



Section 117(5)(a) of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021



Screening of Maritime Usage Licence application, in accordance with Section 117(5)(a), to determine whether Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, having regard to Schedules 5 and 7 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Maritime Usage Licence Application Number:	MUL250021
Application received:	10/12/2025
Name of Applicant:	National Oceanography Centre, Waterfront Campus, European Way, Southampton, Hampshire, UK.
Type of Proposed Maritime Usage with reference to Schedule 7 of the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021:	7(2) Marine environmental surveys for the purposes of scientific discovery or research
Brief Description of Proposed Maritime Usage:	Conduct systematic scientific surveys in the deep-sea Whittard Canyon and Gollum Channel, off the SW coast of Ireland

Part A - Consideration of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended

Question 1: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 1, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	proceed to Question 2.
Question 2: Is the proposed maritime usage a project of a type listed in Schedule 5 Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended <u>and</u> does it meet/exceed the referenced thresholds?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	EIA is required. Application should be returned to applicant in accordance with Section 117(5)(b) of Maritime Area Planning Act 2021.
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Usage is listed in Schedule 5 Part 2 <u>but</u> is sub-threshold. Proceed to Part B.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Usage is <u>not</u> listed in Schedule 5 Part 2. No requirement to proceed to Part B. Proceed to EIA Screening Conclusion.

EIA Screening Conclusion

<p>It is concluded that, having had regard to Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, in the context of the above referenced maritime usage licence application, that the proposed maritime usage does not fall within any of the project categories listed in Schedule 5 and therefore does not require an EIA or further EIA Screening consideration under Schedule 7.</p>	
<p>Signature of Recommending Marine Advisor:</p> <p></p> <p>Dr Ciar O'Toole Senior Marine Advisor</p>	<p>Date: 20/05/2026</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker:</p> <p></p> <p>John Evans, Director, Maritime Usage Licensing.</p>	<p>Date: 27/05/2026</p>

Part B Consideration of Schedule 7 to the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Characteristics, location and the types & characteristics of the potential impacts of the proposed maritime usage comprising a project:

Not applicable