

Dover Strait Survey Strategy

Survey by Belgium on the Belgian Continental Shelf

In January 2011 UK called a working group Dover Strait Survey Strategy meeting in Brussels to discuss the actions mentioned in conclusion 88 of the 29th NSHC.

On this meeting, Belgium agreed to take over the survey responsibility on the Belgian Continental Shelf for the area(s) of the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) "North Hinder South" (and....).

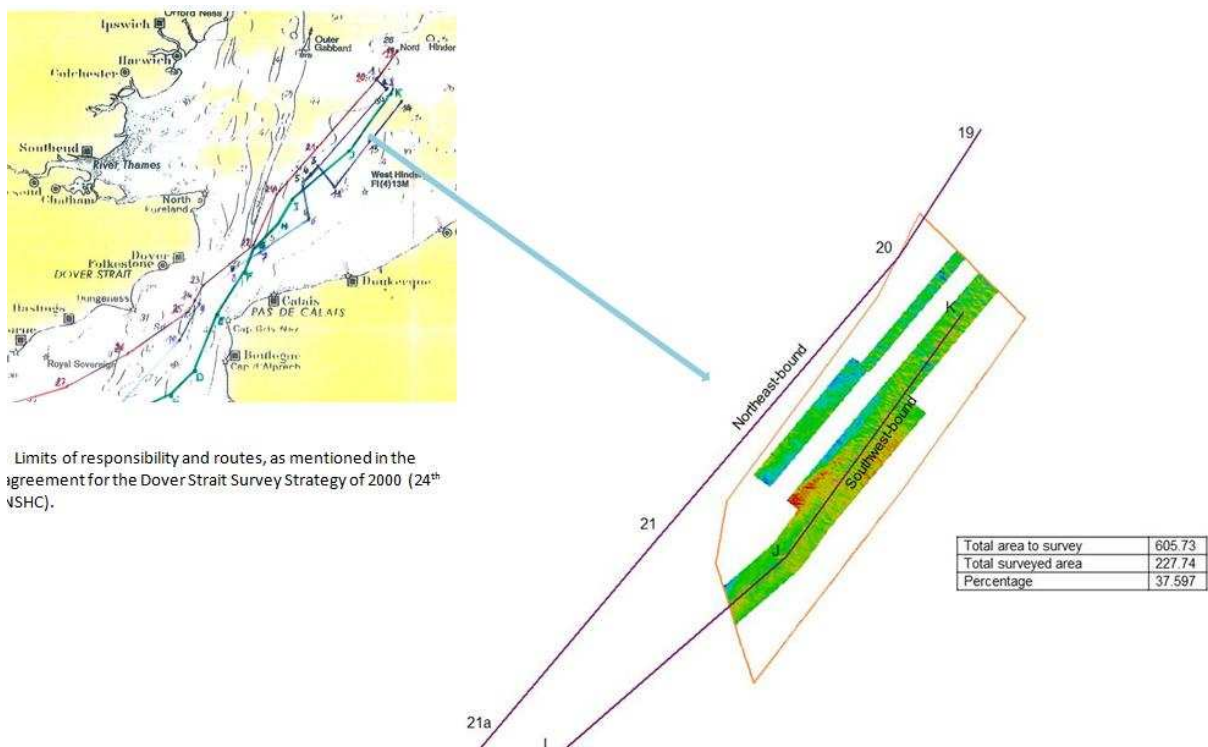
In 2011 and early 2012 first bathymetric surveys were performed in these area, 228 km² are surveyed with MBES.

The survey was performed by the hydrographic survey vessel MS Ter Strep of the Flemish Hydrography.

Figure 1 gives an overview of the surveyed area.

As these area was surveyed until 2010 by the Netherlands, a bathymetric dataset has recently been sent to the Netherlands Hydrographic Service.

The bathymetric survey of the remaining sections with the highest priority in the Northern-West part of the Belgian Continental Shelf is planned for 2012.



Limits of responsibility and routes, as mentioned in the agreement for the Dover Strait Survey Strategy of 2000 (24th NSHC).

Fig 1. MBES surveyed area on the Belgian Continental Shelf of the TSS North Hinder South.