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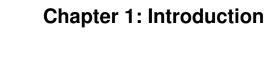
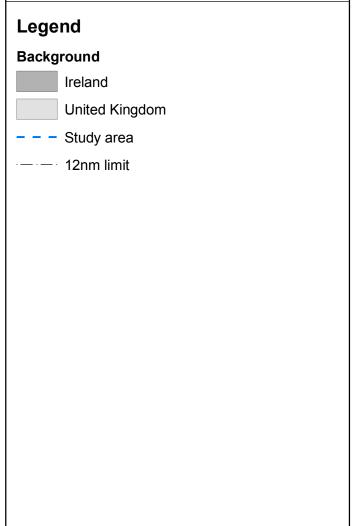




Figure 1.1: Study Area



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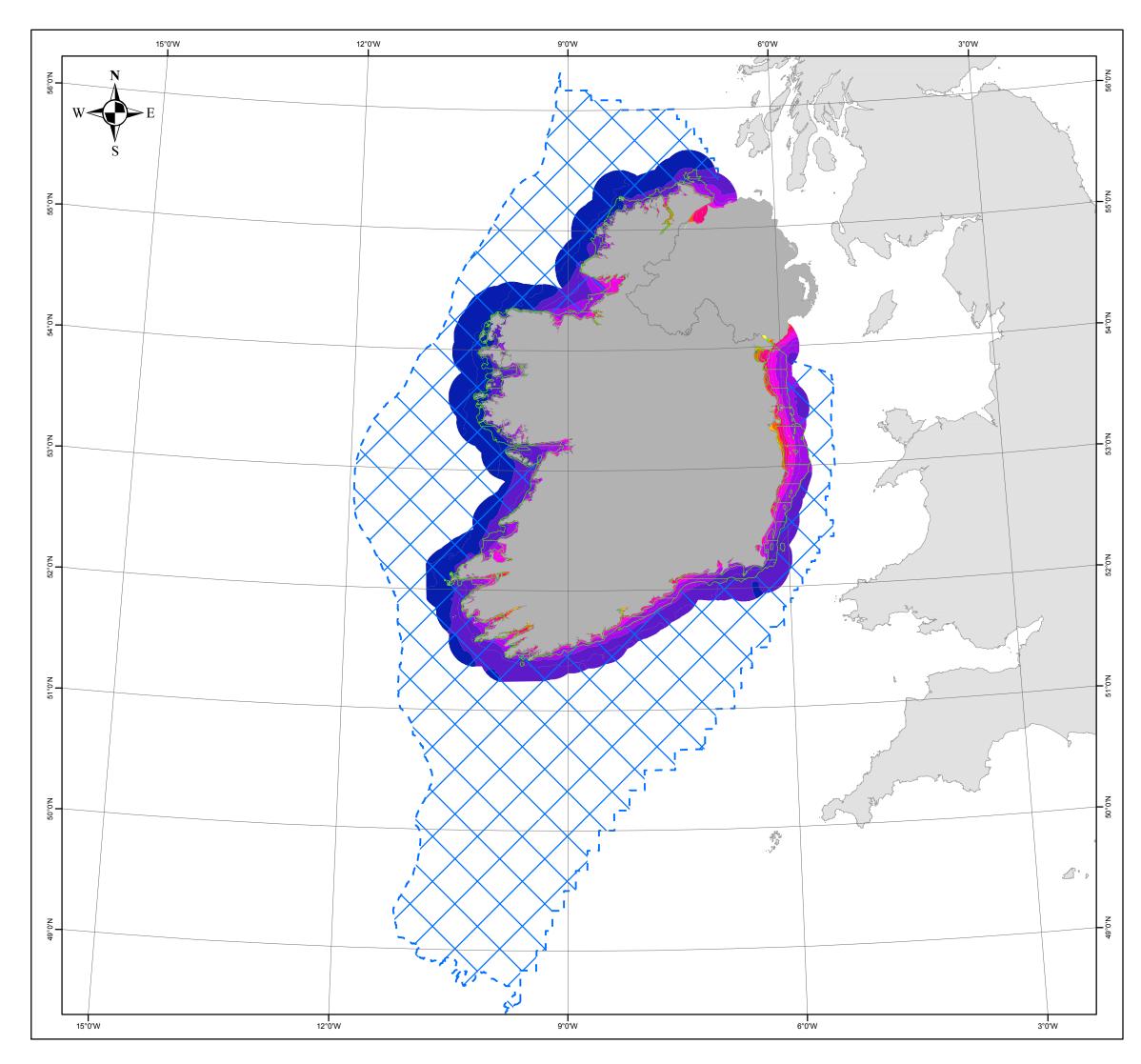
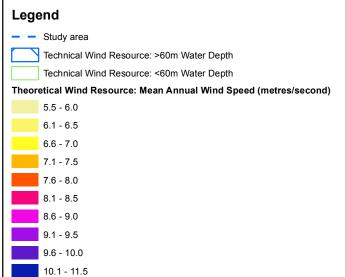


Figure 8.1: Wind Resource



Technical Constraint Notes:

- Two technical wind resource areas are been mapped. Both areas satisfy the requirement for a mean annual wind speed of > 7 metres/second at an 100m altitude above mean sea level.
- The two areas have been defined for the following water depths: 10m to 60m water depth

60m to 200m water depth (study area limit)

Wind Resource Data Note

- The wind resource (mean annual wind speed) data presented is limited in extent to 20km from the Irish coast based on the original ESBI wind atlas assessment.
- Generally, mean wind speed increases with distance from the coast, as the minimum wind speed value at any part of the ESBI data boundary is 9.5 metres/second.
- The area outside the ESBI data has been defined as having technical resource, as it is highly likely that there is significant unmapped wind resource available in the area, and the area meets water depth criteria

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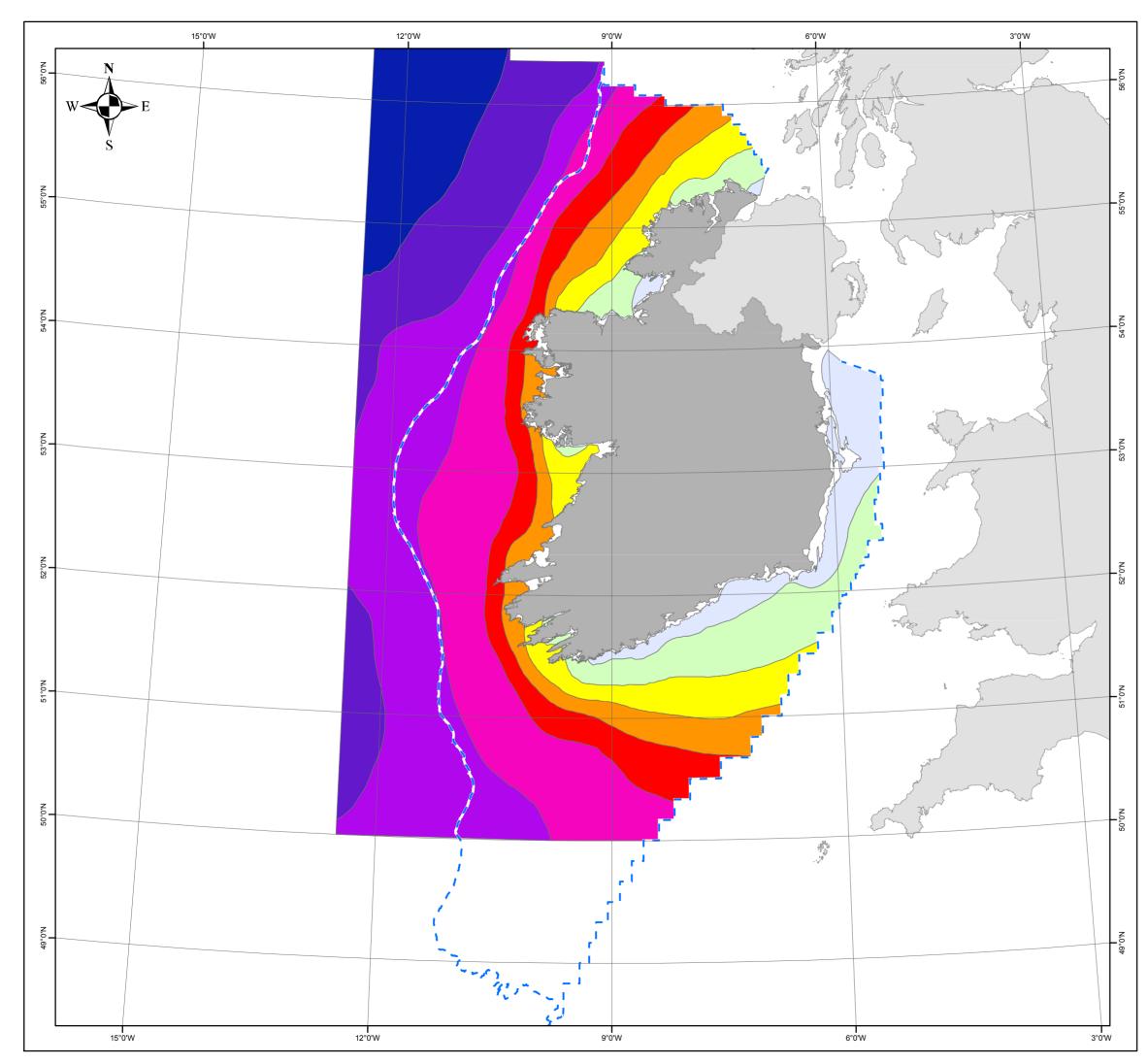
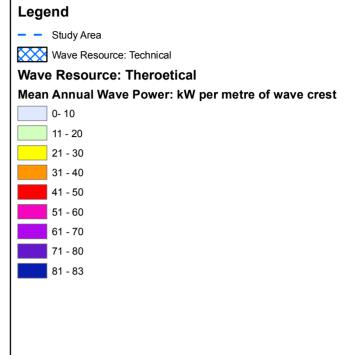


Figure 8.2: Wave Resource



Technical Constraint Notes:

- The wave technical resources polygon is based an area that satisfies the following criteria:

mean annual wave power of > 20 kW per metre of wave crest water depth between 10m and 100m

- The southern area of the SEA study area is outside the boundary of the Wave Altas assessment. A number of small areas of technical resource have been identified with this area, which satisfy the water depth criteria and are highly likely to satisfy the minimum wave power.

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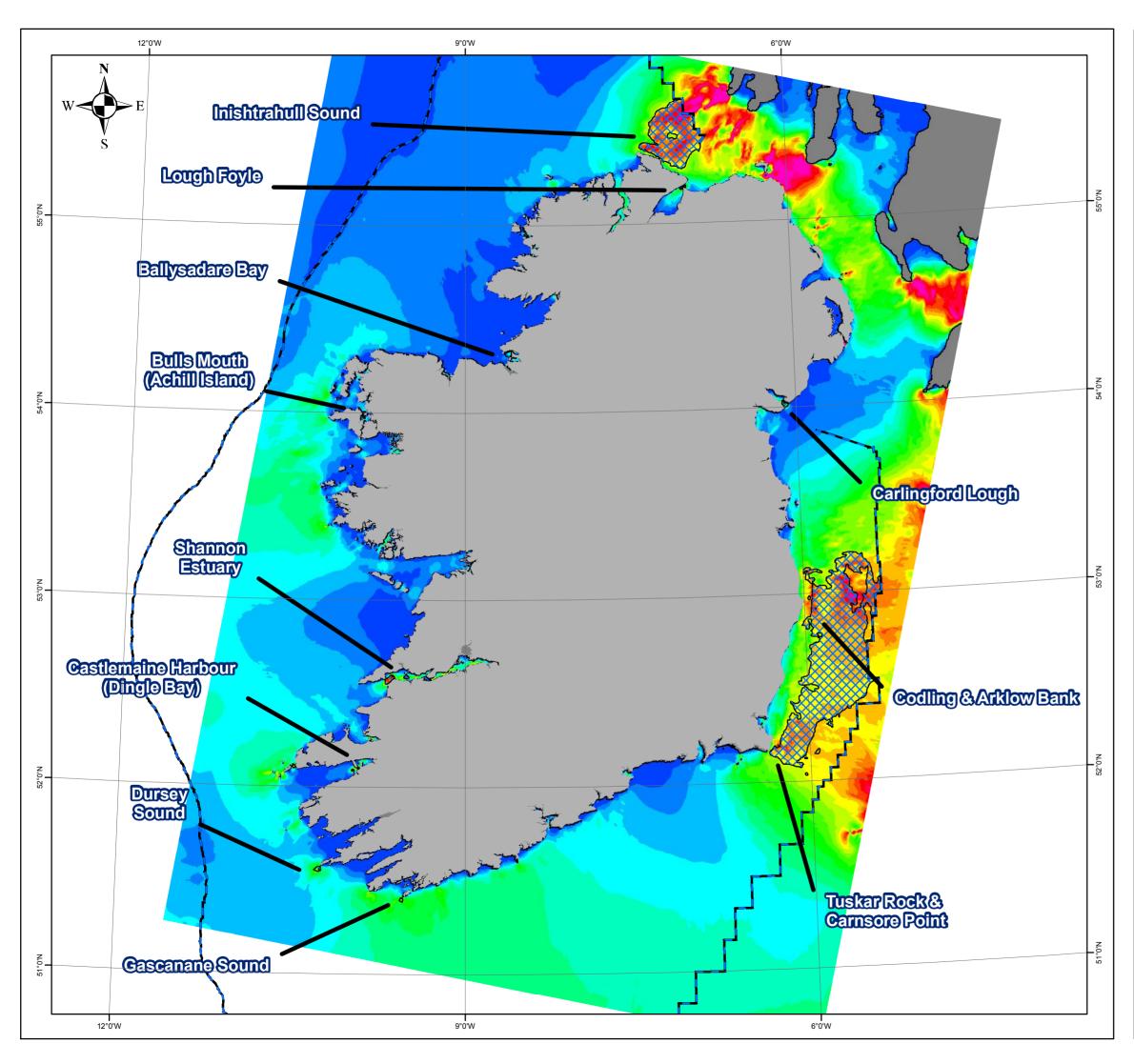
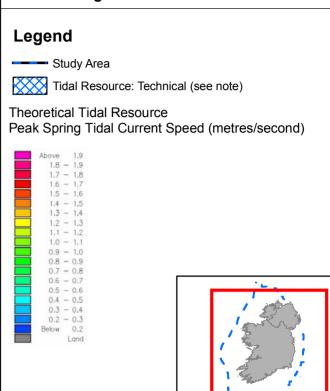


