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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

AA Applied Acoustics

AIS A.I.S., Inc.

AMP Alternative Monitoring Plan

B Beaufort sea state

BOEM Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

BOEM PDC BOEM Atlantic OCS Region Project Design Criteria and Best

Management Practices for Protected Species Associated with

Offshore Wind Data Collection

BOSIET basic offshore safety induction and emergency training

CHIRP compressed high-intensity radiated pulses

CPA closest point of approach CSA CSA Ocean Sciences Inc.

Current Corp IR Current Night Navigator 3050 VT infrared camera

dB decibe

delphinid superfamily including dolphins and harbor porpoise

DMA Dynamic Management Area
DSLR digital single-lens reflex
ECR export cable route

ET Edgetech

ET Edgetech
EZ exclusion zone
FOV field of view

Fugro USA Marine, Inc.
HRG high resolution geophysical
HSE health, safety, and environment
IHA Incidental Harassment Authorization

ioules

GPS global positioning system

HF high frequency
HH handheld
IR infrared
kHz kilohertz
km kilometer

Lease Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Commercial

Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy

Development on the Outer Continental Shelf OCS-A 0532

LF low frequency

MBES multi-beam echosounder

knot

MV mid-frequency mm millimeter

MMPA Marine Mammal Protection Act mounted IR vessel-mounted IR camera system

M-UHRS multi-channel ultra-high resolution seismic

kt

NARW North Atlantic right whale

NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NVD night vision device
OCS Outer Continental Shelf

Ørsted Wind Power North America, LLC

PAM passive acoustic monitoring

PK zero to peak sound pressure level in dB re 1 μPa

PSO protected species observer

PW phocids in water
RB reticle binoculars
re referenced to
RMS root mean square

RWSAS Right Whale Sighting Advisory System

SBI sub-bottom imager
SBP sub-bottom profiler

SEL<sub>24h</sub> cumulative sound exposure level
SMA Seasonal Management Area

Smultea Sciences Smultea Environmental Sciences, LLC spl root mean square sound pressure level

SSS side-scan sonar

Survey Area waters within and surrounding BOEM Lease Area OCS-A

0532 and the export cable routes

S-UHRS single-channel ultra-high resolution seismic

TB Teledyne Benthos

TTS temporary threshold shift TVG transverse gradiometer

UE unaided eye

UHD ultra-high definition USBL ultra-short baseline

μPa micro pascal

## 1 Executive Summary

This report, which summarizes protected species monitoring and mitigation activities for the Ørsted Wind Power North America, LLC (Ørsted) Ocean Wind 02 Wind Farm fulfills the reporting requirements of the Ørsted 2022 Ocean Wind II National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) issued on 10 May 2022 (NMFS 2022). Dates associated with this report correspond to the active period of the 2022 IHA (10 May 2022 through project completion on 17 July 2022).

Protected species observers (PSOs) were present aboard two HRG survey vessels, the *Fugro Brasilis* (offshore vessel) and the *Substantial* (nearshore vessel), to implement ship strike avoidance and geophysical survey mitigation measures during high resolution geophysical (HRG) surveys off the coast of New Jersey for the Ørsted Ocean Wind 02 Wind Farm from 10 May through 17 July 2022. Mitigation and monitoring requirements were stipulated in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) *Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf* OCS-A 0532 (BOEM 2016, BOEM 2021a), BOEM Atlantic OCS Region *Project Design Criteria and Best Management Practices for Protected Species Associated with Offshore Wind Data Collection* (BOEM PDC; BOEM 2021b), BOEM limited waiver, and the 2022 Ørsted Ocean Wind II NMFS IHA (NMFS 2022; collectively referred to herein as regulatory documents).

Monitoring effort was accomplished over a combined (nearshore and offshore vessels) total distance of 9992.9 kilometers (km) and 1599.7 hours of visual observation. Monitoring effort during daylight was conducted for the majority (69%) of the total combined effort, with observations taking place only during daylight on the nearshore vessel *Substantial*. HRG acoustic sources operating below 200 kHz were active for 70% of the combined monitoring effort.

Throughout the surveys, the PSOs recorded a combined total of 101 protected species detections (51 marine mammal and 50 sea turtle) composed of an estimated 282 individuals. Unidentified dolphins and loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) were the most frequently detected group/species at 25 and 31 detections respectively. North Atlantic right whales (NARW, *Eubalaena glacialis*) or other ESA-listed marine mammal species were not confirmed by PSO observations, and no Atlantic sturgeon were detected. More than half (63%) of the protected species detections occurred while HRG acoustic sources operating below 200 kilohertz (kHz) were active. The sparker, a medium penetration sub-bottom profiler (SBP) was active for the majority (77%) of those detections.

The PSOs estimated 3% of protected species detections were observed to change behavior while the sparker and other HRG acoustic sources below 200 kHz were active (two of the 64 detections with HRG sources active) and 5% exhibited a response when acoustic sources below 200 kHz were inactive (two of the 37 detections with HRG sources inactive). One dive response was reported for a loggerhead sea turtle and one response classified as "other" was reported for an unidentified dolphin while HRG sources were active. Behavioral changes were observed as often while the sparker and other HRG sources below 200 kHz were inactive as when they were active, which indicates that behavioral responses to HRG acoustic sources were minimal and that HRG acoustic

sources are not the only stimulus that may induce a behavioral response in marine mammals and sea turtles during HRG surveys for offshore wind farm development.

Protected species mitigation measures were requested and implemented on six occasions, including one shutdown and five strike avoidance speed reductions. In addition to protected species mitigation measures, 12 weather related mitigation measures were implemented for reduced visibility (ten shutdowns and two delays). Most of the 51 hours of PSO related downtime (99%) was attributed to reduced visibility. All mitigation measures were implemented quickly and effectively.

A total of ten marine mammals and 28 sea turtles were observed within the 141 m Level B harassment isopleth for the sparker and may have been exposed to sound levels of at least 160 decibels (dB) root mean square (RMS) from the sparker. All ten potential marine mammal exposures were for unidentified dolphins that voluntarily approached the vessel and, therefore, did not require a shutdown.

Mitigation and monitoring protocols under the Regulatory documents were effectively implemented by the PSOs throughout the Ørsted Ocean Wind 02 survey campaign. Vessel and survey crews assisted PSOs in ensuring appropriate mitigation and strike avoidance measures were implemented as necessary, while maintaining effective communication and vessel safety.



## 2 Introduction

All marine mammals are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972. Per the MMPA, operations that emit noise into the marine environment must be assessed by NMFS if sound levels produced by the activity have the potential to disturb or injure marine mammals by exceeding pre-determined sound exposure thresholds and frequencies that may rise to NMFS-determined level of "take" (NMFS 2018). HRG surveys conducted to advance the development of the Ørsted Ocean Wind 02 Wind Farm required the use of HRG equipment that produced sounds with the potential to disturb protected marine species. PSOs were therefore required aboard all survey vessels to monitor and mitigate for protected species.

Ocean Wind II, LLC, a subsidiary of Ørsted applied to NMFS for an IHA in October 2021 (revised January 2022; CSA 2022) to support HRG surveys associated with the development of the Ocean Wind offshore wind project within BOEM Lease OCS-A 0532 (BOEM 2016, BOEM 2021a, CSA 2021). It should be noted that BOEM Lease OCS-A 0532 was previously assigned to BOEM Lease OCS-A 0498 (reassignment in March 2021; BOEM 2021a). NMFS subsequently issued an IHA to Ocean Wind II, LLC on 10 May 2022 (NMFS 2022). The 2022 Ocean Wind II IHA (NMFS 2022) replaced the 2021 Ocean Wind IHA (NMFS 2021), which expired during Ocean Wind 02 survey operations at midnight on 10 May 2022. This report includes protected species observation during survey operations corresponding to the active dates of the 2022 Ocean Wind II IHA (from 10 May 2022 through project completion). Both IHAs were valid for one year from the date of issuance and covered all HRG survey work in New Jersey coastal waters, including the OCS-A 0532 lease area and associated export cable routes (ECRs; Figure 1).

HRG surveys were conducted by the marine survey companies Fugro USA Marine, Inc. (Fugro) and Geodynamics. PSOs provided by A.I.S., Inc (AIS) and Smultea Environmental Sciences, LLC (Smultea Sciences), together referred to herein as PSO providers, were present aboard two HRG survey vessels, the Fugro Brasilis and the Substantial (Figures 2-3). The PSO providers were contracted by the marine survey companies to conduct BOEM and NMFS required monitoring and mitigation for protected species during the HRG surveys. PSO providers supplied PSOs and night vision equipment as required by the BOEM Lease OCS-A 0532, BOEM approved survey and monitoring plan (including the Alternative Monitoring Plan [AMP]), and the IHAs. Fugro provided vessel-mounted infrared (IR) camera systems for use by PSOs aboard the survey vessel Fugro Brasilis. Marine survey companies, survey vessels, and PSO providers who monitored from each respective vessel are provided in Table 1.

The primary on-site responsibilities of the PSO teams were to monitor for protected marine species (i.e., marine mammals, sea turtles, Atlantic sturgeon, and manta rays) and implement mitigation measures to avoid and minimize potential adverse impacts to those species. This was accomplished by conducting visual observations 24 hours per day utilizing infrared (IR) and night vision monitoring technologies during darkness. Specific mitigation measures for the survey and associated regulatory documents are described in the Section 4.

Smultea Sciences was contracted by Ørsted to prepare this PSO IHA Report for the Ocean Wind 02 2022 HRG surveys, combining all PSO monitoring and mitigation data for the two survey vessels that operated within the BOEM Lease OCS-A 0532 and associated

#### ECR corridors.

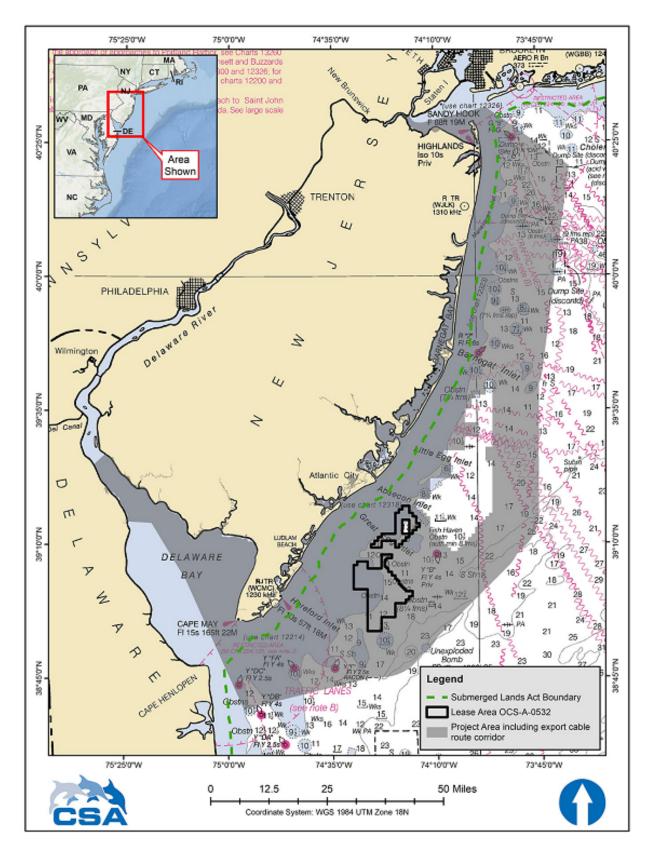


Figure 1. Ocean Wind 02 HRG survey area. Figure from the Ørsted Ocean Wind II IHA application (CSA 2022).

Table 1. Survey vessels, marine survey operators, and PSO providers that operated on the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

| Survey Vessel    | Marine Survey<br>Company | PSO Provider     |  |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|
| Offshore Vessel  |                          |                  |  |
| Fugro Brasilis   | Fugro                    | Smultea Sciences |  |
| Nearshore Vessel |                          |                  |  |
| Substantial      | Geodynamics              | AIS              |  |



Figure 2. Offshore survey vessel Fugro Brasilis. Photograph provided by Fugro.



Figure 3. Nearshore survey vessel *Substantial*. Photograph provided by Morgan Smith on behalf of Geodynamics.

## 3 Survey Overview

Survey activities were conducted by two survey vessels from 10 March through 17 July 2022. The nearshore vessel *Substantial* was in operation from 10 March through 02 June 2022, while the offshore vessel *Fugro Brasilis* was active from 08 April through 12 July 2022. The *Fugro Brasilis* conducted HRG survey operations on the Ørsted Sunrise Wind lease area from 13-17 July before returning to the Construction and Marine Equipment (CME) dock in Elizabeth, New Jersey on 17 July for demobilization of both projects. The complete timeline for HRG operations for each vessel is provided in Table 2, however the remainder of this report only includes data collected between 10 May and 12 July 2022.

Table 2. Summary of HRG events for the two survey vessels on the Ocean Wind 02 surveys.

| Event  | Date (2022) |
|--|-------------|
| Technical kick-off meeting at Fugro office in Lafayette, Louisiana and virtual   | 16 February |
| Technical kick-off meeting at Geodynamics office in Morehead City, North Carolina (NC)   | 18 February |
| Substantial mobilization and vessel kick-off meeting in Morehead City, NC  | 10-11 March |
| Substantial departs Beaufort, NC for testing location, returning to dock due to equipment issue  | 13 March    |
| Substantial departs Beaufort, NC and begins transit to Point Pleasant Beach New Jersey (NJ)  | 14-16 March |
| Substantial begins HRG equipment testing (daylight hours only), returning to dock in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ before darkness each day           | 18 March    |
| Fugro Brasilis mobilization and vessel kick-off meeting at CME dock in Elizabeth, NJ   | 08-10 April |
| Substantial begins HRG operations (daylight hours only) on Ocean Wind 02, returning to dock in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ before darkness each day | 11 April    |
| Fugro Brasilis departs CME in Elizabeth, NJ for survey area  | 11 April    |
| Fugro Brasilis begins 24-hour HRG equipment testing  | 11 April    |
| Fugro Brasilis begins 24-hour HRG operations on Ocean Wind 02  | 13 April    |
| Substantial completes HRG operations on Ocean Wind 02; demobilization in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ  | 02 June     |
| Fugro Brasilis completes HRG operations on Ocean Wind 02 and begins transit to Ørsted Sunrise Wind lease area                                    | 12 July     |
| PSO effort on Ocean Wind 02 complete   | 12 July     |
| Fugro Brasilis returns to CME dock in Elizabeth, NJ for demobilization   | 17 July     |

HRG survey equipment consisted of medium penetration SBP sparkers (single-channel ultra-high resolution seismic [S-UHRS] and multi-channel ultra-high resolution seismic [M-UHRS] configurations), multi-beam echosounders (MBES), parametric Innomar shallow-bottom SBPs, side-scan sonars (SSS), magnetometers (transverse gradiometers [TVG]), and ultra-short baseline (USBL) positioning systems. The sparker, Innomar SBP, and USBL equipment operated at frequencies below 200 kHz (Table 3).

Mitigation measures applied only to the sparker. Non-parametric SBPs also required mitigation (except for shutdowns) but only parametric SBPs were used on the two survey vessels.

