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**Maritime Usage Licence (MUL)**

**General Application**

**(Form MUL1)**

**Important information:**

Applicants are strongly advised to read the “Guidance Note for Applicants applying for a Maritime Usage Licence” before completing this application.

The application form and supporting documentation, including confirmation of payment of fee, must be submitted to [licence@mara.gov.ie](mailto:licence@mara.gov.ie).

Complete this form electronically using the free text and tick boxes provided, free text boxes will expand as required. Responses should, in so far as is possible, clearly and concisely address the information requested. Where appropriate, supporting documentation may be submitted for assessment, providing that any information relevant to the application is clearly referenced in the application form.

Before completing this form, the declaration and consent at the end of the application form should be read.

**Application Fee:**

An application fee of EUR €2,000 applies for each Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) application.

This requirement is detailed in legislation:

Section 117(1) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 and Maritime Area Usage (Licence Fees) Regulations 2023, SI No 402/2003.

The application fee must be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

MARA Bank Details are provided upon request by email to licence@mara.gov.ie

Proof of application fee payment /confirmation of funds transfer must be provided with the application documentation.

Should the Maritime Usage Licensing application screen out for Appropriate Assessment, a refund of EUR €1,000 applies.

**Privacy Policy**

MARA may require applicants to provide certain personal data in order to carry out its legislative and administrative functions. MARA will treat all personal data that an applicant provides in accordance with MARA’s 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 the applicant provides, how that information will be used and what rights the applicant may exercise in relation to its personal data, is available in this link: [Privacy Policy - MARA - The Maritime Regulator](https://www.maritimeregulator.ie/privacy/).

**Freedom of Information/Access to Information on the Environment**

MARA is a public body for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as amended (the “FOI Act”) and is also subject to the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007-2018 (the “AIE Regulations”) and MARA may be required to disclose information and records provided by the applicant in response to a request made under the FOI Act and/or the AIE Regulations, subject to applicable exemptions. Where the applicant considers that any information supplied to MARA is commercially sensitive, confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act or the AIE Regulations, the applicant must clearly identify such information at the time. Notwithstanding this, the final decision on disclosure rests with MARA, in accordance with the applicable legislation. The applicant must, upon reasonable request and within a reasonable timeframe, provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to MARA in connection with any request for information made under the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.

**Confidential/Commercially Sensitive Information**

Applicants are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application to MARA is commercially sensitive and/or confidential. The applicant should clearly identify and separate the specific sections of their application containing such information. The applicant should specify the reasons for its confidentiality/sensitivity with regard to the FOI Act and/or AIE Regulations.

**Form MUL1 – Application for a Maritime Usage Licence (MUL) for an activity listed in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act**

# Part 1 Activity in Schedule 7 and relevant section of the MAP Act

* 1. Part 1 Activity in Schedule 7, for which this MUL application is made.

