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Dear Riccardo,

Thank you for the information regarding the proposed TC24022 scientific cruise NRW Band 1 Licence application.

We note that the works are seismic and vibrocore sampling to be undertaken between 22nd September and 6th October 2024 at the stated locations.

On the understanding that the following takes place, the MCA would have no significant concerns to raise with regards to the safety of navigation and would be satisfied that the risk is relatively low on this occasion:

1. All maritime safety legislation is complied with;
2. Local notification is issued to marine users, including fishermen's organisations, relevant authorities and other local stakeholders, to ensure that they are made fully aware of the activity at least five days before commencement of the works;
3. Zone24@hmcg.gov.uk must be notified prior to commencement of activities.
4. A notification must be sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) of commencement of the licensed activities, at least 10 days before commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements.

Please can you confirm that you accept the above risk mitigations?

Kind regards,

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To whom it may concern

This is Riccardo Arosio, senior postdoc at University College Cork and PI for an Irish scientific cruise (TC24022) that will take place between the 22nd September and 6th October 2024. Our cruise plan includes vibrocoring and seismic work in UK (Welsh) waters. We have been requested by NRW to apply for a Band 1 marine licence, and as part of this application we need to need approval from MCA to assure our activities have no impact on the safety of others at sea.

I am attaching a form which includes information about the cruise and a map showing the location of our target area. Seismic, multibeam echosounder lines and vibrocore stations may be subjected to change depending on findings and weather, however any activity will be confined within the area shown.

If any additional detail is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Looking forward to hearing from you and if you are happy with us carrying out our activities.

Best regards,
Riccardo

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