

**APPLICATION FOR THE CONSENT TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH IN AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM**

Date: 29/09/06

1. General information

1.1 Cruise name and/or number: BSS 07

1.2 Sponsoring institution:

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2. Description of project (Attach additional pages as necessary)

2.1 Nature of objectives of the project: Groundfish survey in the Irish Sea. Objectives are collection of information on maturity, sex ratio and fecundity of a number of fish species.

2.2 Relevant previous or future research cruises: Biological survey on the Celtic Voyager in March 2004-6; Groundfish Survey on the Celtic Explorer in November 2003-6

2.3 Previously published research data relating to the project:

Gerritsen HD and McGrath D. (2006) Variability in the assignment of maturity stages of plaice (*Pleuronectes platessa* L.) and whiting (*Merlangius merlangus* L.) using macroscopic criteria. Fisheries Research 77 (1): 72-77

Armstrong M, Bromley P, Schön PJ, Gerritsen H, Changes in growth and maturity in expanding and declining stocks: evidence from haddock, cod and whiting populations in the Irish and Celtic Seas. ICES CM 2004/K:09

Gerritsen, H. 2005. Biological parameters for Irish Demersal Stocks in 2004; Maturity, sex ratio, length and weight at age estimates for cod, haddock, whiting, megrim, black sole, plaice, anglerfish, black-bellied anglerfish and hake around the Irish coast. WD5 to ICES WGNSSDS

Gerritsen, H. 2006. Biological parameters for Irish Demersal Stocks in 2004 and 2005. Working document to ICES WGNSSDS, Copenhagen 9-18 May 2006 and ICES WGHMM, Bilbao, 9-18 May 2006.

Schön PJ, Armstrong M, Gerritsen H, Allen M. Changes in growth and maturity in cod and whiting in the Irish Sea. Working Document of the ICES Study Group on Growth, Maturity and Condition in Stock Projections. SGGROMAT 2004.

3. Methods and means to be used

3.1 Particulars of vessel

Name: Celtic Voyager

Nationality: Irish

Owner: Marine Institute

Overall length: 31m

Maximum draught: 3.8m

Net tonnage:

Propulsion: Wartsila UD25M5 (626 kW) ZIF Marine Gearbox + Berg propeller

Van der Giessen Wing Nozzle

Cruising speed: 10kn

Call sign:

Method and capability of communication – radio, satphone, gsm

Name of master:

Number of crew: 8

Number of scientists on board: 7

3.2 Aircraft or other craft to be used in the project: N/A

3.3 Particulars of methods and scientific instruments

Types of samples and data	Methods to be used	Instruments to be used
Catch weights of fish	Trawling sorting weighing	Trawl, weighing scales
Length/weight measurements of fish	-	Electronic measuring boards
Age determination	Removal of otoliths	Forceps, knife
Sex/maturity determination	Dissection	knife

3.4 Indicate whether harmful substances will be used : yes, 4% formaldehyde

3.5 Indicate whether drilling will be carried out: no

3.6 Indicate whether explosives will be used no

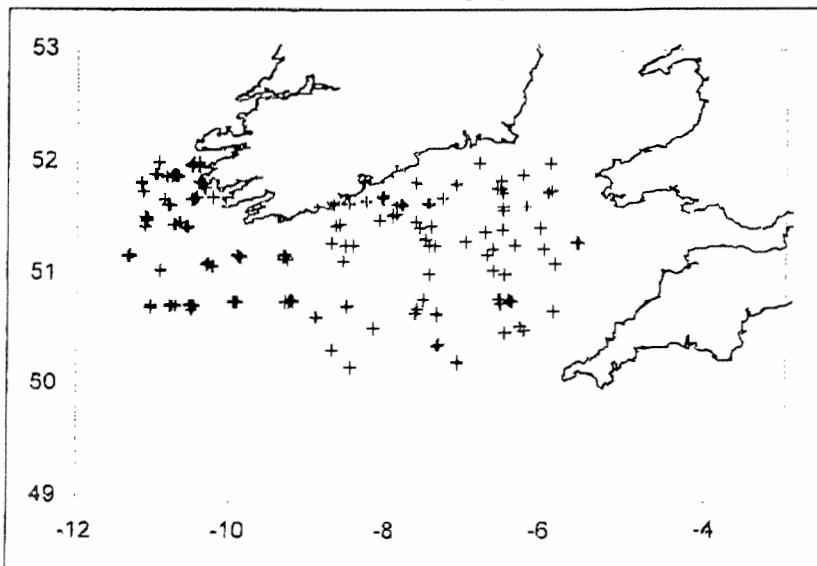
4. Installations and equipment

Details of installations and equipment (dates of laying, servicing, recovery, exact locations and depth): GOV trawl 0-250m

5. Geographical areas

5.1 Indicate geographical areas in which the project is to be conducted (with reference in latitude and longitude): Celtic Sea 5°-15°W and 50°-52°N

5.2 Attach chart(s) at an appropriate scale showing the geographical areas of the intended work and, as far as practicable, the positions of intended stations, the tracks of survey lines, and the locations of installations and equipment.



Potential station positions, survey track will be dependent on weather conditions.

6. Dates

6.1 Expected dates of first entry into final departure from research area of the research vessel: 16-February to 25 February

6.2 Indicate if multiple entry is expected: yes

7. Port calls

7.1 Dates and names of intended ports of calls in UNITED KINGDOM: none

7.2 Any special logistical at ports of call:

7.3 Names/ Address / Telephone of shipping agent (if available)

8. Participation

8.1 Extent to which UNITED KINGDOM will be enable to participate to be represented in research project: we are willing to collect samples for the UK if requested

8.2 Proposed dates and ports for embarkation / disembarkation:
Embark 16-Feb in Cork / disembark 25th Feb in Cork

9. Access to data, samples and research results

9.1 Expected dates of submission to UNITED KINGDOM preliminary reports which should include the expected dates of submission of the final results:

SUMMER 2007

9.2 Proposed means for access by UNITED KINGDOM to data and samples: contact chief scientist

9.3 Proposed means to provide UNITED KINGDOM with assessment of data, samples and research results or provide assistance in their assessment or interpretation: contact chief scientist

9.4 Proposed means of making research results internationally available: Reports, papers

10. Scientific Equipment

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TABLE-

SEPARATE PAGE FOR EACH COSTAL STATE:

INDICATE YES OR NO

LIST SCIENTIFIC WORK BY FUNCTION	Water column including sediment sampling of the Seabed	Fishes research within fishing limits	Research concerning the natural resources of the continental shelf or its physical characteristics	DISTANCE FROM COAST		
				Within 12nms	Between 12-200nms	(Continental shelf work only) Beyond 200nm but within the continental margin
Trawling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<u>No</u>



(On behalf of the Principle Scientist)

Dated ---08/11/06---