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| Tick Maritime Usage applicable to the purpose of the MUL.  The Applicant should refer to the MUL Guidance Note for Applicants before completing this section. | |
| 1. Dredging (including dredging involving the use of a device to remove any material, whether or not suspended in water, from one part of the seabed to another part of the seabed) other than—  (a) dredging carried out to create a new harbour, berth or waterway, or to deepen existing facilities in order to allow access for larger ships, or  (b) dredging ancillary to development authorised under the Act of 2000, whether or not it involves the removal of any material from the sea or seabed. |  |
| 2. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of scientific discovery or research. |  |
| 3. Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of site investigation or in support of an application under Part XXI of the Act of 2000. |  |
| 4. The installation or placement of navigational markers or aids to navigation, or both, not undertaken or authorised by the Commissioners of Irish Lights. |  |
| 5. The installation of non-permanent platforms, pontoons or slipways. |  |
| 6. The deposit of any substance or object, either in the sea or on or under the seabed, from—  (a) a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft or marine structure (other than a pipeline),  (b) a container floating in the sea, or  (c) a structure on land constructed or adapted wholly or mainly for the purpose of depositing solids in the sea. |  |
| 7. The use of a vehicle, vessel (including a craft capable of travelling on, in or under water, whether or not self-propelled), boat, aircraft, marine structure (other than a pipeline) or floating container to remove any substance or object from the seabed. |  |
| 8. The use of explosives not related to development authorised under the Act of 2000 and not requiring authorisation under any other enactment. |  |
| 9. The maintenance of any cable, pipeline, oil, gas or carbon storage facility structure that does not require an authorisation (whether the authorisation takes the form of the grant of a licence, consent, approval or any other type of authorisation) under any other enactment in order to be undertaken. |  |
| 10. The harvesting, disturbance or removal of seaweed, whether growing or rooted on the seabed, or deposited in or washed up thereon by the action of any one or more than one of the following:  (a) tides;  (b) winds;  (c) waves. |  |
| 11. The deposit, construction or removal of any mooring not requiring authorisation under any other enactment. |  |
| 12. (a) The removal of beach material from, or the disturbance of beach material in, the maritime area otherwise than in the course of the ordinary or reasonable recreational enjoyment of the maritime area.  12 (b) In this paragraph, “beach material” means sand, clay, gravel, shingle, stones, rocks, mineral substances, seashells, coral and maerl and any flora, in or on the surface of the seabed or suspended in the water of the maritime area, and includes outcrops of rock or any other mineral substance above the surface of the seabed. |  |
| 13. The laying or installation of telecommunications cables or ducting by or between coastal States where such cables or ducting pass through the exclusive economic zone (as construed in accordance with the Act of 2021) or the continental shelf but do not land in the State. |  |
| 14. A maritime usage specified, for the purposes of this paragraph, in regulations made under section 113(2).” |  |

Select activity type from the list below:

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| Dredging/Deposits |  |
| Energy Infrastructure |  |
| ORE Development |  |
| Ports |  |
| Research |  |
| Seaweed |  |
| State Infrastructure (Water/Sewage) |  |
| State Infrastructure (Other) |  |
| Telecoms |  |
| Tourism & Recreation |  |

* 1. Select the relevant section(s) of the MAP Act under which this MUL application is made. If more than one section applies, then select all applicable sections.

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| Section 117 application for a new Schedule 7 usage |  |
| Section 129 application to amend an existing foreshore authorisation or continue to occupy that part of the maritime area after the expiration of the authorisation |  |
| Section 130 application for an existing unauthorised maritime usage |  |

* 1. Provide below details when MUL application is made under Section 129 of the MAP Act.

1. Confirm that you are transitioning from an existing foreshore authorisation to a MUL to continue the previously consented maritime usage, or to amend an existing authorisation.

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes, provide the following details.  
   1. Foreshore authorisation reference number.

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* 1. Date of Issue.

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* 1. Expiration date.

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* 1. Description of Authorised Usage.

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* 1. Reason for transition from foreshore authorisation to MUL.

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* 1. Confirm that you have attached a copy of the existing foreshore authorisation including foreshore consent map in this MUL application as Attachment 1.3.

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| Yes  No |

* 1. Provide below details when MUL application is made under Section 130 of the MAP Act.

1. Confirm that you are applying for a MUL for an existing unauthorised maritime usage.

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes, provide the following details.
2. Description of existing unauthorised maritime usage.

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1. Location of unauthorised maritime usage.

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1. Date of commencement of unauthorised maritime usage.

