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Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Licence Holder: Geological Survey Ireland

Geological Survey Ireland
Beggar's Bush
Dublin 2
Ireland
D02 K7X4

Grab sampling surveys in North and West
Wales

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the marine licence

The main features of the marine licence are as follows:

Conducting grab samples in offshore areas in Anglesey, Caernarfon and Cardigan Bay for research purposes.

The status log of the marine licence sets out the marine licence history, including any subsequent marine licence variation(s)

Status log of this marine licence

Description	Date	Comments
Application	Duly made 16/06/2021	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	09/07/2021	Determination date

Related Marine licences or applications under determination

Not applicable.

End of introductory note.

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1 LICENCE DETAILS

1.1 Band 1 Licence

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered **RML2129** and duly made on **16 June 2021** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry on activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the 2009 Act and falling within Band 1 of Schedule 1 of the Marine Licensing (Fees) (Wales) Regulations 2017/280. This licence should be interpreted in accordance with **Section 4**.

1.2 Licence Holder

The Licence Holder is the organisation set out below:

Organisation name: Geological Survey Ireland
Address: Geological Survey Ireland, Beggar's Bush, Dublin 2, Ireland
D02 K7X4

1.3 Licence Validity

Licence Start Date	03 August 2021
Licence End Date	28 February 2022
Licence Issue Date	09 July 2021

1.4 Conditions

This licence is subject to the conditions set out in **Section 3**.

Signed:



For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

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2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

2.1 Project

This licence is granted in respect of:

Grab sampling surveys in North and West Wales

The Licensed Activities permitted by this licence, as set out in 2.2 below, comprise activities of the following general type:

- the removal of a substance or object from the sea bed

2.2 Licensed Activities

The following activities can be conducted within the Licence Period, within the Licensed Area and in accordance with the Approved Application, and the Approved Supporting Documents:

- Sediment (grab) samples where the total sample volume across all samples is no more than 4 cubic metres. The density of grab samples should not exceed 50 samples within any one hectare.

2.3 Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the activities described in paragraph 2.2 bounded by the following coordinates:

Latitude	Longitude
Rhosneigr Sampling Area	
53.2188	-4.53137
53.2204	-4.5277
53.2203	-4.52493
53.2211	-4.52067
53.2194	-4.51507
53.217	-4.51054
53.2144	-4.50665
53.2123	-4.50522
53.2104	-4.50417
53.2099	-4.50583
53.2082	-4.50667
53.2091	-4.50749
53.2113	-4.50765
53.2141	-4.51361
53.2147	-4.5168
53.2167	-4.52012
53.218	-4.52247
53.2186	-4.527

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53.2188	-4.53137
Dinas Dinlle Sampling Area	
53.092	-4.3533
53.0917	-4.34737
53.0882	-4.34228
53.0828	-4.33998
53.0767	-4.34074
53.0719	-4.34604
53.0687	-4.35518
53.0718	-4.35717
53.0763	-4.35186
53.0861	-4.35028
53.0876	-4.34961
53.092	-4.3533
Puffin Island Sampling Area	
53.3037	-4.0374
53.3064	-4.03835
53.3087	-4.03772
53.3116	-4.03911
53.3163	-4.04344
53.32	-4.04344
53.3239	-4.03426
53.3267	-4.02353
53.3268	-4.0168
53.3275	-4.00952
53.3269	-4.00222
53.3251	-3.99884
53.3216	-3.9976
53.3198	-3.99671
53.3185	-4.00397
53.3192	-4.01356
53.3172	-4.02204
53.3142	-4.02805
53.3121	-4.03074
53.3085	-4.02986
53.3049	-4.03431
53.3037	-4.0374
Dulas Island Sampling Area	
53.3951	-4.26484
53.3954	-4.24097
53.3759	-4.24263
53.3764	-4.26412
53.385	-4.26422
53.3896	-4.26293
53.3951	-4.26484
St Tudwal's Island Sampling Area	
52.8119	-4.46164

