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# Vessel Monitoring System for the Scallop Fishery in Wales

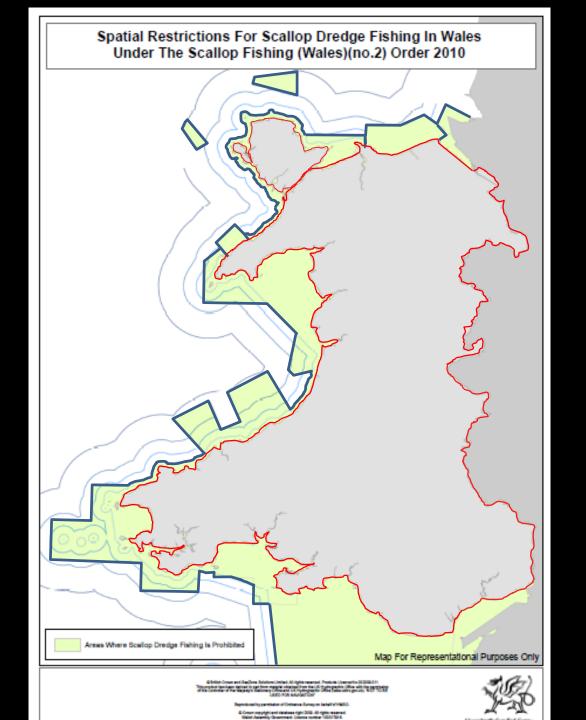
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#### **History**

2007- Increase in fishing effort 60-70 vessels Operating 2009- The Prohibition of Fishing for Scallops (Wales) Order 2009- Research into impact of scalloping on features of Cardigan Bay European Marine Site 2010- The Scallop Fishing (Wales) (No.2) Order 2010





### Vessel Monitoring System

2011- Trial of Vessel Monitoring Systems for managing fishery



## **Vessel Monitoring System**

 The Scallop Dredging Operations (Tracking Devices) (Wales) Order 2012)

"any British fishing boat which has a scallop dredge onboard must—

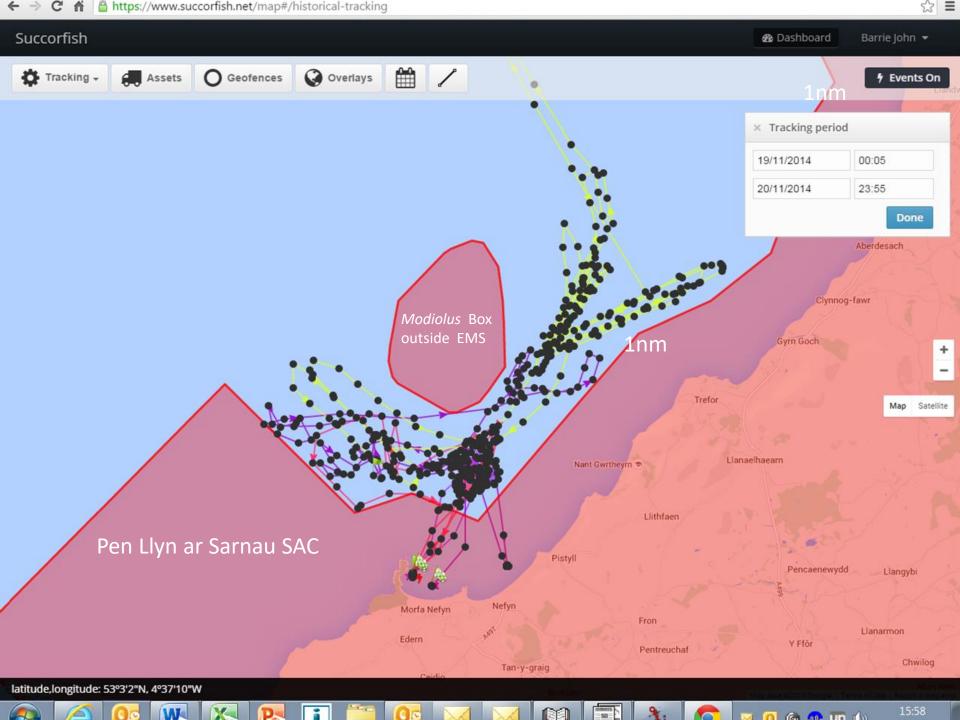
- (a) have a tracking device installed onboard that boat; and
- (b) transmit the required information to the nominated receiver at least once in every ten minute period whilst that boat is at sea."

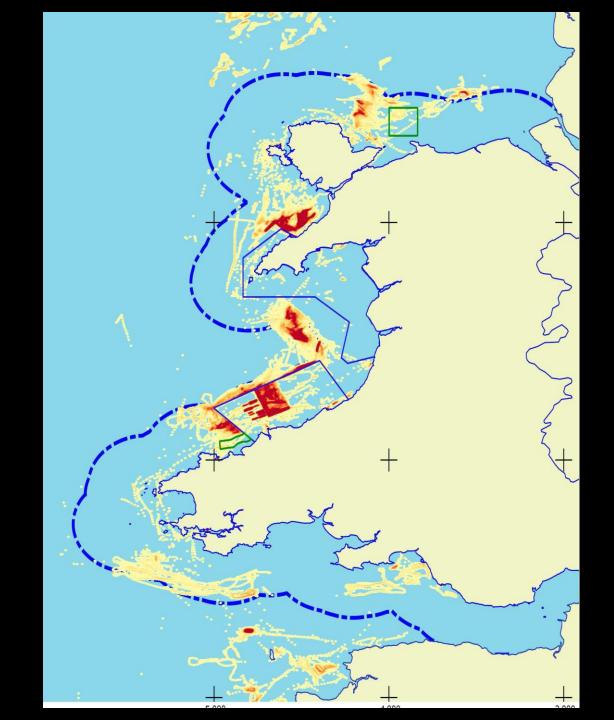


### **Costs and Monitoring**

- Hardware costs- approx 1000 Euros
- Transmission costs- approx 150 Euros per annum
- Web based monitoring
  - Supplier Platforms
  - UK VMS Hub







#### The Future

- UK VMS Projects
  - Welsh Government VMS roll out to U12m Fleet
  - DEFRA i-VMS roll out to English
    U12 Fleet
  - DAERA U12m project
  - Marine Scotland VMS solution for inshore fleet
- Safety Features
- Catch Recording