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# Part 2 Applicant Details

* 1. Applicant Details

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| The name and address should be of the legal or natural person that is to be the MUL Holder. This information would be recorded on the MUL. | |
| Name of Applicant |  |
| Company/Organisation (if  Applicable) |  |
| Applicant Address: Where a legal person would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Companies Registration Office.  Where a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, would be the Holder of the MUL, these details must be as currently listed in the Register of Charitable Organisations. | |
| Address line 1 |  |
| Address line 2 |  |
| Address line 3 |  |
| City/Town |  |
| Eircode |  |
| Applicant Email Address |  |
| If the Applicant is a legal person, Company Registration Office Number.  A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation (certified copy provided by CRO) and a list of Directors must be provided as Attachment 2.1. |  |
| If the Applicant is a non-profit entity, which is a registered charity, the Registered Charity Number |  |

Attachment 2.1 included (if required).

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

* 1. Authorised Contact Person for MUL Application.

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| The Authorised Contact Person for the MUL Application will be the person that MARA will contact in relation to any aspect of the MUL application. The Authorised Contact Person can be a person within the Applicant Organisation or a person (agent) nominated by the Applicant | |
| Authorised Contact Name |  |
| Authorised Contact Position |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |

* 1. If MARA provided a statutory declaration under Section 115 of the MAP Act as to whether or not a MUL was required for the proposed usage, provide the reference number associated with that declaration.

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* 1. Existing Foreshore Authorisation

1. Provide the reference number and title of any existing Foreshore Authorisations you may hold, or have a current application for, within, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage, which you do not wish to transition (refer to 1.3 for Foreshore Authorisations you wish to transition).

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1. Do you intend to surrender any existing foreshore consent(s) (Lease/Licence) for any maritime usage other than that granted by the foreshore authorisation?

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes, provide description of the existing foreshore consent(s) authorised usage. If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.4.

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1. Attachment 2.4 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

* 1. Other authorisations or consents

1. Provide the reference number, a brief description and the status (e.g. application made or authorisation/consent granted) of any other authorisations or consents in the footprint, or otherwise in the vicinity of the proposed Maritime Usage area, held by the applicant.

If necessary, provide additional information as Attachment 2.5.

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1. Attachment 2.5 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

# Part 3 Details of Maritime Usage

* 1. Maritime Usage

1. Provide a brief description of proposed Maritime Usage.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.1.

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1. Attachment 3.1 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

* 1. Describe the purpose of the proposed Maritime Usage, with reference to the classes of usage in Schedule 7 of the MAP Act.

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* 1. Duration

1. Indicate the overall MUL duration requested. Indicate the duration of any individual activities included in the overall activity. Give reasons for the proposed durations. Indicate any seasonal, vessel or other schedule constraints.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 3.3.

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1. Attachment 3.3 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

* 1. Describe the area of proposed Maritime Usage

1. State the total size of the Maritime Area (in m2, ha or km2, as appropriate), which is the subject of the application.

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1. Attach map, titled ‘Proposed MUL Map’ and GIS Shapefiles outlining the proposed Maritime Area(s). If the application relates to more than one area, each area should be labelled on the accompanying maps/drawings and its area provided. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 3.4. List the attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with ‘MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)’.

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1. Attachment 3.4 included.

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| Yes  No |

* 1. Describe the location of proposed Maritime Usage

1. Provide the distance in kilometres and direction of the main body of the proposed Maritime Usage area from the shore at its closest point.

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1. Attach map(s)/drawing(s) showing the location of the proposed Maritime Usage. The attached map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) should also be listed in the space below. The map(s)/drawing(s) should be included as Attachment 3.5.

Map(s)/GIS Shapefiles must comply with ‘MARA Technical Mapping Guidance Notes for MAC/MUL Applications in the Maritime Area under the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 (MAPA)’.

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1. Attachment 3.5 included.

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| Yes  No |

* 1. Ownership

1. Is any part of the Maritime Area within the proposed site in private ownership?

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s).
2. Is the Applicant aware of any actual or claimed legal rights or interests held by third parties in the proposed site that may be affected by the proposed Maritime Activity?

