

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

Date: 25/07/2006

1. General information

- 1.1 Cruise name and/or number:** Irish Groundfish Survey 2006 – IGFS06
1.2 Sponsoring institution: Marine Institute

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2. Description of project (Attach additional pages as necessary)**2.1 Nature of objectives of the project:**

Part of the ICES coordinated International Bottom Trawl Survey and data used to meet obligations under the EC Data Collection Regulation.

2.2 Relevant previous or future research cruises:

Annual 4th quarter survey since 1997.

2.3 Previously published research data relating to the project:**3. Methods and means to be used****3.1 Particulars of vessel**

Name: RV Celtic Explorer

Nationality: Irish

Owner: Marine Institute

Overall length: 65.5m

Maximum draught: 5.7m

Net tonnage: 24.35t

Propulsion: Diesel electric propulsion plant 2 inverter controlled variable speed reversing dc propulsion motor in tandem with max total output of 3mw running 16 pitch propeller. Propeller diameter =3500mm, pull at 4knots=ca 30tons

Cruising speed: 14 knots

Call sign: EIGB

Method and capability of communication -

Standard GMDS equipment weather fax NAV tex and mini/m

Phone number: GSM fax= 0876519288

Bridge phone 08 72044837

Name of master: P. Baugh

Number of crew: 14

Number of scientists on board: 17

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 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Fish Samples | According to IBTS | GOV demersal trawl |
| CTD | | Seabird Rosette |
| Echosounder | According to LINZ | Multibeam echosounder |
| Echosounder | According to LINZ | Single beam echosounder |
| Sediment Grab samples – ground truthing | According to LINZ | Grab samples |

3.4 Indicate whether harmful substances will be used:

None

3.5 Indicate whether drilling will be carried out:

None

3.6 Indicate whether explosives will be used

None

4. Installations and equipment

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

None

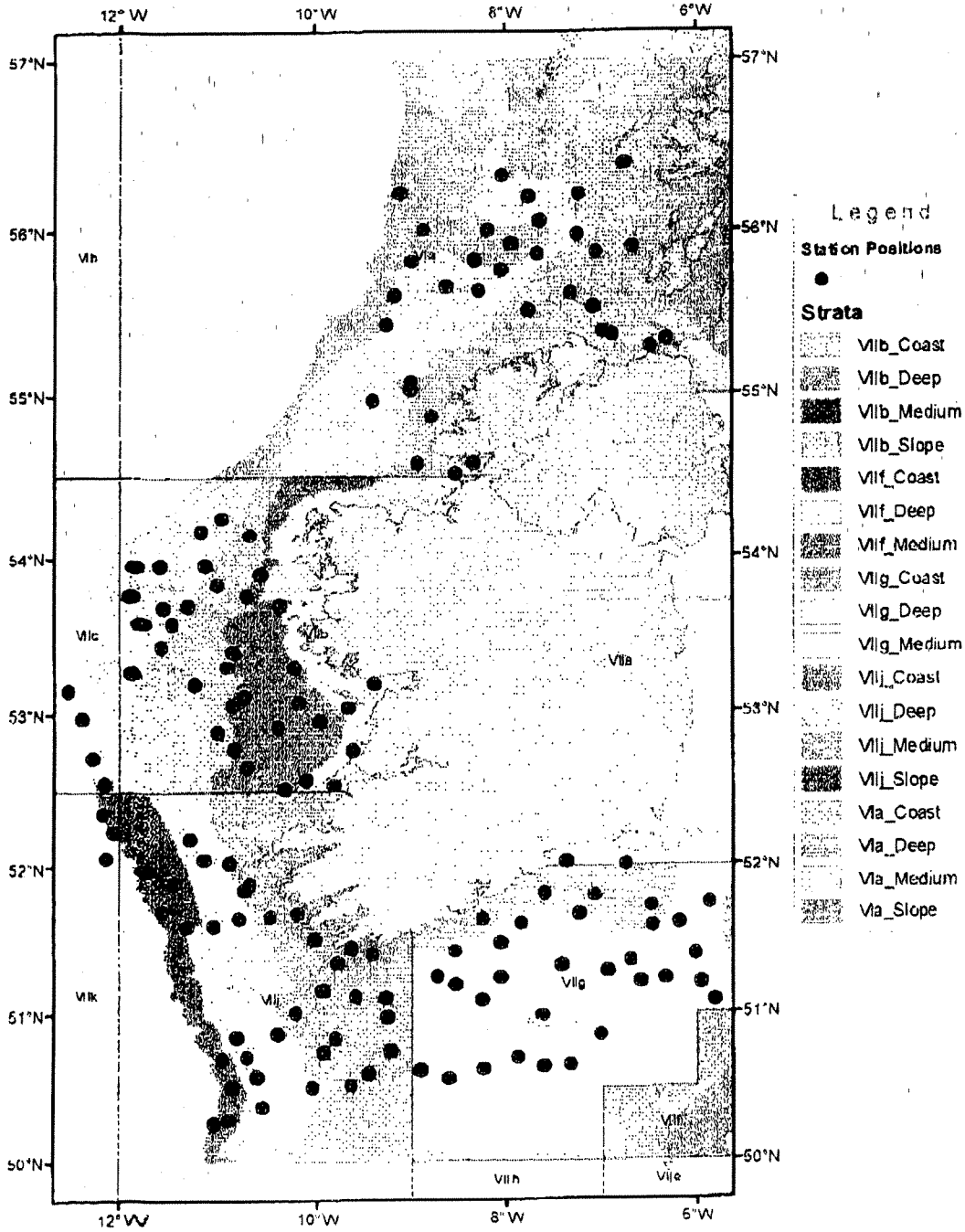
5. Geographical areas

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

West of Scotland in ICES division VIIa north to 56.5°N and west in division VIIg to -5° W and north to 52°N.

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.

Station positions for the relevant areas carried out in 2005 are indicative of the sampling sites and intensity for IGFS06.



6. Dates

During the period October 24th - December 1st 2005.

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

During the period October 24th – December 1st 2005.

6.2 Indicate if multiple entry is expected:

Yes

7. Port calls

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

None in the UK

7.2 Any special logistical at ports of call:

None

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

8. Participation

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

At least one berth will be made available for participation in the survey.

8.2 Proposed dates and ports for embarkation / disembarkation:

Survey will mobilise and terminate in Galway, Ireland.

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:

To the IBTS working group in March 2007.

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

Through IBTS coordinator in the Marine Institute, Dave Stokes.

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

Through the IBTS working group in March 2007.

9.4 Proposed means of making research results internationally available:

To the IBTS working group in March 2007.

10. Scientific Equipment

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TABLE-
SEPARATE PAGE FOR EACH COSTAL STATE:**

INDICATE YES OR NO

| LIST SCIENTIFIC WORK BY FUNCTION: | | | | DISTANCE FROM COAST | | |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | Within 12nms Yes | Between 12-200nms YES | (Continental shelf work only) YES |
| MAGNETOMETRY GRAVITY BATHYMETRY SEABED SAMPLING ECHO SOUNDING | Water column including sediment sampling of the Seabed | Fisheries research within fishing limits | Research concerning the natural resources of the continental shelf or its physical characteristics | | | |
| Trawling Multibeaming CTD's | No Yes Yes | Yes Yes Yes | Yes Yes Yes | | | |

Dave Stokes

(On behalf of the Principle Scientist)

Dated 24/07/06