Figure 8.3: Tidal Resource



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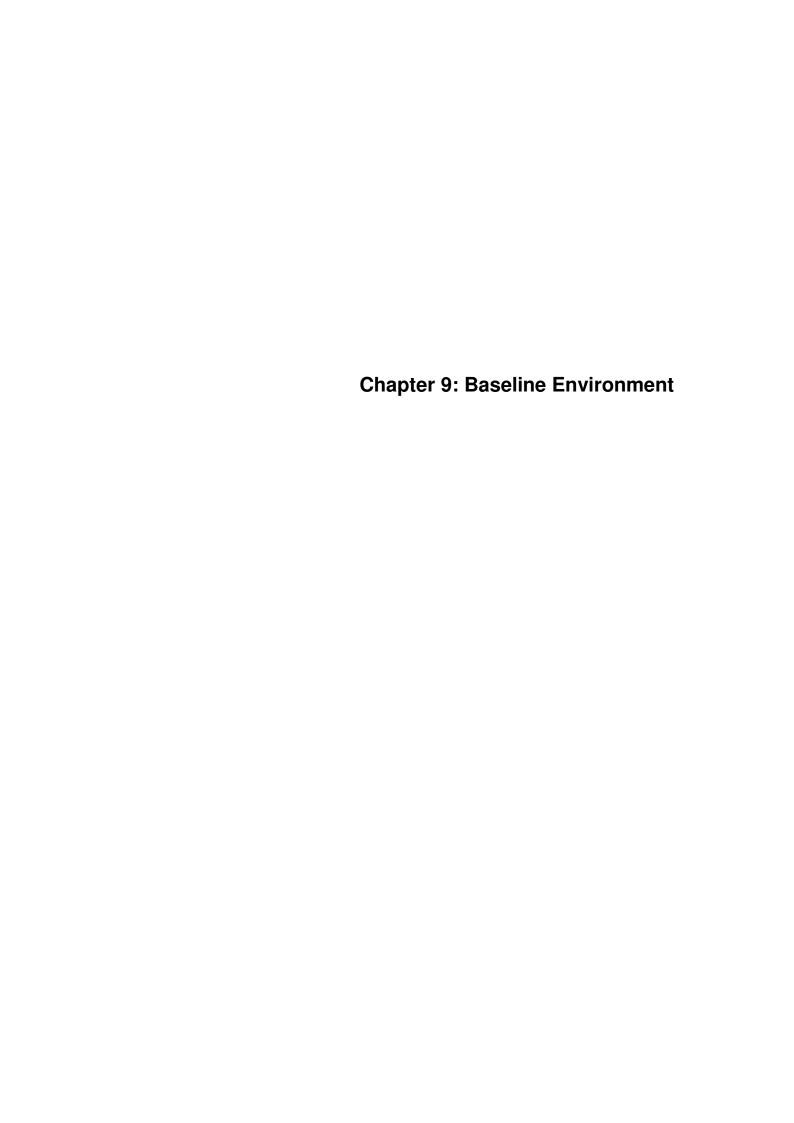
- The technical resources polygons are based only on peak spring tidal current speeds of > 1.2 metres/second, within the study area A constraining water depth polygon layer is presented that represents an area between 20m and 80m water depth.
- The technical tidal resource polygon has not been 'clipped' based on water depth due to poorly resolved bathymetry data in a number of estuarine areas on the west coast.

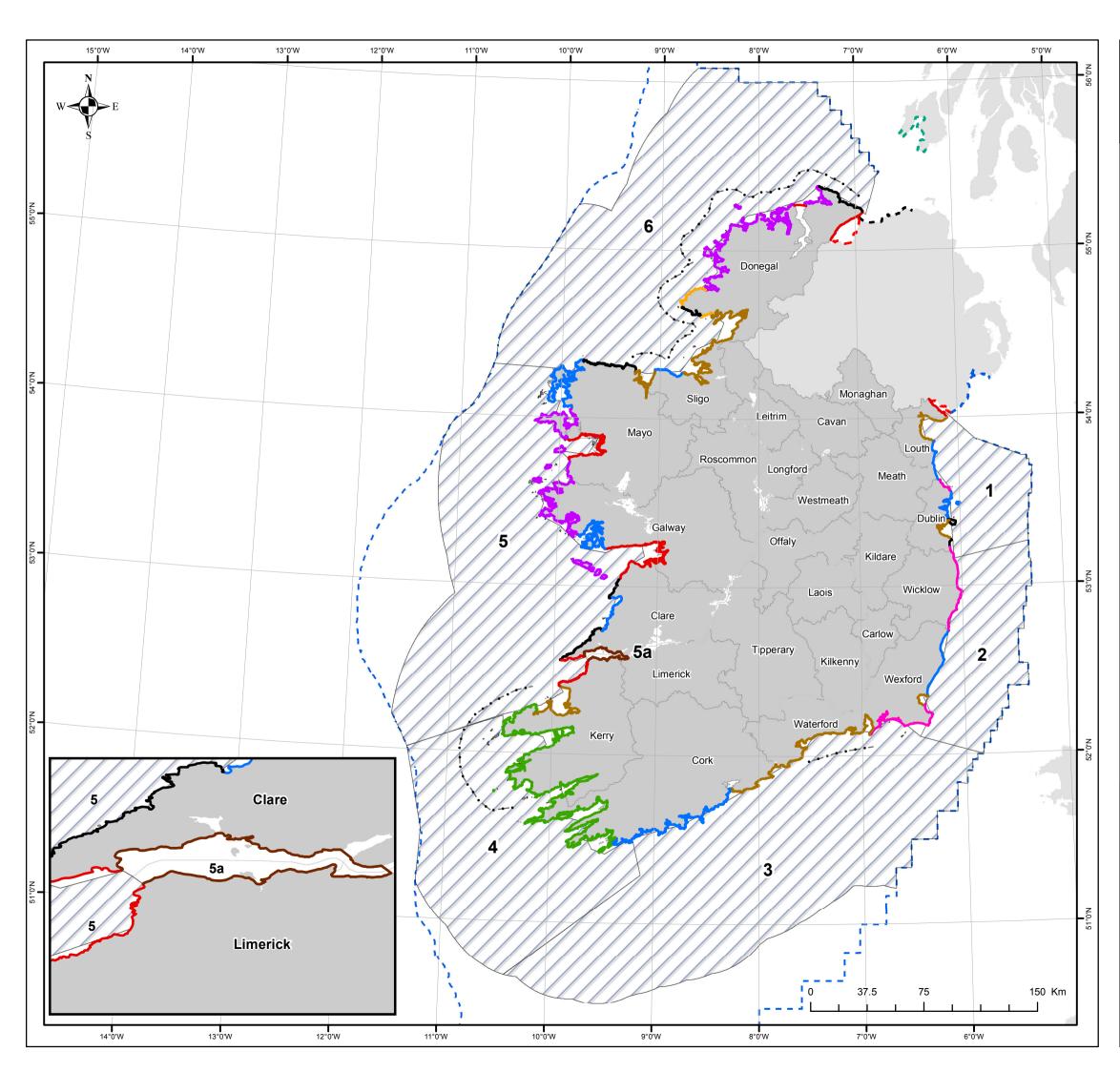
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Strategic Environmental Assessment of Wave, Tidal and Offshore Wind **Development in Irish Waters** Figure 9.7.1: Seascape Types

Irish Republic United Kingdom - - Study Area Assessment Zone County Boundary · → • → Data Gaps

Seascape Type

- Large open or partially open sea lough with raised hinterland
- 2. Rugged peninsula with drowned valleys
- 3. Low lying plateau landscape
- 4. Low lying coastal plain and estuarine landscape, low lying islands and peninsulas 5. Narrow coastal strip with raised hinterland
- 6. Complex indented coastline with small bays and offshore islands
- 7. Plateaus and high cliffs
- 8. Large bay
- 9. Large river estuary

Transboundary Seascape Type

- T.1. Large open or partially open sea lough with raised hinterland
- T.2. Low lying coastal plain
- T.3. Plateaus and high cliffs
- - T.4. Rugged coastal shelf & headlands with open views to sea

Assessment Zones

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Zone 2 - Tidal & Wind

Zone 3 - Wind Zone 4 - Wind & Wave

Zone 5 - Wind & Wave

Zone 5a - Tidal

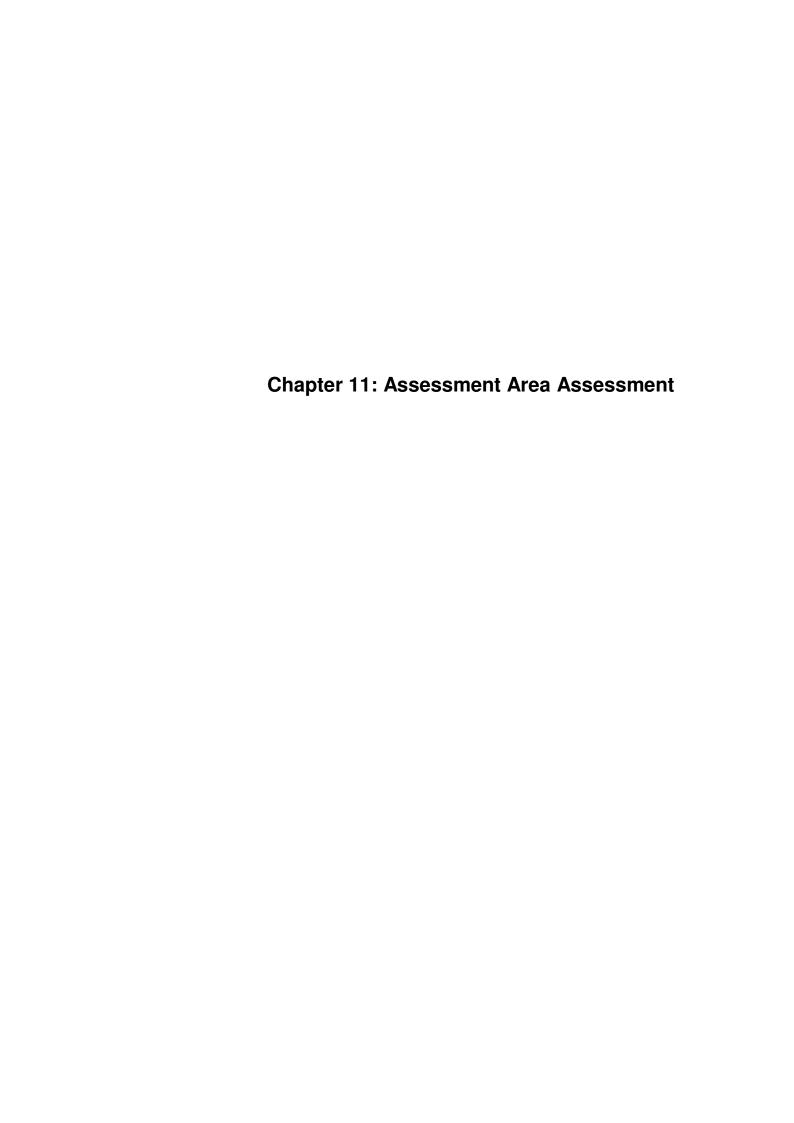
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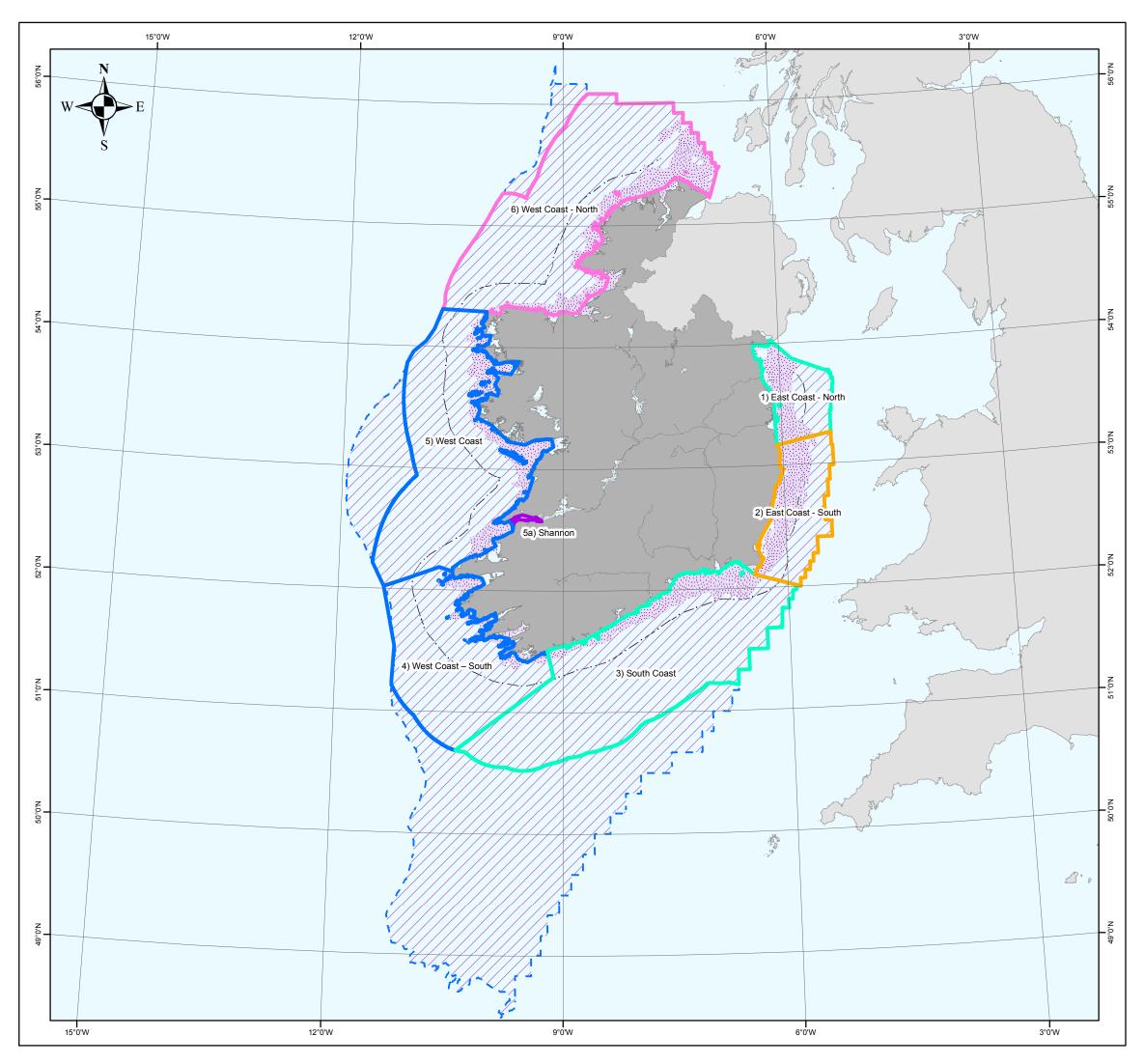
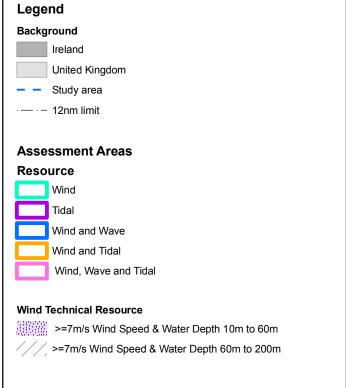