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes, indicate on a drawing/map the area concerned in relation to the proposed maritime usage area and provide a letter confirming that the Applicant has obtained all necessary consents from the relevant owner(s) of such legal rights or interests.
2. The letter(s) and drawing(s)/map(s) referred to in B and D above should be included as Attachment 3.6. List the attached letters, map/drawing number(s) and map/drawing name(s) in the space below.

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1. Attachment 3.6 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

* 1. Planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)

1. Does the proposed Usage require planning permission and/or other authorisation(s), or is it ancillary to or part of to a proposed development which requires planning permission and/or other authorisation(s)?

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes, what is the status of the planning and/or other authorisation(s)? If applicable, provide a brief description of the proposed development, to which the proposed Maritime Usage is ancillary.

Provide the file reference number(s) and link(s) to the websites where information on the planning and/or other authorisation application(s) and/or planning permission/ authorisation(s) can be obtained.

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# Part 4 Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations

**National Marine Planning Framework (NMPF)**

* 1. NMPF Objectives

1. Describe how the proposed Maritime Usage is consistent with the objectives of the NMPF. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the NMPF. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.1.
2. Attachment 4.1 included.

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| Yes  No |

* 1. Designated Marine Area Plan

1. Is the proposed Maritime Usage located in an area for which a Designated Marine Area Plan has been published?

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes, indicate if the proposed Usage is consistent with the Designated Marine Area Plan. Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.2.

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1. Attachment 4.2 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

**Habitats and Birds Directives**

* 1. Report for Appropriate Assessment Screening

1. Is the proposed Maritime Usage directly connected with or necessary to the management of a European site?

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| Yes  No |

1. If not, provide an Appropriate Assessment screening report to provide sufficient information for MARA to undertake screening to determine if an Appropriate Assessment is required of the implications of the proposed Maritime Usage alone, or in combination with other plans or projects, for any relevant European site, in view of the site's conservation objectives.

If the Applicant has already determined that it is likely that an Appropriate Assessment will be required and have prepared an NIS, it may be submitted.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person’s qualifications and experience must be included in the report/NIS.

The Appropriate Assessment screening report and/or NIS should be provided as Attachment 4.3.

Attachment 4.3 included.

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| Yes  No |

* 1. Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species

1. Do species listed in Annex IV of the Habitats Directive occur in the zone of influence of the proposed Maritime Usage?

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes, the Applicant should provide an assessment of the risk posed to such species by the proposed Maritime Usage. The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report must be prepared by a suitably qualified person, and a summary of the person’s qualifications and experience must be included in the report.

The Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report should be provided as Attachment 4.4.

Attachment 4.4 included.

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| Yes  No |

**Water Framework Directive**

* 1. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.5.

Attachment 4.5 included.

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| Yes  No |

**Marine Strategy Framework Directive**

* 1. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Ireland’s Marine Strategy under the Directive. This information should be provided as Attachment 4.6.

Attachment 4.6 included.

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| Yes  No |

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive**

* 1. EIA Screening

1. With reference to Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended confirm that the activity:
   1. Is not of a class listed, where no quantity, area or other limit is specified in that Part, or
   2. Does not either equal or exceed, any relevant quantity, area or other limit specified for a class listed in that Part.

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| Yes – is not of a class/does not equal or exceed a threshold |  |
| No – is of a class/equals or exceeds a threshold |  |

1. If yes, confirm if the activity is of a class listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended, but does not equal or exceed the relevant quantity.

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| Yes  No |

1. If yes to ‘4.7 B’, provide the information for EIA screening specified in Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations, S.I. 600 of 2001, as amended. The information specified in Schedule 7A should be provided as Attachment 4.7.

Attachment 4.7 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

**UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act**

* 1. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the Irish State’s obligations under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.8.

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Attachment 4.8 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

**Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended**

* 1. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with achieving the National Climate Objective, as defined in the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act of 2015, as amended.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.9.

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Attachment 4.9 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

**4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030**

* 1. Provide sufficient information addressing the consistency of the proposed Maritime Usage with the 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023 – 2030.

