



Marine Notice No. 73 of 2022

*Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers,
Yachtsmen and Seafarers*

Notice of Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) 2022

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that the annual Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS) will be carried out off the northwest, west and south coast of Ireland between **31 October and 16 December 2022** by the Marine Institute.

The IGFS is a demersal trawl survey consisting of approximately 170 fishing hauls of 30 minutes duration each in International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) areas VIa, VIIb, VIIg and VIIj. The approximate location of the shooting position of these hauls is given in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. Fishing in 2022 will take place within a 2 nautical mile (nmi) radius of these indicative positions.

2. Details of Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the R.V. '**Celtic Explorer**' (Callsign: **EIGB**). The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will be towing a high headline GOV 36/47 demersal trawl during fishing operations.

3. Notification of Static Gear or Other Obstructions

The Marine Institute requests that commercial fishing and other marine operators keep a 2nmi area around the tow mid-points clear of any gear or apparatus during the survey period outlined above. While there is no statutory provision for the loss of gear at sea, the Marine Institute will make every effort to avoid gear adequately marked according to legislation¹ that may be encountered in the notified areas. In the event that an operator has static gear or other obstructions within 2nmi of the points listed above, it is the responsibility of the owner to notify the survey managers or vessel directly. This should be communicated by identifying specifically which "Prime Station" is of concern using the appendices and contact details provided below. It is not required to provide positional details of commercial operations beyond 3 to 4 nmi of the survey points provided.

¹See Articles 9-17 of [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 404/2011](#). For overview of regulations, see the [BIM Fisheries Management Chart for 2022](#).

4. Further Information

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the **International Collision Regulations** and of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012] and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476834/1890-213434. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie

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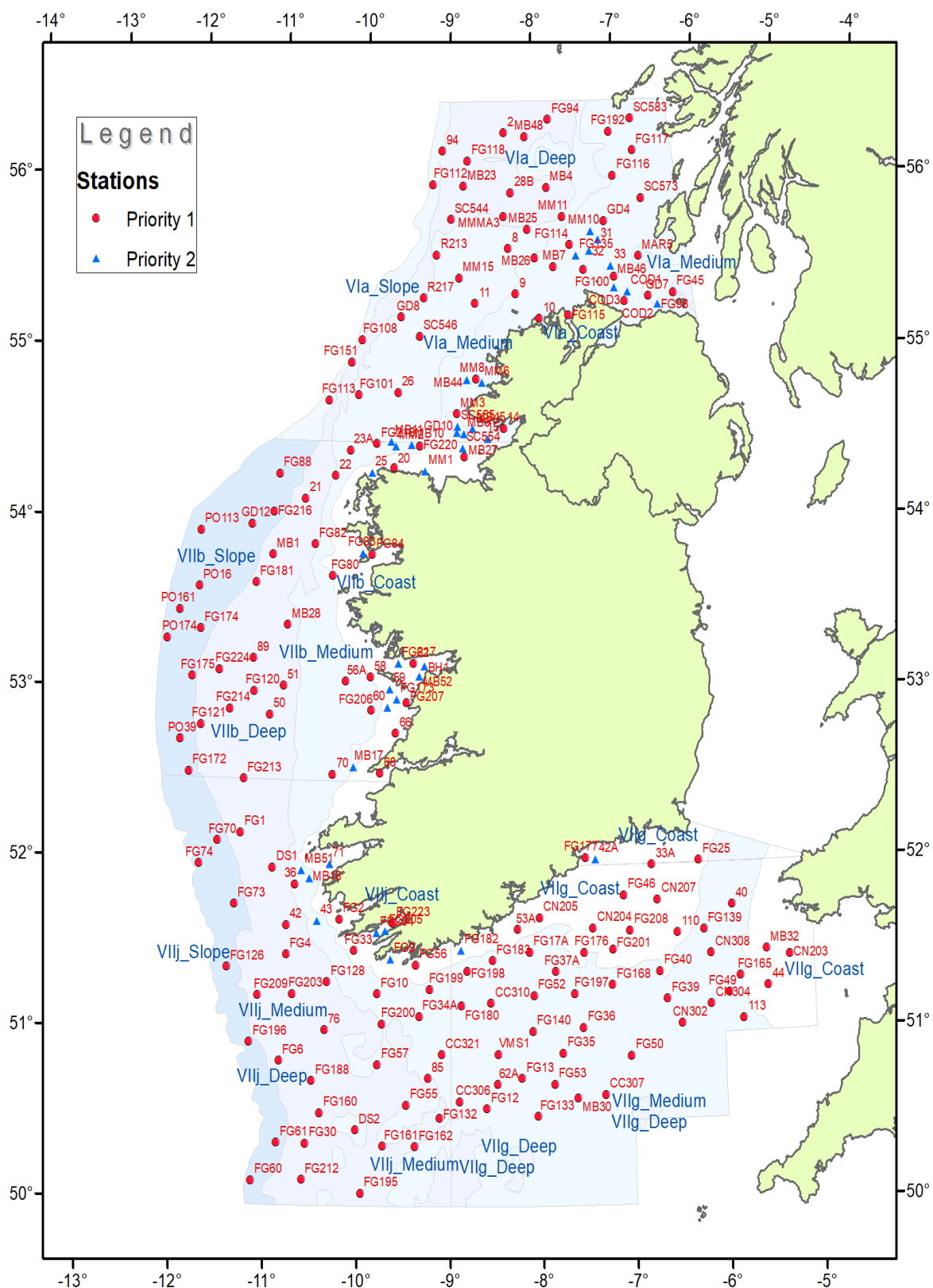
Appendix 1: Map of Irish Groundfish Survey Stations