Table 3. Geophysical survey equipment used on each vessel during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

| Survey Equipment                                  | Make              | Model                                 | Operating<br>Frequency (kHz) |  |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Offshore Survey Vessel Fugro Bras                 | silis             |                                       |                              |  |
| Multi-Beam Echosounder                            | Kongsberg         | EM2040                                | 200-400                      |  |
| Side-Scan Sonar                                   | Edgetech          | 4205                                  | 600/900                      |  |
| Magnetometer                                      | Geometrics        | G-882                                 | passive                      |  |
| Ultra-Short Baseline Positioning<br>System (USBL) | Kongsberg         | C-Node                                | 20-30                        |  |
| Medium Penetration SBP (S-UHRS and M-UHRS)        | GeoMarine         | Dual 400,<br>GeoSource 800<br>Sparker | 0.4-5                        |  |
| Parametric Shallow Penetration SBP                | Innomar           | SES 2000<br>Medium                    | 5-15                         |  |
| Nearshore Survey Vessel Substant                  | tial              |                                       |                              |  |
| Multi-Beam Echosounder                            | Kongsberg         | EM2040C                               | 200-400                      |  |
| Side-Scan Sonar                                   | Edgetech          | 4205                                  | 400/600/900/1600             |  |
| Magnetometer                                      | Geometrics        | G-882                                 | passive                      |  |
| Ultra-Short Baseline Positioning System           | Sonardyne         | MiniRanger 2                          | 19-34                        |  |
| Medium Penetration SBP (S-UHRS)                   | Applied Acoustics | Dura-Spark 400<br>UHD Sparker         | 0.3-1.2                      |  |
| Parametric Shallow Penetration SBP                | Innomar           | SES 2000<br>Medium                    | 5-15                         |  |

kHz = kilohertz, SBP = sub-bottom profiler, S-UHRS = single-channel ultra-high resolution seismic, M-UHRS = multi-channel ultra-high resolution seismic, UHD = ultra-high definition

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## 4 Monitoring and Mitigation Program

The protected species monitoring and mitigation program for the survey was established to satisfy the monitoring and mitigation requirements outlined in the Regulatory documents. The objectives of this program were to (1) minimize disturbance to protected species from HRG acoustic equipment operating below 200 kHz and (2) reduce the risk of vessel collision with protected species. Specific monitoring and mitigation regulations are described in detail in the following sections.

## 4.1 Protected Species Observers (PSOs)

The PSO team aboard the offshore survey vessel *Fugro Brasilis* was comprised of four PSOs, including one lead PSO and one or more additional senior PSOs to ensure an experienced PSO was available 24 hours per day. The nearshore vessel *Substantial* was staffed by a team of two PSOs, one of which was a lead PSO.

All PSOs met the minimum requirements identified by BOEM and NMFS in the Regulatory documents and were certified in basic offshore safety induction and emergency training (BOSIET) or an equivalent offshore safety certification. Prior to mobilization, PSOs were trained on specific project details and requirements including the identification, behavior, and occurrence of local protected species inhabiting the general survey area (i.e., northeastern US waters). Species identification guides and references were available at the PSO station on each vessel at all times.

PSOs monitored during all vessel operations, including transit to and from the survey area, equipment calibration, HRG survey operations, and when the vessel conducted weather patterns (i.e., weather standby and positioning the vessel to minimize pitch and roll during rough weather).

Monitoring occurred 24 hours on the offshore vessel *Fugro Brasilis*, with one PSO monitoring during daylight and two PSOs monitoring concurrently during darkness: one PSO used a handheld (HH) night vision device (NVD) and the second PSO monitored vessel-mounted Current Corp IR cameras. Passive acoustic monitoring (PAM) was not used to supplement visual monitoring during darkness on the *Fugro Brasilis*. Monitoring on the nearshore vessel *Substantial* was conducted only during daylight hours, with one PSO on watch.

PSOs maintained clear and effective communication at all times with the survey chain of command on and off the vessels. On board, PSOs attended the daily Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) meetings with the vessel and survey crew. Any project questions were addressed in that setting or as needed in real time.

#### 4.2 Visual Observation Methods

During the survey, PSOs conducted visual monitoring using four different methods: the unaided eye (UE, which includes systematic use of reticle binoculars [RB]), NVD, HH IR devices, and vessel-mounted IR camera systems. HH IR devices were available as backup to the mounted IR cameras on the *Fugro Brasilis*. PSOs aboard the *Substantial* also had access to a HH IR device, but the equipment was not used during the reporting period. Monitoring equipment available to PSOs on each vessel is summarized in Table 4;

model specifications for monitoring equipment are provided in Appendix A. PSO teams aboard each vessel also were provided with a digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera with 70–300-millimeter (mm) lenses to document visual detections of protected species and to verify species identification when possible.

Table 4. Monitoring equipment available on each vessel during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys. X indicates device was available for use by PSOs on the vessel.

| Survey<br>Vessel        | NVD<br>PVS-7<br>Biocular | NVD<br>PVS-14<br>Monocular | HH IR<br>FLIR BHM<br>6XR<br>Biocular | HH IR<br>FLIR<br>Scout III<br>640 | Vessel-<br>Mounted<br>Current Corp<br>Night<br>Navigator 3050<br>IR Camera | RB<br>(various<br>models) |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| Offshore Surve          | Offshore Survey Vessel   |                            |                                      |                                   |  |                           |  |  |
| Fugro Brasilis          | Х                        | Х                          | Х                                    | Х                                 | X  | Х                         |  |  |
| Nearshore Survey Vessel |                          |                            |                                      |                                   |  |                           |  |  |
| Substantial             |                          | ALL F                      |                                      | X                                 |  | Х                         |  |  |

HH = handheld, NVD = night vision device, IR = infrared, RB = reticle binocular

Visual monitoring was conducted from the bridge (inside and outside on the bridge wings) and forecastle decks on the *Fugro Brasilis* and from the flying bridge on the *Substantial*. These monitoring locations provided a 360° view of the water surrounding the survey equipment and vessel, offered the highest vantage points deemed safe for observers, and provided shelter from inclement weather. Visual observations were conducted outside as much as possible. Monitoring took place from inside the bridge when weather and/or high sea states made observation conditions detrimental to equipment or personal safety.

The distance to the unobstructed horizon at sea was calculated for each monitoring location on the vessels using known observer eye height and deck height above water and applying trigonometry and corrections for curvature of the earth (Table 5). Individual PSO eye heights and deck heights were measured prior to the surveys during mobilization. This information was entered into  $Mysticetus^{TM}$  observation software (Mysticetus) data collection system, which then automatically calculated distance to visual detections and plotted them on the Mysticetus digital map interface.

Table 5. Distance to the horizon from each observing location on each vessel used during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

| Vessel           | Monitoring<br>Location | Height of Deck<br>(m) | Height of Deck (m)<br>+ 1.6 m <sup>1</sup> | Distance to<br>Horizon (km) |  |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Offshore Vessel  | -                      | -                     | -  |                             |  |
| Fugro Brasilis   | Bridge Deck            | 10.7                  | 12.3                                       | 12.5                        |  |
| Fugro Brasilis   | Forecastle Deck        | 8.01                  | 9.61                                       | 11.1                        |  |
| Nearshore Vessel |                        |                       |  |                             |  |
| Substantial      | Flying Bridge          | 2.45                  | 4.05                                       | 7.2                         |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1.6 m is the average eye height based on the average male (5 feet 9 inches) and female (5 feet 4 inches) heights minus 4 inches to adjust to eye height.

Positioning of PSOs on the bridge and bridge wings allowed for clear and effective communication with the vessel crew and survey team, which facilitated quick mitigation requests and implementation. Additionally, PSOs carried HH radios for communication with bridge and survey crews. PSOs rotated on-watch shifts every 1 to 4 hours to avoid

observer fatigue, with a minimum 2-hour rest period after shifts of 4 hours. Time onwatch for each observer did not exceed 12 hours in a 24-hour period.

During survey operations, PSOs monitored 360° around their vessel. While underway (when the vessels were moving between survey locations or transiting to/from port), PSOs focused monitoring forward and to approximately 90° on either side of their vessel heading, occasionally scanning astern in a sweeping pattern. Crew aboard the vessel also watched for protected species (insofar as practical) and alerted the PSOs in the event of a protected species detection.

All methods of visual monitoring (UE, NVD, HH IR, and mounted IR) complemented each other depending on the environmental and vessel conditions, thus enabling PSOs to effectively monitor the applicable mitigation zones.

### 4.2.1 Visual Observations in Daylight

During daylight hours, which was defined as the period between civil twilight rise and set (i.e., when the sun is higher than 6° below the horizon), PSOs scanned the waters surrounding the vessel in a sweeping pattern with the unaided eye (UE) and reticle binoculars (RB) as needed. RB were used to confirm species' identification, group size, behavior, to estimate distance to the animal(s), and to scan for smaller or less-demonstrative species. The tradeoff for increased magnification with RBs was a narrower field of view (FOV); alternating between the two methods was an effective means of covering the entire visible surrounding area during daylight.

Daylight observations were dependent on weather conditions, particularly cloud cover, and would occasionally begin late or end early if there was insufficient ambient light to monitor the mitigation zones without the aid of NVD or IR device.

Estimates of distance to visual detections were made using the built-in RB reticles when conditions allowed (i.e., when the horizon was visible), by comparing an animal's location to objects or other vessels at a known distance (including use of the vessel's radar), and/or by previous observer training and experience in estimating distances.

#### 4.2.2 Visual Observations in Darkness

Visual monitoring during darkness (i.e., nighttime; defined as the period between civil twilight set and rise) was accomplished with the aid of low light technologies, including NVD and IR devices (HH or mounted; Table 4). Only the offshore vessel *Fugro Brasilis* conducted 24-hour HRG survey operations and thus required observations during darkness. Two PSOs were on watch during darkness, one monitoring with NVD and one monitoring a pair of mounted Current Corp IR cameras.

The PSO monitoring with NVD on the *Fugro Brasilis* scanned the waters surrounding the vessel in the same sweeping pattern employed during daylight. To reduce eye strain from NVD use, the PSO would periodically monitor with the UE. Monitoring with the NVD was primarily conducted from outside, as this optimized performance of the NVD. However, if weather conditions were not suitable for the PSO to safely monitor from outside, they would conduct watch from inside the bridge. Whether monitoring from inside or outside, bridge and forward deck lighting were set to the lowest level that would safely allow movement in those areas.

The second PSO on the Fugro Brasilis monitored continuous, live IR video feeds from two

vessel mounted IR cameras from inside the bridge. Video was displayed on external monitors that interfaced with the laptop running *Mysticetus*. The two Current Corp Night Navigator 3050 IR cameras were mounted on the forecastle deck, one port and one starboard. Both IR cameras were set to scan 180° port or starboard of the bow, ensuring near 360° around the vessel (excluding obstructions). The PSO would assume manual control of camera scanning to investigate objects of interest, including potential protected species detections. HH IR devices were available for use on the *Fugro Brasilis* in the event of a mounted IR camera system failure.

Monitoring with the UE was, however, possible with the aid of vessel lighting (back deck lighting and spotlights). Back deck lights remained on for safety during all periods of darkness. PSOs reported that when these deck lights were on, the waters approximately 30 to 50 m abeam, 30 to 200 m off the bow, and 30 to 200 m off the stern were sufficiently illuminated for them to observe using only the UE. Spotlights were typically only used on request or when the bridge crew was attempting to locate and track fishing gear during darkness.

Detection distances during darkness were estimated from known reference distances and professional judgement based on observations during daylight for NVD, HH IR, and mounted IR camera detections. None of the devices have built-in distance estimation functions.

## 4.3 Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures for the surveys were identified in the BOEM lease, BOEM limited waiver, BOEM PDC, and NMFS IHA. Where regulations differed among documents the more conservative measure was implemented in nearly all cases. Summary graphics of the mitigation measures described below are provided in Appendix B.

HRG acoustic equipment that operated at frequencies below 200 kHz included the sparker, Innomar SBP, and USBL (Table 3). Mitigation measures applied only to the sparker. Although not used on the surveys, non-parametric SBPs also required mitigation (except for shutdowns).

Mitigation measures were requested by PSOs and implemented by the survey crew aboard the vessels throughout the surveys whenever safe to do so.

#### 4.3.1 Pre-Clearance Monitoring

Pre-clearance monitoring zones were established and monitored prior to the activation of HRG survey equipment operating below 200 kHz. The size of the pre-clearance monitoring zones was species or group specific. Each zone was centered around the relevant HRG equipment. Pre-clearance monitoring zones were as follows:

- 500 m for NARW, ESA-listed whales, unidentified large whales, and sea turtles
- 100 m all other marine mammals\*
- \* The pre-clearance monitoring zone increased to 500 m for all protected species, except dolphins, prior to activation of the sparker per an Ørsted eNGO agreement.

Prior to activating HRG survey equipment below 200 kHz, the above noted pre-clearance monitoring zones must be clear of marine mammals and sea turtles for the durations noted below:

- 15 minutes for small odontocetes and pinnipeds
- 30 minutes for all other marine mammals and sea turtles

Visibility of at least 500 m was required for the full duration of pre-clearance. If the 500 m monitoring zone was not visible, the pre-clearance period could not begin and HRG source activation would be delayed until at least the full duration of pre-clearance had elapsed after reestablishing full 500 m visibility.

## 4.3.2 Ramp-Up Procedures

If technically feasible, HRG survey equipment operating below 200 kHz should be ramped up by progressively increasing the acoustic output from a minimum output to the maximum survey output. Both the BOEM lease (Addendum C stipulation 4.4.6.8) and IHA (stipulation 4[d]) require ramp-up procedures. The sparker was the only HRG system capable of ramp-up prior to surveying at the full operational output. The sparker ramp-up procedure was as follows: discharge at shot point intervals of 60 seconds for the first 5 minutes; 30 seconds for the next 5 minutes; 15 seconds for the following 5 minutes; and 1 second for the last 5 minutes, totaling a 20-minute ramp-up. Sparker ramp up was implemented upon initial start up after the completion of pre-clearance and following sparker shutdowns.

## 4.3.3 Delay to Source Activation or Ramp-Up

The activation of HRG survey equipment operating below 200 kHz was delayed if marine mammals or sea turtles were observed within their respective monitoring zones during pre-clearance. Ramp-up or source activation would be delayed until the designated pre-clearance times noted above in Section 4.3.1 had elapsed from the last detection of the marine mammal or sea turtle within its respective monitoring zone.

#### 4.3.4 Exclusion Zones\*

After HRG sources were activated, PSOs continued monitoring designated areas around the center location of survey equipment operating below 200 kHz known as exclusion zones (EZs). As with the pre-clearance monitoring zones, the size of EZs were species or group specific. EZs were as follows:

- 500 m for NARW and unidentified large whales
- 100 m for all other large whales, harbor porpoise, long-finned pilot whale, and Risso's dolphin
- No EZ required for seals and the following dolphin species: Atlantic-white sided, Atlantic spotted, common bottlenose, and common

#### 4.3.5 Protected Species Shutdown

The sparker was immediately shutdown, including during ramp-up, when a marine mammal was detected within or about to enter its respective EZ whether due to the animal's movement, the vessel's movement, or because the marine mammal surfaced within its EZ. Dolphin species from the genera *Delphinus*, *Lagenorhynchus*, *Stenella*, and *Tursiops* that actively or voluntarily approached the vessel and/or sparker did not require a shutdown. Sea turtles were also exempt from shutdowns.