Figure 11.1: Assessment Areas - Wind Resource



Note 1: Assessment Areas extend from the coast (Mean High Water) to a distance of 100km, within the boundary of the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone only

Note 2: Not to be used for navigation

Technical Constraint Notes:

- Two technical wind resource areas are been mapped. Both areas satisfy the requirement for a mean annual wind speed of > 7 metres/second at an 100m altitude above mean sea level.
- The two areas have been defined for the following water depths: 10m to 60m water depth

60m to 200m water depth (study area limit)

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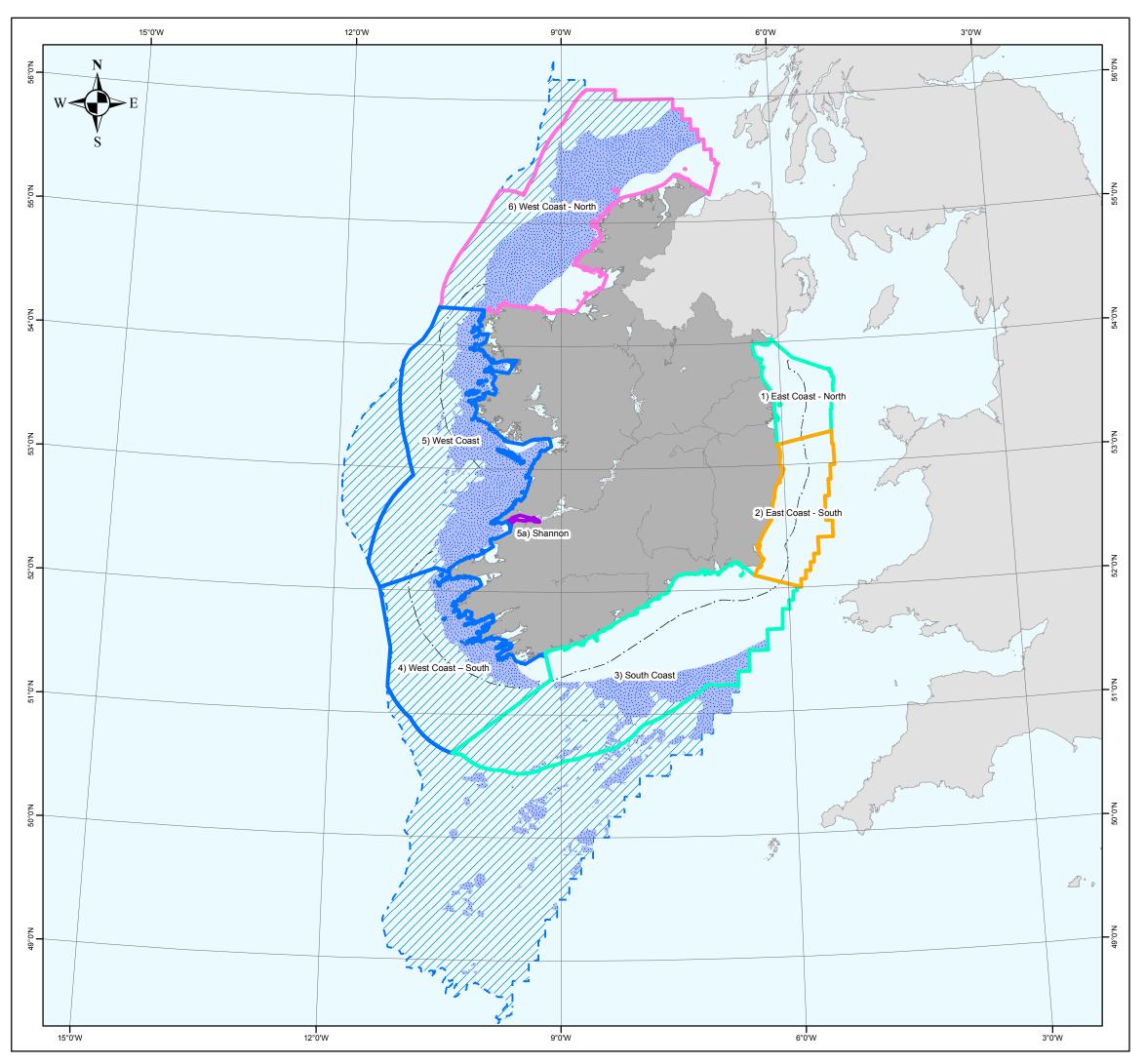
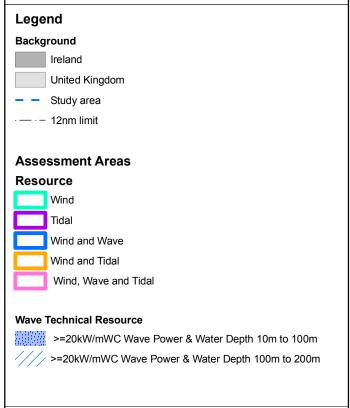


Figure 11.2: Assessment Areas - Wave Resource



Note 1: Assessment Areas extend from the coast (Mean High Water) to a distance of 100km, within the boundary of the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone only

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Technical Constraint Notes:

Wave technical energy resource has been divided into two polygons, that satisfy the following criteria:
- mean annual wave power of > 20 kilowatts per metre of wave crest (kW/mWC) and water depths between 10m and 100m
- mean annual wave power of > 20 kilowatts per metre of wave crest (kW/mWC) and water depths between 100m and 200m

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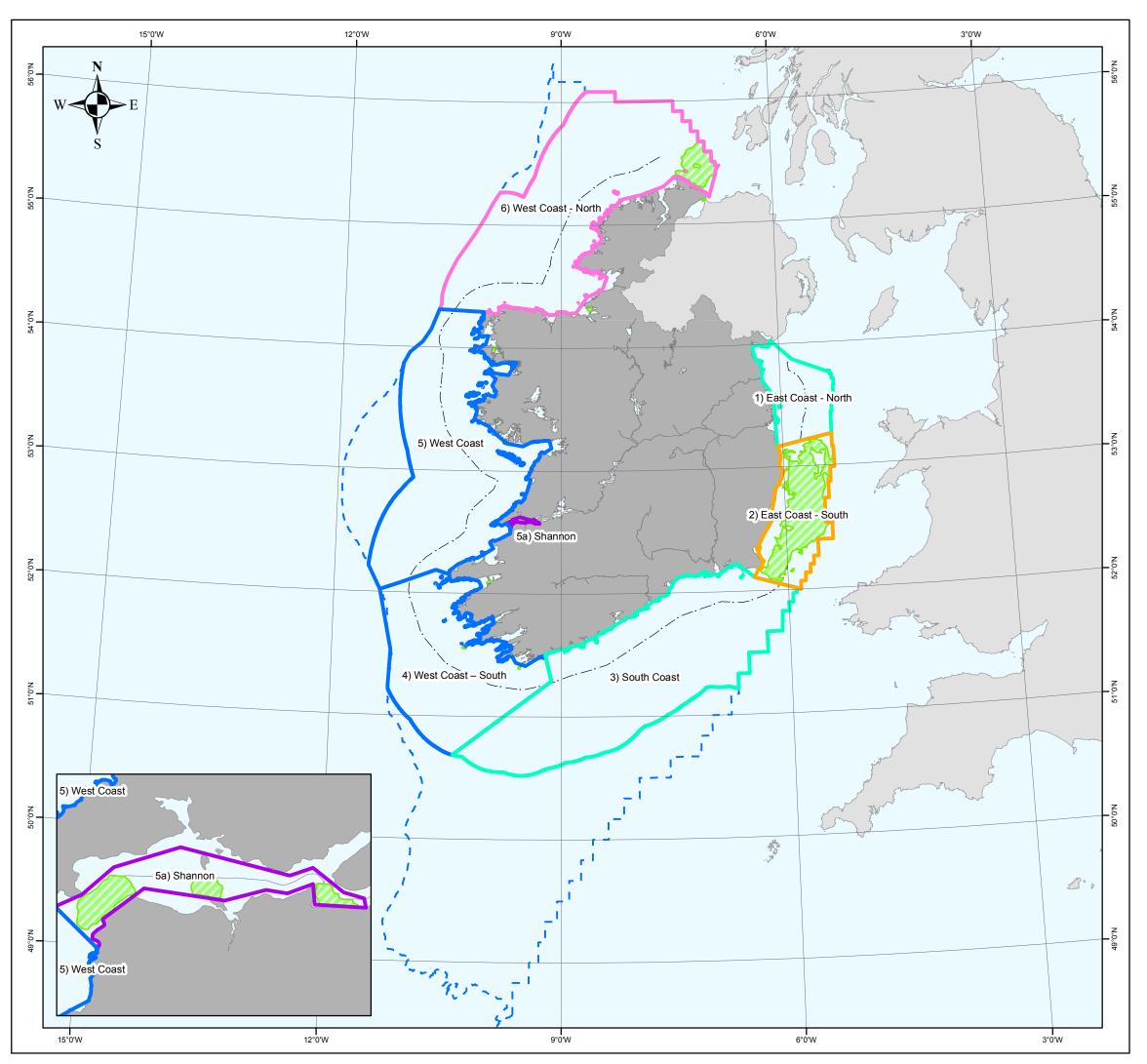
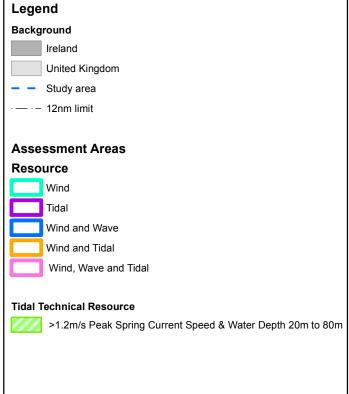


Figure 11.3: Assessment Areas - Tidal Resource



Note 1: Assessment Areas extend from the coast (Mean High Water) to a distance of 100km, within the boundary of the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone only

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Technical Constraint Notes:

- The technical resources polygons are based only on peak spring tidal current speeds of > 1.2 metres/second, within the study area
- A constraining water depth polygon layer is presented that represents an area between 20m and 80m water depth.

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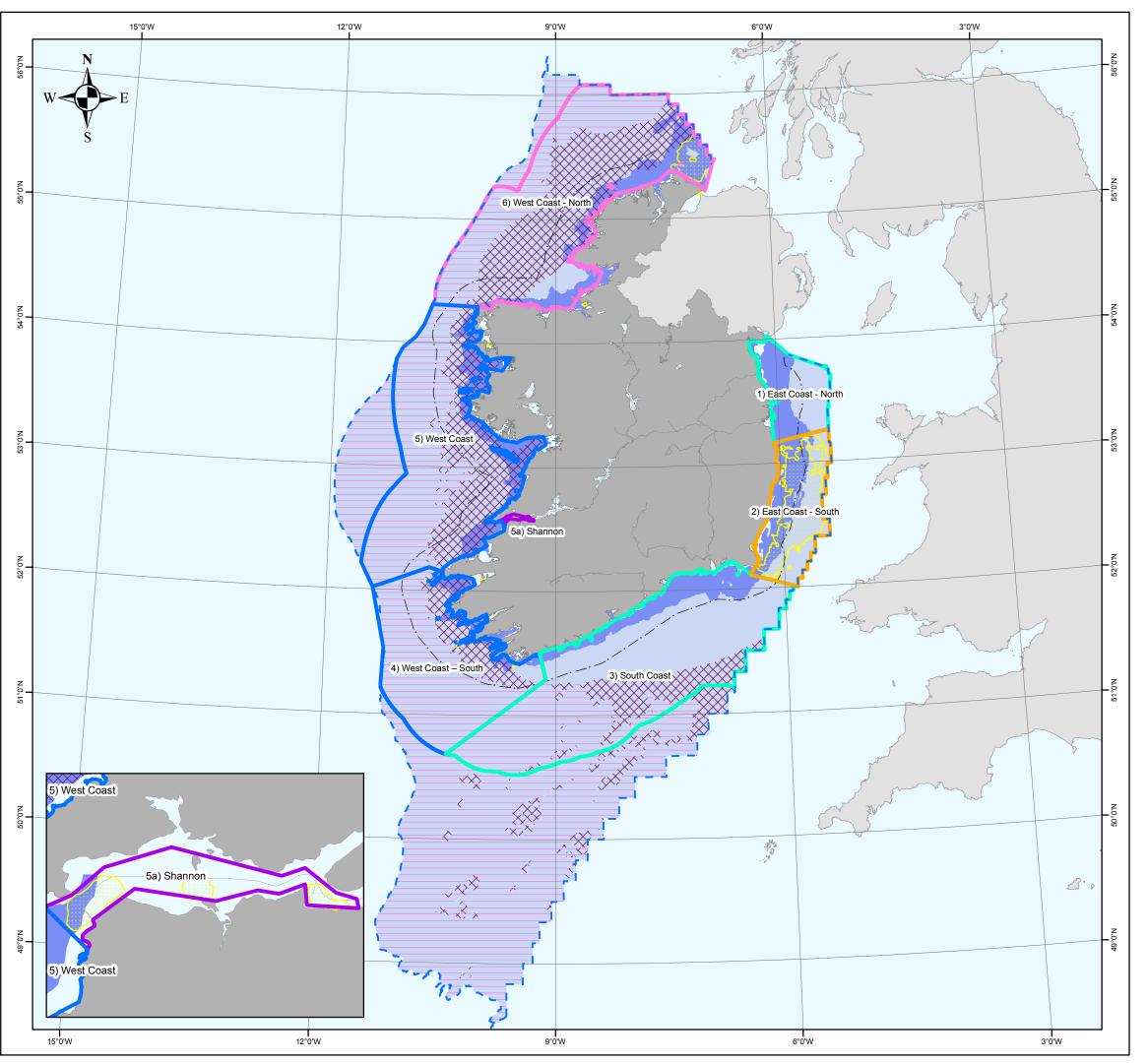
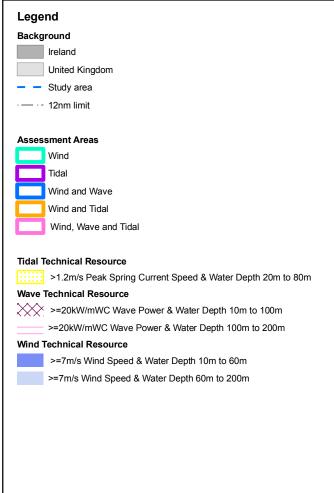


