

**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN  
AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION OF  
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**1 - GENERAL INFORMATION**

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## **2 – DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

(Attach additional pages as necessary)

### **2.1 Nature and objectives of the project :**

#### **The French Bottom Trawl Surveys in Bay of Biscay and Celtic Sea (survey code : EVHOE)**

##### *a) Purpose of survey*

The main objectives of the survey are :

- obtain abundance indices per age group and annual recruitment estimates for the sampled species ;
- build a reliable time series of those indices ;
- follow the evolution of the demographic structures of the main exploited fish populations ;
- map the spatio-temporal distribution of the fisheries resources per age group.

##### *b) Area surveyed (fig. 1)*

This French survey began in 1987. The area was limited to 48°30' N in the north and to the northern margin of Gouf de Cap Breton in the south (ICES divisions VIIh, VIIIa,b,c and d). In 1990, the survey area was extended towards the north (51°15' N) to cover the grounds of the Celtic Sea deeper than 100 meters (ICES divisions VIIe,f,g,h and j).

##### *c) Methodology*

The GOV 36/47 bottom trawl is used with a 20 mm mesh codend liner. The trawl is deployed with plane oval trawl boards of 1300 kg and with 10-20 cm rubber discs on the footrope.

The haul duration is 30 minutes and the towing speed 4 knots. Trawling is carried out during day time only.

In the Bay of Biscay (ICES divisions VIIIa,b,c and d) and in the Celtic Sea (ICES divisions VIIe,f,g,h and j), a stratified sampling scheme is used. The area is divided according to latitude into 5 blocks and the hauls were distributed in seven depth zones (15-30, 31-80, 81-120, 121-160, 161-200, 201-400, 401-600 m). 160 stations will be occupied at locations given in fig. 2.

Catch weight and catch numbers are recorded for all species, only selected finfish and shellfish are measured.

##### *d) Extension of the study area in 1999 and 2000*

Following the European contract DG XIV 98/057 " International Program of Standardised Bottom Trawl Surveys off Northwestern Europe", a comparative study of the different fish species catchabilities to the French/Irish and Irish/Scottish fishing boats/gears has been conducted in the Irish and U.K. waters (fig. 2). Following the SESITS program (1997-1998) involving the French, Spanish and Portuguese surveys, the whole study has led to the integration of the different data collected during surveys covering the area from Northern Scotland to the Strait of Gibraltar into an common international data base.

##### *e) Improvement of knowledge on meso and bathy pelagic species*

In 2001, 2002and 2003 , several hauls using a pelagic trawl have been carried out in the northern part of Bay of Biscay, at immersions between -1500 m and - 50 m, in order to collect information on species which show a vertical migration during the night and can potentially be preys of marine mammals.

### **2.2 Relevant previous or future research cruises :**

The survey was conducted in the fourth quarter (October-November) of each year from 1987 to 1990, in 1992 and 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 and also in the second quarter (May-June) of 1988 and 1991. The survey is intended to be carried in the future at least in 2008 and 2009 as the objective is the construction and the maintaining a long time series.

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### 3 – METHODS AND MEANS TO BE USED

#### 3.1 Particulars of vessel

Name : *THALASSA*

Nationality : French

Owner : Ifremer

Operator : Genavir

Overall length : 74,5 m

Maximum draught : 5,8 m

Gross tonnage : 2 803 UMS

Propulsion : Diesel Electric

Maximum speed : 11 Knots

Call sign : FNFP

Method and capability of communication (including telex, frequencies) :

*Inmarsat B : Tel : 00.870.3.227.297.21 - Fax : 00.870.3.227.297.30*

*Inmarsat B2 : Tel : 00.870.3.227.297.50 - Fax : 00.870.3.227.297.60*

*Itinérис : 06.07.32.44.87 (standard auto) - 06.16.87.10.69 (captain)*

*Telex Inmarsat C1 : 058x.4.227.297.10 - Telex Inmarsat C2 : 058x.4.227.297.11*

*(Atlantic East : 0581 ; Atlantic West : 0584 ; Pacific : 0582 ; Ocean Indian: 0583)*

*email : TL.Commandant@thalassa.ifremer.fr*

Name of master : M. Delbarre

Number of crew : 25

Number of scientists on board : 25

#### 3.2 Aircraft or other craft to be used in the project : NIL

#### 3.3 Particulars of methods and scientific instruments

Types of samples and data	Methods to be used	Instruments to be used
biological observations on fish	trawling	bottom trawl GOV 36/47 Echo sounders
hydrographic observations	Temperature and salinity	CTD Seabird 19

#### 3.4 Indicate whether harmful substances will be used : NIL

#### 3.5 Indicate whether drilling will be carried out : NIL

#### 3.6 Indicate whether explosives will be used : NIL

#### **4 – INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENTS**

Details of installations and equipment (dates of laying, servicing, recovery, exact locations and depth) : NIL

#### **5 – GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS**

**5.1 Indicate geographical areas in which the project is to be conducted (with reference in latitude and longitude) :**

The survey will be conducted in Bay of Biscay and Celtic Sea from : 43°20' N to 52°30' N and 1°20' W to 12°00' W, the western limit of the studied area by bottom trawl will follow the 600 metres depth and 2000 metres depth for pelagic trawl.

**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.**

See figures 1 and 2

#### **6 - DATES**

**6.1 Expected dates of first entry into and final departure from the research area of the research vessel:**

From 31st October 2006 to 5th December 2007 in Celtic Sea.

