

Notice to mariners

Mariners are advised that sediment sampling work is planned in the waters of the Clyde Sea Sill MPA, Small Isles MPA, Southern Trench MPA, Sound of Arisaig SAC and smaller areas around the west coast including in Loch Tarbet (Harris), within the Inner Sound of Skye (outside Loch Gairloch and between Scalpay and the mainland) and areas around Eigg and Muck and in the channel between Rum and Canna by NatureScot.

Additionally, a number of scientific instruments are planned to be deployed within the Firth of Lorn SAC, to the north of Muck, of Port Erradale (Gairloch) and within Noss Head MPA and will be left to soak for up to 2 hours. These will be marked with a red and yellow buoy with 'Naturescot' marked on the buoys.



The vessel ALBA NA MARA will conduct the work between the dates of Saturday 19 April March – Monday 19 May 2025. A listening watch will be maintained on VHF Ch 12.