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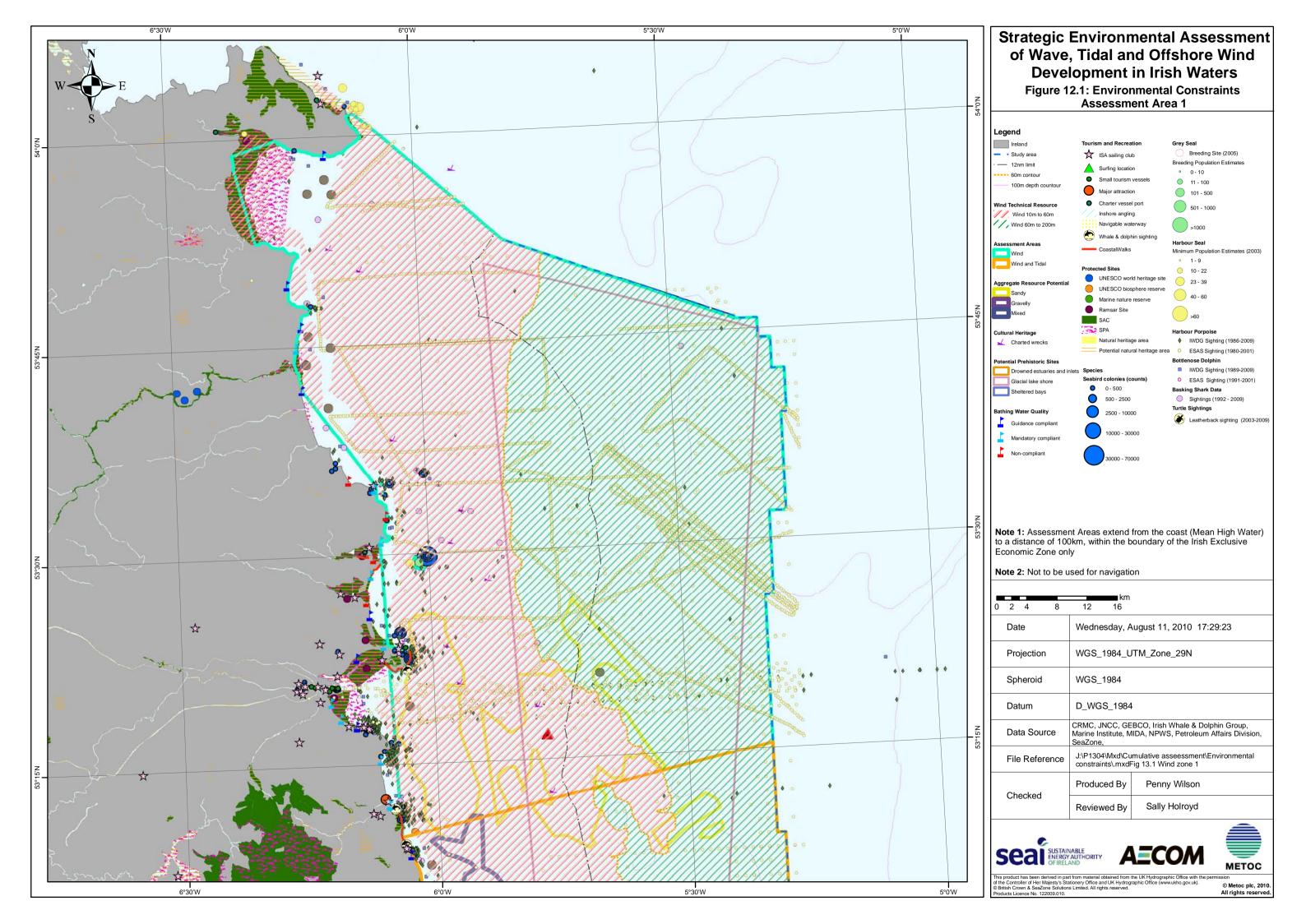
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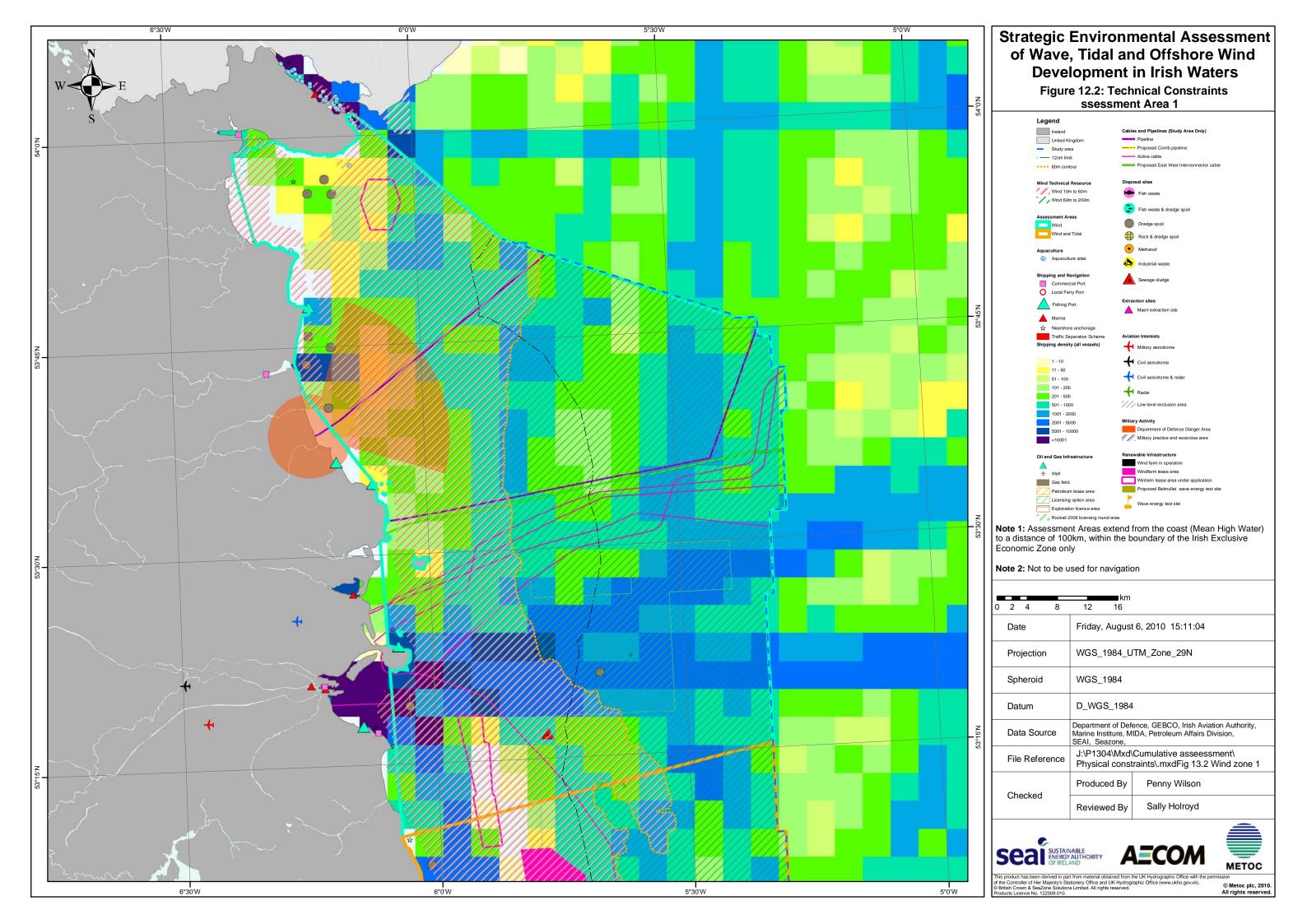


