

## Application for a Maritime Usage Licence under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021

### Important Information

**Before completing this form please read the declaration and consent at the end of the application form**

**It is important to note that a change in applicant name will require a new application.**

**This application and supporting documentation should be submitted by email to [licence@mara.gov.ie](mailto:licence@mara.gov.ie)**

**Please complete the form electronically. Type details in the boxes provided, space will expand as you type. Please complete form to a high level, i.e. give comprehensive answers to questions, answers which only reference supporting documentation are not sufficient.**

#### **Maritime Usage Licence:**

Part 5 (sections 110 to 133) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA) provides for the granting of maritime usage licences.

Section 112 of the Act states that the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) is the competent authority for the purposes of Part 5 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) regulations 2011 ([S.I No. 477 of 2011](#)) and appropriate assessments to which that Part applies.

Section 114 of the Act states that the Minister may by regulations provide for class of Schedule 7 usage to be exempted usage for the purposes of this Part.

[Schedule 7](#) of the Act lists the Maritime Usages that may be undertaken in the maritime area pursuant to licence.

[Schedule 8](#) of the Act lists the types of conditions that MARA may attach to a licence.

#### **Privacy Policy:**

MARA may require you to provide certain personal data in order to carry out our legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that you provide as confidential and will process your details in accordance with its obligations under data protection legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

A Privacy Statement explaining how MARA, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data you provide, how that information will be used and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Statement](#).

#### **Freedom of Information (FOI)/ Access to Information on the Environment (AIE)**

Applicants should be aware that under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018, information provided by them to MARA may be liable to be disclosed.

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application should not be disclosed and clearly identify the specific sections of their application containing such information, specifying the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity. MARA will consult with applicants about this information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment request received.

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## Part 1: Applicant Information

### 1.1 Applicant Details

Name of Applicant (the name that will appear on the licence)	University College Cork
Company/Organisation (if applicable)	
Address/Company Address	School of BEES, Distillery Field, North Mall, Cork
Eircode/Postcode	T23N73K
Contact Name within Company/Organisation	██████████
Contact Phone No.	██████████
Contact Email Address	██████████
Is the company registered in Ireland for tax purposes?	Yes

### 1.2 Contact Details (if different from above)

Full Name	
Address	
Eircode/Postcode	
Contact Name	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email Address	

### 1.3 Agent Representing Applicant (if applicable)

Person/Agency acting on behalf of Applicant	
Address	
Eircode/Postcode	
Contact Name (if applicable)	
Contact Phone No.	
Contact Email address	

<b>1.4 Applicant's Legal Advisor (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Name/Company Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Eircode/Postcode</b>	
<b>Contact Name (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Contact Phone No.</b>	
<b>Contact Email address</b>	

<b><u>Part 2: Proposal Details (Attach additional documents as required)</u></b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>In relation to this application, have you previously applied for a declaration as to whether or not a licence was required for this usage? If so, please provide the reference number associated with that application.</b>
	No
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Description of proposed Maritime Usage.</b>
	This marine environmental survey for the purpose of scientific research and discovery aims to shed light at the palaeo-channel network of the Celtic Sea and assess potentially important benthic habitats. A maximum of 25 grab samples will be collected using a surficial sediment sampling device (Hamon/Day grab or box corer) for habitat mapping depending on the stiffness of the surficial sediments. Supporting data will be collected using an ROV or drop camera, to obtain high definition seafloor observations of value to ecological assessments and habitat mapping. Opportunistic seawater samples and conductivity-temperature-depth (CTD) profiles may be taken.
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Describe the nature and scale of any structure to be erected in the maritime area.</b>
	N/A
<b>2.4</b>	<b>Proposed licence duration</b>
	1 month
<b>2.5</b>	<b>Indicative timing of the works/activity: (i) Start date (ii) Duration (iii) Any other information relevant to timing.</b>
	The temporal scope of work extends from September 22, 2024 to October 6, 2024.
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Do the proposed maritime usages provide for public use, commercial use or private use? Provide details.</b>
	The maritime usage is a marine environmental survey for the purpose of scientific research and discovery aims led by University College Cork. It will provide data for public use.
<b>2.7</b>	<b>Could the proposed works restrict public use/enjoyment of the nearshore e.g. fishing, sailing, surfing, swimming, walking or other activities? Provide details.</b>
	No. Operations are all several kilometres away from the shoreline.
<b>2.8</b>	<b>Please outline any engagements that have taken place with marine users or other stakeholders in the proposed area that may be affected by the proposal and attach supporting documentation where relevant.</b>
	None
<b>2.9</b>	<b>Describe briefly any consultations undertaken with other relevant authorities (e.g. Local Authority, Port/Harbour authority etc.) or State Agencies. e.g. National Parks &amp; Wildlife Service, National Monuments Service of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.</b>
	None

<b>2.10</b>	<b>Please provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore licence you may hold within the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage area.</b>
	None
<b>2.11</b>	<b>Please provide the reference number of any current application for a Foreshore Licence to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Does this application for a foreshore licence relate to or impact any part of the maritime area the subject of this licence application? If so, please provide details of the foreshore licence application.</b>
	None
<b>2.12</b>	<b>What environmental reports, if any, have you submitted with this application? (Supporting information for screening for Appropriate Assessment/ Natura Impact Statement/ Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species/ Assessment of Impact on the Maritime Usage Report)</b>
	Attached to the application are a Supporting information for screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) report, a Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species and an Assessment of Impact on the Maritime Usage (AIMU) report.