<sup>\*</sup> The EZ increased to 500 m for all protected species, except dolphins, when the sparker was active per an Ørsted eNGO agreement.

Reactivation or ramp up of the HRG equipment shut down was permitted as soon as was practically possible after the animal(s) was seen leaving its respective EZ or after the following periods had elapsed from the last detection of the animal(s) inside the EZ:

- 15 minutes for small odontocetes and pinnipeds
- 30 minutes for all other marine mammals

## 4.3.6 Reduced Visibility Shutdown

If visibility diminished to less than 500 m while the sparker had to be shutdown until visibility improved. Pre-clearance and ramp-up procedures as described above (Sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2) were completed prior to reactivation of survey equipment.

### 4.3.7 Non-Biological and Mechanical Pauses in HRG Equipment

HRG survey equipment below 200 kHz could be reactivated at full power as soon as was possible after a non-biological or mechanical pause in activity of less than 30 minutes if:

- protected species observations were continuous,
- the EZs were clear of protected species, and
- all EZs were fully visible during the pause in source activity.

If the above conditions were not met, or the pause in source activity was greater than 30 minutes, a full pre-clearance and ramp-up (sparker) were required to resume operations.

### 4.3.8 Vessel Strike-Avoidance for Survey Vessels

While underway, either during survey operations or transit, PSOs, bridge crew, and survey crew were required to monitor the area and ensure the species or group specific separation zones listed below for marine mammals and sea turtles were maintained.

- 50 m from any small cetacean, pinniped, or sea turtle (exceptions for voluntary approaches)
- 100 m from any ESA-listed whales and humpbacks
- 500 m from NARW and unidentified large marine mammals

Vessels were required not to exceed 10 knots (kt) at any time while within NARW Seasonal Management Area (SMA) or Dynamic Management Area (DMA) established for aggregations of NARW as observed by aerial and ship-based observers. Vessels were further required to operate at 10 kt or less when in the presence of any mother/calf pairs, pods, or large assemblages of marine mammals observed near the underway vessel. Vessel operators were also required to maintain the separation distances noted to prevent potential strikes.

If any animal was detected within the separation distance while the vessel was underway, required mitigation varied by species. The vessel was not permitted to divert course to approach small cetaceans, pinnipeds, or sea turtles. If a small cetacean or pinniped approached the vessel underway, the vessel was required to avoid excessive speed or abrupt changes in direction.

If a large whale, other than a NARW, was within the defined 100 m separation distance, the vessel was required to reduce speed and shift to neutral, if possible, until the whale was beyond 100 m.

If a NARW was within 100 m, the vessel would reduce speed and shift to neutral, if possible, until the whale was beyond 100 m. The vessel could not engage engines if the vessel was stationary while a NARW was detected within 100 m until the animal moved beyond 100 m. If a NARW was detected within the 500 m separation distance while the vessel was towing gear and restricted in the ability to maneuver, the vessel would reduce speed and steer course away from the whale.

### 4.3.9 North Atlantic Right Whale Mitigation Measures

Mitigation measures specific to NARWs were implemented during the survey. The PSO teams regularly monitored the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Right Whale Sighting Advisory System (RWSAS), WhaleMap, and/or Whale Alert App for the establishment of DMAs and for the presence of any NARWs in or near the survey area.

A DMA is any area designated by NMFS consisting of a regulatory polygon centered on a confirmed aggregation of NARWs within which vessels must not exceed 10 kt. The PSO on duty checked the NOAA RWSAS at least once every four hours. If a DMA was established in or near the survey area, the lead PSO would immediately inform the designated survey point of contact on the vessel and ensure that Ørsted was notified. Each time a DMA check was undertaken by the PSO a column was marked in the *Mysticetus* data entry form and was automatically time stamped, georeferenced, and linked to any relevant comments. PSOs were also aware of all NARW SMAs within or near the survey area. All vessels more than 19.8 m long were not to exceed 10 kt when within DMAs and/or SMAs to reduce the risk of ship collisions with NARWs.

In addition, PSOs on the vessel prepared NMFS sighting reports for all NARWs detected from a survey vessel, including photographs, when possible, for Ørsted to submit to NMFS. *Mysticetus* automatically sent out alert texts and/or email notifications to Ørsted, Fugro, Geodynamics, and the PSO providers upon entry of a NARW sighting in the *Mysticetus* software.

## 4.4 Data Collection and Analysis Methods

Consistent data collection protocols were applied to all survey operations and analyses. PSOs documented all protected species detections and effort throughout all project operations. All data identified in the regulatory documents were collected in a predetermined template on a laptop using *Mysticetus*. Effort data consisted of environmental variables, vessel activity, and survey activity. Effort data were recorded every 30 minutes when PSOs were on effort, when monitoring conditions changed, and during each protected species detection.

Effort data are summarized as two different categories: monitoring effort and PSO effort. Monitoring effort captures any time when at least one visual or acoustic PSO was on watch. Monitoring effort, by definition, cannot exceed 24 hours in a single day. Regardless of how many PSOs conducted active monitoring during a given day, monitoring effort is present across a range of environmental and operational conditions and is reported as both time (e.g., hours) and vessel track line distance (e.g., kilometers). PSO effort is the total PSO person-hours allocated to monitoring for protected species across all monitoring methods (e.g., UE, NVDs, and mounted IR camera system). PSO effort, therefore, can exceed 24 hours in a day to reflect all hours of monitoring across all PSOs independently. PSO effort is presented across different

monitoring methods to compare the relative detection effectiveness between methods. PSO hours are also summarized based on daylight versus darkness, HRG sound source operating below 200 kHz on versus off, and which HRG sources were operational.

For each protected species detection, PSOs reported the lowest taxonomic level of identification for which they were confident, down to species when possible. Detection distances, including closest point of approach (CPA), were measured or estimated from the animal to the CPA to sound sources and/or CPA to PSO. For every detection, protected species movements relative to the vessel and/or sound source, initial and secondary behaviors, and any behavioral reactions were recorded based on a predefined protocol. A list of behaviors, behavioral reactions, and their corresponding definitions are provided in Appendix C.

Detection rates were used to standardize the number of detections by PSO unit of effort. Detection rates were calculated as the number of detections per hour of PSO effort. For different/alternative monitoring devices, detection rates were calculated as the number of detections by monitoring method, divided by the number of hours of PSO effort for each respective method. Hours were used as the effort until for detection rate analysis because trackline distance in km was not considered appropriate, as some vessels alternated between stationary and underway (i.e., moving) periods, and vessels were not traversing a survey corridor designed for systematic biological sampling.

## 4.4.1 Estimating Number of Potential Marine Mammal Exposures

NMFS defines a Level B harassment, or a "take by harassment," for marine mammals as any exposure to sound levels that could potentially result in temporary threshold shift (TTS) or a behavioral disturbance to the animals (NMFS 2018). NMFS considers a Level B take to occur at anthropogenic sound levels greater than or equal to 120 dB re 1  $\mu$ Pa m RMS for continuous sound and 160 dB re 1  $\mu$ Pa m RMS for intermittent sound that is either impulsive or non-impulsive. The sparker was the only HRG sound source operating below 200 kHz used during the survey determined to have the potential to result in Level B harassment. Although not used during the survey, non-parametric SBP (CHIRPS) also had the potential to result in Level B harassment.

Level A take is defined as injury or mortality to marine mammals and occurs at higher acoustic thresholds than Level B harassment, which also vary by species based on their hearing sensitivity (NMFS 2018). The maximum estimated Level A harassment isopleth was less than less than 1 m (cumulative sound exposure level [SEL24h]) for all cetacean hearing groups (Table 6, CSA 2021, CSA 2022). Thus, the risk of Level A exposure from active HRG equipment of any kind was considered highly unlikely. Level A take is not typically authorized by NMFS for HRG survey activities and it is assumed that project mitigation measures will protect marine mammals from Level A exposures as well as the vast majority of potential Level B exposures. Furthermore, what does or does not rise to the level of take is assessed and determined solely by NMFS on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, only potential Level B exposure estimates are reported herein.

Distances to the Level A and Level B exposure thresholds for equipment meeting or exceeding NMFS exposure guidelines were calculated on behalf of Ørsted by CSA Ocean Sciences Inc. (CSA) in the Application for Incidental Harassment Authorization for the Non-Lethal Taking of Marine Mammals: Site Characterization Surveys (CSA 2021, CSA 2022). The Level B isopleth was modeled to 141 m for the sparker system. The Level B harassment zones were modeled for all HRG survey equipment below 200 kHz, however

only non-parametric SBPs, boomers, and sparkers were expected to result in Level B exposures (Table 6). A GeoMarine sparker was deployed on the *Fugro Brasilis* and an Applied Acoustics (AA) Dura-Spark ultra-high definition (UHD) sparker was deployed on the *Substantial* (Table 3).

Table 6. Maximum distance to weighted Level A and unweighted Level B thresholds for HRG survey equipment below 200 kHz included in take analysis for all marine mammal hearing groups (CSA 2021, CSA 2022).

| Source            |   | Distance<br>to Level B<br>Threshold<br>(m) |                     |            |                     |            |  |  |
|-------------------|---|--|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|--|--|
|                   | LF  | MF   | HF                  | HF         | PW                  | All        |  |  |
|                   | (SEL <sub>24h</sub>                                 | (SEL <sub>24h</sub>                        | (SEL <sub>24h</sub> | (PK        | (SEL <sub>24h</sub> | (SPL       |  |  |
|                   | threshold)  | threshold)                                 | threshold)          | threshold) | threshold)          | threshold) |  |  |
| Non-Impulsive, No | Non-Impulsive, Non-Parametric, Shallow SBP (CHIRPs) |  |                     |            |                     |            |  |  |
| ET 216 CHIRP      | <1  | <1   | <1                  | -          | <1                  | 9          |  |  |
| ET 424 CHIRP      | <1  | <1   | <1                  | 54-        | <1                  | 4          |  |  |
| ET512i CHIRP      | <1  | <1   | <1                  |            | <1                  | 6          |  |  |
| GeoPulse 5430     | <1  | <1   | 21                  | 4          | <1                  | 21         |  |  |
| TB CHIRP III      | 1.5   | <1   | 18                  | -          | <1                  | 48         |  |  |
| Pangeo SBI        | <1  | <1   | 3.5                 | -          | <1                  | 22         |  |  |
| Impulsive, Mediun | n SBP (Boom   | er and Sparke                              | rs)                 |            |                     |            |  |  |
| AA Triple Plate   | ~ <i>/</i> /  |  |                     |            |                     |            |  |  |
| S-Boom            | <1  | 0  | 0                   | 4.7        | 0                   | 34         |  |  |
| (700/1000J)       |   |  |                     | •          | (5)                 |            |  |  |
| AA Dura-Spark     | <1  | 0  | 0                   | 2.8        |                     | 141        |  |  |
| UHD Sparkers      | ,   | 0  | 0                   | 2.0        |                     | 141        |  |  |
| GeoMarine         | <1  | 0  | 0                   | 2.8        | 0                   | 141        |  |  |
| Sparkers          |   |  | ì                   | /-         | 7 =                 |            |  |  |

 $\mu$ Pa = micro pascal; AA = Applied Acoustics; CHIRP = compressed high-intensity radiated pulses; dB = decibel; ET = Edgetech; HF = high-frequency; J = joules; LF= low-frequency; MF = mid-frequency; PK = zero to peak sound pressure level in dB re 1  $\mu$ Pa; PW = phocids in water; re= referenced to; SBI = sub-bottom imager; SBP = sub-bottom profiler; SEL<sub>24h</sub> = cumulative sound exposure level in dB re 1  $\mu$ Pa<sup>2</sup> s; SPL = root-mean-square sound pressure level; TB = Teledyne benthos; UHD = ultra-high definition.

The number of potential exposures was based on direct observations of protected species within this 141 m Level B isopleth of the sparker when in operation. The estimated number of animals detected within this distance were considered potential exposures.

## 5 Results

Monitoring effort and protected species detection data collected by PSOs aboard the *Fugro Brasilis* and *Substantial* from 10 May through 12 July 2022 during the Ocean Wind 02 surveys are summarized in the following sections.

Please note that any discrepancies in table totals are due to rounding.

## 5.1 Monitoring Effort

PSOs aboard the *Fugro Brasilis* and *Substantial* accrued a combined total 9992.9 km of vessel trackline while PSOs were monitoring for protected species during 1599.7 hours of monitoring effort (Table 7). Monitoring effort was greater during daylight hours than during darkness, with 1107.1 hours and 492.6 hours during darkness. Trackline coverage was also greater during daylight at 7084.3 km than during darkness at 2908.6 km. Figures 4 and 5 provide vessel tracklines for the *Fugro Brasilis* and *Substantial* respectively. The same vessel tracklines were separated by daylight and darkness in Figures 6 and 7.

The majority of PSO monitoring efforts (70%) took place while HRG sources below 200 kHz were active, of which the sparker was active for 74% of that time. Vessel tracklines for the *Fugro Brasilis* and *Substantial* were separated by HRG sources active and inactive in Figures 8 and 9.

Monitoring effort was completed primarily during survey operations, weather standby (including periods of weather related delays and shutdowns), and transit (Figure 10).

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Table 7: Monitoring effort (hours) and vessel trackline in km completed by the *Fugro Brasilis* and *Substantial* during daylight and darkness, as well as when HRG equipment operating below 200 kHz were active and inactive.

| Survey<br>Vessel | Daylight |        | Darkness |        | HRG Equipment <200 kHz Active |        | HRG Equipment<br><200 kHz<br>Inactive |        | Sparker Active |        | Sparker Inactive |        | Totals  |        |
|------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------------|--------|---------|--------|
|                  | Effort   | TL     | Effort   | TL     | Effort                        | TL     | Effort                                | TL     | Effort         | TL     | Effort           | TL     | Effort  | TL     |
|                  | (hours)  | (km)   | (hours)  | (km)   | (hours)                       | (km)   | (hours)                               | (km)   | (hours)        | (km)   | (hours)          | (km)   | (hours) | (km)   |
| Offshore vessel  |          |        |          |        |                               |        |                                       |        |                |        |                  |        |         |        |
| Fugro Brasilis   | 947.0    | 5722.8 | 492.6    | 2908.6 | 1029.1                        | 6638.1 | 410.5                                 | 1993.3 | 766.7          | 5320.6 | 672.9            | 3310.8 | 1439.6  | 8631.4 |
| Nearshore Vessel |          |        |          |        |                               |        |                                       |        |                |        |                  |        |         |        |
| Substantial      | 160.1    | 1361.5 | 0 _      | 0      | 97.3                          | 660.9  | 62.8                                  | 700.6  | 65.7           | 441.9  | 94.4             | 919.6  | 160.1   | 1361.5 |
| Total            | 1107.1   | 7084.3 | 492.6    | 2908.6 | 1126.4                        | 7299.0 | 473.3                                 | 2693.9 | 832.4          | 5762.5 | 767.3            | 4230.4 | 1599.7  | 9992.9 |

TL = trackline, km = kilometers

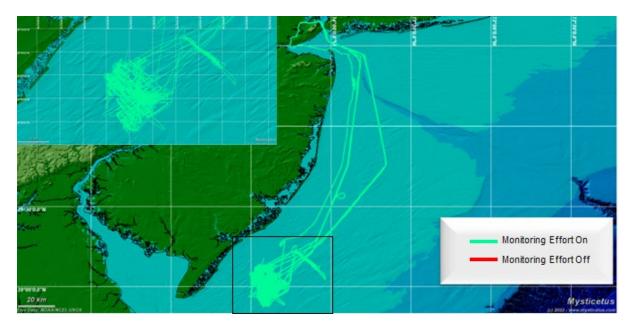


Figure 4. Fugro Brasilis tracklines for the survey. Green tracks correspond to periods when PSOs were on effort (monitoring) and red tracks when PSOs were off effort (not monitoring). Map inset is an enlargement of the sourthern portion of the track within the OCS-A 0532 lease (black box).