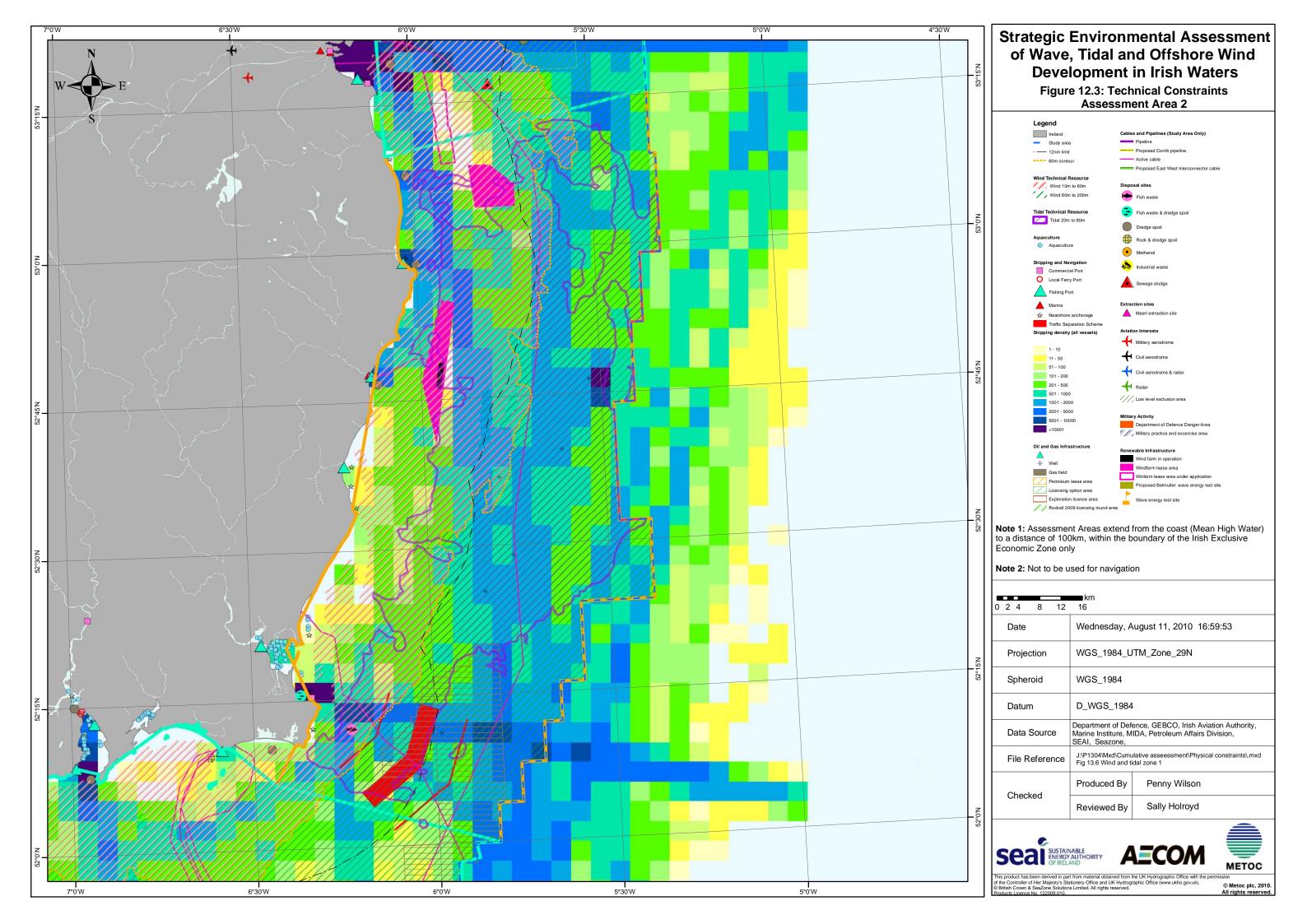


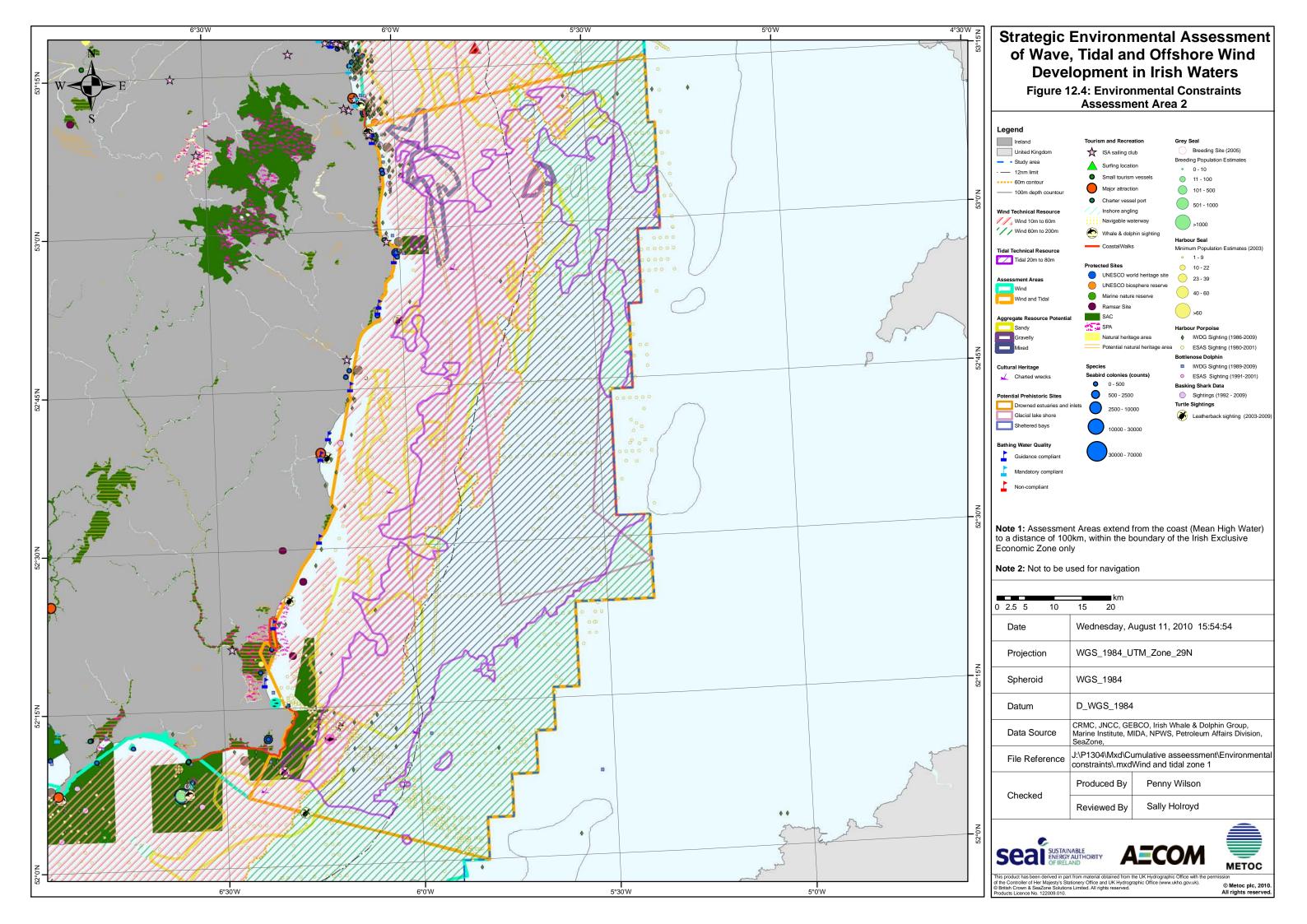


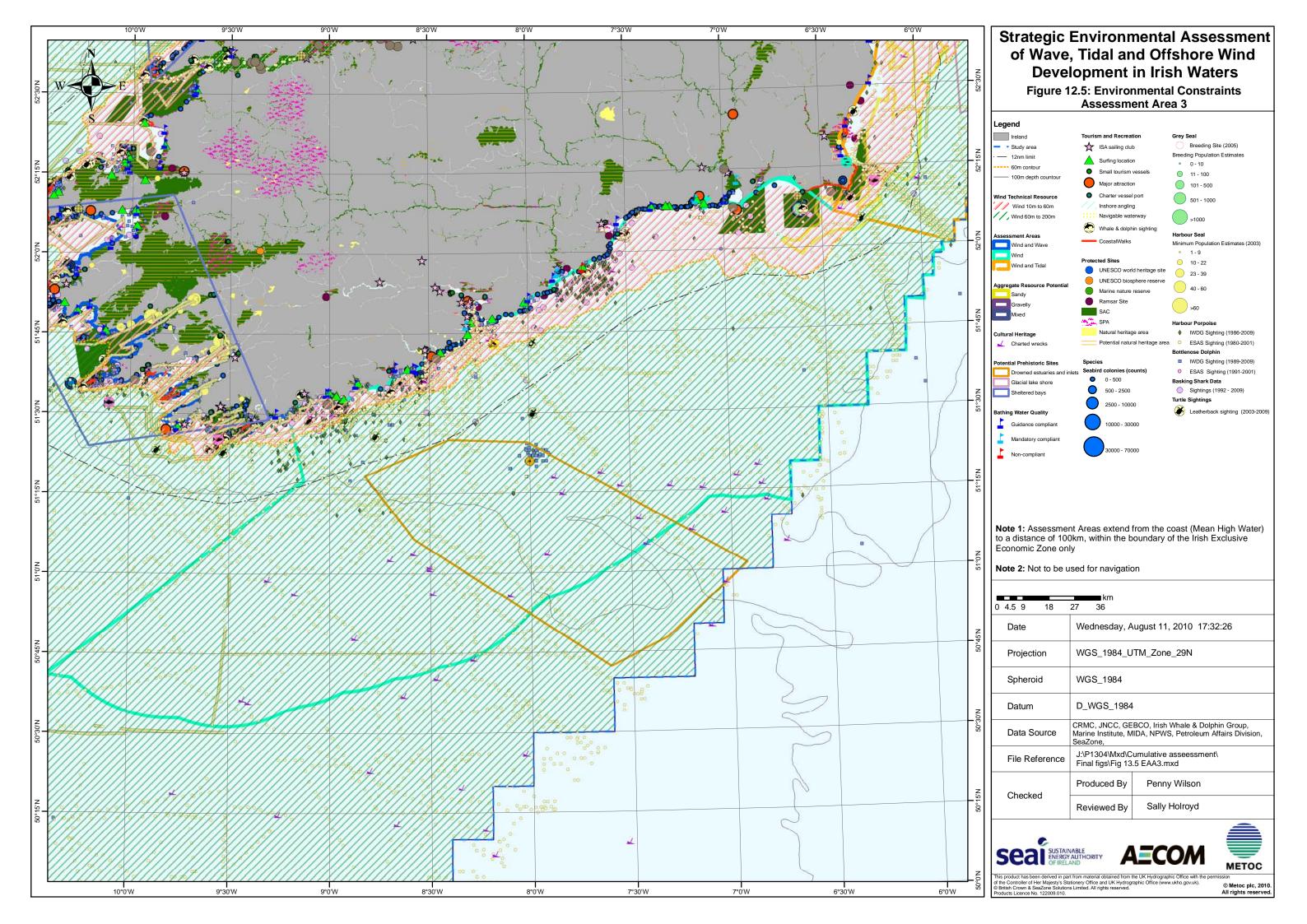
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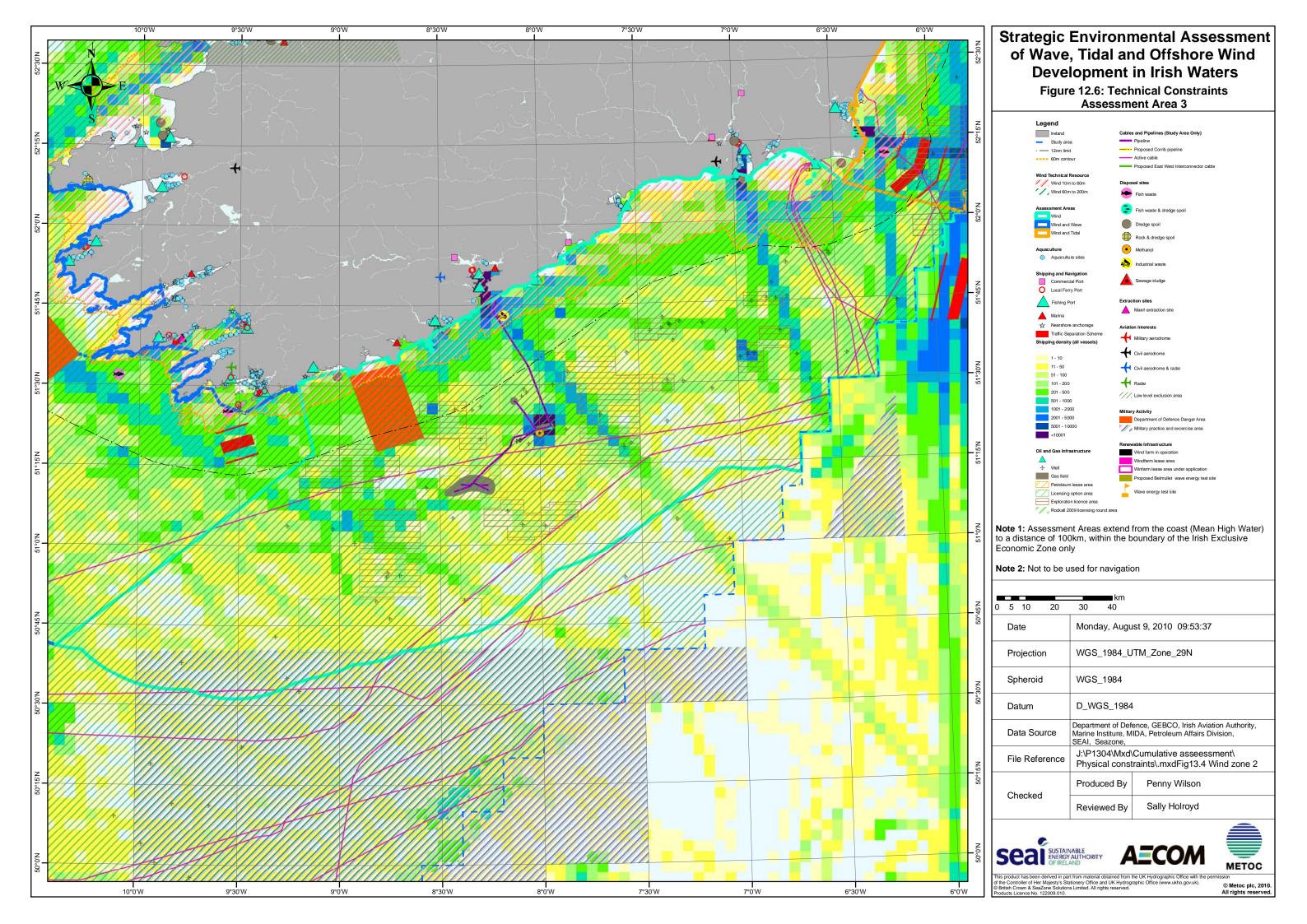


