	9° 0.42' W	MAR4	VlaMedium
191	55° 40.01' N	8° 38.7' W	6A	VlaMedium
196	55° 17.38' N	6° 30.36' W	FG98	VlaMedium
306	55° 34.69' N	8° 18.48' W	GD2	VlaMedium
338	54° 33.59' N	10° 17.43' W	FG150	VlaMedium
367	55° 13.88' N	9° 35.27' W	GD8	VlaMedium
368	55° 18.66' N	9° 7.56' W	GD9	VlaMedium
376	54° 41.98' N	9° 35.33' W	MM5	VlaMedium
392	55° 49.04' N	7° 38.42' W	MM11	VlaMedium
137	55° 21.22' N	6° 19.02' W	FG45	VlaMedium
307	55° 34.5' N	6° 43.16' W	MAR5	VlaMedium
401	54° 38.69' N	9° 0.89' W	MM4	VlaMedium
404	55° 20.28' N	6° 36.64' W	GD7	VlaMedium
340	54° 39.87' N	8° 55.49' W	MM3	VlaMedium
217	55° 29.99' N	9° 30.38' W	FG110	VlaSlope
218	55° 45.46' N	9° 19.57' W	FG111	VlaSlope
259	56° 11.75' N	9° 10.88' W	94	VlaSlope

IGFS Western Area Stations

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
118	54° 24.63' N	8° 49.91' W	MB27	VIIbCoast
42	53° 6.7' N	9° 54.78' W	58	VIIbCoast
124	52° 32.86' N	9° 47.53' W	68	VIIbCoast
402	53° 10.83' N	9° 17.64' W	BH1	VIIbCoast
416	53° 49.94' N	9° 54.44' W	FG84	VIIbCoast
304	52° 58.96' N	9° 36.65' W	FG173	VIIbCoast
327	54° 19.54' N	9° 17.74' W	MM1	VIIbCoast
388	53° 11.66' N	9° 35.59' W	FG217	VIIbCoast
26	54° 20.66' N	9° 39.52' W	20	VIIbCoast
29	54° 18.95' N	9° 55.2' W	25	VIIbCoast
45	52° 46.95' N	9° 37.12' W	66	VIIbCoast
43	53° 2.51' N	9° 41.43' W	59	VIIbCoast
144	54° 27.75' N	8° 51.16' W	SC554	VIIbCoast
310	53° 50.48' N	10° 0.79' W	FG83	VIIbCoast
403	52° 57' N	9° 47.28' W	BH1	VIIbCoast
353	53° 7.22' N	9° 21.18' W	MB52	VIIbCoast
355	52° 57.89' N	9° 29.96' W	FG207	VIIbCoast
33	53° 5.05' N	10° 57.68' W	MB12	VIIbDeep
1	53° 43.65' N	10° 52.24' W	95	VIIbDeep
34	53° 12.43' N	11° 15.35' W	89	VIIbDeep
35	53° 17.26' N	10° 57.49' W	MB13	VIIbDeep
37	52° 44.76' N	11° 30.18' W	90	VIIbDeep

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
110	54° 9.45' N	10° 41.42' W	21	VIIbDeep
312	52° 36.26' N	11° 45.34' W	FG105	VIIbDeep
410	53° 39.2' N	11° 14.89' W	FG225	VIIbDeep
197	53° 25.72' N	11° 39.71' W	FG103	VIIbDeep
232	52° 48.59' N	11° 49.93' W	FG121	VIIbDeep
333	52° 54.68' N	11° 15.78' W	FG191	VIIbDeep
396	53° 8.05' N	11° 38.46' W	FG224	VIIbDeep
119	53° 24.72' N	10° 52.27' W	MB28	VIIbDeep
184	53° 53.35' N	10° 34.28' W	FG82	VIIbDeep
30	54° 17.67' N	10° 20.64' W	22	VIIbMedium
31	53° 9.87' N	10° 43.16' W	52	VIIbMedium
47	52° 34.87' N	10° 5.63' W	MB17	VIIbMedium
39	52° 39.45' N	10° 43.55' W	48	VIIbMedium
180	53° 18.18' N	10° 15.28' W	FG75	VIIbMedium
181	52° 54.59' N	10° 24.91' W	53	VIIbMedium
185	53° 42.29' N	10° 21.74' W	FG80	VIIbMedium
354	52° 54.9' N	9° 53.94' W	FG206	VIIbMedium
27	54° 28.79' N	9° 27.16' W	MB10	VIIbMedium
46	52° 32.21' N	10° 19.65' W	70	VIIbMedium
151	52° 33.42' N	12° 10.13' W	PO242	VIIbSlope
145	53° 57.04' N	11° 54.14' W	PO113	VIIbSlope
261	53° 37.23' N	11° 53.59' W	PO16	VIIbSlope
262	53° 28.76' N	12° 6.95' W	PO161	VIIbSlope
311	53° 5.31' N	11° 57.03' W	FG175	VIIbSlope
417	54° 22.06' N	11° 0.05' W	FG88	VIIbSlope
418	54° 1.22' N	11° 21.9' W	FG89	VIIbSlope
210	52° 42.97' N	12° 3.74' W	PO39	VIIbSlope
211	53° 48.95' N	11° 26.46' W	PO9	VIIbSlope
273	54° 7.45' N	10° 59.67' W	FG86	VIIbSlope
385	53° 14.67' N	12° 8.45' W	FG146	VIIbSlope