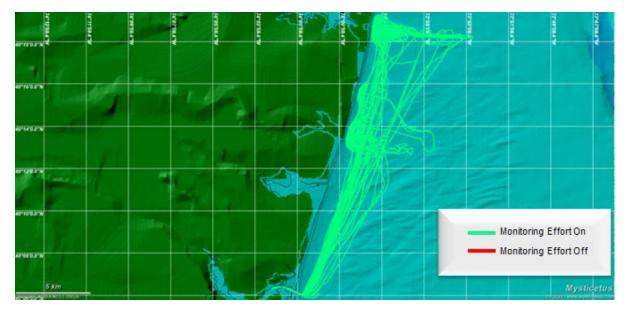


Figure 5. Substantial tracklines for the survey. Green tracks correspond to periods when PSOs were on effort (monitoring) and red tracks when PSOs were off effort (not monitoring).

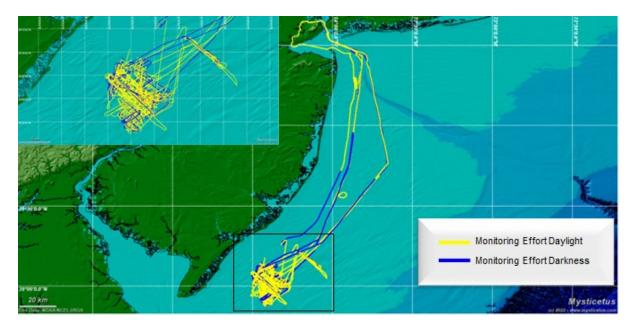


Figure 6. Fugro Brasilis tracklines showing PSO monitoring effort during daylight (yellow tracks) and darkness (blue tracks). Map inset is an enlargement of the sourthern portion of the track within the OCS-A 0532 lease (black box).

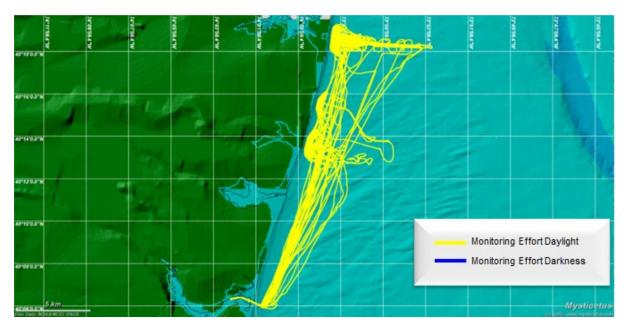


Figure 7. Substantial tracklines showing PSO monitoring effort during daylight (yellow tracks) and darkness (blue tracks).

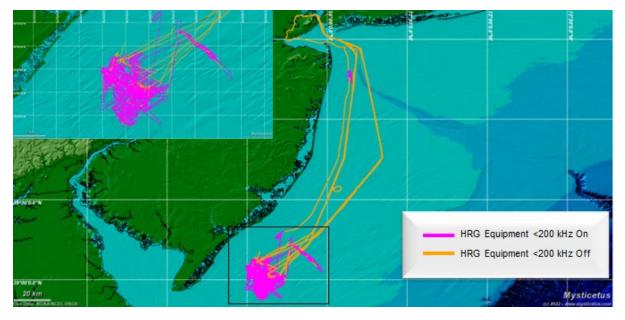


Figure 8. Fugro Brasilis tracklines showing PSO effort when HRG equipment operating below 200 kHz was active (on; pink tracks) and inactive (off; orange tracks). Map inset is an enlargement of the sourthern portion of the track within the OCS-A 0532 lease (black box).

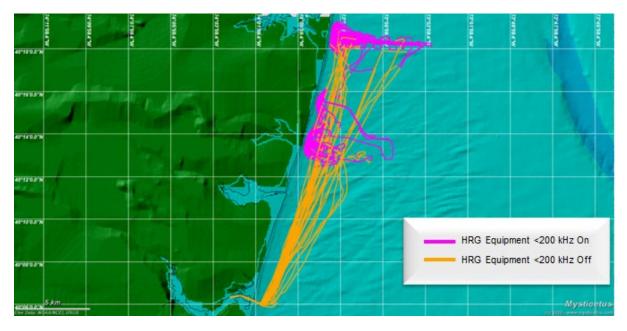


Figure 9. Substantial tracklines showing PSO effort when HRG equipment operating below 200 kHz was active (on; pink tracks) and inactive (off; orange tracks).

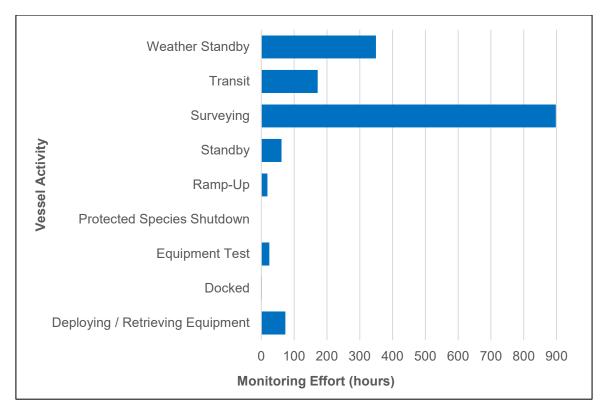


Figure 10. Monitoring effort by vessel activity during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

## 5.2 Monitoring Conditions

Environmental conditions, such as Beaufort sea state (B) and atmospheric conditions can influence a PSO's ability to detect marine mammals visually, therefore details on various environmental conditions were recorded by the PSOs every 30 minutes or when conditions changed. Conditions were relatively consistent for the duration of the survey, with 68% of monitoring effort during Beaufort sea states of B2 and B3 (Figure 11) and 61% of effort with clear and partly cloudy atmospheric conditions (Figure 12).

An overall visual quality metric was developed to classify conditions for visual observations by combining Beaufort sea state and visual distance. The three visual quality classifications were determined as follows:

- Good: sea state B0-B3 and/or a visual distance of 2-10 km,
- Moderate: sea state B4 and/or a visual distance of 0.5 ≥ 1 km, and
- Poor: sea state >B4 and/or a visual distance of 0.5 km or less.

Good visual quality was prevalent during the day (65% of effort during daylight and 45% of the total monitoring effort), with both low Beaufort sea states and high visual distances experienced on most days (Figure 13). Moderate visual quality was experienced for 83% of monitoring effort during darkness (39% of the total monitoring effort).

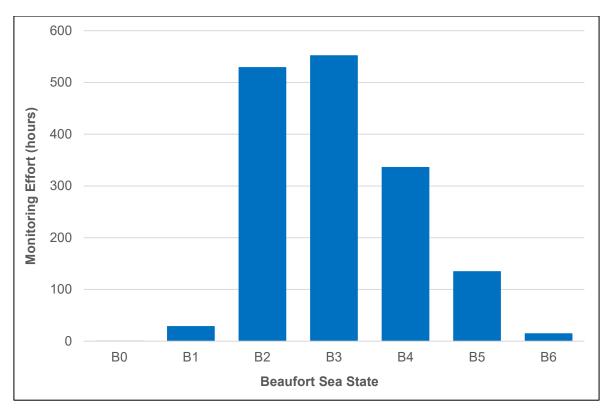


Figure 11. Monitoring effort by Beaufort sea state (B) during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

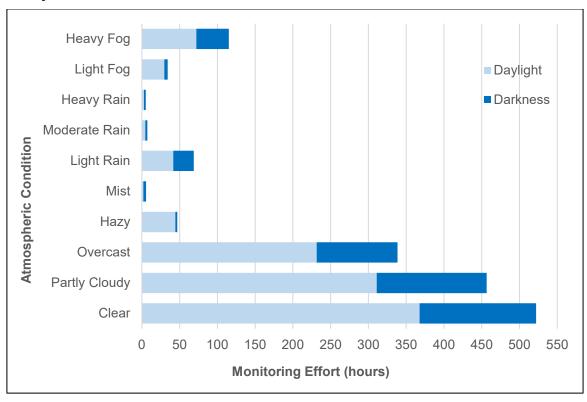


Figure 12. Monitoring effort during the various atmospheric conditions experienced during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys for periods of daylight and darkness.

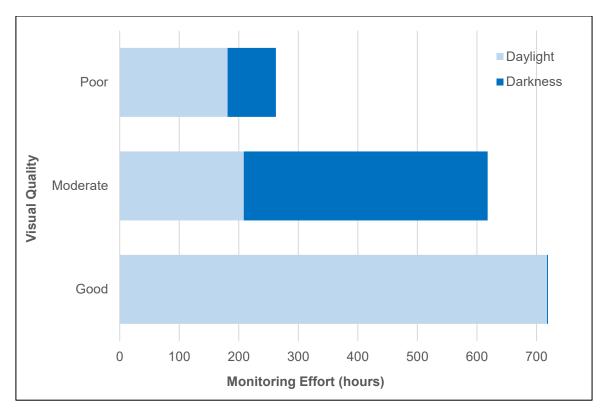


Figure 13. Monitoring effort with good (sea state of B0-3 and/or visual distance of 2-10 km), moderate (sea state of B4 and/or visual distance of 0.5 ≥ 1 km), or poor (sea state of >B4 and/or a visual distance of 0.5 km or less) visual quality for daylight and darkness during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

### 5.3 PSO Effort

The cumulative PSO effort across all monitoring methods was 2120.6 hours (Table 8). The difference in PSO effort and monitoring effort is attributed to periods when two PSOs conducted protected species monitoring simultaneously, often using different monitoring methods (NVD and mounted IR cameras, for example, as was the case on the *Fugro Brasilis*). By definition, PSO effort can exceed 24 hours in a day to reflect all hours of monitoring across all PSOs independently.

Daylight monitoring of the mounted IR cameras was due to overlap with UE visual monitoring prior to civil twilight set.

PSO effort during daylight accounted for just over half (54%) of the total PSO effort, which was primarily attributed to the nearshore vessel *Substantial* operating only during daylight hours. PSO effort during daylight and darkness was near equal on the *Fugro Brasilis*, with only 10 hours of additional PSO effort during darkness (985.3 hours) compared to daylight (975.3 hours).

Table 8. PSO effort (hours) by monitoring method and vessel during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

| Monitoring Method              | Effort by Monitoring Method (hours) |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Monitoring Method              | Daylight                            | Darkness | Total Effort |  |  |  |  |  |
| Offshore Vessel Fugro Brasilis |                                     |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| UE                             | 947.0                               | 0        | 947.0        |  |  |  |  |  |
| NVD                            | 0                                   | 492.6    | 492.6        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mounted IR Camera              | 28.3                                | 492.6    | 520.9        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nearshore Vessel Substantial   |                                     |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| UE                             | 160.1                               | 0        | 160.1        |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                |                                     |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Both Vessels Combined          |                                     |          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| UE                             | 1107.1                              | 0        | 1107.1       |  |  |  |  |  |
| NVD                            | 0                                   | 492.6    | 492.6        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mounted IR Camera              | 28.3                                | 492.6    | 520.9        |  |  |  |  |  |
| PSO Effort                     | 1135.4                              | 985.2    | 2120.6       |  |  |  |  |  |

UE = unaided eye, NVD = night vision device, IR = infrared

## 5.4 Protected Species Detections

The PSOs recorded a total of 101 protected species detections (51 marine mammal and 50 sea turtle) composed of an estimated 282 individuals (Table 9). Unidentified dolphins and loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) were the most frequently detected group/species at 25 and 31 detections respectively. Unidentified mysticete whales were the most frequently observed mysticete whale with six detections, each consisting of a single whale. NARWs (*Eubalaena glacialis*) or other ESA-listed marine mammal species were not confirmed by PSO observations, and no Atlantic sturgeon were detected.

Two of the six unidentified mysticetus whales observed by PSOs were noted as "possible humpbacks," a third was recorded as having a "gray/blue" fluke, and a fourth displayed a series of tall, narrow blows, suggesting none of these four whales were NARWs. The other two unidentified mysticete whales had short, bushy blows, and no diagnostic identification features were observed. The locations of all protected species for the two survey vessels are provided in Figures 14 and 15. Sea turtle detection locations for the Fugro Brasilis are provided in Figure 16. A complete list of all protected species detections is provided in Appendix D. Protected species detection photographs are provided in Appendix E.

More than half (63%) of the protected species detections occurred while HRG acoustic sources operating below 200 kHz were active, of which the sparker was active for 77% of those detections (Table 9). The overall mean CPAs to the sparker and other HRG equipment operating below 200 kHz were 225 m and 542 m respectively (Table 10). Delphinids and sea turtles had lower CPAs to HRG sources than mysticete whales.

Nearly all (91%) of the protected species detections were made using the UE (Table 11). There were nine detections using NVD during darkness, all of which were of sea turtles. Protected species were not detected on the mounted IR cameras. Although NVD and mounted IR cameras were monitored simultaneously during darkness, there were no concurrent detections of protected species. Protected species detection rates (detections per hour of PSO effort) were 0.083 (UE), 0.018 (NVD), and 0 (mounted IR camera; Table 12).

