

APPLICATION FOR THE CONSENT TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Date:

1. General information

1.1 Cruise name and/or number:

1.2 Sponsoring institution:

Name: Marine Institute

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Galway
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Name of Chief Executive: Dr. Peter Heffernan

1.3 Scientist in charge of the project:

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1.4 Scientist(s) from UNITED KINGDOM involved in the planning of the project

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Address:

1.5 Submitting officer:

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2. Description of project (Attach additional pages as necessary)

2.1 Nature of objectives of the project:

To assess the size of the Blue Whiting stock in the Rockall and Hatton Banks areas (ICES Divisions VIB, Via with possible extension to the west and north into divisions XII and VBI respectively).

2.2 Relevant previous or future research cruises:

This is the continuation of an international project established in 2004.

2.3 Previously published research data relating to the project:

Cruise reports and working group documents as presented to ICES at the relevant working groups.

3. Methods and means to be used

Acoustic survey using 18, 38, 120 and 200 KHz and fishing trawl hauls to confirm species composition of insonified fish echotraces. Parallel transects spaced at 40 nmi running perpendicular to the depth contours of the named areas of interest. Hydrographic stations and underway hydrographic data collection.

3.1 Particulars of vessel

Name: Celtic Explorer

Nationality: Irish

Owner: Marine Institute

Overall length: 65.5m

Maximum draught: 5.7m

Net tonnage: 727

Propulsion: 2 x 1530 KW, 1000rpm, 1 x 1020 KW, 1000 rpm

Cruising speed: 14 Kts

Call sign: EI

Method and capability of communication –

Name of master: Ciaran Flannagan/ Philip Baugh

Number of crew: 12

Number of scientists on board: 8

3.2 Aircraft or other craft to be used in the project: N/A

3.3 Particulars of methods and scientific instruments

| Types of samples and data | Methods to be used | Instruments to be used |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Acoustic | Parallel transects | Simrad ER 60 |
| Hydrographic | Vertical profiling | Seabird 911 |
| Fishing | Fishing | Pelagic midwater trawl |
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3.4 Indicate whether harmful substances will be used: Na

3.5 Indicate whether drilling will be carried out: Na

3.6 Indicate whether explosives will be used Na

4. Installations and equipment

Details of installations and equipment (dates of laying, servicing, recovery, exact locations and depth): Na

5. Geographical areas

5.1 Indicate geographical areas in which the project is to be conducted (with reference in latitude and longitude):

See attached map of proposed area of coverage

5.2 Attach chart(s) at an appropriate scale showing the geographical areas of the intended work and, as far as practicable, the positions of intended stations, the tracks of survey lines, and the locations of installations and equipment.

6. Dates

Expected dates of first entry into final departure from research area of the research vessel:

Mid March and will cover an area to the E of the Rockall Bank lasting for approximately 5 days

6.2 Indicate if multiple entry is expected:

7. Port calls

7.1 Dates and names of intended ports of calls in UNITED KINGDOM: na

7.2 Any special logistical at ports of call: na

7.3 Names/ Address / Telephone of shipping agent (if available)

8. Participation

8.1 Extent to which UNITED KINGDOM will be able to participate to be represented in research project: na

8.2 Proposed dates and ports for embarkation / disembarkation: na

9. Access to data, samples and research results

9.1 Expected dates of submission to UNITED KINGDOM preliminary reports which should include the expected dates of submission of the final results:

AS REQUESTED

9.2 Proposed means for access by UNITED KINGDOM to data and samples:

AS REQUESTED

9.3 Proposed means to provide UNITED KINGDOM with assessment of data, samples and research results or provide assistance in their assessment or interpretation:

AS REQUESTED

9.4 Proposed means of making research results internationally available:

AS REQUESTED

10. Scientific Equipment

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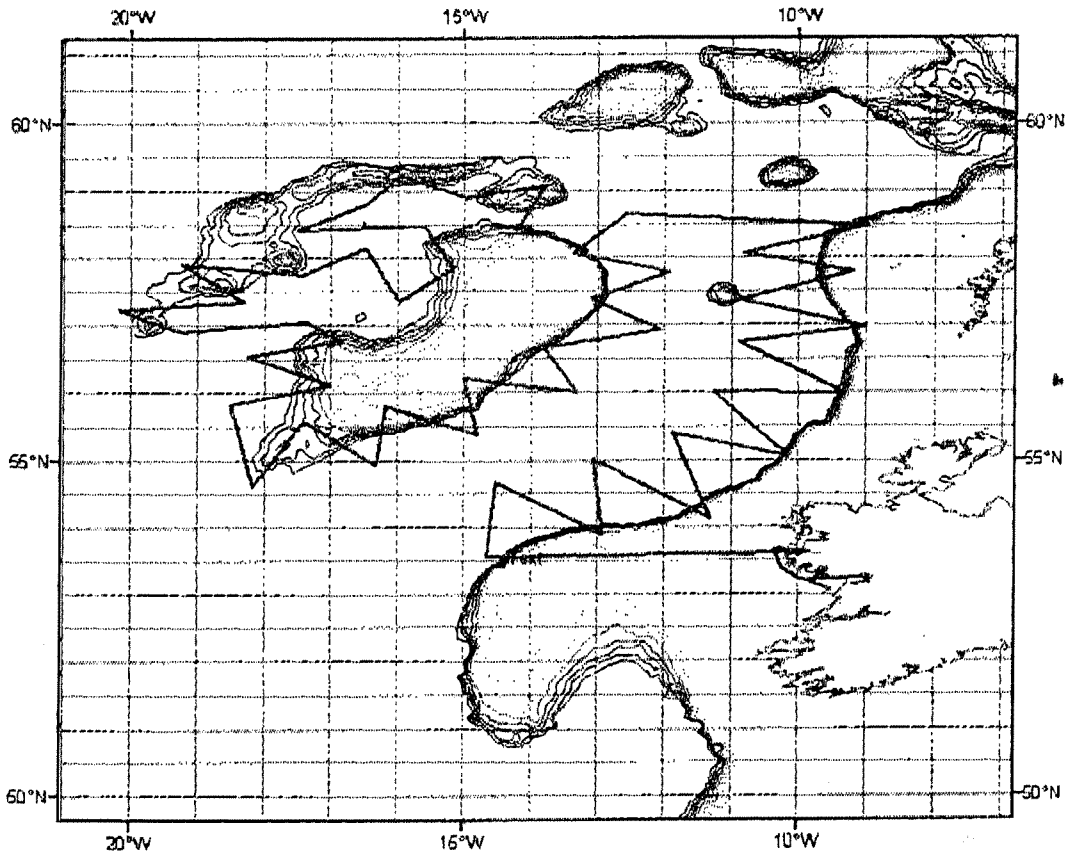
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| WATER SAMPLING | | | | | | |
| PROFILING INSTRUMENTS | | | | | | |
| ABOVE WATER OPTICS AND PHOTOGRAPHY | | | | | | |

(On behalf of the Principle Scientist)

Dated -----



Proposed area of coverage for the 2006 blue whiting acoustic survey