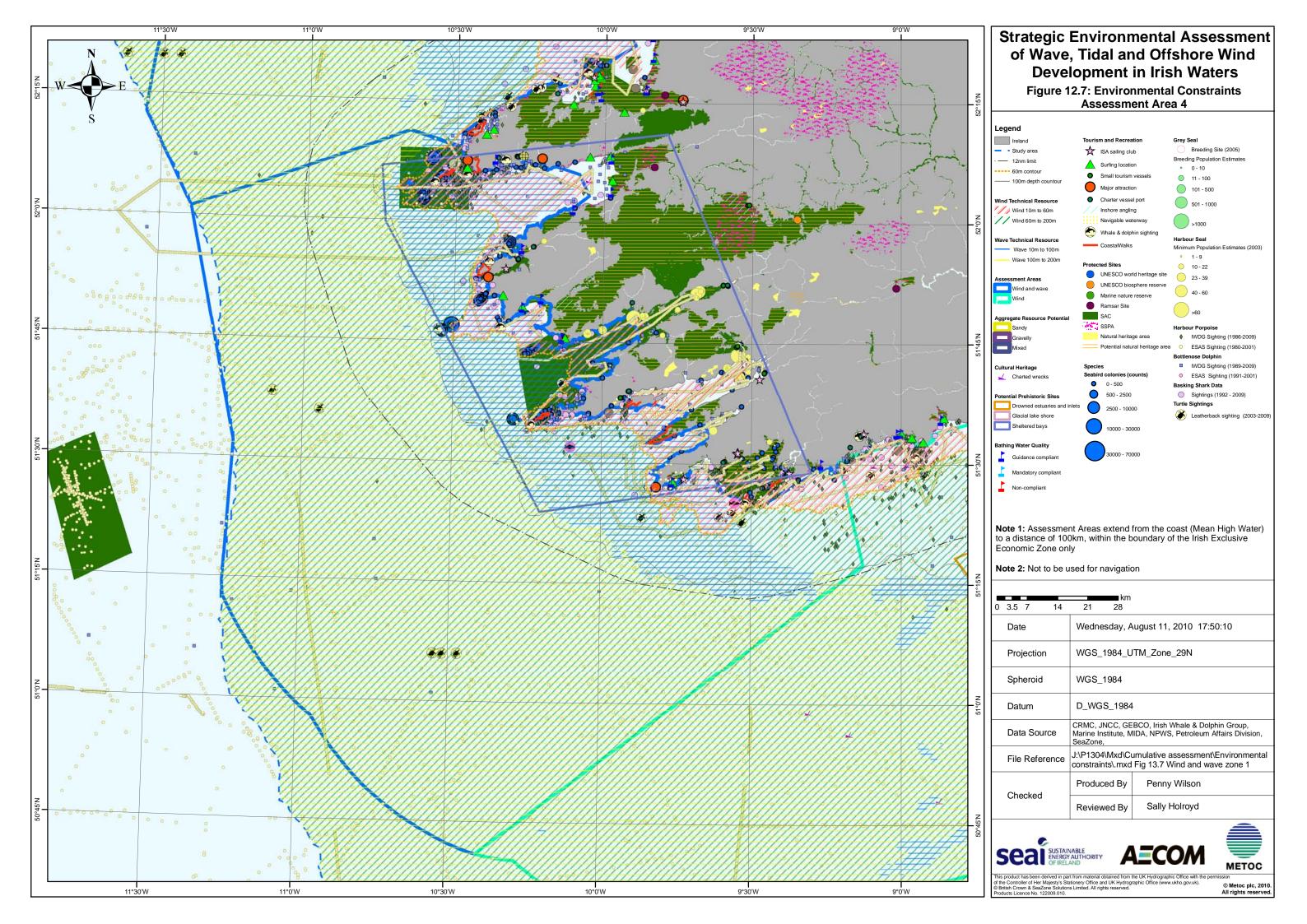


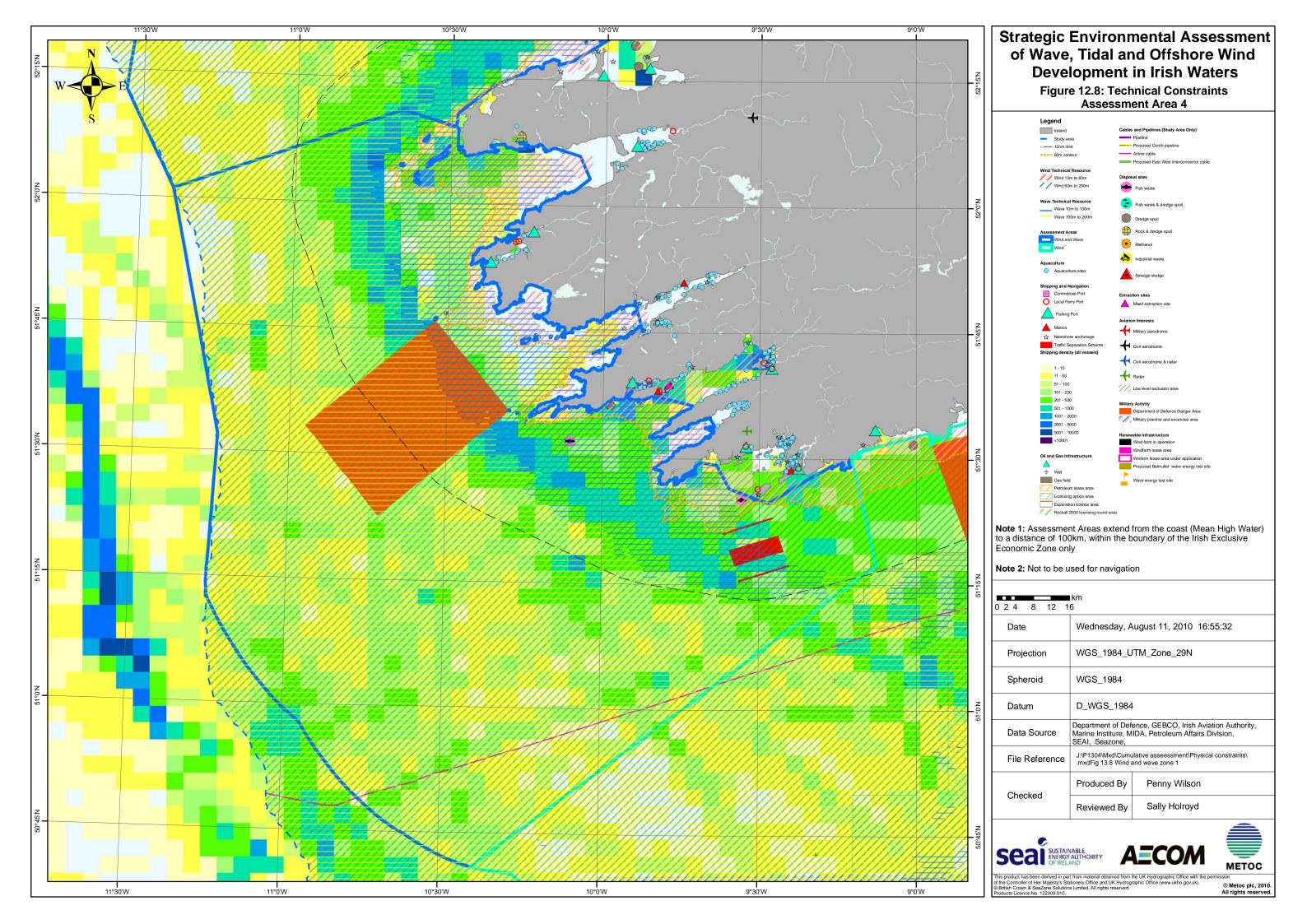


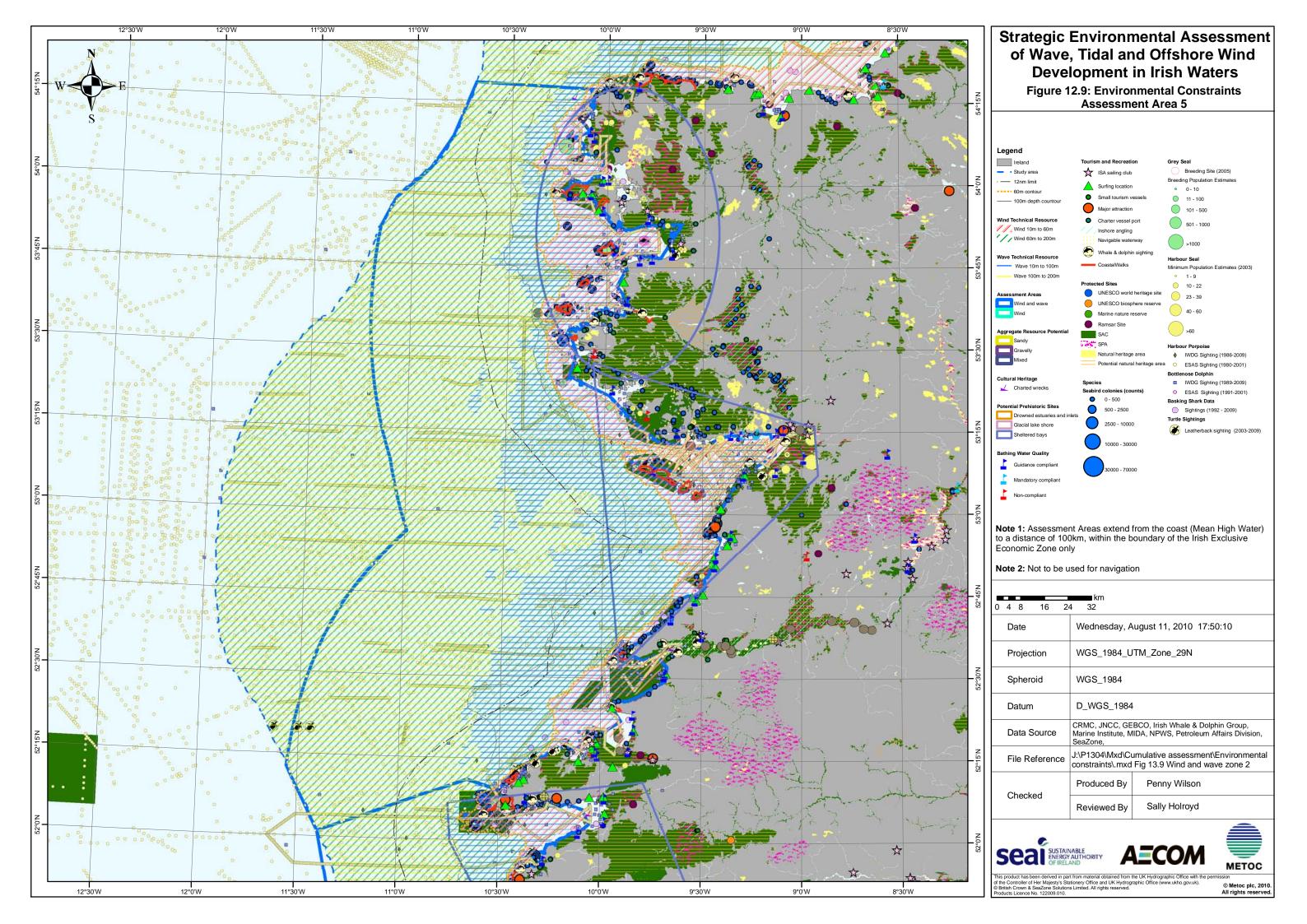


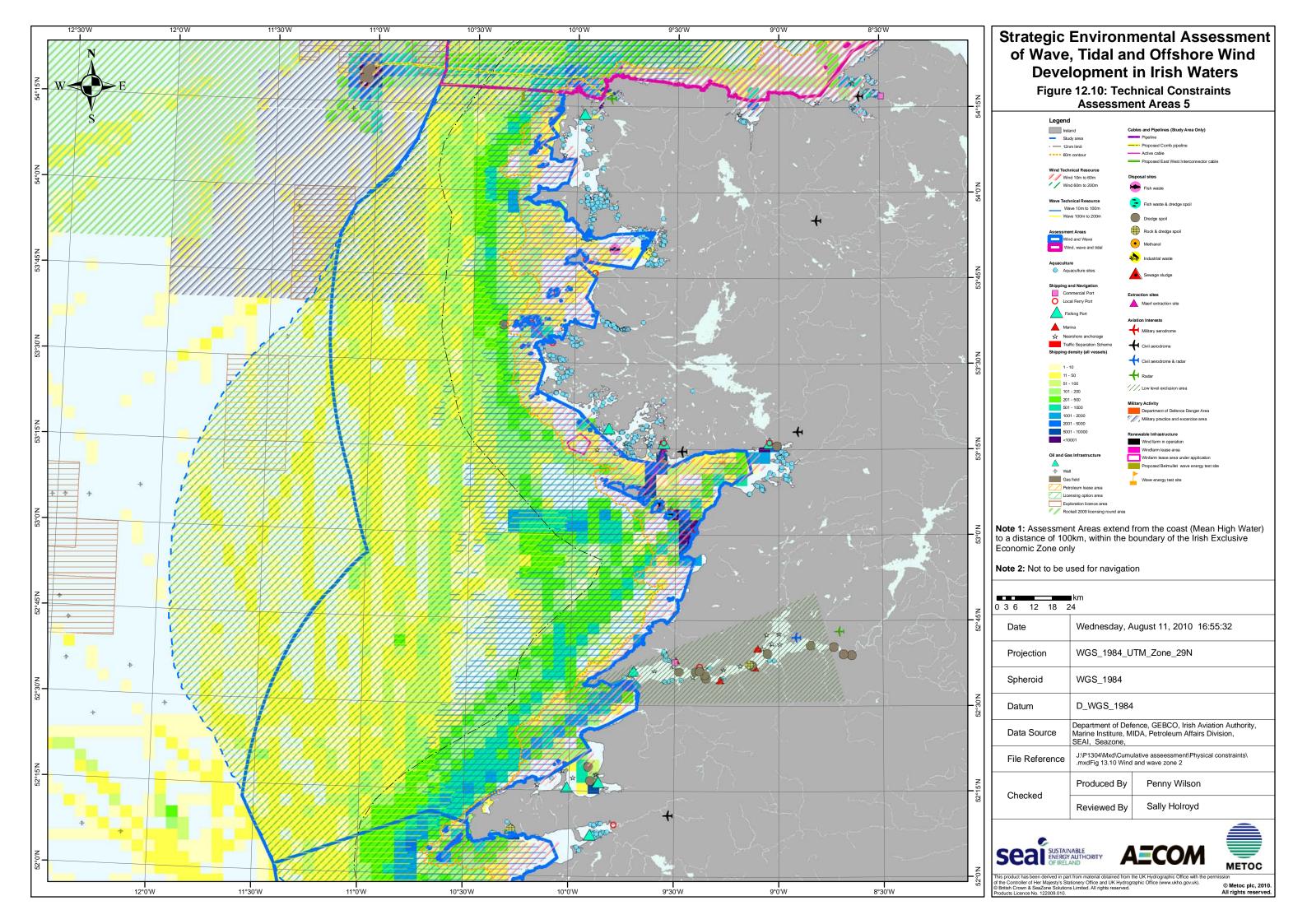