Additional information can be provided as Attachment 4.10.

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Attachment 4.10 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

**National or European Strategic or Policy Objectives**

* 1. Provide any additional relevant information with regard to the overall purpose of the proposed maritime usage, with reference to, e.g. National or European strategic or policy objectives and national targets, and strategic research objectives.

Additional information can be included as Attachment 4.11.

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Attachment 4.11 included.

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| Yes  No  Not Applicable |

**Declaration and Consent**

I declare that all information provided with this application, including this completed form and all attachments confirmed as included in the application checklist, is correct at the time of submission and that I will notify MARA of any changes to this information that may arise during the application process. MARA may, by notice in writing given to the applicant, require the applicant to provide in the specified form, by affidavit or otherwise, such additional information in relation to any matter to which the application relates as MARA reasonably considers necessary to assist it to determine the application.

By submitting this application form, I agree that certain details provided may be published on MARA’s website and that the information provided in this form will be processed and retained by MARA and may be shared with bodies appropriate to assessing aspects of this application in furtherance of consideration of the granting of a MUL in accordance with the MAP Act.

This consent relates to this application and to any further information provided by me, or on my behalf, for the purposes of this application.

Name of Signatory:

Position held:

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of the applicant:

**Application Checklist**

Complete the below application checklist

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| Section No. | Document | | | Required | Submitted |
| Application Form | | | | | |
| Part 1 | Activity in Schedule 7 | | Yes | |  |
| Part 2 | Applicant Details | | Yes | |  |
| Part 3 | Details of Maritime Usage | | Yes | |  |
| Part 4 | Marine Planning and Environmental Considerations | | Yes | |  |
| Declaration and Consent | Signed Declaration and Consent | | Yes | |  |
| Application Checklist | Application Checklist | | Yes | |  |
| Supporting Documentation | | | | | |
| 1.3 | Attachment 1.3 – Existing Foreshore Authorisation(s) wish to transition | | Yes  (if applicable) | |  |
| 2.1 | Attachment 2.1 – List of Directors | | Yes  (if applicable) | |  |
| 2.4 | Attachment 2.4 – Details of Foreshore Authorisation(s) | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 2.5 | Attachment 2.5 – Details of Other Authorisation(s) | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 3.1 | Attachment 3.1 – Proposed Maritime Usage | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 3.3 | Attachment 3.3 – MUL Duration | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 3.4 | Attachment 3.4 – MUL Map and GIS Shapefiles | Yes | | |  |
| 3.5 | Attachment 3.5 – Other Maps and Drawings | Yes | | |  |
| 3.6 | Attachment 3.6 – Private Ownership Details | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 4.1 | Attachment 4.1 – Compliance with Objectives of NMPF | Yes | | |  |
| 4.2 | Attachment 4.2 – Designated Marine Area Plan Compliance Details | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 4.3 | Attachment 4.3 – Appropriate Assessment Screening Report | Yes | | |  |
| 4.3 | Attachment 4.3 – NIS | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 4.4 | Attachment 4.4 – Risk Assessment for Annex IV Species report | Yes | | |  |
| 4.5 | Attachment 4.5 – Compliance with Objectives of the Water Framework Directive | Yes | | |  |
| 4.6 | Attachment 4.6 – Compliance with Objectives of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive | Yes | | |  |
| 4.7 | Attachment 4.7 – Information for EIA screening | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 4.8 | Attachment 4.8 – UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Maritime Jurisdiction Act Compliance Details | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 4.9 | Attachment 4.9 – National Climate Objective Compliance Details | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 4.10 | Attachment 4.10 – National Biodiversity Action Plan Compliance Details | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 4.11 | Attachment 4.11 – National or European strategic or policy objectives Compliance Details | Yes  (if applicable) | | |  |
| 0.0 | Confirmation of Payment of Fee | Yes | | |  |

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