Appendix 2: IGFS Survey Stations are located at the following coordinates (WGS 84)

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Irish Groundfish Survey (IGFS2022)



Appendix 2: IGFS Survey Stations are located at the following coordinates (WGS 84)

Vla

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	Prime Station	Stratum
19	55° 13.22' N	7° 55.75' W	18	VlaCoast
20	55° 31.39' N	7° 45.24' W	19	VlaCoast
192	56° 23.08' N	6° 46.99' W	185	VlaCoast
256	55° 30.13' N	7° 23.38' W	240	VlaCoast
335	56° 18.7' N	7° 3.06' W	313	VlaCoast
337	55° 39.05' N	7° 33.22' W	315	VlaCoast
341	54° 52.07' N	8° 41.74' W	319	VlaCoast
25	54° 34.61' N	8° 22.16' W	24	VlaCoast
100	55° 18.62' N	6° 54.23' W	99	VlaCoast
109	55° 21.98' N	8° 12.81' W	108	VlaCoast
116	55° 34.67' N	7° 58.83' W	115	VlaCoast
195	55° 54.83' N	6° 40.5' W	188	VlaCoast
222	55° 14.29' N	7° 35.06' W	207	VlaCoast
223	55° 27.55' N	7° 1.47' W	208	VlaCoast
224	56° 3.12' N	7° 0.75' W	209	VlaCoast
225	56° 11.76' N	6° 45.86' W	210	VlaCoast
308	55° 47.16' N	7° 8.02' W	286	VlaCoast
18	55° 40.65' N	7° 12.68' W	17	VlaCoast
23	54° 32.81' N	8° 50.58' W	22	VlaCoast
24	54° 31.11' N	8° 33.4' W	23	VlaCoast
141	54° 51.82' N	8° 48.39' W	138	VlaCoast
142	54° 34.57' N	8° 44.05' W	139	VlaCoast
400	55° 43.66' N	7° 17.76' W	378	VlaCoast
101	55° 22.08' N	6° 51.83' W	100	VlaCoast
102	55° 23.5' N	7° 1.34' W	101	VlaCoast
103	55° 31.3' N	7° 3.43' W	102	VlaCoast
104	55° 36.85' N	7° 19.17' W	103	VlaCoast
389	54° 50.81' N	8° 37.64' W	367	VlaCoast
414	55° 35.27' N	7° 28.66' W	392	VlaCoast
12	56° 18.81' N	8° 20.59' W	11	VlaDeep
16	55° 59.41' N	7° 49.59' W	15	VlaDeep
227	56° 17.44' N	8° 5.43' W	212	VlaDeep
229	56° 9.03' N	8° 47.27' W	214	VlaDeep
272	54° 57.72' N	10° 10.52' W	250	VlaDeep
106	56° 0.09' N	8° 50.34' W	105	VlaDeep
107	55° 49.21' N	8° 21.15' W	106	VlaDeep
138	55° 48.39' N	8° 59.55' W	135	VlaDeep
215	55° 5.72' N	10° 3.31' W	200	VlaDeep