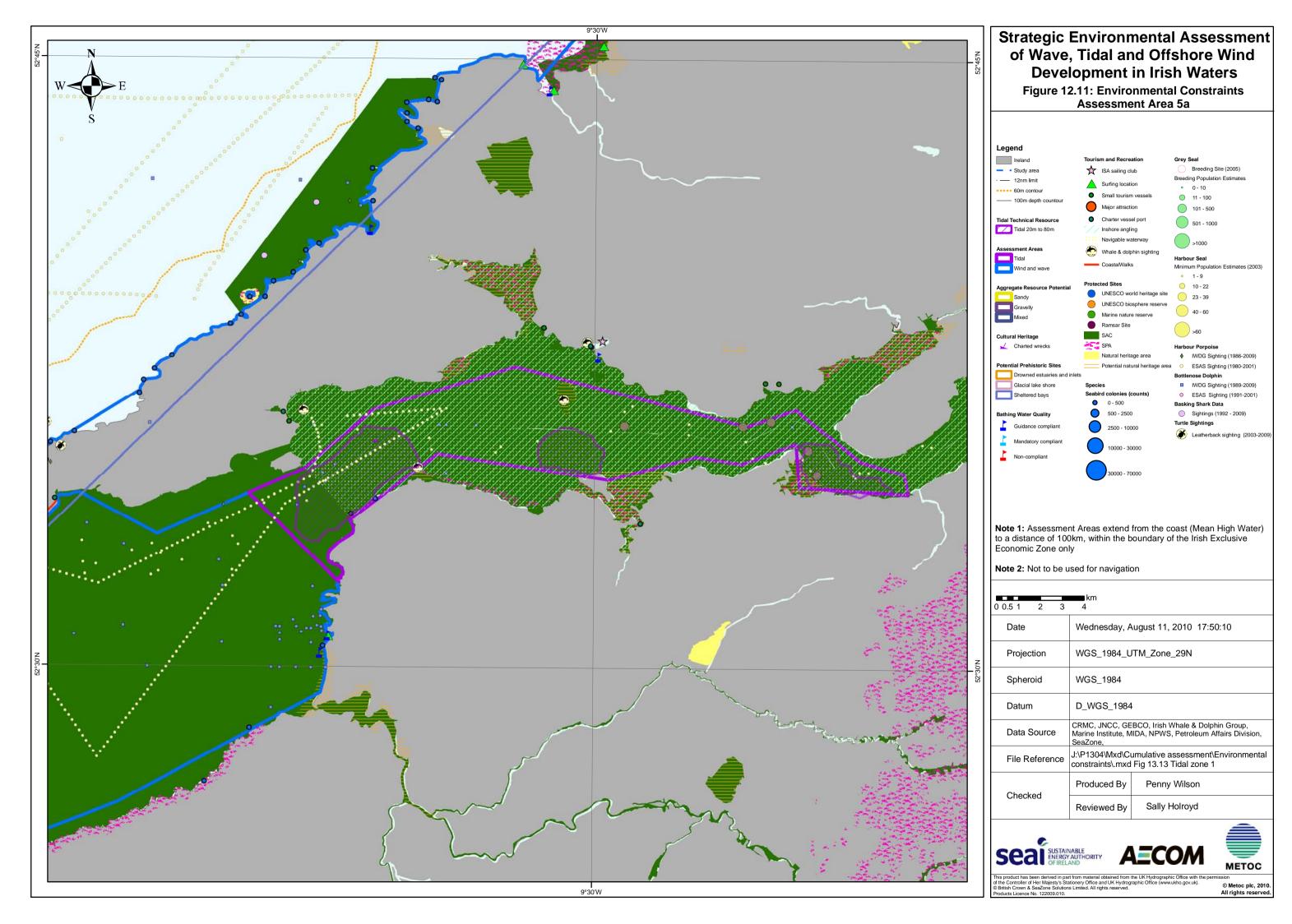












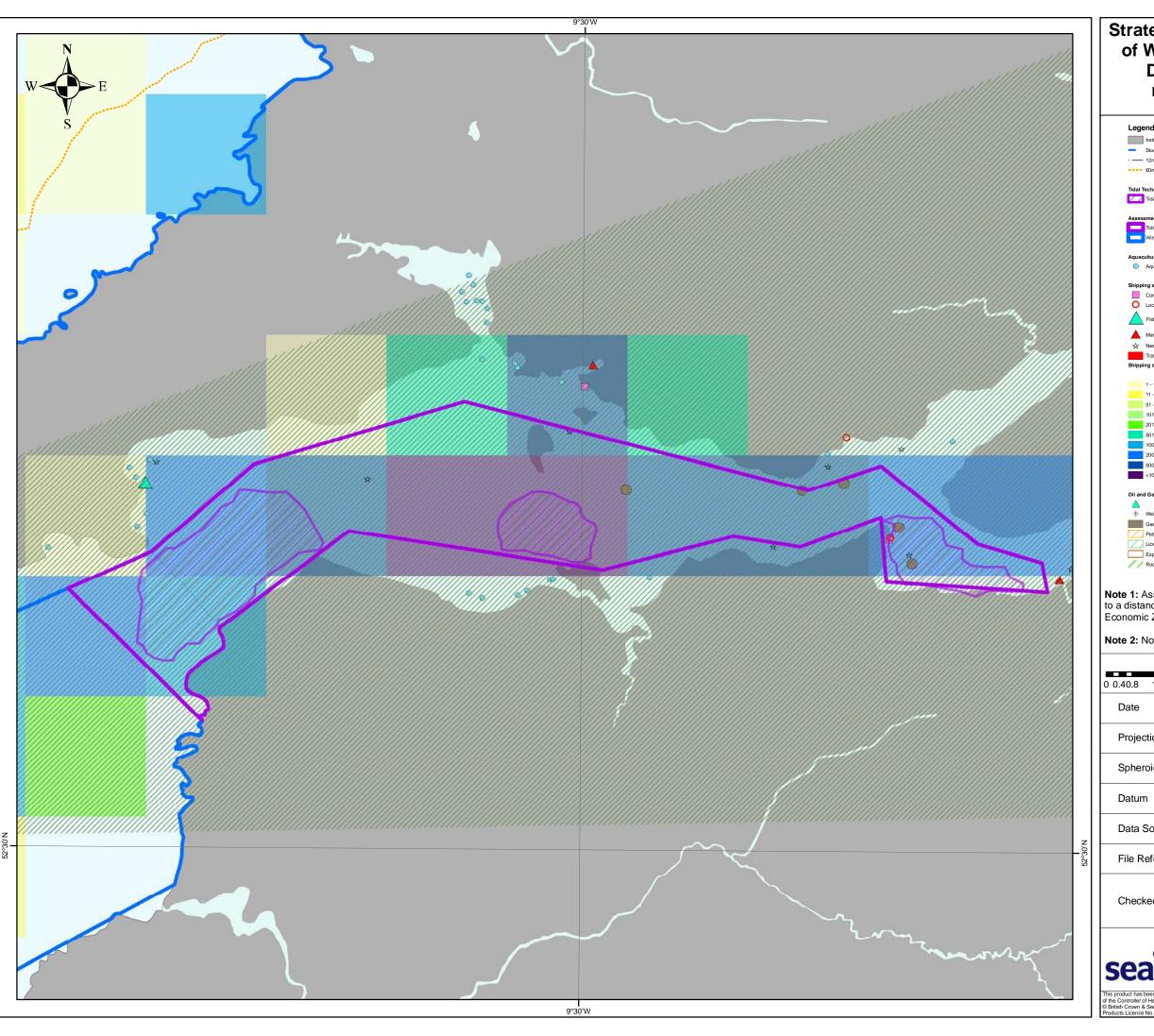


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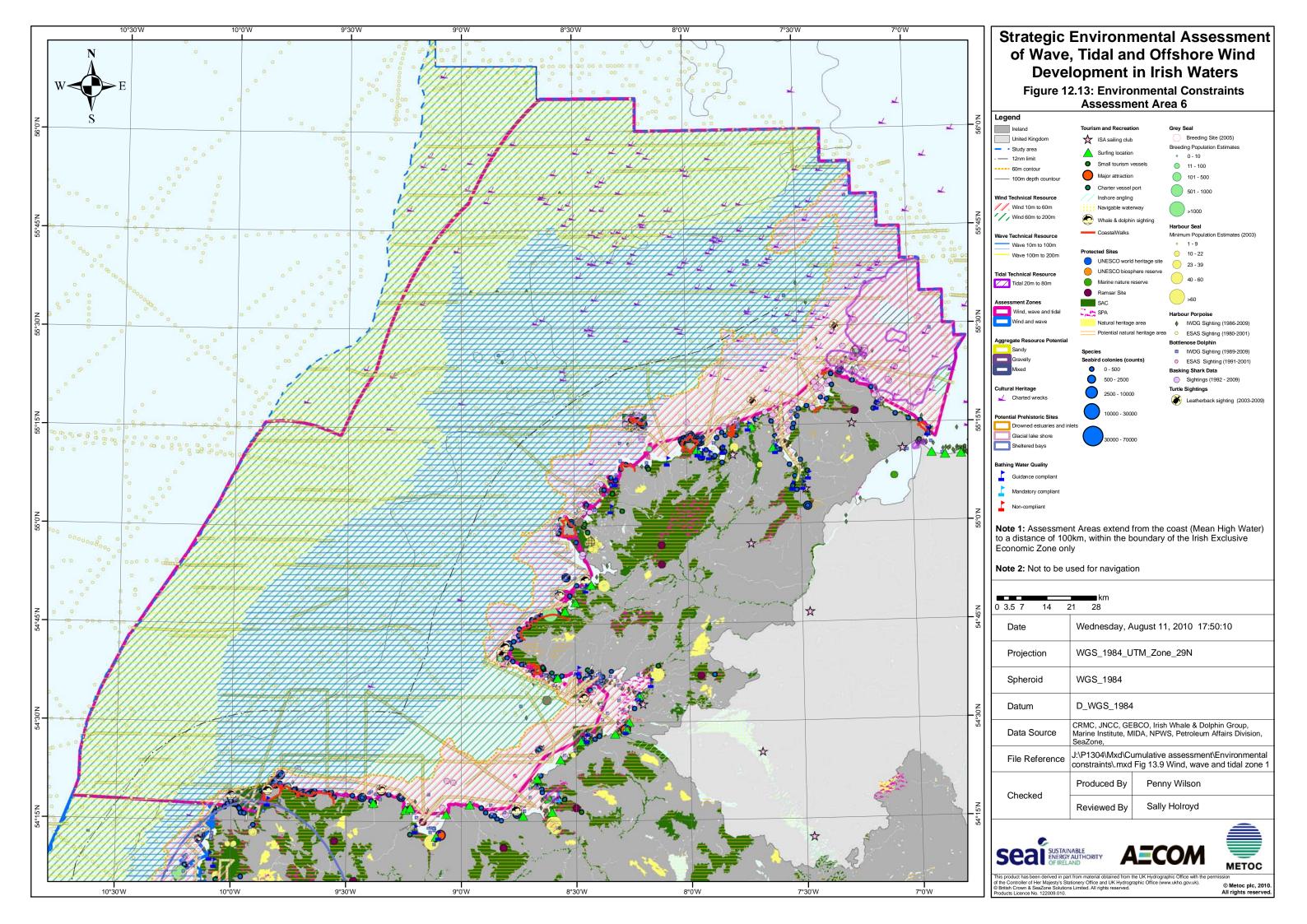