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52.8046	-4.45207
52.7949	-4.46499
52.7931	-4.47572
52.8037	-4.47534
52.8119	-4.46164
Sarn Badrig Sampling Area	
52.7901	-4.15004
52.7843	-4.13959
52.7764	-4.1536
52.7709	-4.16768
52.7612	-4.19437
52.7545	-4.20497
52.7412	-4.22518
52.7275	-4.25565
52.7132	-4.28951
52.6964	-4.33062
52.6877	-4.36167
52.6782	-4.38926
52.687	-4.39786
52.6922	-4.3853
52.7069	-4.34807
52.7217	-4.3025
52.7368	-4.27307
52.747	-4.24249
52.7573	-4.22514
52.7703	-4.20492
52.7783	-4.1767
52.7901	-4.15004
Bardsey Island Sampling Area	
52.7777	-4.84241
52.7892	-4.80452
52.7894	-4.77557
52.7442	-4.72976
52.7197	-4.80635
52.7456	-4.84506
52.7774	-4.84217
52.7777	-4.84241

[as indicated in Appendix 1].

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2.4 Approved Supporting Documents

Title / Description of Document	Date	Version No.
RML2129 Method Statement v2	16/06/2021	2
RML2129 Band 1 Application Form	10/06/2021	1
RML2129 Final Updated Co-ordinates	23/06/2021	1
RML2129 TH Correspondance	10/06/2021	1
RML2129 MCA Correspondance	10/06/2021	1
RML2129 RCAHMW Correspondance	10/06/2021	1

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3 CONDITIONS

Notification and Inspection

3.1 Notification of Commencement

- 3.1.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **5 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers no less than **5 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.3** The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **5 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.2 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-Contractors

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

3.3 Notification of HM Coastguard

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at nmoccontroller@hmcg.gov.uk and zone32@hmcg.gov.uk.

3.4 Notification of Vessels

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Marine Enforcement Officers prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities

The Licence Holder must allow officers of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Licensed activities at any reasonable time.

3.6 Notification of Completion

The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

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3.7 Force Majeure

If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence, any special conditions and any subsequent revisions or amendments thereto is given to:

- All agents, contractors and subcontractors whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority pursuant to condition 0; and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in the pursuance of this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority pursuant to condition 3.4.

3.9 Inspection of Documents

Copies of this licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2 of this licence;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;
- on board each vessel or vehicle from which any deposits of materials authorised by this licence are to be made.

The documents referred to in this condition shall be available at all times when the Licensed Activities are being undertaken for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

Vessels, Plant and Equipment

3.10 Notified Contractors and Vessels only to Carry out Licensed Activities

Only those agents, contractors, subcontractors and vessels whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vessels carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this licence.

3.11 Standard of Vessels

Any vessels employed to perform any operations permitted by this licence shall be so constructed and equipped as to be capable of the proper performance of these operations.

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3.12 Refuelling

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore.

3.13 Equipment, Structures and Access

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

Safety

3.14 Safety of Licensed Activities

The Licence Holder must ensure that the Licensed Activities are maintained in a safe condition that does not represent a danger to the environment, or other marine users, at all times.

3.15 Removal of Deposited Material

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposited material specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

3.16 Government Assistance

If, in the opinion of the Licensing Authority, or Marine Enforcement Officers the assistance of a Government Department, including the broadcast of navigational warnings, is required in connection with the Licensed Activities or to deal with any emergency arising from the drifting or wreck of the Licensed activities, the Licence Holder will be liable for any expense incurred in securing such assistance.

Pollution control

3.17 Pollution Prevention

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

3.18 Spillage of Pollutants

The Licence Holder must ensure bunding, storage facilities and spill kits are employed where appropriate to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment.

3.19 Coatings

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The Licence Holder must ensure that any coatings/treatments used in carrying out the Licensed Activities are suitable for use in the marine environment and are used in accordance with best environmental practice.

3.20 Disposal of Man-made Debris

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

3.21 Cleanliness of Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure all equipment, materials, machinery and Personal Protective Equipment used as part of the Licensed Activities are in a clean condition prior to their arrival at and subsequent departure from the Licensed Area to minimise risk of introducing non-native species into the marine environment.

