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## MT-IT Interconnector II Project - Geophysical investigation near shore at Ghallis

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that several types of geophysical investigative surveys will be carried out close to the shore at Għallis, for the proposed Malta-Italy interconnector II project.

Weather permitting, the investigative surveys are planned to be carried out between Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, from 0800 hours to 1700 hours daily, within the area A, B, C and D, as shown on the attached chart:

	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
А	35°57'.218	14°26'.314
В	35°57'.333	14°26'.352
С	35°57'.306	14°26'.468
D	35°57'.143	14°26'.415

Within the area indicated above, a number of lit up marker buoys may be utised.

The geophysical investigative surveys will involve the laying of cables on the sea bottom. The cables will be layed by divers, who will be assisted by a support vessel which will be displaying the International Code of Signals flag "A", when diving operations are being carried out. In accordance with the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended (COLREG), the support vessel will also exhibit the appropriate lights and shapes as related to the nature of its work.

As the cables will remain in position for several days, mariners are instructed not to anchor or fish within the above-mentioned area and within a radius of 25m around it, during the mentioned period.

Mariners are also notified to comply with any instructions issued on VHF channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS.

Charts Affected: **BA 211, 2537, 2538** 



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