**6.2 Indicate if multiple entry is expected :**

Yes

#### **7 – PORT CALLS**

**7.1 Dates and names of intended ports of call in UK : NIL**

**7.2 Any special logistical requirements at ports of call**

**7.3 Name/Address/Telephone of shipping agent (if available) :**

## **8 - PARTICIPATION**

### **8.1 Extent to which UNITED KINGDOM will be enabled (name of coastal State) to participate or to be represented in the research project :**

*One or two scientists could participate to the survey.*

### **8.2 Proposed dates and ports for embarkation/disembarkation :**

*Embarkation at Brest (France): 18 October 2007*

*Disembarkation at Lorient (France) : 30 October 2007. Mainly Fishing grounds of South and Centre of Bay of Biscay*

*or*

*Embarkation possible at Lorient (France) : 31 October 2007*

*Disembarkation at Brest (France) : 15 November 2007. Fishing grounds of North of Bay of Biscay and South of Celtic Sea.*

*or*

*Embarkation possible at Brest (France) : 16 November 2007*

*Disembarkation at Brest (France) : between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5 December 2007. Fishing grounds of West and North-East of Celtic Sea.*

## **9 – ACCES TO DATA, SAMPLES AND RESEARCH RESULTS**

### **9.1 Expected dates of submission to UK of preliminary reports which should include the expected dates of submission of the final results :**

Cruise report within two months of the cruise ending

### **9.2 Proposed means for access by United Kingdom to data and samples :**

Research data will be available on ASCII files two months after the cruise ending.

### **9.3 Proposed means of making research internationally available :**

All information will be available through the ICES International Bottom Trawl Surveys Working Group.

## ANNEX

### List of the scientific team

Not available yet

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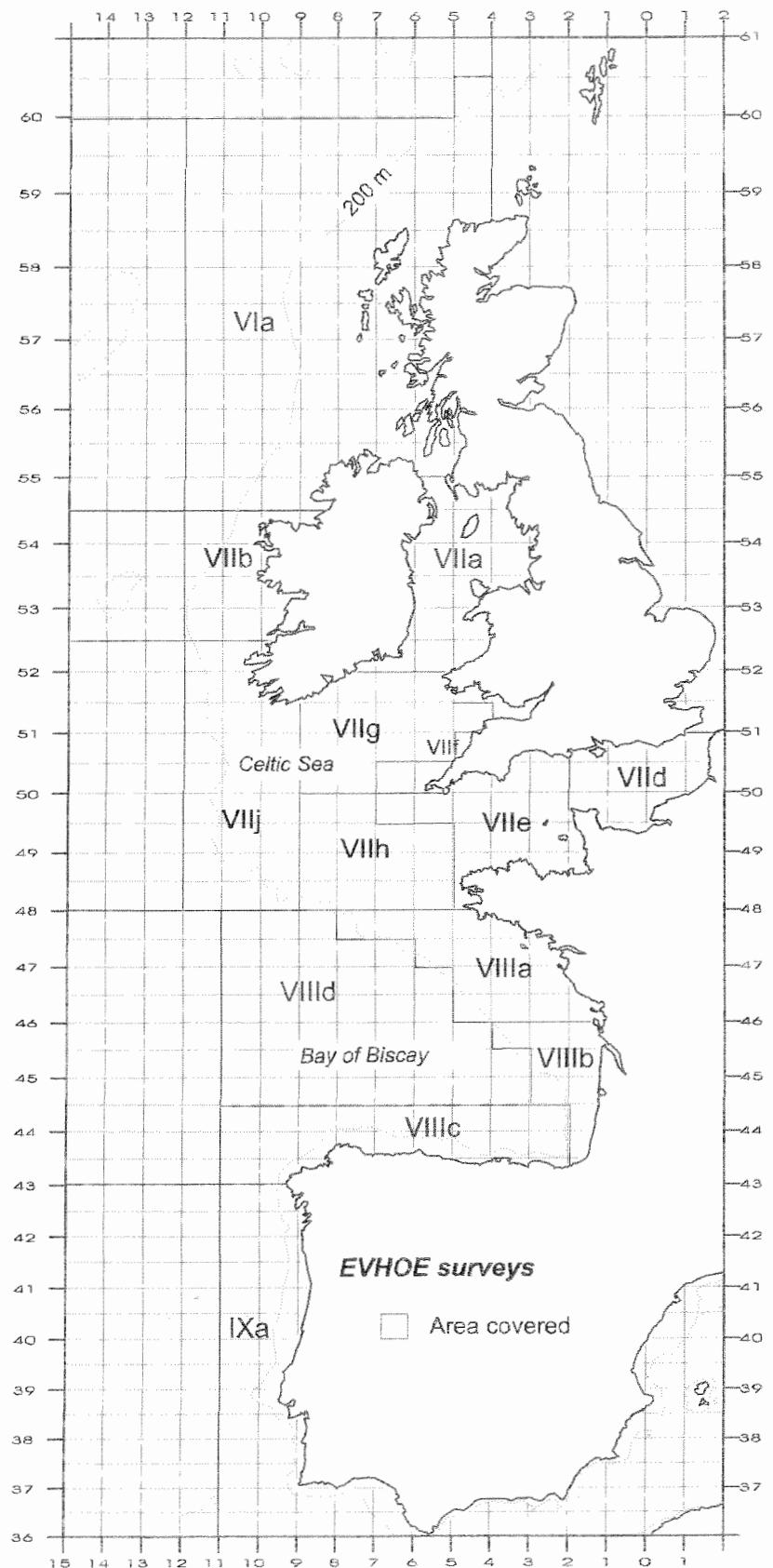


Fig. 1. - North-Eastern Atlantic ICES Statistical Areas and area covered during the EVHOE surveys.