

Bord Iascaigh Mhara comments to MARA application - Allód hydrogen storage project

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Allód are looking to undertake both 2D and 3D surveys to explore a suitable site for hydrogen storage. Surveys will be conducted off the south coast of County Cork, approximately 65 km from the Old Head of Kinsale in a 1,481 km² area. No permanent structures will be erected in the maritime area as part of these surveys.

As outlined in the provided documentation, the survey area overlaps with nurse grounds for monkfish, hake, horse mackerel and megrim and spawning areas for horse Mackerel, haddock and whiting. The proposed licence Area also overlaps with areas beam trawl, and bottom otter trawl and seine fishing activity. Data from Irelands Marine Atlas from 2018 were used to assess fisheries overlap. More recent fisheries data available from the Marine Institute should be used to provide a more up to date assessment of fisheries overlap