Table 9. Total number of protected species detections and estimated number of individuals detected during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys while HRG equipment operating below 200 kHz were inactive (off) and active (on). Detections made while HRG sources below 200 kHz were active is further broken down to when the sparker was inactive and active. Atlantic sturgeon were not detected.

|                                 |                            | HRG Sources<br><200 kHz Inactive |                       | HR                   | G Sources             | Total                |                       |                      |                       |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Species                         | Scientific Name            |                                  |                       | Sparker Inactive     |                       |                      |                       | Sparker Active       |                       |
| Openios                         | Coloniano Namo             | Number<br>Detections             | Number<br>Individuals | Number<br>Detections | Number<br>Individuals | Number<br>Detections | Number<br>Individuals | Number<br>Detections | Number<br>Individuals |
| Mysticete                       |                            |                                  |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |
| Humpback Whale                  | Megaptera novaeangliae     | 1                                | 1                     | 1                    | 1                     | 0                    | 0                     | 2                    | 2                     |
| Minke Whale                     | Balaenoptera acutorostrata | 0                                | 0                     | 0                    | 0                     | 1                    | 1                     | 1                    | 1                     |
| Unidentified<br>Mysticete Whale | n/a                        | 3                                | 3                     | 1                    | 1                     | 2                    | 2                     | 6                    | 6                     |
| Odontocete                      |                            |                                  |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |
| Bottlenose Dolphin              | Tursiops truncatus         | 12                               | 75                    | 1                    | 4                     | 3                    | 3                     | 16                   | 82                    |
| Unidentified<br>Dolphin         | n/a                        | 16                               | 91                    | 5                    | 26                    | 4                    | 19                    | 25                   | 136                   |
| Unidentified<br>Porpoise        | n/a                        | 1                                | 5                     | 0                    | 0                     | 0                    | 0                     | 1                    | 5                     |
| Sea Turtles                     |                            | ı                                | l                     | •                    | l                     | l                    |                       | l                    |                       |
| Kemp's Ridley Sea<br>Turtle     | Lepidochelys kempii        | 0                                | 0                     | 0                    | 0                     | 1                    | 1                     | 1                    | 1                     |
| Leatherback Sea<br>Turtle       | Dermochelys coriacea       | 1                                | 1                     | 1                    | 1                     | 4                    | 4                     | 6                    | 6                     |
| Loggerhead Sea<br>Turtle        | d Sea Caretta caretta      |                                  | 2                     | 6                    | 6                     | 23                   | 23                    | 31                   | 31                    |
| Unidentified Sea<br>Turtle      | n/a                        | 1                                | 1                     | 0                    | 0                     | 11                   | 11                    | 12                   | 12                    |
|                                 | 37                         | 179                              | 15                    | 39                   | 49                    | 64                   | 101                   | 282                  |                       |

kHz = kilohertz, n/a = not applicable

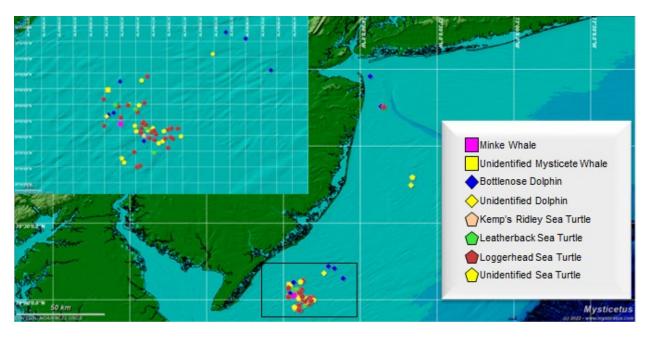


Figure 14. Locations of all protected species detections made from the *Fugro Brasilis*. Map inset is an enlargement of the concentration of detections within the OCS-A 0532 lease (black box).

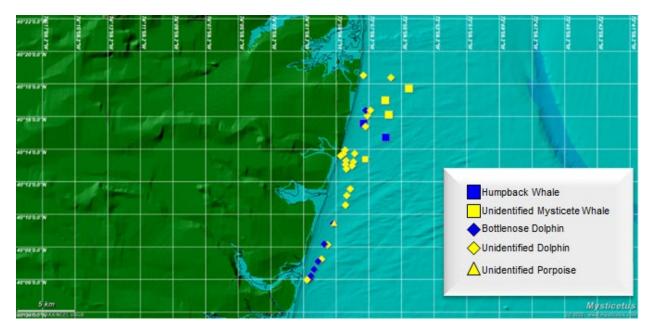


Figure 15. Locations of all protected species detections made from the Substantial.

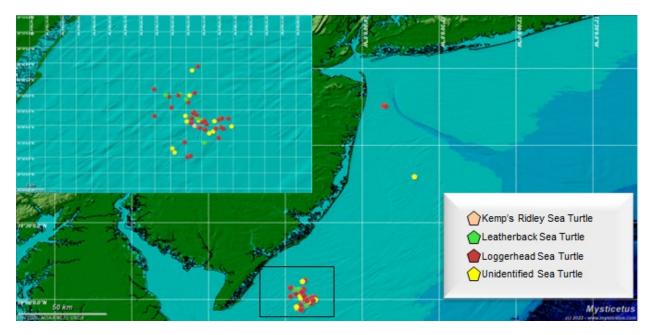


Figure 16. Locations of all sea turtle detections made from the *Fugro Brasilis*. Map inset is an enlargement of the concentration of sea turtle detections within the OCS-A 0532 lease (black box).

## 5.5 Numbers of Marine Mammals Potentially Exposed

Marine mammals observed within Level B Harassment Zones for active HRG sources operating at <200 kHz may have been exposed to underwater noise levels at or above the 160 dB RMS threshold defined by NMFS as having the potential to result in behavioral "take." The sparker was the only sound source operating below 200 kHz during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG Survey determined to have the potential to result in Level B harassment within a radial distance of 141 m from the source.

There were 10 marine mammal sightings consisting of 25 individual animals detected by PSOs while the sparker was active (Table 10); however, only two groups of unidentified dolphins totaling 10 individual dolphins were observed within 141 m from an active sparker. It is possible these 10 unidentified dolphins with an estimated CPA to the sparker of 120 m may have been exposed to levels of noise above the Level B harassment threshold. All other marine mammals observed during active sparker operations were outside the 141-m Level B Harassment radius.

Table 11. CPA (m) to active HRG survey equipment operating below 200 kHz for protected species observed when the sparker was active and inactive during the Ocean Wind 02 surveys. Minimum (min.), maximum (max.), mean, and median values are provided. Other HRG sources below 200 kHz include Innomar parametric SBP and USBL.

|                        | С    | PA (m) to | Active HF | RG Equipr | nent Ope                   | rating Bel | ow 200 kl | Ηz     |  |
|------------------------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|-----------|--------|--|
| Species                |      | Spa       | rker      |           | Other HRG Sources <200 kHz |            |           |        |  |
|                        | min. | max.      | mean      | median    | min.                       | max.       | mean      | median |  |
| Mysticete              | 510  | 1000      | 753       | 750       | 1200                       | 3500       | 2350      | 2350   |  |
| Humpback Whale         | n/a  | n/a       | n/a       | n/a       | 3500                       | 3500       | n/a       | 3500   |  |
| Minke Whale            | 510  | 510       | n/a       | 510       | n/a                        | n/a        | n/a       | n/a    |  |
| Unidentified Mysticete | 750  | 1000      | 875       | 875       | 1200                       | 1200       | n/a       | 1200   |  |
| Whale                  | 730  | 1000      | 073       | 073       | 1200                       | 1200       | II/a      | 1200   |  |
| Odontocete             | 120  | 1100      | 559       | 500       | 50                         | 820        | 360       | 215    |  |
| Bottlenose Dolphin     | 750  | 1100      | 892       | 800       | 130                        | 130        | n/a       | 130    |  |
| Unidentified Dolphin   | 120  | 500       | 310       | 310       | 50                         | 820        | 406       | 300    |  |
| Sea Turtle             | 10   | 600       | 125       | 75        | 30                         | 420        | 181       | 150    |  |
| Kemp's Ridley Sea      | 50   | 50        | n/a       | 50        | n/a                        | n/a        | n/a       | n/a    |  |
| Turtle                 | 30   | 30        | II/a      | 30        | II/a                       | II/a       | II/a      | II/a   |  |
| Leatherback Sea        | 75   | 350       | 200       | 187.5     | 250                        | 250        | n/a       | 250    |  |
| Turtle                 | 73   | 330       | 200       | 107.5     | 250                        | 200        | 11/a      | 230    |  |
| Loggerhead Sea         | 10   | 600       | 143       | 100       | 30                         | 420        | 169       | 125    |  |
| Turtle                 | 10   | 000       | 1         | 100       | 30                         | 420        | 103       | 120    |  |
| Unidentified Sea       | 15   | 150       | 66        | 70        | n/a                        | n/a        | n/a       | n/a    |  |
| Turtle                 | 10   | 100       | 0         | , 0       | i i/a                      | 11/a       | i i/a     | II/A   |  |
| All Combined           | 10   | 1100      | 225       | 100       | 30                         | 3500       | 542       | 250    |  |

CPA = closest point of approach, m = meters, kHz = kilohertz, SBP = sub-bottom profiler, USBL = ultra-short baseline, n/a = not applicable

Table 12. Number of protected species detections by detection method and protected species group during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

| Detection Method  | Nur       | Number of Detections |            |       |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Detection Method  | Mysticete | Odontocete           | Sea Turtle | Total |  |  |  |  |
| UE                | 9         | 42                   | 41         | 92    |  |  |  |  |
| NVD               | 0         | 0                    | 9          | 9     |  |  |  |  |
| Mounted IR Camera | 0         | 0                    | 0          | 0     |  |  |  |  |
| Total             | 9         | 42                   | 50         | 101   |  |  |  |  |

UE = unaided eye, NVD = night vision device, IR = infrared, HH = handheld

**Detection Rate** PSO Effort Number of **Method of Detection** (detections per hour of (hours) **Detections** effort) UE 1107.1 92 0.083 NVD 492.6 9 0.018 Mounted IR Camera 520.9 0 **Totals and Overall** 101 2120.6 0.048 **Detection Rate** 

Table 13. Protected species detection rates for each detection method, as well as combined PSO effort across all monitoring platforms.

UE = unaided eye, NVD = night vision device, IR = infrared, HH = handheld

#### 5.6 Protected Species Behavior

To the best of PSOs' abilities, initial behavior, second behavior, and possible behavioral response data were recorded for each protected species detection. Identifying behavioral response of marine mammals and sea turtles during vessel-based surveys is difficult, particularly when behavioral response is not the primary objective of PSOs. A PSO's primary responsibility upon detection of a protected species is to assess the need for appropriate mitigation measures. Only after all mitigation measures have been assessed and possibly implemented do PSOs dedicate additional observation effort to assess animal behavior and potential reactions to the vessel or survey operations.

Initial behavior of mysticete whales consisted primarily of blow (44%), swim (22%), and tail slap (22%; Figure 17). Travel (29%), porpoise (19%), and surface-active travel (19%) were the most reported initial behaviors for odontocetes, specifically delphinids. Nearly all sea turtle detections (84%) were recorded with swim as the initial behavior. "None" was the most reported second behavior for mysticete whales (56%), odontocetes (26%), and sea turtles (90%; Figure 18). Behaviors for each protected species detection are provided in Appendix D.

Many of the initial and second behaviors noted by the PSOs were the same whether HRG survey equipment below 200 kHz was active or inactive (Figures 17 and 18). The behaviors noted were also common behaviors exhibited by whales, dolphins, and sea turtles.

The PSOs estimated 3% of protected species detections were observed to change behavior while the sparker and other HRG acoustic sources below 200 kHz were active and 5% exhibited a response when acoustic sources below 200 kHz were inactive (Table 13). One dive response was reported for a loggerhead sea turtle and one response classified as "other" was reported for an unidentified dolphin while HRG sources were active. Behavioral changes were observed as often while the sparker and other HRG sources below 200 kHz were inactive as when they were active, which indicates that behavioral responses to HRG acoustic sources were minimal and that HRG acoustic sources are not the only stimulus that may induce a behavioral response in marine mammals and sea turtles during HRG surveys for offshore wind farm development.

Table 14. Number of protected species detections for which a behavioral change was noted while HRG survey equipment operating below 200 kHz were inactive (off) and active (on).

|                                 |                     | Number              | of Dotocti | one Eyhi   | hiting a Pak        | avioral (   | Change |      |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---|--------|------|--|
| Species                         | <                   | HRG So<br>200 kHz I | urces      | OIIS EXIII |                     | biting a Behavioral Change  HRG Sources <200 kHz Active |        |      |  |
|                                 | Change<br>Direction | Dive                | Other      | None       | Change<br>Direction | Dive  | Other  | None |  |
| Mysticete                       |                     |                     |            |            |                     |   |        |      |  |
| Humpback Whale                  | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 1          | 0                   | 0   | 0      | 1    |  |
| Minke Whale                     | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 0          | 0                   | 0   | 0      | 1    |  |
| Unidentified<br>Mysticete Whale | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 3          | 0                   | 0   | 0      | 3    |  |
| Odontocete                      |                     |                     |            | l          | L                   |   | l      | I.   |  |
| Bottlenose Dolphin              | 1                   | 0                   | 1          | 10         | 0                   | 0   | 0      | 4    |  |
| Unidentified<br>Dolphin         | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 16         | 0                   | 0   | 1      | 8    |  |
| Unidentified<br>Porpoise        | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 1          | 0                   | 0   | 0      | 0    |  |
| Sea Turtle                      |                     |                     |            | •          | l                   |   | •      | l .  |  |
| Kemp's Ridley Sea<br>Turtle     | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 0          | 0                   | 0   | 0      | 1    |  |
| Leatherback Sea<br>Turtle       | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 1          | 0                   | 0   | 0      | 5    |  |
| Loggerhead Sea<br>Turtle        | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 2          | 0                   | 1   | 0      | 28   |  |
| Unidentified Sea<br>Turtle      | 0                   | 0                   | 0          | 1          | 0                   | 0   | 0      | 11   |  |
| Total                           | 1                   | 0                   | 1          | 35         | 0                   | 1   | 1      | 62   |  |

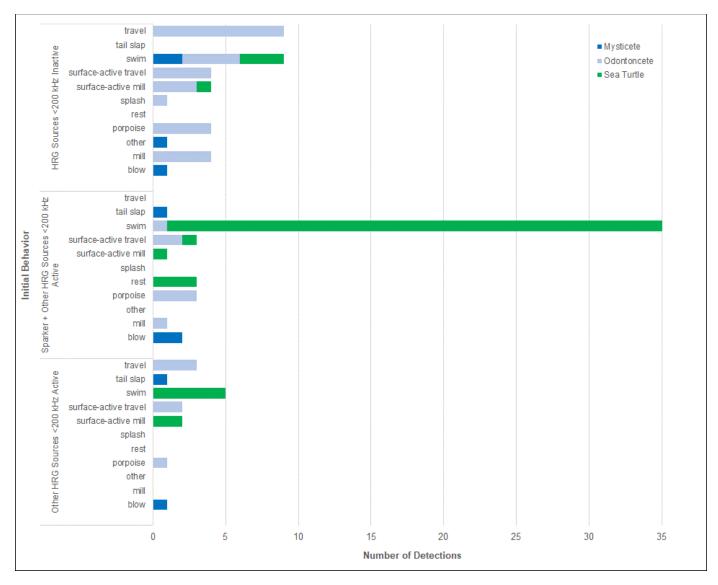


Figure 17. Initial behavior of marine mammals and sea turtles detected while HRG equipment operating below 200 kHz were inactive (off) and active (on). Detections made while HRG sources below 200 kHz were active is further broken down to when the sparker was inactive and active.