IGFS Southwest Area Stations

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
67	51° 27.18' N	9° 39.69' W	FG9	VIIjCoast
125	51° 30.02' N	10° 3.71' W	FG33	VIIjCoast
168	51° 25.18' N	9° 23.02' W	FG56	VIIjCoast
352	51° 37.17' N	9° 43.13' W	FG205	VIIjCoast
53	52° 0.54' N	10° 20.96' W	71	VIIjCoast
56	51° 41.09' N	10° 13.73' W	FG2	VIIjCoast
380	51° 36.41' N	9° 49.01' W	FG204	VIIjCoast
382	51° 39.91' N	9° 38.2' W	FG223	VIIjCoast
49	52° 3.18' N	11° 10.88' W	39	VIIjDeep

57	51° 38.7' N	10° 49.14' W	42	VIIjDeep
60	51° 25.68' N	10° 35.74' W	41	VIIjDeep
174	50° 52.14' N	10° 25.3' W	FG65	VIIjDeep
176	51° 50.13' N	10° 45.85' W	FG68	VIIjDeep
283	50° 20.95' N	9° 22.89' W	FG162	VIIjDeep
65	50° 45.02' N	9° 54.83' W	84	VIIjDeep
121	50° 34.69' N	10° 37.36' W	FG63	VIIjDeep
122	50° 21.7' N	10° 34.01' W	FG30	VIIjDeep
241	51° 18.84' N	10° 21.34' W	FG128	VIIjDeep
244	50° 31.18' N	9° 7.15' W	FG132	VIIjDeep
313	51° 51.65' N	11° 2.42' W	FG67	VIIjDeep
361	50° 8.9' N	10° 35.85' W	FG212	VIIjDeep
363	51° 13.75' N	11° 6.87' W	FG209	VIIjDeep
381	50° 54.82' N	10° 0.92' W	FG131	VIIjDeep
351	51° 14.4' N	10° 44.07' W	FG203	VIIjDeep
384	52° 29.95' N	11° 19.78' W	FG213	VIIjDeep
408	50° 53.34' N	10° 50.15' W	CC506	VIIjDeep
413	51° 2.08' N	10° 22.23' W	76	VIIjDeep
399	50° 4.36' N	10° 53.91' W	CC502	VIIjDeep
55	51° 40.5' N	10° 28.49' W	43	VIIjMedium
291	50° 54.62' N	9° 18.03' W	FG169	VIIjMedium
293	50° 55.42' N	9° 37.92' W	CC322	VIIjMedium
394	50° 26.91' N	10° 1.61' W	DS2	VIIjMedium
68	51° 14.87' N	9° 48.42' W	FG10	VIIjMedium
70	51° 6.82' N	9° 36.34' W	MB20	VIIjMedium
126	51° 7.03' N	9° 15.5' W	FG34	VIIjMedium
127	50° 30.67' N	9° 39.73' W	MB29	VIIjMedium
54	51° 55.25' N	10° 34.24' W	MB18	VIIjMedium
169	51° 20.53' N	9° 48.41' W	FG58	VIIjMedium
172	50° 16.15' N	11° 5.84' W	FG64	VIIjSlope
177	51° 43.08' N	11° 39.76' W	FG72	VIIjSlope
276	52° 16.19' N	11° 59.19' W	FG156	VIIjSlope
280	50° 21.83' N	10° 52.58' W	FG61	VIIjSlope
120	51° 36.9' N	11° 23.41' W	FG28	VIIjSlope
237	51° 6.36' N	11° 24.69' W	FG125	VIIjSlope
238	51° 23.25' N	11° 27.72' W	FG126	VIIjSlope

