

Why KIS-ORCA?

***The industry standard for offshore awareness;
limiting risk and liability for your offshore assets.***

Kingfisher Information Service – Offshore Renewables & Cable Awareness (KIS-ORCA), has been operating successfully for more than 15 years to improve awareness of offshore structures. This is for the safety of the marine industry and protection of assets.

The stimulus for this service came from a Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) Fatal Accident Inquiry, following the snagging of fishing equipment on a manmade offshore structure, which led to the death of four fishermen.

The KIS-ORCA project, www.KIS-ORCA.eu along with its sister project for the oil and gas industry FishSAFE (www.FishSAFE.eu) is the industry standard to ensure that all marine infrastructure are charted. This includes the Telecoms, Power, Renewable and Oil & Gas sectors, working successfully to improve safety and the protection of assets, with mutual benefit for marine users and asset owners.

Every operational Telecoms Cable, Power Interconnector, Wind farm & Export Cable and Oil & Gas Installation are on KIS-ORCA and FishSAFE; it's where they are expected to be.

The UK and European trade bodies and industry partners, including the fisheries sectors, work with Seafish to deliver a powerful, well thought out and targeted service. This joint industry-wide approach is hugely cost effective for asset owners. KIS-ORCA's constituent parts include:

1. Data acquisition

- All UK/EU offshore structures and cables acquired directly from operators.
- Each structure holds essential attribute information and an emergency contact number.

2. Data supply

- Production of electronic charts for use within vessel charting systems.
- Published catalogue of paper charts - national, regional & local areas.
- Quarterly updates supplied to UK Authorities (e.g. The Crown Estate, MMO, Marine Scotland, etc).
- Online presence for charting downloads and a Google map of assets.

3. Education and promotion

- Educational content to improve fisheries knowledge is supplied via paper charts.
- Content for fishermen's training being developed.
- Attendance at fisheries exhibitions to promote and educate.
- Targeted EU port visits supplying data and liaising with fishermen.

Following the MAIB Fatal Accident Inquiry and subsequent recommendation, KIS-ORCA and FishSAFE have evolved and improved hugely. Asset owners should have confidence that by publicising cable and structure locations on KIS-ORCA, their corporate responsibility obligations in this area are being met. High quality information is disseminated to the widest possible fisheries and marine audience. In committing to KIS-ORCA, should there be a safety incident by a marine user, asset owners have done all practicable to promote their cable and structure locations.

KIS-ORCA is non-profit making with all costs purely for the running of the project. KIS-ORCA and the network of like member organisations, make the service deliverable for a fraction of the cost individual companies would encounter if undertaking such an exercise on their own.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Fishermen have died and vessels lost from snagging manmade offshore structures.
- MAIB directive pressed operators to do more.
- KIS-ORCA reduces the likelihood of snagging incidents.
- You become part of a network of like organisations working together.