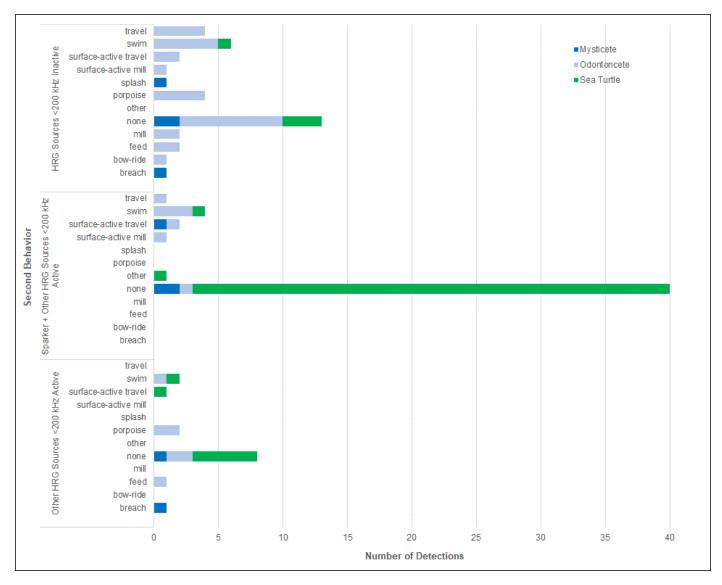


Figure 18. Second behavior of marine mammals and sea turtles detected while HRG equipment operating below 200 kHz were inactive (off) and active (on). Detections made while HRG sources below 200 kHz were active is further broken down to when the sparker was inactive and active.

#### 5.7 Mitigation Measures

#### 5.7.1 Protected Species Mitigation

Mitigation measures were requested and implemented for six (6%) of the 101 protected species detections (Table 14). The majority (75%) of these mitigation measures were for speed reductions related to strike avoidance. A single shutdown of the sparker was implemented for a minke whale. The shutdown resulted in 13 minutes of sparker downtime. Dolphins were the primary cause of strike avoidance speed reductions.

Table 15. Protected species mitigation measures implemented by PSOs on the *Fugro Brasilis* and *Substantial* during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys.

| Vessel         | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species              | Mitigation     | Duration<br>(HH:MM) |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Substantial    | 17 May 22 | 11:21         | V43                 | Unidentified Dolphin | reduce speed   | n/a                 |
| Substantial    | 17 May 22 | 21:18         | V46                 | Bottlenose Dolphin   | reduce speed   | n/a                 |
| Substantial    | 18 May 22 | 21:17         | V49                 | Unidentified Dolphin | reduce speed   | n/a                 |
| Substantial    | 19 May 22 | 18:30         | V51                 | Unidentified Dolphin | reduce speed   | n/a                 |
| Substantial    | 26 May 22 | 10:08         | V62                 | Unidentified Dolphin | reduce speed   | n/a                 |
| Fugro Brasilis | 04 Jun 22 | 17:24         | V31                 | Minke Whale          | shutdown       | 00:13               |
|                |           |               | •                   |                      | Total Duration | 00:13               |

HH:MM = hours: minutes

#### 5.7.2 Weather Related Mitigation

In addition to protected species mitigation measures, 12 weather related mitigation measures were implemented for reduced visibility (ten shutdowns and two delays; Table 15). Nearly all (99%) of the 51 hours of PSO related downtime (protected species and weather related combined) was attributed to reduced visibility. There were no weather related mitigation measures on the *Substantial*.

# 5.8 Protected Species Exposures

A total of ten unidentified dolphins and 28 sea turtles were observed within the 141 m Level B isopleth for the sparker and may have been exposed to sound levels of at least 160 dB<sub>RMS</sub> from the sparker (Table 16). All ten unidentified dolphins approached the vessel and, therefore, did not require a shutdown. Shutdown was also not required for the 28 sea turtles observed within the exposure zone.

Implementing shutdowns for protected species observed within the conservative 500 m exclusion zone prevented the potential exposure of one minke whale.

# 5.9 Protected Species Incident Reports

The PSOs did not observe dead or injured protected species or complete any incident reports.

Table 16. Weather related mitigation measures implemented by PSOs on the *Fugro Brasilis* during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG surveys. There were no weather related mitigation measures on the *Substantial*.

| Vessel         | Date      | ate Time (UTC) We |     | Mitigation  | Duration<br>(HH:MM) |
|----------------|-----------|-------------------|-----|-------------|---------------------|
| Fugro Brasilis | 13 May 22 | 05:31             | fog | delay       | 12:18               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 14 May 22 | 02:00             | fog | delay       | 25:24               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 20 May 22 | 14:02             | fog | shutdown    | 03:37               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 20 May 22 | 19:09             | fog | shutdown    | 00:01               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 27 May 22 | 05:16             | fog | shutdown    | 00:14               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 27 May 22 | 18:24             | fog | shutdown    | 00:19               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 01 Jun 22 | 16:09             | fog | shutdown    | 01:18               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 01 Jun 22 | 20:52             | fog | shutdown    | 05:06               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 03 Jun 22 | 09:29             | fog | shutdown    | 01:18               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 13 Jun 22 | 04:20             | fog | shutdown    | 00:34               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 24 Jun 22 | 10:39             | fog | shutdown    | 00:16               |
| Fugro Brasilis | 06 Jul 22 | 10:15             | fog | shutdown    | 00:50               |
|                |           |                   | Tot | al Duration | 51:15               |

Table 17. Protected species observed within the 141 m Level B isopleth for the sparker.

| Species                  | Protected Species Observed within 141 m Level B Isopleth for Sparker |                          |                           |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Species                  | Number of<br>Detections  | Number of<br>Individuals | Mitigation<br>Implemented |  |  |  |  |
| Odontocete               |  |                          |                           |  |  |  |  |
| Unidentified Dolphin     | 2  | 10                       | none                      |  |  |  |  |
| Sea Turtle               |  |                          |                           |  |  |  |  |
| Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle | 1  | 1                        | none                      |  |  |  |  |
| Leatherback Sea Turtle   | 2  | 2                        | none                      |  |  |  |  |
| Loggerhead Sea Turtle    | 15   | 15                       | none                      |  |  |  |  |
| Unidentified Sea Turtle  | 10   | 10 10                    |                           |  |  |  |  |
| Total                    | 30   | 38                       |                           |  |  |  |  |

#### 5.10 Avian and Bat Detections

A single unidentified passerine was found dead on 10 July 2022. There were no other reports of dead or injured birds. The PSO teams did not detect bats during their monitoring efforts.

# 5.11 Unusual Biological Events

There were no unusual biological events reported by PSOs during the survey.

# 6 Monitoring Device Effectiveness

Insufficient data were collected using the low-light monitoring technologies (NVD and IR) to conduct a full evaluation of device effectiveness. Alternatively, the strengths and limitations of the two technologies used on the *Fugro Brasilis* will be discussed.

### 6.1 Monitoring Device Strengths and Limitations

#### 6.1.1 Night Vision Device

NVDs capture and enhance small amounts of visible light and near infrared energy to brighten the image being viewed. The technology significantly improves a PSO's ability to monitor for protected species during darkness over the unaided eye. On clear nights, with high ambient light levels (moonlight) the detection range for NVD may extend as far as 1 km. In most cases, the detection range for the UE at night is much less than 500 m.

Too much light, however, can be detrimental and the image may become washed out or even damage the NVD. On the opposite end of the spectrum, too little light will result in a dark image that may not be much better than the UE.

Vessel lighting, especially on working decks, can be an issue for PSOs. Often the vessel crew is able to reduce the amount of lighting in the accommodation area of the vessel (bridge, bridge wings, deck areas forward of mid-ship), however lighting on working decks is required for safety and cannot be dimmed. As a result, observation of the area behind the vessel is often difficult with NVDs.

Moisture in the air from fog and/or rain can limit the effectiveness of NVDs. Light reflected off the moisture droplets has a similar effect as too much light and causes a general washed-out appearance of the image.

Most NVDs also have a relatively small field of view when compared to monitoring with the UE. Constant scanning can help reduce the effects of this, however, this then could lead to eye fatigue from looking through an illuminated tube for hours. PSOs often alternate between NVD and UE during darkness to help minimize eye fatigue. PSOs average anywhere from 40-45 minutes of NVD use with 15-20 minutes of monitoring with the UE at night. Regular breaks between shifts also helps.

NVDs do not require protected species to be at or above the surface for detection, which makes them an ideal alternative to the UE for sea turtle detection during darkness. All nine NVD detections during the Ocean Wind 02 survey were of sea turtles that were fully or partially submerged at the time of detection. Detection of protected species close to the vessel is also often better with NVDs than with mounted IR cameras due to tilt angle of the cameras which is typically set to monitor at further distance than NVDs.

#### 6.1.2 Mounted IR Cameras

IR technologies can be using during both daylight and darkness for protected species monitoring. IR devices detect infrared energy emitted by objects and converts the resulting

thermal pattern into an image. IR devices do not require light to function and are not light sensitive except when the light source emits high levels of heat. IR is, therefore, a good complimentary method to NVDs in areas with elevated lighting (working decks for example). Additionally, the detection range for IR is much greater than that of NVDs or UE during darkness. Blows from large whales can be detected on IR at distances of at least 2km.

Areas of exhaust/ventilation are big heat sources and can overwhelm an IR device in a manner similar to that of elevated light levels and NVDs. The vessel super-structure can also periodically obstruct the view of panning mounted IR cameras. Like NVDs, IR devices are highly affected by moisture in the air. The image becomes completely washed-out during periods of dense fog and moderate to heavy precipitation.

IR energy reflects off standard glass. Special germanium glass is required to view IR energy. Because of this, HH IR cameras cannot be used from inside the vessel. Mounted IR cameras are housed in weather tight containers that have germanium glass and monitoring is conducted from inside the vessel.

System malfunctions and technical issues may result in observational downtime. The PSOs on the *Fugro Brasilis* experienced a few, minor short duration camera malfunctions during the survey. Most issues were resolved within 10-20 minutes. Only one issue with pan controls resulted in a long duration camera shutdown. Fortunately, the issue arose just before sunrise and was resolved just before sunset on the same day and did not affect monitoring. Power cycling the affected camera system resolved the issue.

# 7 Summary

The PSO teams aboard the *Fugro Brasilis* and *Substantial* completed 2120.6 hours of protected species monitoring across all monitoring methods (PSO effort), covering 9992.9 km of trackline during the Ørsted Ocean Wind 02 HRG survey campaign. During that time, 101 protected species detections were recorded for which six mitigation measures were implemented.

Monitoring conditions were favorable during the survey with sea states of B3 or less and visibility of at least 1 km for 70% and 65% of the monitoring effort respectively. Reduced visibility (<500 m) from fog did, however, result in ten shutdowns of the sparker and two delays to sparker ramp-up.

The PSOs recorded a total of 101 protected species detections including 51 marine mammal detections and 50 sea turtle detections. The majority (78%) of detections made by PSOs aboard the nearshore vessel *Substantial* were of unidentified dolphins. Sea turtles (Kemp's Ridley, leatherback, loggerhead, and unidentified sea turtles) were the primary group of protected species observed on the offshore vessel *Fugro Brasilis*, accounting for 77% of the detections.

Only one protected species detection resulted in a shutdown of the sparker, resulting in 13 minutes of operational downtime. Strike avoidance mitigation measures were implanted on five occasions (5% of protected species detections). Most strike avoidance measures (80%) were implemented during transit and had little impact on operations. All mitigation requests by PSOs were implemented immediately by the survey and bridge crews.

Behavioral changes were noted for a small number of protected species detections during periods of active surveying with HRG equipment below 200 kHz and during periods of inactivity. With the low number of behavioral changes reported and the observation of changes while acoustic sources were active as well as inactive, it does not appear as through protected species detected during the survey experienced an observable behavioral response to the HRG acoustic sources. Additionally, any number of variables, anthropogenic or natural, may contribute to a behavioral change.

Although numerous protected species and weather related mitigation measures were implemented during the Ocean Wind 02 survey, the overall impact to operations was minimal contributing only 51 hours of operational downtime.

The mitigation and monitoring protocols established in the regulatory documents were effectively implemented by the PSOs throughout the Ørsted Ocean Wind 02 HRG survey.

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# **Appendix A Night Vision Equipment Specifications**





The Armasight by FLIR PVS-7 is the most widely recognized and dependable United States Military night vision goggle system available. The AN/PVS-7B/D system has proven itself in combat due to its rugged, ergonomic design.

The PVS-7 is equipped with Automatic Brightness Control (ABC), which automatically adjusts the brightness of the image tube to achieve the highest quality image resolution under varying light conditions, as well as a built-in infrared illuminator that allows the user to operate in total darkness. The PVS-7 also has an excessive-light cut-off feature that protects the image tube from bright light sources, and a flip-up shut-off feature when used with the optional helmet mount assembly. The PVS-7 is equipped with two LED indicators: yellow for a low battery, and red to alert the operator that the IR illuminator is on. Both are displayed on the eyepiece screen. Lightweight, rugged, and versatile, the PVS-7 can be handheld, head-mounted, and helmet-mounted. The dismounted goggle can also be used as an excellent long-range viewer with optional afocal magnifier lenses.



#### **FEATURES**

- · Compact, rugged design
- Waterproof
- Head or helmet-mountable for hands-free usage
- Ergonomic, simple, easy to operate controls
- . Built-in Infrared illuminator and flood lens
- Limited two-year warranty



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#### Specifications

| mage intensifier tube       | ID MG - Gen 2+: "Improved Definition"   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| •                           | HD MG - Gen 2+; "High-Definition"   |
|                             | 3 Bravo - Gen 3+  |
|                             | 3 Alpha – Gen 3+; High-Performance<br>3P – Gen 3; High-Performance Thin-Filmed Auto-Gated IIT |
| Magnification               | 1x standard; (3x,5x optional)   |
| Lens system                 | 27mm, F/1.2   |
| FOV                         | 40°   |
| Focus range                 | 0.20 m to Infinity  |
| Exit pupil                  | 15 mm   |
| User Interface              |   |
| Function switch             | On/ Off unit and built-in IR illuminator  |
| Focus ring                  | Focuses the objective lens  |
| Diopter adjustment rings    | Focuses the eyepieces   |
| System Specifications       |   |
| Bright light cut-off        | Yes   |
| Automatic shut-off system   | Yes   |
| IR indicator                | Yes   |
| Low battery indicator       | Yes   |
| Infrared illuminator        | Yes (built-in with flood lens)  |
| Power                       |   |
| Battery type                | Two AA batteries  |
| Battery life (operating)    | Up to 30hrs   |
| Environmental               |   |
| Operating temperature range | -40°C to +50°C (-40°F to +122°F)  |
| Storage temperature range   | -50°C to +70°C (-58°F to +158°F)  |
| Physical                    |   |
| Weight (without mount)      | 0.68 kg (1.4 lbs)   |
| Size (with mount)           | 162× 152 × 76 mm (6.4 × 6 × 3 in)   |
| Color (housing)             | Black   |
| Package Includes            |   |
|                             | F   |

Night Vision Goggles, Lens Cap, Eyecup, Head Mount Assembly, Sacrificial Window, Demist Shields, Shoulder Strap, Neck Cord, AA Batteries, Operation and Maintenance Manual, Soft Carrying Case

#### Optional Accessories

ANHM000005 – Norotos MICH Helmet Mount Assembly USA #107 ANHM000006 – Norotos PASGT Helmet Mount Assembly USA #108 ANAF3X0003 – 3x A-Focal Mil-Spec Lens #99

ANAF3X000P – 3x A-Focal Lens #22 with Adapter #24/#25 ANAF5X000P – 5x A-Focal Lens with Adapter #24/#25

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# **PVS-14 NIGHT VISION MONOCULAR**



#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

EYE RELIEF: 25 MM

POWER SOURCE/LIFE: (1) AA-SIZE BATTERY/50+ HRS

FOCUS RANGE: 9.8" TO INFINITY

SUBMERSIBLE: 66 FEET
MAGNIFICATION: ONE POWER (1X)
FIELD OF VIEW: 40°

DIOPTER ADJUSTMENT: -6 TO +2
OBJECTIVE LENS: 26MM, F/1.2

WEIGHT: 307 G (10.8 OZ) W/O BATTERIES

DIMENSIONS: 4.5" X 2.5" X 2.75"

**FEATURES** 

- **>>> TEN YEAR WARRANTY**
- **SINGLE AA BATTERY USAGE**
- **SUBMERSIBLE TO 66 FEET**
- **>>> INFRARED LED INDICATOR**
- **>> HIGH LIGHT CUTOFF**
- **NOTICE TO SELECT THE PROPERTY LED INDICATOR**
- **SAIN CONTROL**

The NVD-PVS-14 Night Vision Monocular is the all around best multi functional night vision monocular available. Head or helmet mounted, the PVS-14 allows the user to retain their night adapted vision in one eye while viewing their surroundings through the illuminated eyepiece of the PVS-14. The new battery housing completes the perfect package by allowing the user to power off the unit when in an upright position and power on when flipped down.