374	56° 23.34' N	7° 47.89' W	352	VlaDeep
413	55° 57.66' N	8° 16.06' W	391	VlaDeep
3	54° 47.3' N	9° 37.22' W	2	VlaMedium
9	55° 35.89' N	9° 9.9' W	8	VlaMedium

Vla Continued

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	Prime Station	Stratum
11	55° 20.61' N	9° 19.28' W	10	VlaMedium
340	54° 39.87' N	8° 55.49' W	318	VlaMedium
404	55° 20.21' N	6° 36.88' W	382	VlaMedium
108	55° 38.02' N	8° 17.87' W	107	VlaMedium
115	55° 44.69' N	8° 3.99' W	114	VlaMedium
137	55° 21.2' N	6° 19.03' W	134	VlaMedium
139	55° 7.16' N	9° 22.1' W	136	VlaMedium
214	54° 46.27' N	10° 5.01' W	199	VlaMedium
307	55° 34.45' N	6° 43.3' W	285	VlaMedium
366	55° 18.72' N	8° 42.17' W	344	VlaMedium
367	55° 13.91' N	9° 35.23' W	345	VlaMedium
392	55° 49.02' N	7° 38.47' W	370	VlaMedium
393	55° 27.77' N	8° 53.6' W	371	VlaMedium
28	54° 30.1' N	9° 41.75' W	27	VlaMedium
22	54° 35.35' N	8° 54.91' W	21	VlaMedium
196	55° 17.36' N	6° 30.52' W	189	VlaMedium
369	54° 33.2' N	8° 55.49' W	347	VlaMedium
105	56° 12.54' N	9° 5.71' W	104	VlaSlope
213	54° 44.27' N	10° 26.2' W	198	VlaSlope
219	56° 0.7' N	9° 12.79' W	204	VlaSlope

VIIb

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	Prime Station	Stratum
26	54° 20.65' N	9° 39.5' W	25	VIIbCoast
118	54° 24.56' N	8° 49.85' W	117	VIIbCoast
42	53° 6.69' N	9° 54.78' W	41	VIIbCoast
44	53° 11.59' N	9° 25.39' W	43	VIIbCoast
45	52° 46.98' N	9° 37.11' W	44	VIIbCoast
124	52° 32.86' N	9° 47.53' W	123	VIIbCoast
355	52° 57.86' N	9° 29.99' W	333	VIIbCoast
415	53° 49.94' N	9° 54.44' W	393	VIIbCoast
29	54° 18.95' N	9° 55.2' W	28	VIIbCoast
40	52° 55.98' N	9° 42.9' W	39	VIIbCoast
43	53° 2.5' N	9° 41.41' W	42	VIIbCoast
144	54° 27.75' N	8° 51.16' W	141	VIIbCoast
402	53° 10.82' N	9° 17.86' W	380	VIIbCoast
304	52° 58.96' N	9° 36.65' W	282	VIIbCoast
310	53° 50.48' N	10° 0.77' W	288	VIIbCoast
327	54° 19.55' N	9° 17.73' W	305	VIIbCoast
353	53° 7.22' N	9° 21.18' W	331	VIIbCoast
388	53° 11.67' N	9° 35.59' W	366	VIIbCoast
32	53° 3.17' N	10° 54.05' W	31	VIIbDeep
110	54° 9.44' N	10° 41.43' W	109	VIIbDeep
119	53° 24.63' N	10° 52.36' W	118	VIIbDeep
2	53° 49.31' N	11° 3.6' W	1	VIIbDeep
34	53° 12.5' N	11° 15.17' W	33	VIIbDeep
36	52° 52.77' N	11° 3.15' W	35	VIIbDeep
123	52° 54.41' N	11° 30.37' W	122	VIIbDeep
184	53° 53.36' N	10° 34.29' W	177	VIIbDeep
231	53° 0.96' N	11° 14.06' W	216	VIIbDeep
232	52° 48.56' N	11° 50' W	217	VIIbDeep
396	53° 8.1' N	11° 38.47' W	374	VIIbDeep
410	53° 39.28' N	11° 14.76' W	388	VIIbDeep
30	54° 17.67' N	10° 20.64' W	29	VIIbMedium
46	52° 32.22' N	10° 19.64' W	45	VIIbMedium
113	53° 5.15' N	10° 11.58' W	112	VIIbMedium
185	53° 42.28' N	10° 21.76' W	178	VIIbMedium
354	52° 54.95' N	9° 54.08' W	332	VIIbMedium
365	54° 29.2' N	9° 51.8' W	343	VIIbMedium
387	54° 26.7' N	10° 10.48' W	365	VIIbMedium
395	54° 28.5' N	9° 21.66' W	373	VIIbMedium

