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Monitoring around tidal turbines Sabella D10 example

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Sabella D10: flagship project

- Ushant island:
 - 900 inhabitants
 - Off-grid island
 - 4 Diesel power gensets
 - Peak consumption 2 MW
 - 7,000 MWh/year
 - 2 millions litres of fuel per year









Sabella D10: flagship project

- Sabella D10 project:
 - Install and connect a first full scale tidal turbine in France
 - **1 MW** device **10 meter** diameter
 - Three operation periods:
 - 2015-2016 initial 12-month authorized period
 - 2018-2019 6-month operation
 - 2020-2022 final campaign before a pilot plant
 - Installation in the Fromveur passage and connection to the electrical network of Ushant island





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The Fromveur Passage

- 55 meters deep
- 2 km off the shore
- Up to 4.5 m/s current velocity
- **Highly environmentally protected area:** IBA, ZNIEFF, UNESCO biosphere reserve, Marine Nature Park, Natura 2000, Heritage site, Maritime Hunting reserve...
- Area with many human activities: fishing, diving, sailing, navigation, ferries, military vessels...





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Environmental monitoring around the turbine

- Environmental monitoring protocol developed in collaboration with the Iroise Marine Natural Park
- Integration of several instruments on the turbine and on separate structures connected to the turbine or autonomous
- Main aspects monitored:
 - Acoustic impacts of turbines (marine mammals)
 => hydrophones, C-PODS, surface measurements...
 - Collision risks (marine mammals, fishes, birds...)
 => video cameras
 - Biofouling development => video survey by divers, sampling when recovering the turbine
 - Impact on currents, turbulence and sediment transportation => ADCPs, numerical models





Turbine instrumentation





Collision risk

• Observation of very few fishes around the rotor, only during tide slacks





Cable monitoring

- Participation in the SPECIES project, managed by France Énergies Marines
- Regular dives on the cable and control cables to monitor the development of biofouling on the cable
- Electromagnetic measurements nearby the cable planned after turbine reinstallation







Thank you for your attention!



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