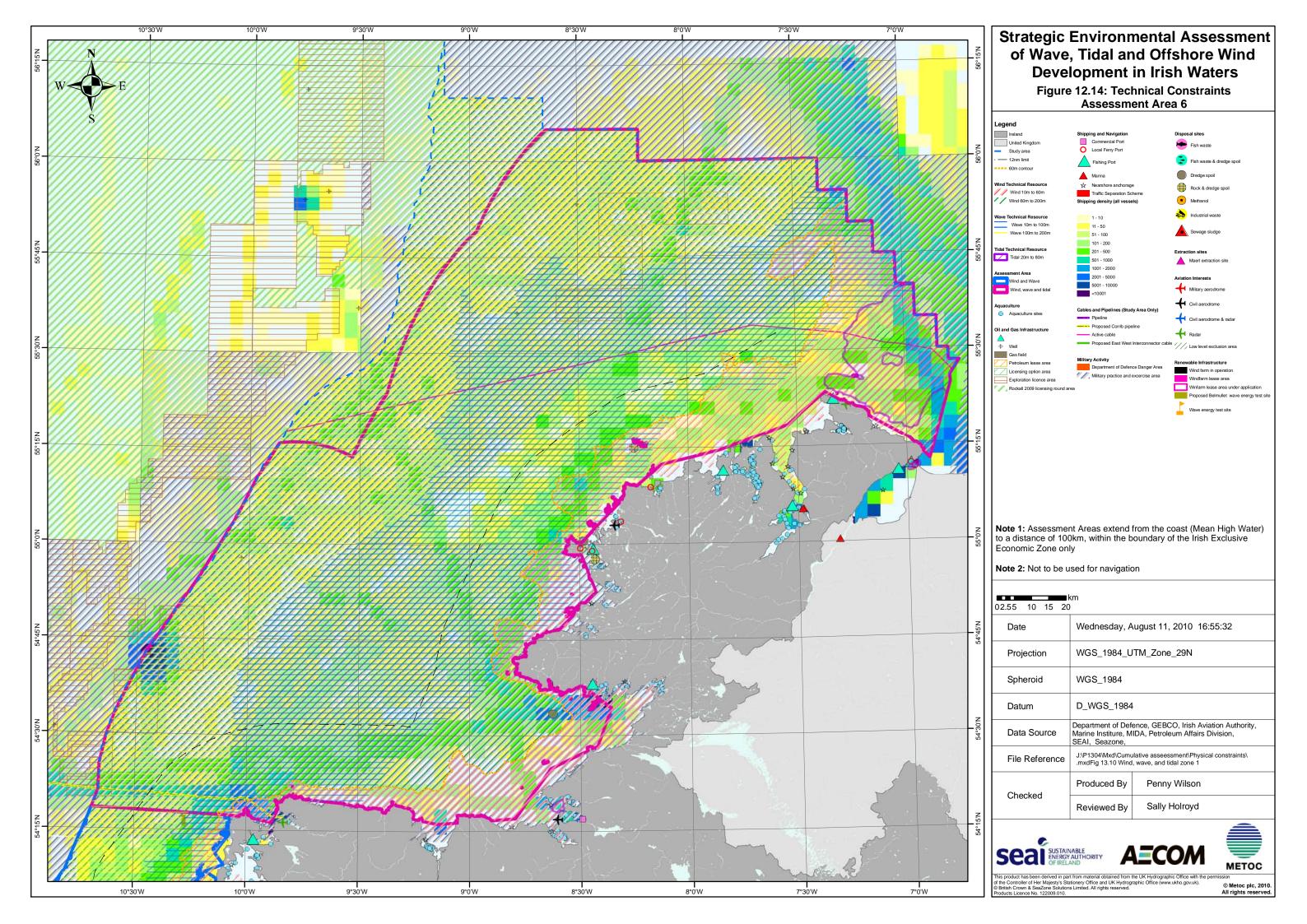


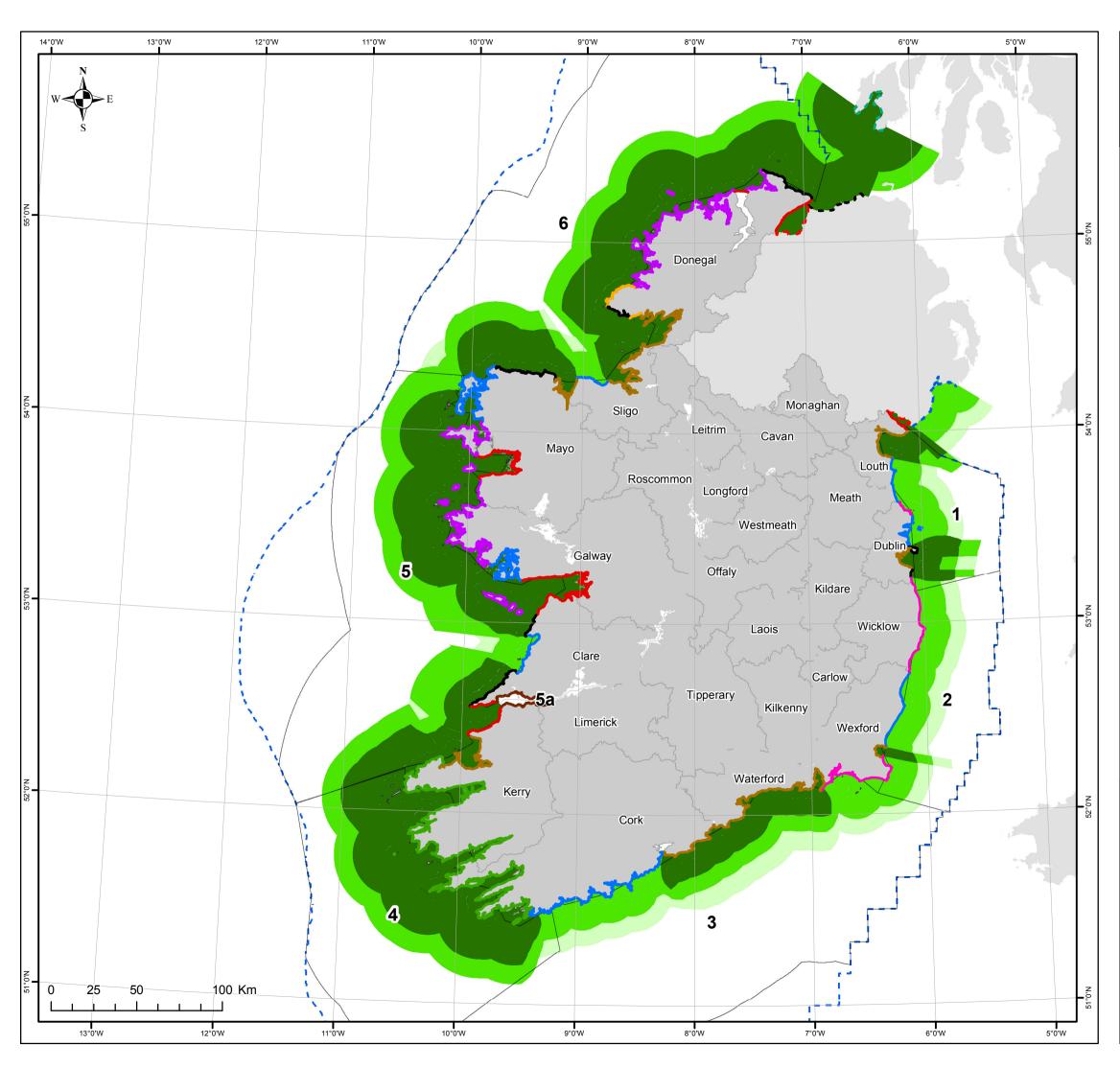


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Strategic Environmental Assessment of Wave, Tidal and Offshore Wind **Development in Irish Waters** Figure 12.15: Effects of Wind **Turbines on Seascape**

Irish Republic United Kingdom Study Area Assessment Zone County Boundary

Seascape Type

- 1. Large open or partially open sea lough with raised hinterland
- 2. Rugged peninsula with drowned valleys
- 3. Low lying plateau landscape
- 4. Low lying coastal plain and estuarine landscape, low lying islands and peninsulas
- 5. Narrow coastal strip with raised hinterland
- 6. Complex indented coastline with small bays and offshore islands
- 7. Plateaus and high cliffs
- 8. Large bay
- 9. Large river estuary

Transboundary Seascape Type

- T.1. Large open or partially open sea lough
 - with raised hinterland T.2. Low lying coastal plain
- T.3. Plateaus and high cliffs
- T.4. Rugged coastal shelf & headlands with
 - open views to sea

Potential Effect

Substantial

Slight Potential Effects are calculated at the following distances:

Moderate • Between 0 and 15km offshore from the coast

• Between 15 and 24km offshore from the coast

• Between 24 and 35km offshore from the coast

This drawing should be read in conjunction with the Summary of Potential Effects Table Zones 1 – 6, and Appendix A Seascape Assessment. This figure is an illustrative overview of the strategic seascape assessment only and does not preclude the requirement for further site specific assessment in relation to specific offshore

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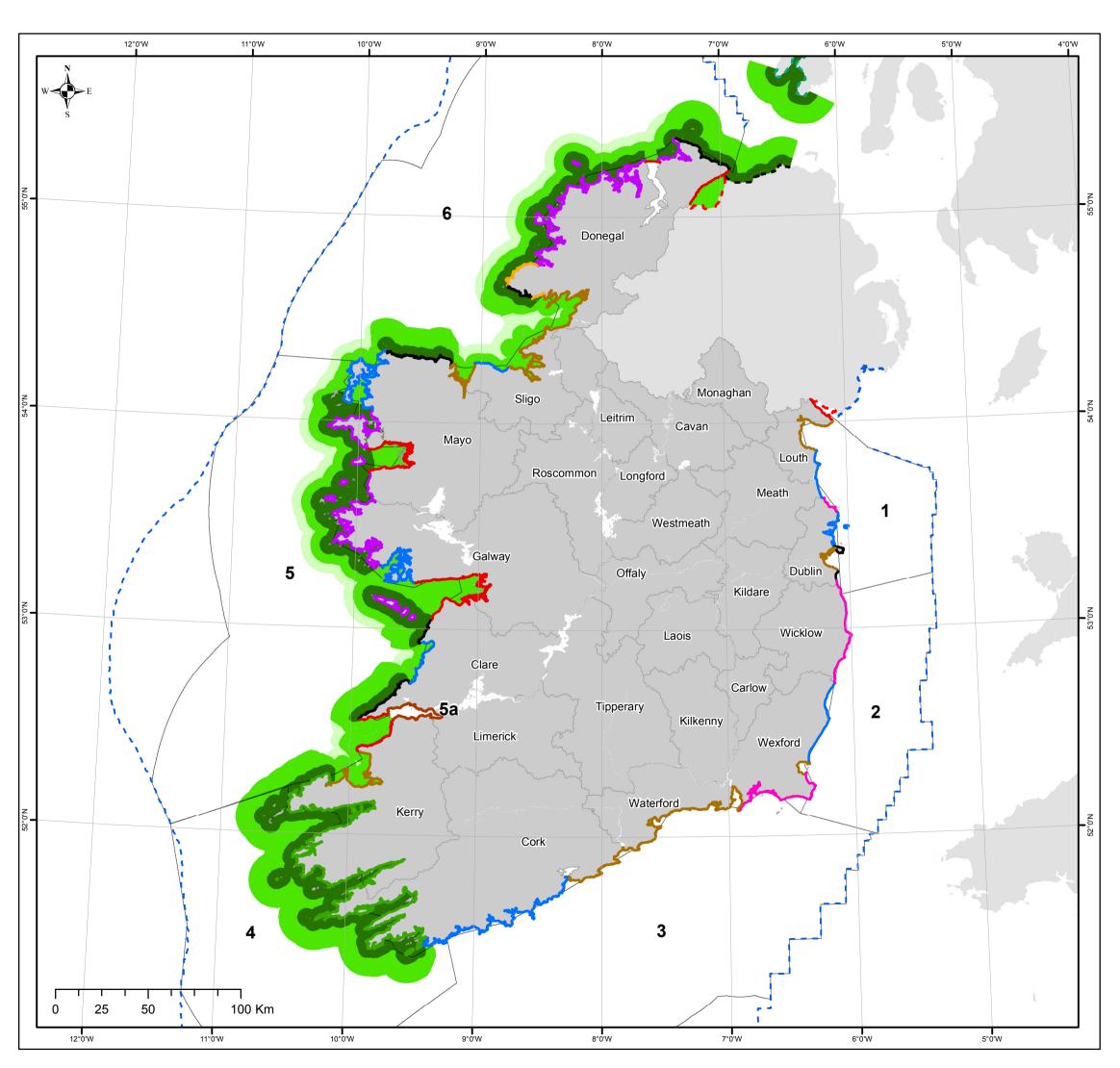


Figure 12.16: Effects of Wave (on **Surface Linear) Arrays on Seascape**

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	Rugged peninsula with drowned valleys
	3. Low lying plateau landscape
	4. Low lying coastal plain and estuarine landscape, low lying islands and peninsulas

5. Narrow coastal strip with raised hinterland 6. Complex indented coastline with small

bays and offshore islands 7. Plateaus and high cliffs

8. Large bay

9. Large river estuary

Transboundary Seascape Type

. T.1. Large open or partially open sea lough

T.2. Low lying coastal plain

■ ■ T.3. Plateaus and high cliffs

T.4. Rugged coastal shelf & headlands with

Potential Effects

Moderate

Substantial

Potential Effects are calculated at the following distances:

• Between 0 and 5km offshore from the coast

• Between 5 and 10km offshore from the coast

• Between 10 and 15km offshore from the coast

This drawing should be read in conjunction with the Summary of Potential Effects Table Zones 1 – 6, and Appendix A Seascape Assessment. This figure is an illustrative overview of the strategic seascape assessment only and does not preclude the requirement for further site specific assessment in relation to specific offshore developments. This drawing does not include potential effects for wave (Oscillating Surge) Arrays.

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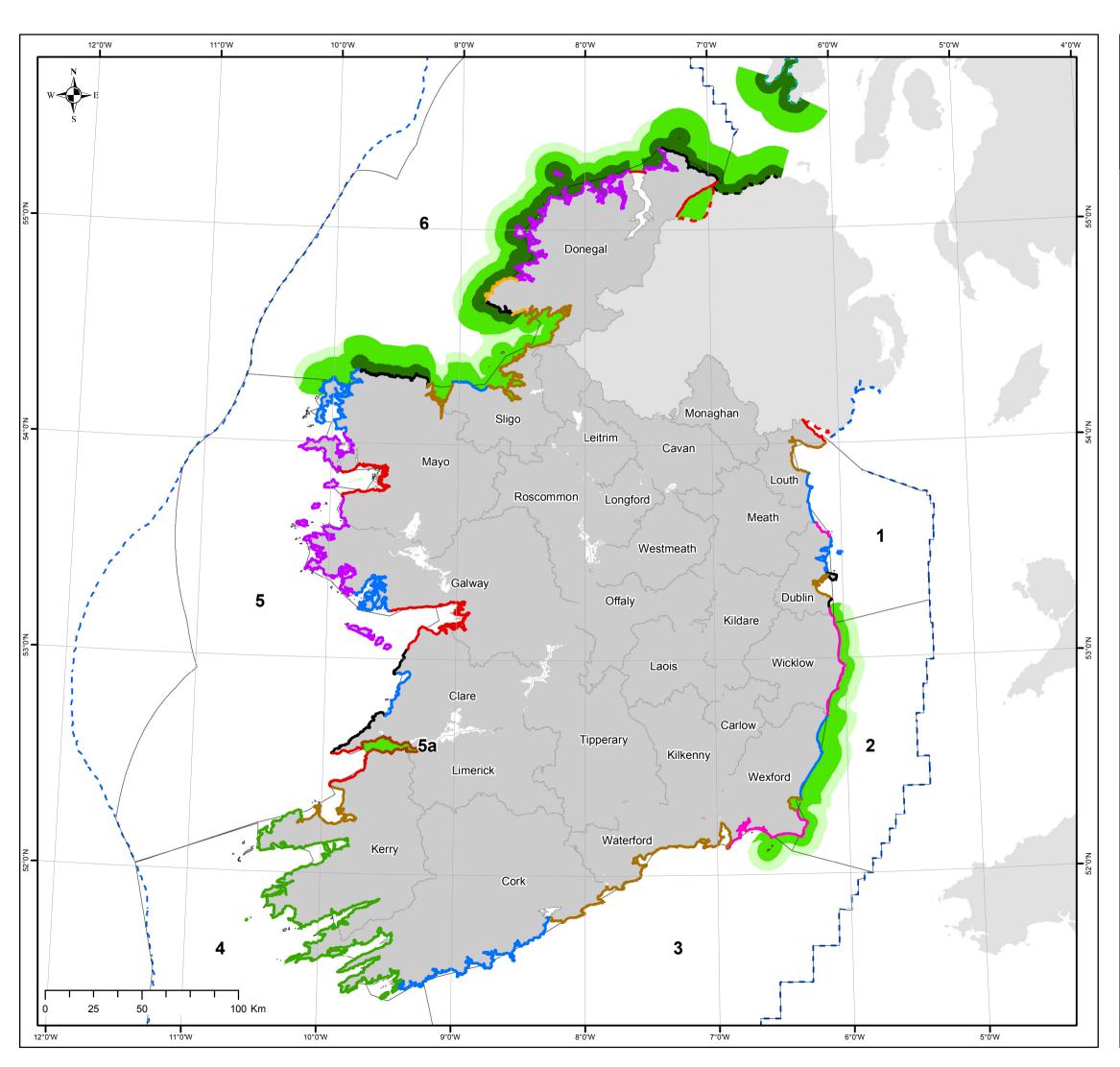


Figure 12.17: Effects of Tidal (on Surface Point Structure) Arrays on Seascape

Irish Republic United Kingdom

- - Study Area

Assessment Zone

County Boundary

Seascape Type

1. Large open or partially open sea lough with raised hinterland

2. Rugged peninsula with drowned valleys

3. Low lying plateau landscape

4. Low lying coastal plain and estuarine landscape, low lying islands and peninsulas

5. Narrow coastal strip with raised hinterland

6. Complex indented coastline with small bays and offshore islands

7. Plateaus and high cliffs

8. Large bay

9. Large river estuary

Transboundary Seascape Type

• T.1. Large open or partially open sea lough with raised hinterland

T.2. Low lying coastal plain

T.3. Plateaus and high cliffs

T.4. Rugged coastal shelf & headlands with open views to sea

Potential Effect

Substantial

Potential Effects are calculated at the Slight following distances:

• Between 0 and 5km offshore from the coast Moderate

• Between 5 and 10km offshore from the coast

• Between 10 and 15km offshore from the coast

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