27	54° 28.81' N	9° 27.34' W	26	VIIbMedium
47	52° 34.87' N	10° 5.65' W	46	VIIbMedium
328	54° 28.37' N	9° 38.53' W	306	VIIbMedium
145	53° 57.04' N	11° 54.14' W	142	VIIbSlope
261	53° 37.25' N	11° 53.89' W	245	VIIbSlope
262	53° 28.7' N	12° 6.99' W	246	VIIbSlope
377	53° 59.91' N	11° 18.57' W	355	VIIbSlope
207	53° 18.47' N	12° 14.85' W	192	VIIbSlope
210	52° 42.99' N	12° 3.76' W	195	VIIbSlope
303	52° 31.82' N	11° 57.04' W	281	VIIbSlope
311	53° 5.46' N	11° 57.03' W	289	VIIbSlope
364	54° 4.36' N	11° 3.28' W	342	VIIbSlope
406	54° 18' N	11° 0.12' W	384	VIIbSlope
411	53° 22.23' N	11° 52.1' W	389	VIIbSlope

VIIg

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	Prime Station	Stratum
92	51° 35.4' N	6° 29.63' W	91	VIIgCoast
96	51° 59.61' N	6° 45.34' W	95	VIIgCoast
98	52° 0.67' N	6° 14.09' W	97	VIIgCoast
79	51° 37.57' N	8° 15.28' W	78	VIIgCoast
131	51° 15.53' N	5° 30.55' W	130	VIIgCoast
132	51° 28.44' N	5° 31.03' W	131	VIIgCoast
156	51° 49.15' N	7° 4.45' W	149	VIIgCoast
324	51° 26.22' N	5° 15.9' W	302	VIIgCoast
346	51° 30.03' N	7° 12.38' W	324	VIIgCoast
295	51° 41.73' N	8° 0.76' W	273	VIIgCoast
296	51° 37.74' N	7° 25.29' W	274	VIIgCoast
297	51° 47.33' N	6° 42.21' W	275	VIIgCoast
314	52° 2.61' N	7° 29.36' W	292	VIIgCoast
357	51° 36.63' N	7° 0.67' W	335	VIIgCoast
358	51° 29.16' N	7° 31.56' W	336	VIIgCoast
95	52° 2.07' N	7° 22.94' W	94	VIIgCoast
348	51° 30.31' N	8° 53.03' W	326	VIIgCoast
89	51° 4.39' N	5° 47.61' W	88	VIIgMedium
93	51° 36.26' N	6° 11.82' W	92	VIIgMedium
94	51° 44.6' N	5° 52.83' W	93	VIIgMedium
159	51° 13.65' N	5° 56.27' W	152	VIIgMedium
160	51° 12.19' N	6° 37.08' W	153	VIIgMedium
162	50° 52.44' N	7° 1.68' W	155	VIIgMedium
163	51° 14.2' N	8° 4.77' W	156	VIIgMedium
164	50° 42.8' N	7° 51.86' W	157	VIIgMedium
72	50° 36.88' N	8° 53.67' W	71	VIIgMedium
73	50° 34.43' N	8° 36.25' W	72	VIIgMedium
74	50° 42.96' N	8° 28.8' W	73	VIIgMedium
75	50° 45' N	8° 13.01' W	74	VIIgMedium
78	50° 38.86' N	7° 18.83' W	77	VIIgMedium
80	51° 26.67' N	8° 32.06' W	79	VIIgMedium
82	51° 11.68' N	8° 33.32' W	81	VIIgMedium
128	50° 53.77' N	7° 46.04' W	127	VIIgMedium
245	50° 31.56' N	8° 2.79' W	230	VIIgMedium
248	51° 2.72' N	7° 32.55' W	233	VIIgMedium
249	51° 1.64' N	8° 5.77' W	234	VIIgMedium
129	50° 37.9' N	7° 36.65' W	128	VIIgMedium
134	51° 21.92' N	6° 41.69' W	133	VIIgMedium
286	51° 19.44' N	5° 48.77' W	264	VIIgMedium
288	51° 29.55' N	8° 7.38' W	266	VIIgMedium
320	51° 10.87' N	8° 52.7' W	298	VIIgMedium
345	51° 14.7' N	7° 38.13' W	323	VIIgMedium
347	51° 22.56' N	7° 50.5' W	325	VIIgMedium

