

Riccardo Arosio

From: Marine Licensing <marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Sent: 01 May 2024 10:56
To: Riccardo Arosio
Subject: RE: TC24022 diplomatic clearance - marine licence

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Good morning Riccardo,

I understand that previously you were advised that a Band 2 licence would be required for your project due to vibrocores being undertaken however, having reviewed this, we're happy for this to be considered a Band 1 activity.

Although vibrocores aren't specifically listed as Band 1 activities, we deem them of a similar nature to boreholes and therefore, they will not fall under Band 2. For Band 1 applications, you will not need to provide a WFD assessment or WNMP assessment however, you will be required to provide a method statement as well as correspondence with a number of organisations. Further information regarding what to include can be found here: [Natural Resources Wales / Marine licensing low risk activities \(band 1\)](#).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Jack

Swyddog Trwyddedu Morol / Marine Licensing Officer
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To whom it may concern

This is Riccardo Arosio, postdoctoral researcher at University College Cork, and I am the 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 – see locations (A4 and A5 in the attached image). I was informed by the RV Operations team at the Marine Institute that we have been requested to apply for a NRW Band 2 marine licence (in particular because of our sediment sampling (vibrocores) work).

I had a look at the information on the website but would like to confirm with you the correct and complete documentation that we need to submit to apply for the licence.

Am I correct in understanding that for our vibrocoring work we need to apply for:

- 1) the “Marine Works Application” licence
- 2) A Water Framework Directive assessment: estuarine and coastal waters (even though we are outside the 12nm area?)
- 3) Welsh National Marine Plan sign posting

Best wishes,
Riccardo

From: Rosemarie Butler <Rosemarie.Butler@Marine.ie>

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Hi Riccardo,

Regarding the diplomatic clearance for TC24022 we have been informed that the activity in Welsh waters may require licensing. Response as follows:

“As the works involve vibrocoring, a marine licence will be required. This will either be a Band 2 licence or, if the project costs in excess of £1 million pounds, a Band 3 licence. Further information regarding the marine licence application process can be found here: [Natural Resources Wales / Applying for a marine licence](#)

For any further marine licensing questions, please don't hesitate to contact marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

I have also cc'd NRW's Marine Area Advice Team who will be able to provide further advice regarding the environmental impacts of the project as necessary."

Can you apply for the relevant marine licence please Riccardo?

Kind regards,
Rose

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