Notice to Mariners

Vessels and General Safety Advice

Seabed Ecology Survey
West of Islay and continuing on a route south of Islay, Kintyre and Arran, towards Hunterston. Throughout August and September 2021.

Date of Issue: 23rd July 2021

Please be advised that Briggs Marine Contractors will be undertaking Drop Down Video (DDV) and sediment grab sampling on an area 6 - 11 km offshore to the North West of Islay as well as following a route from Islay to Hunterston, passing to the south of Islay, Kintyre and Arran.

The work will utilise the 19m coastal survey vessel Mersey Guardian for the operations.

Operations will commence from 2nd August, with the exact location of daily sampling being dependent on weather conditions. It is expected that operations will last for approximately 6 weeks, again, dependent on weather delays.

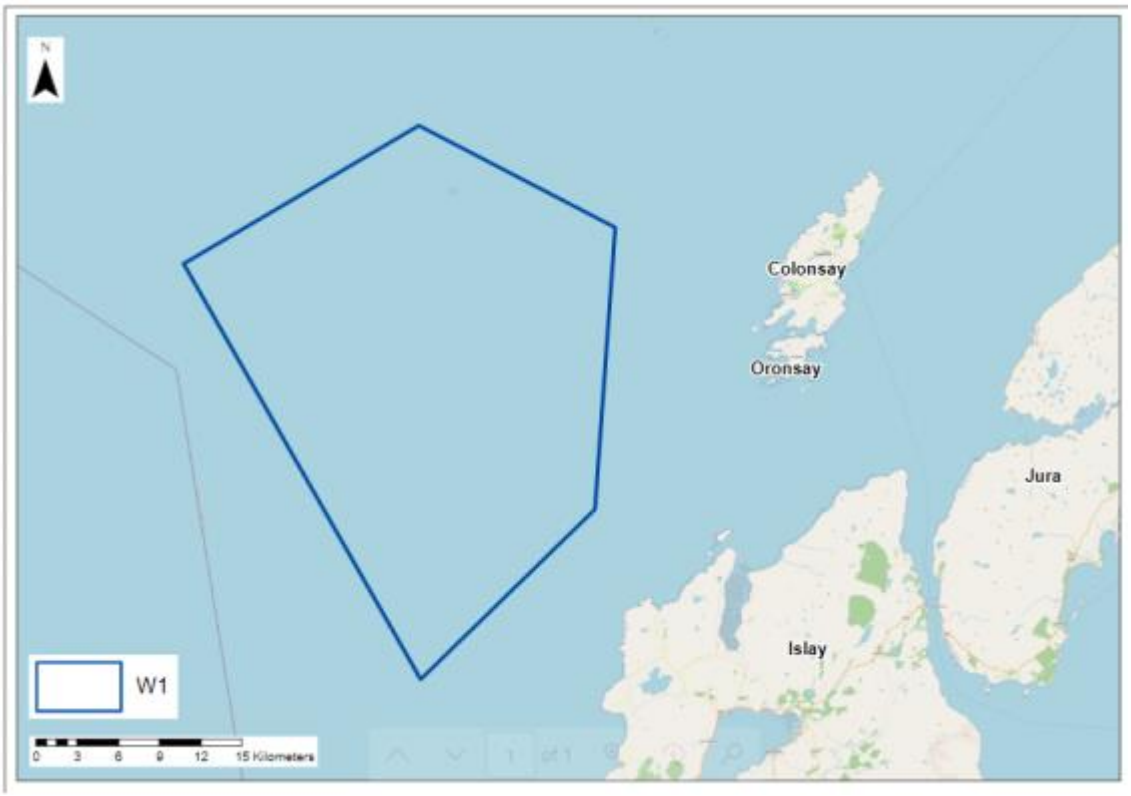


Figure 1- chart showing the north west offshore survey area

Vessel Photo	Vessel Description
	Inshore survey vessel Mersey Guardian Dimensions: - 18.3m LOA - 6.3m beam - 1.15m draft

Work Description

Mersey Guardian will operate on the offshore site and corridor route to Hunterston.

During operations the vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre and will display appropriate shapes and lights when on survey work. Equipment may be submerged ROV up to 150m from vessel.

Survey work undertaken on the Mersey Guardian will be restricted to daylight hours and the vessel will return to port overnight.

Should any vessel wish to come within 500m of the survey vessel then direct communication with the Master is required.

The vessel will display the appropriate lights / shapes for their operations.

Primary Survey Equipment

Primary equipment	Towed / Hull mounted / Sampling	Approximate tow length (if applicable)	Vessel
Drop Down Video Camera System	Over-boarded on cable	150m	Mersey Guardian
Sediment grab	Over-boarded on cable	150m	Mersey Guardian

Contact Details

The vessel contact details are given in the tables below:

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