290	51° 17.61' N	7° 12.95' W	268	VllgMedium
298	51° 27.73' N	6° 7.63' W	276	VllgMedium
299	51° 9.85' N	6° 8.4' W	277	VllgMedium
349	51° 22.9' N	8° 48.84' W	327	VllgMedium
356	50° 53.61' N	8° 28.42' W	334	VllgMedium
407	51° 3.37' N	6° 27.63' W	385	VllgMedium

VIIj

Station Id	Latitude	Longitude	Prime Station	Stratum
56	51° 41.09' N	10° 13.76' W	55	VIIjCoast
125	51° 30.03' N	10° 3.71' W	124	VIIjCoast
168	51° 25.2' N	9° 22.92' W	161	VIIjCoast
382	51° 39.91' N	9° 38.2' W	360	VIIjCoast
53	52° 0.55' N	10° 20.93' W	52	VIIjCoast
67	51° 27.2' N	9° 39.61' W	66	VIIjCoast
380	51° 36.41' N	9° 49.01' W	358	VIIjCoast
352	51° 37.17' N	9° 43.13' W	330	VIIjCoast
48	52° 10.92' N	11° 20.92' W	47	VIIjDeep
57	51° 38.69' N	10° 49.13' W	56	VIIjDeep
59	51° 28.32' N	10° 48.61' W	58	VIIjDeep
61	50° 50.71' N	10° 52.07' W	60	VIIjDeep
244	50° 31.18' N	9° 7.06' W	229	VIIjDeep
64	50° 43.9' N	10° 30.51' W	63	VIIjDeep
66	50° 45.21' N	9° 14.66' W	65	VIIjDeep
122	50° 21.68' N	10° 33.99' W	121	VIIjDeep
167	50° 49.97' N	9° 47.76' W	160	VIIjDeep
241	51° 18.84' N	10° 21.33' W	226	VIIjDeep
281	50° 32.64' N	10° 24.83' W	259	VIIjDeep
282	50° 21.17' N	9° 44.04' W	260	VIIjDeep
283	50° 20.97' N	9° 22.86' W	261	VIIjDeep
379	50° 4.41' N	9° 57.81' W	357	VIIjDeep
383	51° 58.92' N	10° 58.92' W	361	VIIjDeep
384	52° 29.95' N	11° 19.78' W	362	VIIjDeep
351	51° 14.36' N	10° 44.1' W	329	VIIjDeep
361	50° 8.88' N	10° 35.86' W	339	VIIjDeep
363	51° 13.69' N	11° 6.97' W	341	VIIjDeep
412	51° 1.91' N	10° 22.51' W	390	VIIjDeep
52	51° 53.08' N	10° 43.82' W	51	VIIjMedium
165	50° 35.73' N	9° 28.59' W	158	VIIjMedium
294	50° 53.56' N	9° 5.71' W	272	VIIjMedium
68	51° 14.88' N	9° 48.41' W	67	VIIjMedium
330	51° 7' N	9° 20.21' W	308	VIIjMedium
344	51° 4.27' N	9° 44.96' W	322	VIIjMedium
350	51° 16.57' N	9° 13.74' W	328	VIIjMedium
394	50° 26.76' N	10° 1.62' W	372	VIIjMedium
54	51° 55.25' N	10° 34.24' W	53	VIIjMedium
55	51° 40.5' N	10° 28.49' W	54	VIIjMedium

252	51° 58.13' N	10° 39.65' W	237	VIIjMedium
179	51° 59.42' N	11° 48.19' W	172	VIIjSlope
235	52° 7.85' N	11° 36.45' W	220	VIIjSlope
238	51° 23.29' N	11° 27.71' W	223	VIIjSlope
239	51° 45.59' N	11° 24.09' W	224	VIIjSlope
280	50° 21.86' N	10° 52.56' W	258	VIIjSlope
343	50° 57.12' N	11° 11.77' W	321	VIIjSlope
398	50° 8.22' N	11° 8.47' W	376	VIIjSlope

* Prime Station is the fixed station position annually, whether selected or not.

** Stratum is the Survey subareas. Delimited by ICES Area and nominal depth contour relating to i) *Coast (<80m);
ii) *Medium (<120m); iii) *Deep (<200m); iv) *Slope (<600m).

