

Re: SeaSTORE project - RRS Discovery sampling - February and July 2026 - Bangor University

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Dear Tim,

Thank you for contacting us about this survey. Our remit only extends to the low tidal limit, we don't cover offshore activity. The relevant contact is Julian Whitewright at the RCAHMW (copied), if you haven't consulted him already.

Best regards
Jenny



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Subject: Fw: SeaSTORE project - RRS Discovery sampling - February and July 2026 - Bangor University

From: Tim Whitton (Staff) <t.whitton@bangor.ac.uk>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 15:54
To: info@heneb.org.uk <info@heneb.org.uk>
Subject: SeaSTORE project - RRS Discovery sampling - February and July 2026 - Bangor University

Dear Heneb

We (Bangor University and project partners) are applying for a marine licence with NRW for sampling work from upcoming research cruises from the RRS Discovery in February and July 2026. The SeaSTORE project has two 1 month long research cruises from the RRS Discovery starting in February and July 2026 to investigate the potential effects of trawl fishing on seabed carbon and CO2 release to the atmosphere.

- We will undertake sediment sampling with multicore, box core and SPI camera in the areas shown in the attached chart and shapefiles labeled site D. We have 7 stations we will sample within each site area, with multiple samples taken at each station (target of up to 9 successful box cores, 2 successful multicores and 20 SPI camera samples at each station).
- A seabed lander is designed so that all parts of the lander to be recovered after the 48-hour deployment at each site during each cruise. Lander footprint is = 80 x 80 cm.
- The RRS Discovery has dynamic positioning, and so we can take our core and box core samplings with good position precision.

I have attached our sample D location which is in Welsh offshore waters. The chart shows our sediment sampling area as the red polygon with wreck data from edina digimap and [National Monuments Record of Wales - Heritage Assets \(Maritime\)](#) overlaid. We are planning our work to avoid any interactions between our sampling work and any heritage assets.

Can you please comment whether you consider archaeological features will be adversely affected by our sampling.

I look forward to hearing from you, and please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Best regards

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Please note I work part time and so replies may be delayed.



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You are welcome to contact the University in Welsh or English. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay.

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