IGFS Southern Area Stations

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
92	51° 35.43' N	6° 29.72' W	110	VIIgCoast
95	52° 2.07' N	7° 22.94' W	42A	VIIgCoast
96	51° 59.6' N	6° 45.29' W	33A	VIIgCoast
97	51° 49.44' N	6° 29.6' W	69	VIIgCoast
98	52° 0.68' N	6° 14.05' W	FG25	VIIgCoast

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
156	51° 49.2' N	7° 4.43' W	FG46	VIIgCoast
79	51° 37.57' N	8° 15.28' W	53A	VIIgCoast
131	51° 15.52' N	5° 30.54' W	44	VIIgCoast
132	51° 28.43' N	5° 31.01' W	MB32	VIIgCoast
316	51° 35.2' N	7° 29.49' W	FG178	VIIgCoast
324	51° 26.22' N	5° 15.9' W	CN203	VIIgCoast
357	51° 36.64' N	7° 0.7' W	FG208	VIIgCoast
295	51° 41.71' N	8° 0.78' W	CN205	VIIgCoast
297	51° 47.31' N	6° 42.12' W	CN207	VIIgCoast
346	51° 30.03' N	7° 12.24' W	FG201	VIIgCoast
247	51° 54.69' N	7° 24.63' W	FG138	VIIgCoast
314	52° 2.54' N	7° 29.4' W	FG177	VIIgCoast
348	51° 30.3' N	8° 53.04' W	FG182	VIIgCoast
85	51° 20.29' N	7° 26.6' W	FG15	VIIgMedium
86	51° 10.08' N	7° 25.79' W	FG23	VIIgMedium
89	51° 4.37' N	5° 47.6' W	113	VIIgMedium
91	51° 24.02' N	6° 22' W	111	VIIgMedium
93	51° 36.26' N	6° 11.82' W	FG139	VIIgMedium
99	51° 49.04' N	6° 4.58' W	FG26	VIIgMedium
71	50° 51.75' N	8° 53.64' W	FG11	VIIgMedium
72	50° 36.89' N	8° 53.68' W	CC306	VIIgMedium
73	50° 34.43' N	8° 36.26' W	FG12	VIIgMedium
74	50° 42.96' N	8° 28.8' W	62A	VIIgMedium
75	50° 44.99' N	8° 13.04' W	FG13	VIIgMedium
78	50° 38.86' N	7° 18.83' W	CC307	VIIgMedium
82	51° 11.68' N	8° 33.32' W	CC310	VIIgMedium
84	51° 37.42' N	7° 49.92' W	FG18	VIIgMedium
128	50° 53.73' N	7° 46.09' W	FG35	VIIgMedium
129	50° 37.86' N	7° 36.63' W	MB30	VIIgMedium
163	51° 14.21' N	8° 4.77' W	FG52	VIIgMedium
164	50° 42.8' N	7° 51.85' W	FG53	VIIgMedium
245	50° 31.56' N	8° 2.79' W	FG133	VIIgMedium
246	51° 30.28' N	5° 48.11' W	FG136	VIIgMedium
249	51° 1.64' N	8° 5.79' W	FG140	VIIgMedium
250	51° 25.68' N	8° 18.53' W	FG134	VIIgMedium
251	51° 5.99' N	8° 48.68' W	FG141	VIIgMedium
299	51° 9.82' N	6° 8.41' W	CN304	VIIgMedium
301	51° 8.2' N	6° 28.94' W	CN303	VIIgMedium
356	50° 53.6' N	8° 28.41' W	VMS1	VIIgMedium
286	51° 19.35' N	5° 48.77' W	FG165	VIIgMedium
290	51° 17.63' N	7° 12.84' W	FG168	VIIgMedium
329	51° 19.78' N	6° 54.58' W	FG187	VIIgMedium
347	51° 22.56' N	7° 50.5' W	FG37A	VIIgMedium
349	51° 22.92' N	8° 48.73' W	FG198	VIIgMedium

Station Id ¹	Latitude	Longitude	PrimeStation	Stratum
371	51° 2.09' N	7° 37.05' W	FG36A	VIIgMedium

Appendix 2: Map of IGFS 2024 Survey Stations

