

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2023**

Question

“In relation to the patrolling of Jersey’s territorial waters and monitoring of fishing activities by the Norman Le Brocq or any other vessel used by the Government marine resources team, will the Minister provide the following information from the beginning of 2023 –

- (a) the number of patrols carried out and the dates of those patrols;
- (b) the areas covered in those patrols;
- (c) the distance travelled and time spent on those patrols; and
- (d) the catches examined, the nature of any infractions identified, and any enforcement action taken?”

Answer

Background

Marine Resources has two patrol vessels: *FPV Norman Le Brocq* (Camarc 15m patrol vessel) which is generally used for offshore work, gear inspections and research; and *FPV Ecrehou* (Ribcraft 6.4m RIB) which is a lightweight RIB used for inshore work and for operations inside areas where the Norman Le Brocq cannot operate (e.g. offshore reefs, close inshore). Both vessels were operational in 2023 with patrol and other work being scheduled around maintenance/repair and in accordance with safe operating practice.

Records provided cover the period 1 January 2023 to the 13 October 2023 (286 calendar days). Please note that distance data are not available for *FPV Ecrehou* as only sea hours are recorded. All other information requested is summarised below and with detail by date provided in the appendix.

(a) the number of patrols carried out and the dates of those patrols:

Please see the appendix for full details but, in summary, the *Norman Le Brocq* was used for patrol work on 44 separate dates during 2024 and *Ecrehou* on 27 dates. The total number of patrol dates is 71.

(b) the areas covered in those patrols:

Please see the appendix for full details. A summary is provided below.

Sea Area	Description	NLB	Ecrehou
East/north-east of Jersey	Grouville; St Catherine; Les Ecrehous and Dirouilles	4	2
South-east/south of Jersey	Les Anquettes; Se of Minquiers; Chausey Basin	5	9
South-west of Jersey	Offshore; West of Minquiers	7	1
West of Jersey	Offshore; West of St Ouen	8	0

North-west/north Jersey	of Le Banc des Ormes; Les Pierres de Lecq	4	2
Inshore Jersey	Within the 0-3NM zone; inside bays	10	3
Les Minquiers	Within the reef	3	5
Les Ecrehous	Within the reef	3	5
Total	--	44	27

(c) the distance travelled and time spent on those patrols; and

Please see the appendix for full details. The *NLB* travelled a total of 1833 nautical miles and was at sea for 192.87 hours. Distance travelled is not recorded for *Ecrehou* but the vessel was at sea for 92.5 hours.

(d) the catches examined, the nature of any infractions identified, and any enforcement action taken?

During the course of boat patrols in 2023, Marine Resources undertook 75 catch and 26 gear inspections. From these, 42 offences were logged. A breakdown of these offences, number of incidents and actions is provided below. Please note that details concerning the status of infractions which are subject to ongoing investigation/prosecution cannot be provided.

Offence	Number of Incidents	Action
Bag limits	3	1 x PH; 2 x WL
No licence	2	1 x VW; 1 x IP
Inside a prohibited area	3	1 x NFA; 2 x VW
Out of season	6	5 x IP; 1 x WL
Gear issue	9	2 x GS; 4 x GL; 3 x WL
Undersize species	16	4 x IP; 5 x VW; 7 x VW
Wildlife Law	1	1 x IP
FEPA infringement	2	1 x IP; 1 x VW

GL = warning label attached to gear; GS = gear seized; IP = in progress; NFA = no further action; PH = parish hall; VW = verbal warning

Appendix

Date	Vessel	Area of operation	Distance only; NM)	Duration (hours)
19 January 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	3
02 February 2023	NLB	South-east/south of Jersey	26	3.5
07 February 2023	NLB	Les Ecrehous	71	6.5
09 February 2023	Ecrehou	North-west/north of Jersey	#NA	4
13 February 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	62	4.25
14 February 2023	NLB	West of Jersey	24	1.75
21 February 2023	Ecrehou	Les Minquiers	#NA	4
01 March 2023	NLB	South-west of Jersey	75	5.25
06 March 2023	NLB	North-west/north of Jersey	104	9.16
07 March 2023	Ecrehou	North-west/north of Jersey	#NA	2

27 March 2023	NLB	East/North-east of Jersey	71	6.75
03 April 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	63	6.08
04 April 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	95	6.5
05 April 2023	NLB	South-west of Jersey	51	4.16
17 April 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	4	0.55
20 April 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	7	1.32
21 April 2023	NLB	Les Ecrehous	62	7.75
25 April 2023	NLB	South-west of Jersey	75	4.5
11 May 2023	NLB	West of Jersey	34	3.25
12 May 2023	NLB	Les Minquiers	29	3.75
12 May 2023	NLB	West of Jersey	34	3.75
13 May 2023	NLB	West of Jersey	34	3.08
15 May 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	7	1.08
16 May 2023	NLB	West of Jersey	33	3.08
23 May 2023	NLB	South-east/south of Jersey	19	4
12 June 2023	NLB	East/North-east of Jersey	33	5.25
15 June 2023	Ecrehou	Les Minquiers	#NA	3
15 June 2023	NLB	South-west of Jersey	34	5
19 June 2023	NLB	Les Ecrehous	40	6.5
19 June 2023	Ecrehou	East/North-east of Jersey	#NA	7
20 June 2023	NLB	North-west/north of Jersey	122	7.5
21 June 2023	Ecrehou	South-west of Jersey	#NA	4
22 June 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	34	5
23 June 2023	NLB	Les Minquiers	34	5.33
24 June 2023	NLB	West of Jersey	31	5
26 June 2023	NLB	West of Jersey	32	3.75
27 June 2023	NLB	North-west/north of Jersey	50	4.75
28 June 2023	NLB	West of Jersey	31	3.84
07 July 2023	NLB	South-west of Jersey	63	3.7
10 July 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	13	5.75
11 July 2023	NLB	East/North-east of Jersey	30	5.75
12 July 2023	NLB	South-east/south of Jersey	18	2.32
13 July 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	13	3
17 July 2023	NLB	Les Minquiers	27	4
18 July 2023	Ecrehou	Inshore Jersey	#NA	1
18 July 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	4
20 July 2023	Ecrehou	Les Ecrehous	#NA	3.5
20 July 2023	NLB	South-west of Jersey	33	4.25
21 July 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	5
25 July 2023	NLB	East/North-east of Jersey	48	4.84
09 August 2023	NLB	South-east/south of Jersey	42	3.75
10 August 2023	NLB	South-west of Jersey	43	5.75
15 August 2023	Ecrehou	Les Ecrehous	#NA	2.7
16 August 2023	Ecrehou	Inshore Jersey	#NA	1.5
19 August 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	3.3
22 August 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	1.8

22 August 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	1.8
23 August 2023	Ecrehou	Les Ecrehous	#NA	6
30 August 2023	Ecrehou	Inshore Jersey	#NA	2.4
02 September 2023	Ecrehou	Les Ecrehous	#NA	5
05 September 2023	NLB	South-east/south of Jersey	18	2
06 September 2023	Ecrehou	Les Minquiers	#NA	5
07 September 2023	Ecrehou	East/North-east of Jersey	#NA	5
12 September 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	1
13 September 2023	NLB	Inshore Jersey	9	3
15 September 2023	NLB	North-west/north of Jersey	55	2.83
30 September 2023	Ecrehou	Les Minquiers	#NA	4
01 October 2023	Ecrehou	Les Ecrehous	#NA	5
10 October 2023	Ecrehou	Les Minquiers	#NA	4
11 October 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	1
13 October 2023	Ecrehou	South-east/south of Jersey	#NA	2.5