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This system complies with MIL-PRF-49324(CR), MIL-PRF-49427(CR) and MIL-STD-810G.

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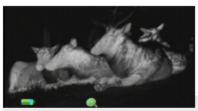


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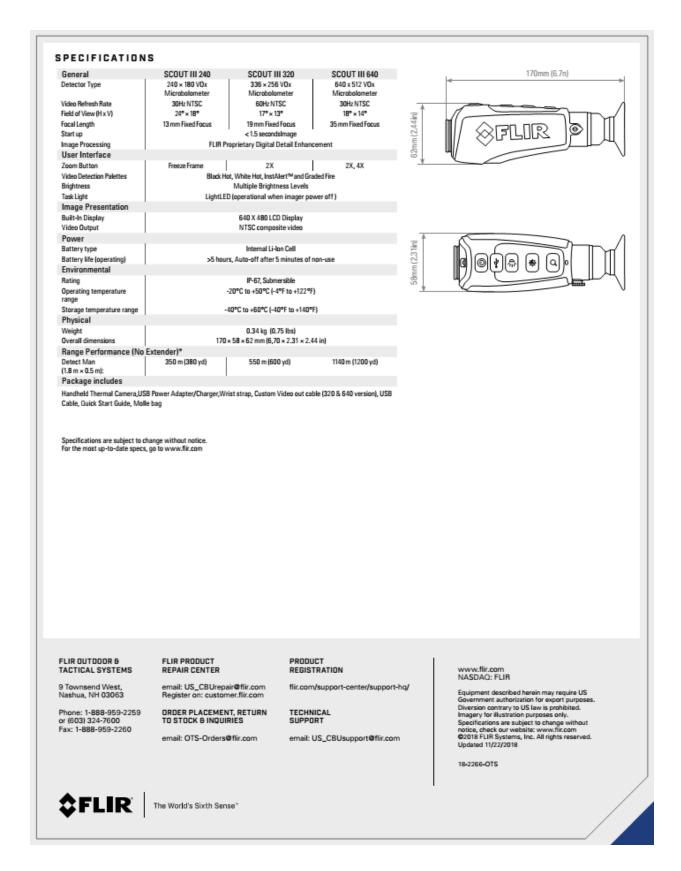
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#### APPLICATIONS

- ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance)
- EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) protection
- Long-Range Surveillance
- Unmanned Surface Vessels operation
- Autonomous Vessels
- Maritime SAR
- Safety and security at anchor and in the harbour
- Tracking of potential threat or man overboard
- Situational awareness
- Anti-smuggling operations

#### BENEFITS

- Rugged, marine, low maintenance design
- Detects a NATO target over 14km, night and day
- Provides a clear, highly detailed image, in HD day, even into the digital zoom range
- Increases object detection in low level of light with best of class low light sensitivity
- Tracks Radar cursor, ARPA Target, AIS and video targets
- . Streams H.264 (HD) video with PIP or two video streams and communicates digitally over IP network (Ethernet)
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# NN 3050

#### SYSTEM FEATURES

THERMAL CAMERA 3 – 5 μm Cooled thermal imager Spectral Range: Sensor type: MWIR (InSb FPA) 640x512 pixels 28° (wide) to 2° (narrow) Field of View: Zoom: 14x continuous optical zoom 30 fps. full frame rate for export Frequency: Detection Range 1: NATO target over 14km / Human over 5km DAY / LOW LIGHT CAMERA

Sensor type: 1/2.8" CMO5 63° to 2.3° FoV in HD mode, 1080p30 Field of View:

Optical zoom: Digital zoom: 12x continuous Hydrophobic Window coating:

LOW LIGHT HD CAMERA (FUNCTION)

Sensor type: 1/2.8" CMOS Low light sensitivity: 0.0015 Lux in B&W mode and 0.0008 Lux in Color mode

RADAR CURSOR, ARPA & AIS TARGET TRACKING

Slew-to-cue allows target detected from the Radar and AIS to be tracked automatically by the EO/IR. Interface between Radar and AIS over NMEA0183 communication standard in RS232 or RS422, through supplied Network Interface Box. Ship GPS data is also fed through NMEA 0183 communication to register and display the ship's position in Latitude, Longitude, Date, Time and Speed over Ground. Radar target info displayed in videos [ARPA Target, Range and Bearing).

#### VIDEO TRACKING OPTION

Automatic pursuit of an object of interest or threat selected on the display by the operator, without any continuous input. Both the infrared and day sensors automatically track the target, even with small obstructions in their path.

#### CONTROLLER: HARDWARE OR GUI, IP BASED AND REMOTE-CONTROLLED SOLUTIONS (OPTIONS)

- Video GUI (with optional USB joystick / Rugged Rigid Grip): video and control combined on panel PC / Laptop.
   Control GUI (Graphical User Interface), either on dedicated touchscreen display (Panel PC) or as pop up window
- in PC; with optional USB joystick / Rugged Rigid Grip.

  3. Compact controller integrating joystick and 2.4" display for orientation & troubleshooting.
- 4. Protocol for interface to Command & Control System

All controllers offer Built-in Test for remote diagnostic and are configured for optional additional controllers, remote control, and autonomous navigation.

#### PAYLOAD SPECIFICATIONS

3 axis gyro stabilization<sup>2</sup> c./w. enhanced video stabilization Continuous 360° AZ rotation System type Pan Range: Tilt range: Colour: +/-90" elevation movement, including stow position Matterhorn White - gloss. Custom colour upon request.

#### SYSTEM INTERFACE

Video format: Video streaming: H.264 in HD with PIP or 2 video streams accessed via net0 and net1 Radar cursor / ARPA target / AIS over NMEA 0183 via RS422 or RS232 Data: Control Over IP network

#### ENVIRONMENTAL

Ingress Protection Mark: MIL-STD 810 & MIL-STD 461 Compliant to: Operational temperature: -20°C to +55°C

#### WEIGHT AND DIMENSIONS

Weight: <20 kg Diameter payload3: 239.7mm 431.5mm Height payload<sup>3</sup>

#### POWER REQUIREMENTS

Voltage: Max. Consumption: 24 to 36 VDC

#### OTHER OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES

Other sensors: Contact us with your specific requirements.



#### CONTROL SOLUTIONS



1. Video GUI



#### 2. Control GUI



3. Compact Controller



4. Protocol for interface to Command & Control System





2-Button Joystick

Rugged Rigid Grip



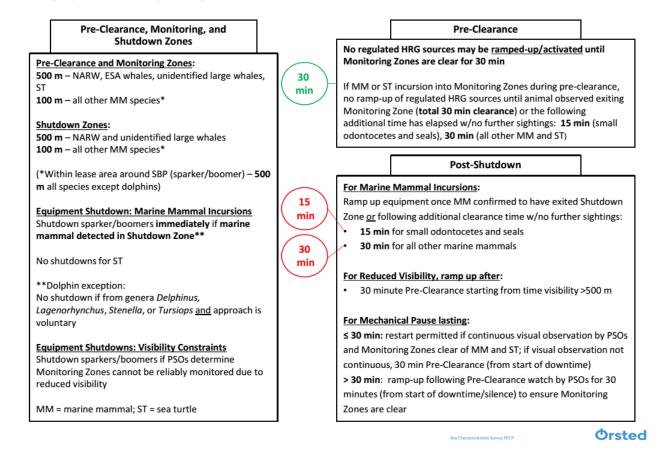
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# **Appendix B Mitigation Summary Graphics**

#### Mitigation Action Chart 10 May 2022 through Project Completion

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#### **Geophysical Survey Mitigation Action Chart**



# **Appendix C Mysticetus Data Definitions**

**Table 18. Behavior Definitions** 

| Behavior              | Definition   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Blow                  | Animal (generally cetacean) breathing at surface making a visible column of mist.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bow Ride              | Animal(s) voluntarily approach vessel to surf in waves created by the bow.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breach                | Animal (generally cetacean) leaping clear of the water.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chase Fish            | Animal swimming rapidly toward prey.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dead                  | Animal observed no longer living.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feed                  | Animal observed eating prey.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fluke Up              | Animal (cetacean) has tail fins out of water.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Injured               | Animal(s) has visible wound(s) or displays trauma behaviors.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Look                  | Animal is watching the vessel, e.g., spy hopping.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Medium Travel         | Animal(s) create a wake while swimming.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mill                  | Group of animals aggregated at surface with very little activity; >50% of group with asynchronous headings.                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None                  | No behavior observed.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Porpoise              | Animal (generally dolphin/porpoises) vigorously traveling where body comes fully out of water.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rest                  | Animal(s) creating no wake while swimming or resting (e.g., logging).  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Socialize             | Animals touching while interacting.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Splash                | Animals producing white water.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surface-Active Mill   | Group of animals aggregated at surface with >50% of individuals with asynchronous headings with some splash activity by group members. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surface-Active Travel | Vigorous swimming including breaching, tail-slapping, creating splashes at the surface, etc.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Swim                  | Animal moves through water; no other significant behavior evident.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tail Slap             | Animal (generally cetacean) hits surface of water with fluke.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Travel                | Animal moves through water in a directed manner.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unknown               | Behavior of animal could not be determined.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (See Notes)     | Behavior other than listed here—thoroughly described in sighting description notes field (Sighting Desc Notes).                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Table 19. Behavioral Reaction Definitions** 

| Behavioral<br>Reaction | Definition   |
|------------------------|--|
| Look                   | Animal is watching the vessel, e.g., spy hopping.                              |
| Change Direction       | Animal(s) alters orientation quickly, noticeably, or abruptly.                 |
| Dive                   | Animal(s) abruptly moves completely below the surface.                         |
| None                   | No change in behavior.   |
| Slow Down              | Animal(s) noticeably decrease pace.  |
| Speed Up               | Animal(s) noticeably increase pace.  |
| Splash                 | Animals producing white water.   |
| Other (See Notes)      | Behavior other than the listed here is observed—thoroughly described in notes. |

Table 20. Monitoring and Mitigation Activity Definitions

| Monitoring and Mitigation Activity | Definition   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Alter Course                       | Request by PSO to change direction due to potential encroachment on or vessel strike of protected species.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Detection Delay                    | PSO postponement of ramp-up or activation of regulated sound sources less than 200 kHz due to protected species approaching or in EZ during preclearance monitoring or after shutdown. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Engine Neutral                     | Vessel shifted out of gear.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring - No<br>Mitigation      | PSO did not request any cessation or delay in operations with a regulated sound source less than 200 kHz during this visual effort entry.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monitoring - Transit               | PSO monitoring during movement of vessel between sampling sites or from/to port.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (See Notes)                  | Should be rarely used to capture a mitigation not covered by options here—thoroughly described in notes field.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Powerdown                          | Reducing output level of regulated sound sources less than 200 kHz.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pre-clearance                      | Initiation or continuation of PSO monitoring of the EZ prior to activation of regulated sound source less than 200 kHz.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ramp-up                            | Gradual increase in sound introduced into the water at the beginning of sampling operations  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reduce Speed                       | Request by PSO to slow momentum of the vessel due to potential encroachment on or vessel strike of protected species.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shutdown                           | Request by PSO to turn off all regulated sound sources less than 200 kHz for protected species in or approaching EZ.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weather Delay                      | PSO postponement of clearance of use of regulated sound sources less than 200 kHz due to poor atmospheric conditions impairing visibility of the entire EZ.                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weather Shutdown                   | Request by PSO to turn off all regulated sound sources less than 200 kHz due to impaired visibility of the entire EZ.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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# Appendix D Protected Species Detections during the Ocean Wind 02 HRG Surveys

| Vessel      | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species                 | Detection<br>Method | Initial<br>Detection<br>Distance<br>(m) | CPA to<br>Active<br>Source<br><200 kHz<br>(m) | Number<br>Individuals | Initial<br>Behavior          | Second<br>Behavior           | Reaction | Mitigation      |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Substantial | 13 May 22 | 10:46         | V38B                | Unidentified Dolphin    | UE                  | 30                                      | n/a   | 6                     | swim                         | travel                       | none     | none            |
| Brasilis    | 15 May 22 | 09:50         | V22                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin | UE                  | 50                                      | n/a   | 3                     | porpoise                     | surface-<br>active<br>travel | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 16 May 22 | 10:27         | V39B                | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin   | UE                  | 75                                      | n/a   | 5                     | travel                       | none                         | other    | none            |
| Substantial | 16 May 22 | 10:31         | V40B                | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin   | UE                  | 100                                     | n/a   | 2(5)                  | swim                         | travel                       | none     | none            |
| Brasilis    | 16 May 22 | 10:45         | V23                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin   | UE                  | 472                                     | n/a   | 62                    | surface-<br>active<br>travel | porpoise                     | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 16 May 22 | 19:56         | V41                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin   | UE                  | 120                                     | n/a   | 4                     | mill                         | none                         | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 17 May 22 | 11:13         | V42                 | Unidentified Dolphin    | UE                  | 482                                     | n/a   | 2                     | travel                       | swim                         | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 17 May 22 | 11:21         | V43                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin | UE                  | 500                                     | n/a   | 2                     | travel                       | swim                         | none     | reduce<br>speed |
| Substantial | 17 May 22 | 19:06         | V44                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin | UE                  | 500                                     | 500   | 2                     | mill                         | swim                         | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 17 May 22 | 19:15         | V45                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin | UE                  | 120                                     | 120   | 2                     | swim                         | travel                       | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 17 May 22 | 21:18         | V46                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin   | UE                  | 100                                     | n/a   | 5                     | surface-<br>active<br>mill   | feed                         | none     | reduce<br>speed |
| Substantial | 17 May 22 | 21:47         | V47                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin | UE                  | 100                                     | n/a   | 3                     | swim                         | mill                         | none     | none            |