Activity-specific conditions

3.22 Grab Samples - Additional Notification Upon Completion

The Licence Holder must inform the Licensing Authority, of the location of all completed grab samples within **10 days** of completion of the work.

3.23 Grab Samples - Sensitive Species

The Licence Holder must ensure that in the event of removal of *Sabellaria alveolata* reefs or Horse Mussel (*Modiolus modiolus*) beds, no further removals occur at that location, or within **20m** of that location.

3.24 Removal Activity – Artefacts

The Licence Holder must ensure that any artefacts found during the Licensed Activities are reported through the Marine Portable Antiquities Scheme.

Sensitive Area Conditions

3.25 Vehicular Access

The Licence Holder must ensure that vehicular access across coastal habitats that form part of the interest features of a Sensitive Area, is not used unless specified in the Sensitive Area Method Statement.

3.26 Equipment and Materials

The Licence Holder must ensure that any equipment or materials used do not enter the marine environment within the interest features of a Sensitive Area, unless specified in the Sensitive Area Method Statement.

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4 INTERPRETATION

In this Licence terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act unless otherwise stated.

- (a) **“2009 Act”** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- (b) **“Approved Application”** means the Band 1 Marine Licence Application Form together with the Approved Supporting Documents;
- (c) **“Approved Supporting Documents”** means the documents supporting, or supplementary to, the Approved Application, submitted prior to the Licence Issue Date, listed in the Table at paragraph 0 above;
- (d) **“Commencement”** means the first undertaking of any Licensed Activities;
- (e) **“Force majeure”** may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel determines that it is necessary to deposit the substances or articles because the safety of human life and/or of the vessel is threatened;
- (f) **“Licensed Activities”** means the activities authorised by this licence as specified in 2.2;
- (g) **“Licensed Area”** means the area within which Licensed Activities are authorised by this Licence as specified in section 2.3;
- (h) **“Licence Holder”** means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1.2 to whom this licence is granted;
- (i) **“Licence Period”** means the period beginning with the Licence Start Date and ending on the Licence End Date;
- (j) **“Licensing Authority”** means Natural Resources Wales acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers;
- (k) **“Marine Enforcement Officers”** means the relevant officers appointed by Welsh Ministers under section 235 of the 2009 Act, contact details for whom are provided in paragraph 5;
- (l) **“Marine Licence Application Form”** means the application form forming part of the application referred to in paragraph 1.1;
- (m) **“MCZ”** means Marine Conservation Zone;
- (n) **“Ramsar site”** means a wetland site designated of international importance under the Ramsar Convention;
- (o) **“SAC”** means Special Area of Conservation;
- (p) **“Sensitive Area”** means any designated or proposed protected area (SPA, SAC, MCZ, SSSI or Ramsar site), or any other habitat identified by Natural Resources Wales as sensitive as at the date of this Licence;

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(q) “**Sensitive Area Method Statement**” means the Method Statement(s) forming part of the Approved Application or Approved Supporting Documents;

(r) “**SPA**” means Special Protection Area;

(s) “**SSSI**” means Site of Special Scientific Interest;

(t) “**Works**” means any construction activities comprised in the Licensed Activities and, where the context permits, includes any plant, equipment or materials used to carry out those activities or operations but excludes monitoring, minor routine maintenance or other ongoing operational activities following completion of any construction activities;

(u) all times shall be taken to be the time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on any given day;

(v) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be latitude and longitude degrees and minutes to two decimal places

(w) in the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates listed in paragraph 0 and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

5 CONTACTS

Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns, correspondence is:

Marine Licensing Team
Natural Resources Wales
Permitting Service
29 Newport Road
Cambria House
Cardiff
CF24 0TP

Tel: 0300 065 3000

Email: marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:

Welsh Government
Suite 3
Cedar Court
Haven’s Head Business Park
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire
SA73 3LS

Tel: 03000 253500

Email: wfmccmpc@gov.wales