<b><u>Part 3: Location and Spatial Extent of Proposed Maritime Area</u></b> <b><u>(Attach additional documents as required)</u></b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Location of proposed Maritime Usage</b>
<p>The proposed project applies for license in three areas south of County Cork and Waterford. The two areas A &amp; B south of Co. Cork are targeted for seabed sampling using grabs and a box corer for (paleo-) environmental assessments. Area C south &gt;70km south-southeast of the border of Co. Cork and Co. Waterford is targeted for habitat mapping using video footage from a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and surficial seabed samples. Area A lies a minimum of 17.4 km at a 139° heading off the Old Head of Kinsale, and stretches 17,629 Hectares (Ha). Area B lies a minimum of 50km south-southeast (154°) of the Old Head of Kinsale, extending 32,142 Ha south and southeast. Area C lies a minimum of 72 km offshore, at a 318° bearing from Ballycotton, and extends a total of 142,782 Ha to the border of the Irish and UK Exclusive Economic Zones. A Licence Map showing the location of the areas is provided (see Part 4 of this application).</p>	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Total size of the proposed Maritime Area (in m<sup>2</sup>, ha<sup>2</sup> or km<sup>2</sup>, as appropriate).</b>
192,603 Hectares	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Please provide the distance of the main body of the proposed maritime area from the shore at its closest point in km.</b>
17.15 km	
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Is any of the maritime area in the proposed site in private ownership? If yes please provide documentary evidence of same (e.g. folio).</b>
No	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Any other site details considered relevant:</b>
None	

<b>Part 4: Maps and Drawings.</b> Please refer to <a href="#">Technical Guidance</a> on map and drawing requirements.	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Please draft a map, titled “Licence Map”, outlining the proposed Maritime Area in accordance with the Technical Guidance for Maritime Area Licence Applications and submit same with this application.</b>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Please submit GIS Shapefiles, in accordance with the Applicant Technical Guidance Note and submit same with this application.</b>
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Please list any Admiralty Charts, Maps, GIS Shapefiles and/or other Drawings submitted with this application.</b>
See attachments	

<b>Part 5: Fishing/Aquaculture Considerations:</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Is the proposal located in proximity to any of the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• aquaculture operation</li><li>• designated Shellfish Growing Waters</li><li>• fish spawning ground</li><li>• other sensitive fisheries location</li></ul> <p><b>Please Illustrate on appropriate chart including distance in Km.</b></p>
	<p>There are no licensed aquaculture sites within the proposed project area. The application areas coincide with nursery areas for the Haddock, Hake, Horse mackerel and Megrin. It is also a recorded spawning area for Haddock and Whiting, but is &gt;7km from the nearest Herring spawning area. The SISAA demonstrated that proposed project did not have the potential for impact on any Annex II fish species. More information is provided in the AIMU and SISAA reports.</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Are there other potential impacts of the proposal on fishing/aquaculture in the area? If yes, please describe.</b>
	<p>No impacts projected – see AIMU and SISAA reports</p>
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Are there any measures proposed to mitigate potential impacts on fisheries or aquaculture? If yes, please describe.</b>
	<p>N/A</p>



## Declaration and Consent:

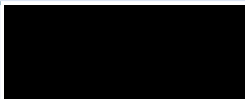
The details provided here are correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that no works will be commenced, by the applicant or the applicant's agents on the proposed site, without a valid licence from MARA. The granting of any Maritime Usage Licence will not give rise on the part of the applicant to any expectation whatsoever for, right or entitlement to a grant of any future licence in respect of all or any part of any area of the Maritime Area.

By submitting this application form, the applicant agrees that the details provided (with personal contact details redacted) are to be published on MARA's website and also that the full information provided including contact details are to be processed and retained by MARA and shared with all relevant public authorities in furtherance of consideration for a Maritime Usage Licence under the MAPA.

I give consent to MARA and its agents to copy this application and to make (a redacted) copy available for inspection and copying by the public. This consent relates to this application, to any further information, or submission provided by the applicant or on the applicant's behalf and to the publication of the licence document.

### Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:

	
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### Name of Signatory (block letters):

	
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### Position Held:

Senior Postdoctoral Fellow
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### Date:

06/06/2024
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Applicant Checklist	
Document	Included
Application Form (Parts 2 to 5 inclusive)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Supporting Information for Screening for Appropriate Assessment (SISAA) Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Natura Impact Statement (NIS), if initially included	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment of Impact of the Maritime Usage (AIMU) Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schedule of Works	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Licence Mapping (including GIS Shapefiles)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please list below)	

Other