| Vessel      | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species                            | Detection<br>Method | Initial<br>Detection<br>Distance<br>(m) | CPA to<br>Active<br>Source<br><200 kHz<br>(m) | Number<br>Individuals | Initial<br>Behavior          | Second<br>Behavior         | Reaction | Mitigation      |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Brasilis    | 18 May 22 | 10:50         | V24                 | Unidentified<br>Mysticete<br>Whale | UE                  | 751                                     | 750   | 1                     | tail slap                    | none                       | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 18 May 22 | 12:04         | V48                 | Unidentified<br>Mysticete<br>Whale | UE                  | 1000                                    | 1000  | 1                     | blow                         | none                       | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 18 May 22 | 21:17         | V49                 | Unidentified Dolphin               | UE                  | 300                                     | n/a   | 5                     | travel                       | mill                       | none     | reduce<br>speed |
| Substantial | 19 May 22 | 13:23         | V50                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 500                                     | 500   | 7                     | surface-<br>active<br>travel | surface-<br>active<br>mill | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 19 May 22 | 18:30         | V51                 | Unidentified Dolphin               | UE                  | 60                                      | n/a   | 6                     | travel                       | bow-ride                   | none     | reduce<br>speed |
| Substantial | 20 May 22 | 11:42         | V52                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 100                                     | n/a   | 5 🕒                   | mill                         | none                       | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 20 May 22 | 18:04         | V53                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 150                                     | 120   | 38                    | surface-<br>active<br>travel | none                       | other    | none            |
| Substantial | 21 May 22 | 10:43         | V54                 | Unidentified<br>Porpoise           | UE                  | 75                                      | n/a   | 5                     | swim                         | travel                     | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 21 May 22 | 11:09         | V55                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 118                                     | n/a   | 8                     | travel                       | none                       | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 21 May 22 | 11:14         | V56                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 820                                     | 820   | 4                     | travel                       | none                       | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 21 May 22 | 11:15         | V57                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 75                                      | 50  | 12                    | travel                       | porpoise                   | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 21 May 22 | 11:23         | V58                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 470                                     | 60  | 4                     | travel                       | porpoise                   | none     | none            |
| Substantial | 21 May 22 | 12:33         | V59                 | Humpback<br>Whale                  | UE                  | 3500                                    | 3500  | 1                     | tail slap                    | breach                     | none     | none            |
| Brasilis    | 22 May 22 | 13:05         | V25                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 271                                     | 300   | 1                     | surface-<br>active<br>travel | none                       | none     | none            |

| Vessel      | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species                            | Detection<br>Method | Initial<br>Detection<br>Distance<br>(m) | CPA to<br>Active<br>Source<br><200 kHz<br>(m) | Number<br>Individuals | Initial<br>Behavior          | Second<br>Behavior           | Reaction            | Mitigation      |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Brasilis    | 25 May 22 | 14:48         | V26                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin              | UE                  | 245                                     | n/a   | 10                    | surface-<br>active<br>travel | swim                         | none                | none            |
| Substantial | 25 May 22 | 21:15         | V60                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin              | UE                  | 1000                                    | n/a   | 7                     | mill                         | travel                       | change<br>direction | none            |
| Substantial | 26 May 22 | 10:01         | V61                 | Unidentified Dolphin               | UE                  | 60                                      | n/a   | 4                     | porpoise                     | none                         | none                | none            |
| Substantial | 26 May 22 | 10:08         | V62                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 80                                      | n/a   | 4                     | travel                       | porpoise                     | none                | reduce<br>speed |
| Substantial | 26 May 22 | 12:10         | V63                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 820                                     | n/a   | 12                    | surface-<br>active<br>mill   | surface-<br>active<br>travel | none                | none            |
| Brasilis    | 26 May 22 | 15:41         | V27                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin              | UE                  | 742                                     | 775   | 1                     | porpoise                     | swim                         | none                | none            |
| Substantial | 26 May 22 | 21:33         | V64                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin              | UE                  | 100                                     | n/a   | 20                    | surface-<br>active<br>mill   | feed                         | none                | none            |
| Brasilis    | 29 May 22 | 19:50         | V28                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 50                                      | n/a   | 5                     | surface-<br>active<br>travel | porpoise                     | none                | none            |
| Substantial | 31 May 22 | 10:23         | V65                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 834                                     | 800   | 5                     | surface-<br>active<br>travel | swim                         | none                | none            |
| Substantial | 02 Jun 22 | 14:06         | V66                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 820                                     | n/a   | 20                    | mill                         | none                         | none                | none            |
| Substantial | 02 Jun 22 | 14:40         | V67                 | Unidentified<br>Mysticete<br>Whale | UE                  | 3000                                    | n/a   | 1                     | swim                         | breach                       | none                | none            |
| Substantial | 02 Jun 22 | 14:42         | V68                 | Humpback<br>Whale                  | UE                  | 700                                     | n/a   | 1                     | other                        | splash                       | none                | none            |
| Substantial | 02 Jun 22 | 14:47         | V69                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin              | UE                  | 1000                                    | n/a   | 7                     | travel                       | swim                         | none                | none            |

| Vessel      | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species                            | Detection<br>Method | Initial<br>Detection<br>Distance<br>(m) | CPA to<br>Active<br>Source<br><200 kHz<br>(m) | Number<br>Individuals | Initial<br>Behavior        | Second<br>Behavior           | Reaction | Mitigation |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Substantial | 02 Jun 22 | 14:48         | V70                 | Unidentified<br>Dolphin            | UE                  | 250                                     | n/a   | 5                     | travel                     | swim                         | none     | none       |
| Substantial | 02 Jun 22 | 14:52         | V71                 | Unidentified<br>Mysticete<br>Whale | UE                  | 1180                                    | n/a   | 1                     | blow                       | none                         | none     | none       |
| Substantial | 02 Jun 22 | 15:36         | V72                 | Unidentified<br>Mysticete<br>Whale | UE                  | 1330                                    | 1200  | 1                     | blow                       | none                         | none     | none       |
| Substantial | 02 Jun 22 | 17:31         | V73                 | Unidentified<br>Mysticete<br>Whale | UE                  | 80                                      | n/a   | Sh.                   | swim                       | none                         | none     | none       |
| Brasilis    | 03 Jun 22 | 15:47         | V29                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin              | UE                  | 742                                     | 800   | 1                     | porpoise                   | swim                         | none     | none       |
| Brasilis    | 04 Jun 22 | 16:56         | V30                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin              | UE                  | 1054                                    | 1100  | 19                    | porpoise                   | surface-<br>active<br>travel | none     | none       |
| Brasilis    | 04 Jun 22 | 17:14         | V31                 | Minke<br>Whale                     | UE                  | 1832                                    | 510   |                       | blow                       | surface-<br>active<br>travel | none     | shutdown   |
| Brasilis    | 06 Jun 22 | 16:53         | V32                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle         | UE                  | 75                                      | 75  | 1                     | swim                       | none                         | none     | none       |
| Brasilis    | 07 Jun 22 | 19:23         | V33                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle           | UE                  | 45                                      | 30  | 1                     | surface-<br>active<br>mill | surface-<br>active<br>travel | none     | none       |
| Brasilis    | 09 Jun 22 | 17:09         | V34                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle           | UE                  | 75                                      | n/a   | 1                     | swim                       | none                         | none     | none       |
| Brasilis    | 10 Jun 22 | 15:02         | V35                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle           | UE                  | 100                                     | 75  | 1                     | swim                       | none                         | none     | none       |
| Brasilis    | 10 Jun 22 | 18:26         | V36                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle           | UE                  | 242                                     | 275   | 1                     | swim                       | none                         | none     | none       |
| Brasilis    | 10 Jun 22 | 18:48         | V37                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle           | UE                  | 573                                     | 600   | 1                     | swim                       | none                         | none     | none       |

| Vessel   | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species                    | Detection<br>Method | Initial<br>Detection<br>Distance<br>(m) | CPA to<br>Active<br>Source<br><200 kHz<br>(m) | Number<br>Individuals | Initial<br>Behavior        | Second<br>Behavior         | Reaction | Mitigation |
|----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Brasilis | 12 Jun 22 | 05:45         | V38                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 70                                      | 150   | 1                     | swim                       | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 17 Jun 22 | 01:21         | V39                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 50                                      | n/a   | 1                     | swim                       | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 18 Jun 22 | 18:58         | V40                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin      | UE                  | 75                                      | n/a   | 3                     | porpoise                   | surface-<br>active<br>mill | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 18 Jun 22 | 23:38         | V41                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin      | UE                  | 40                                      | n/a   |                       | porpoise                   | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 20 Jun 22 | 15:53         | V42                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | ÚE                  | 50                                      | 100   | TI I                  | swim                       | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 20 Jun 22 | 18:38         | V43                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 242                                     | 300   |                       | swim                       | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 22 Jun 22 | 14:47         | V44                 | Unidentified Dolphin       | UE                  | 50                                      | n/a   | 1 (5)                 | splash                     | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 23 Jun 22 | 20:14         | V45                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 290                                     | 300   | 12                    | swim                       | other                      | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 24 Jun 22 | 02:24         | V46                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 30                                      | 15  |                       | swim                       | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 24 Jun 22 | 19:19         | V47                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 397                                     | 420   |                       | surface-<br>active<br>mill | swim                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 24 Jun 22 | 21:56         | V48                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 50                                      | n/a   | 1                     | swim                       | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 25 Jun 22 | 13:28         | V49                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | JUE                 | 100                                     | 100   | 1                     | rest                       | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 25 Jun 22 | 14:18         | V50                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 10                                      | 45  | 1                     | rest                       | none                       | dive     | none       |
| Brasilis | 25 Jun 22 | 19:19         | V51                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 10                                      | 10  | 1                     | swim                       | none                       | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 26 Jun 22 | 17:29         | V52                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 242                                     | 300   | 1                     | swim                       | none                       | none     | none       |

| Vessel   | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species                    | Detection<br>Method | Initial<br>Detection<br>Distance<br>(m) | CPA to<br>Active<br>Source<br><200 kHz<br>(m) | Number<br>Individuals | Initial<br>Behavior          | Second<br>Behavior | Reaction | Mitigation |
|----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Brasilis | 26 Jun 22 | 22:18         | V53                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 50                                      | 120   | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 29 Jun 22 | 12:08         | V54                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin      | UE                  | 393                                     | n/a   | 5                     | surface-<br>active<br>travel | porpoise           | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 29 Jun 22 | 16:45         | V55                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 300                                     | 150   | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 29 Jun 22 | 18:47         | V56                 | Leatherback<br>Sea Turtle  | UE                  | 242                                     | 250   | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 30 Jun 22 | 12:05         | V57                 | Leatherback<br>Sea Turtle  | ÚE                  | 242                                     | 275   | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 30 Jun 22 | 15:36         | V58                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 50                                      | 50  |                       | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 30 Jun 22 | 15:49         | V59                 | Leatherback<br>Sea Turtle  | UE                  | 100                                     | 75  | 1(5)                  | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 30 Jun 22 | 16:02         | V60                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 75                                      | 75  | 12                    | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 30 Jun 22 | 17:48         | V61                 | Leatherback<br>Sea Turtle  | UE                  | 299                                     | 350   |                       | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 30 Jun 22 | 17:56         | V62                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 75                                      | 75  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 30 Jun 22 | 21:21         | V63                 | Leatherback<br>Sea Turtle  | UE                  | 50                                      | 100   | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 01 Jul 22 | 02:35         | V64                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 60                                      | 120   | 1                     | rest                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 01 Jul 22 | 11:48         | V65                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 100                                     | 150   | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 01 Jul 22 | 18:37         | V66                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 250                                     | 265   | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 02 Jul 22 | 00:11         | V67                 | Bottlenose<br>Dolphin      | UE                  | 300                                     | 130   | 4                     | feed                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 02 Jul 22 | 17:23         | V68                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 75                                      | 100   | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |

| Vessel   | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species                    | Detection<br>Method | Initial<br>Detection<br>Distance<br>(m) | CPA to<br>Active<br>Source<br><200 kHz<br>(m) | Number<br>Individuals | Initial<br>Behavior          | Second<br>Behavior | Reaction | Mitigation |
|----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Brasilis | 04 Jul 22 | 16:10         | V69                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 100                                     | 35  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 04 Jul 22 | 20:30         | V70                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 120                                     | 70  | 1                     | surface-<br>active<br>travel | swim               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 05 Jul 22 | 07:16         | V71                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 20                                      | 35  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 06 Jul 22 | 16:05         | V72                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | UE                  | 35                                      | 75  | 201                   | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 07 Jul 22 | 17:43         | V73                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | ÚE                  | 50                                      | 50  | n                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 08 Jul 22 | 15:15         | V74                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | UE                  | 35                                      | 35  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 08 Jul 22 | 18:29         | V75                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 267                                     | 225   | 1 (5)                 | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 08 Jul 22 | 18:51         | V76                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 150                                     | 150   | 14                    | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 08 Jul 22 | 19:02         | V77                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 100                                     | 100   |                       | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 09 Jul 22 | 06:39         | V78                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 70                                      | 70  |                       | surface-<br>active<br>mill   | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 09 Jul 22 | 12:16         | V79                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 35                                      | 50  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 10 Jul 22 | 05:48         | V80                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 30                                      | 30  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 10 Jul 22 | 07:17         | V81                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 40                                      | 40  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 11 Jul 22 | 07:33         | V82                 | Unidentified<br>Sea Turtle | NVD                 | 30                                      | 80  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 11 Jul 22 | 10:08         | V83                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle   | UE                  | 30                                      | 40  | 1                     | swim                         | none               | none     | none       |

| Vessel   | Date      | Time<br>(UTC) | Detection<br>Number | Species                        | Detection<br>Method | Initial<br>Detection<br>Distance<br>(m) | CPA to<br>Active<br>Source<br><200 kHz<br>(m) | Number<br>Individuals | Initial<br>Behavior        | Second<br>Behavior | Reaction | Mitigation |
|----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| Brasilis | 11 Jul 22 | 17:27         | V84                 | Loggerhead<br>Sea Turtle       | UE                  | 30                                      | 45  | 1                     | swim                       | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 11 Jul 22 | 21:21         | V85                 | Kemp's<br>Ridley Sea<br>Turtle | UE                  | 25                                      | 50  | 1                     | swim                       | none               | none     | none       |
| Brasilis | 12 Jul 22 | 19:15         | V86                 | Leatherback<br>Sea Turtle      | UE                  | 40                                      | n/a   | 1                     | surface-<br>active<br>mill | swim               | none     | none       |

UTC = universal time convention, UE = unaided eye, NVD = night vision device

# **Appendix E Protected Species Detection Photographs**



Figure 19. Bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) observed on 25 May 2022 from the *Fugro Brasilis*. Photo credit: Graham Humphries.



Figure 20. Leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) observed on 30 June 2022 from the *Fugro Brasilis*. Photo credit: Chris Werre.



Figure 21. Leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) observed on 30 June 2022 from the *Fugro Brasilis*. Photo credit: Chris Werre.



Figure 22. Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) observed on 04 July 2022 from the *Fugro Brasilis*. Photo credit: Neil Roper.



Figure 23. Unidentified sea turtle observed with NVD on 05 July 2022 from the *Fugro Brasilis*. Photo credit: Gregory Zmirak.



Figure 24. Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) observed on 11 July 2022 from the *Fugro Brasilis*. Photo credit: Chris Werre.