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1 METHOD OF PROCEDURE

A non-DP vessel, such as the MV Rebecca, with the capacity to handle large quantities of cable will recover the cable in Scottish waters. This ship will grapnel the cable using industry standard methods outside territorial waters (to the west of the territorial boundary), cut it and bring it onboard. Once the cable end is onboard, the cable will be attached to a recovery winch which will then peel the cable out of its buried position on the sea floor, bring the cable onboard the ship and then store the recovered cable in purpose-built cable tanks in the ship. These works will remove the cable from within the Territorial Waters of Scotland, before cutting the cable and leaving an orphaned section of around 1000m under Shefa 2 with the end being properly clump weighted in accordance with ICPC guidance. Due to the proximity of Shefa 2 to the eastern extent of territorial waters no cable will be recovered east of this asset. It is possible, in areas of sand waves or other mobile, that the cable will have been buried further by natural processes since it was installed. It is possible that the extent to which the cable has been buried in these areas may exceed the parameters of the recovery methodology and that removal of this cable would require extensive mass flow excavation. In all cases we will employ reasonable efforts to remove as much of the TAT14 cable as possible. Once all accessible sections have been recovered, at a time convenient to her, the vessel with then make port for offload and transfer of the cable to a licensed processor.

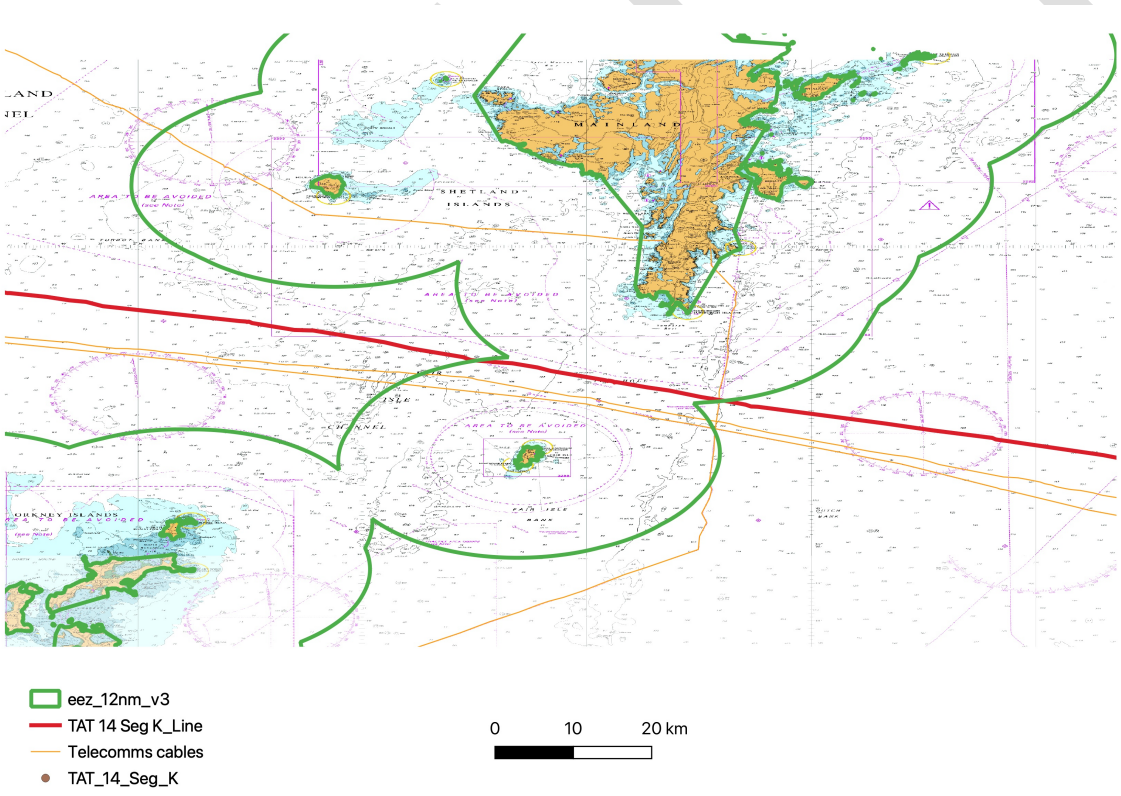

Figure 1 TAT-14 in Scottish waters