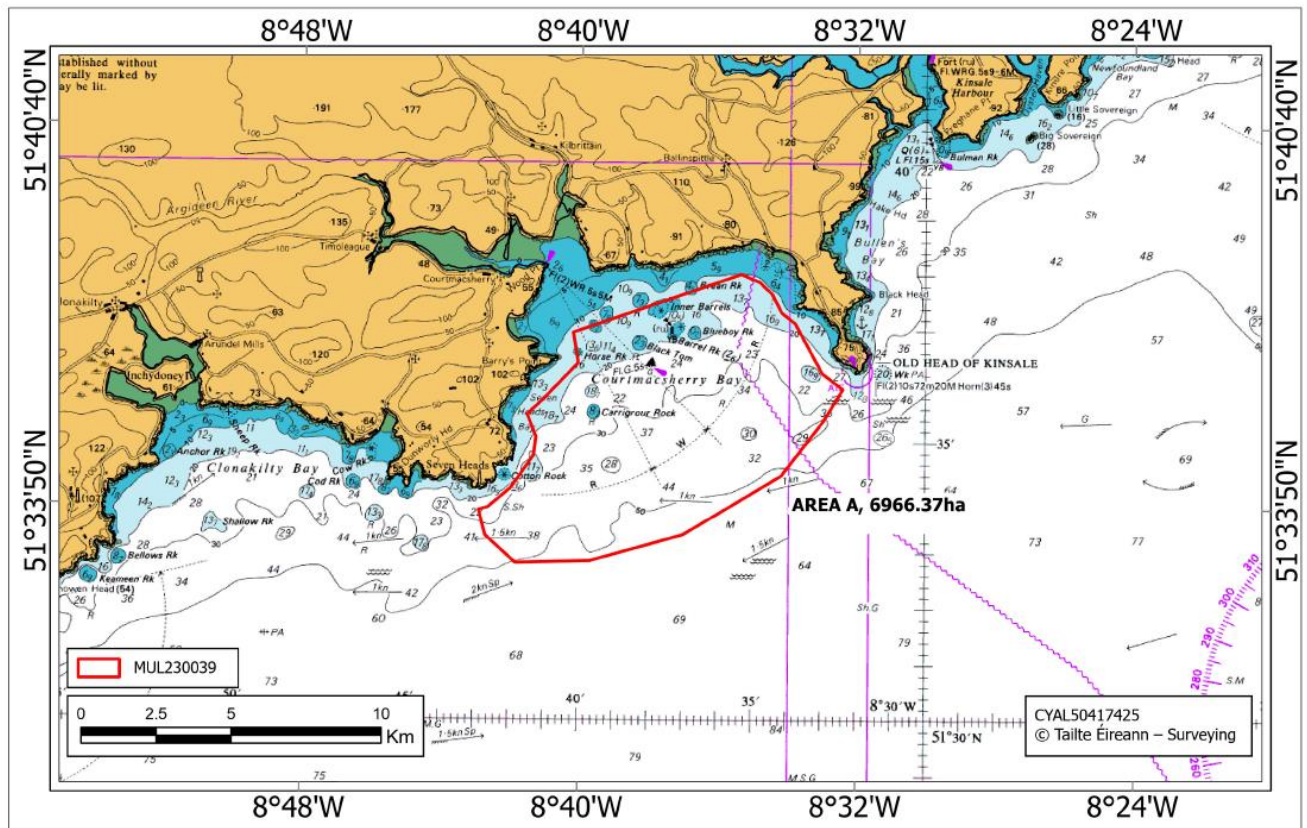


## PUBLIC NOTICE

### The Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011

University College Cork has applied to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority ("MARA") for a maritime usage licence under section 117 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 to undertake marine environmental surveys for the purposes of research. The proposed maritime usage is to deploy passive acoustic monitoring devices ("acoustic receivers") to identify the presence/absence of acoustically tagged elasmobranchs (sharks, skates and rays) in the Courtmacsherry Bay area of the Celtic Sea. The licence application is for a period of 3 years.



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### Screening for appropriate assessment determination

On 24/09/2024 following screening by MARA under regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011

(S.I. 477 of 2011), a determination was made under regulation 42(7) of the regulations that the proposed maritime usage referred to above will not require Stage 2 appropriate assessment. The determination was made on the basis of objective scientific information following screening that the proposed maritime usage individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on a European site. A copy of the determination is available at [MUL230039](#).

In considering this matter MARA had regard to the following:

- The screening for appropriate assessment report prepared by MARA;
- The environmental report prepared by MARA
- The application documents submitted by University College Cork which informed the screening for appropriate assessment.

### **Judicial review of the screening for appropriate assessment determination**

The validity of the screening for appropriate assessment determination may be questioned by judicial review under order 84 of the Superior Courts Rules (S.I. No 15 of 1986) in accordance with chapter 8, part 5 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021. Any application for leave to apply for judicial review shall be made within eight weeks of the date of this notice. Practical information on judicial review can be obtained from the Citizens Information Board, Ground Floor, George's Quay House, 43 Townsend Street, Dublin 2 ([www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)) or from the Courts website ([www.courts.ie](http://www.courts.ie)).

Dated this [ 17<sup>th</sup> October ] day of 2024

The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority