

# MOHID as Support for Plan Camgal. Success Stories

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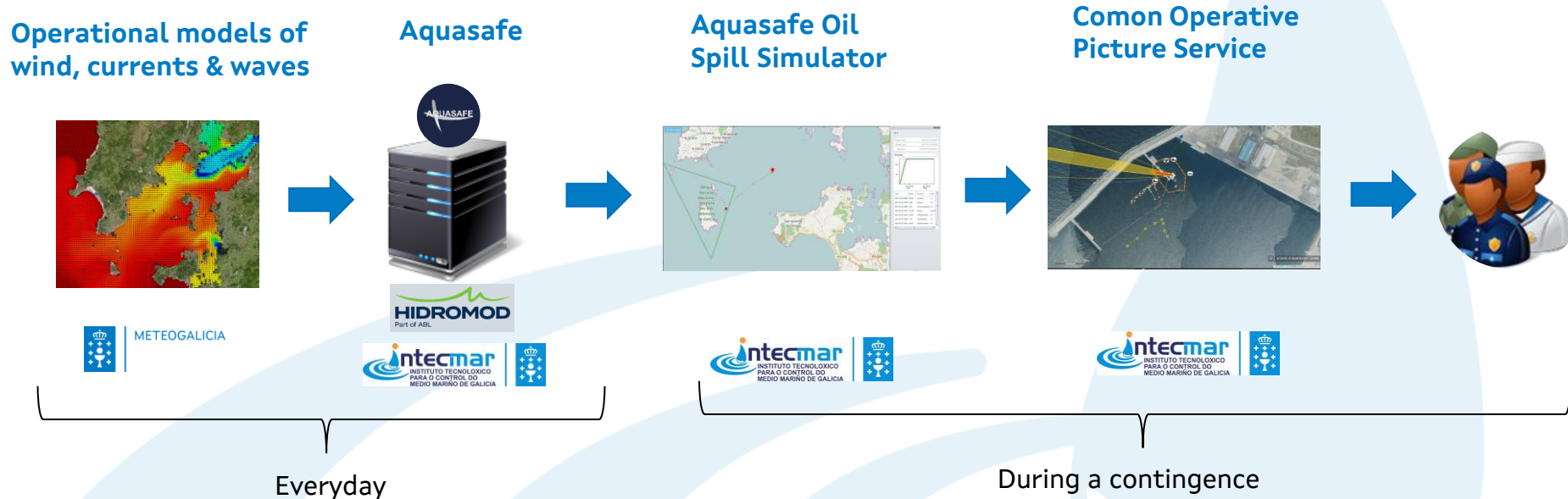




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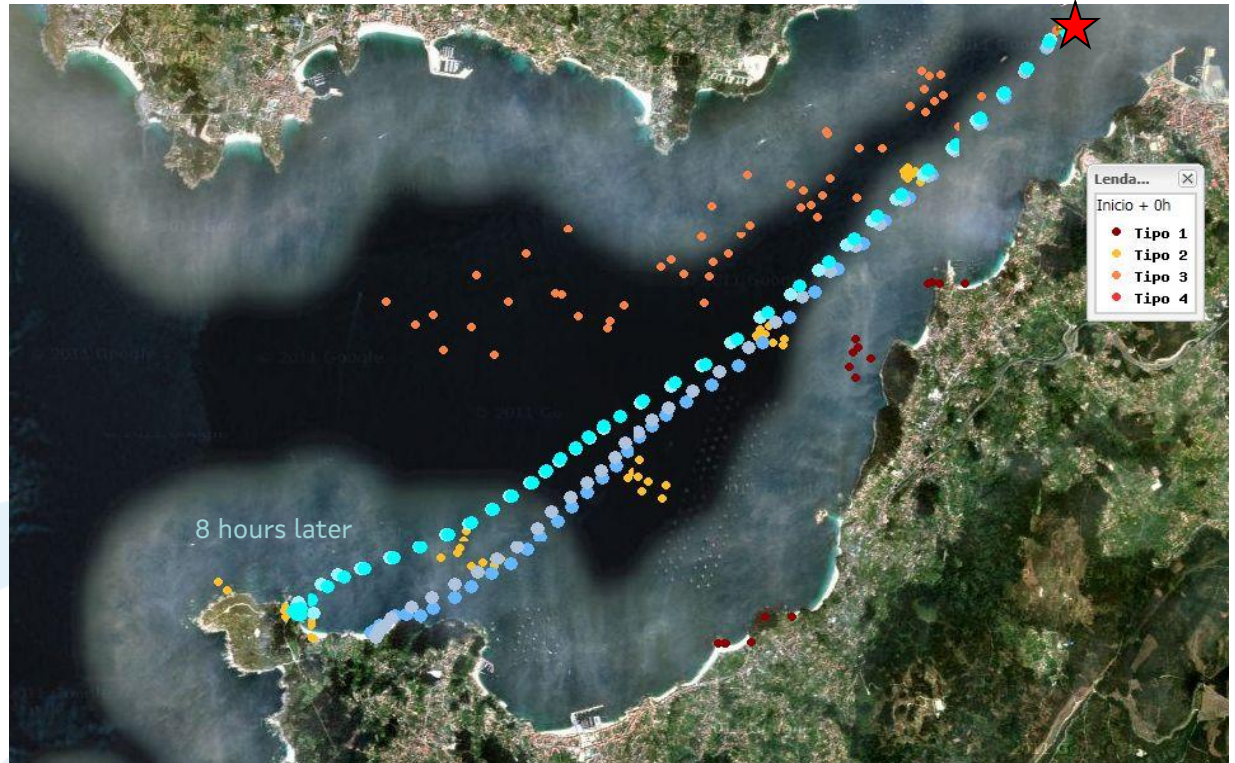
**Plan Camgal** is Galicia's regional plan for combating accidental marine pollution.

The **Close Observation Unit** is a support unit for Plan Camgal, and among its functions is predicting the drift of spills.



# MODEL VS DRIFTERS

Exercise 26/05/2011



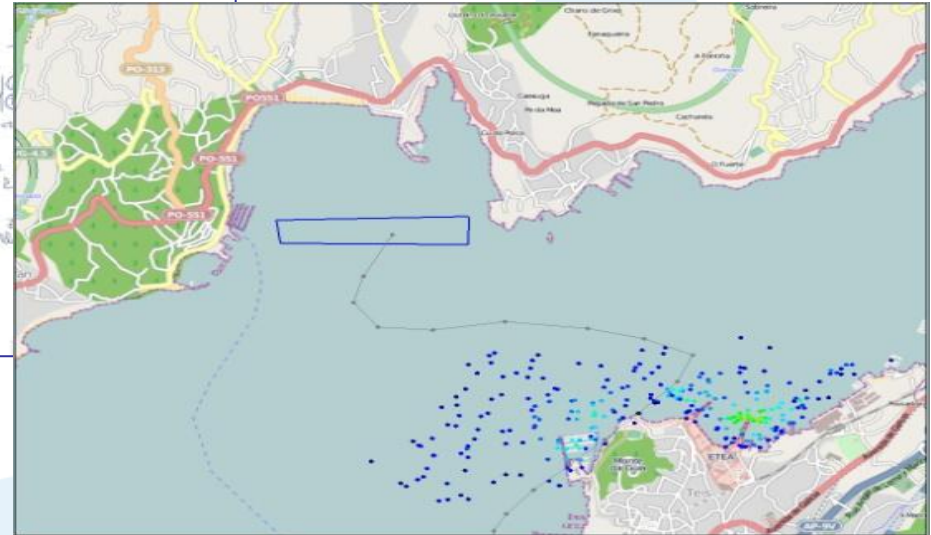
Blue: Drifters MLI  
Red: Model: currents + 3% wind  
Yellow: Model: currents + 1% wind  
Orange: Model: currents

# CASE: ILLEGAL SPILL EVIDENCE (2013/05/07)

Some oil slicks were observed in the morning. A black list ship on suspicious of spilling oil the night before



Authorities schema:  
slicks in the morning -> Red lines  
Suspected ship location the night before -> Red star

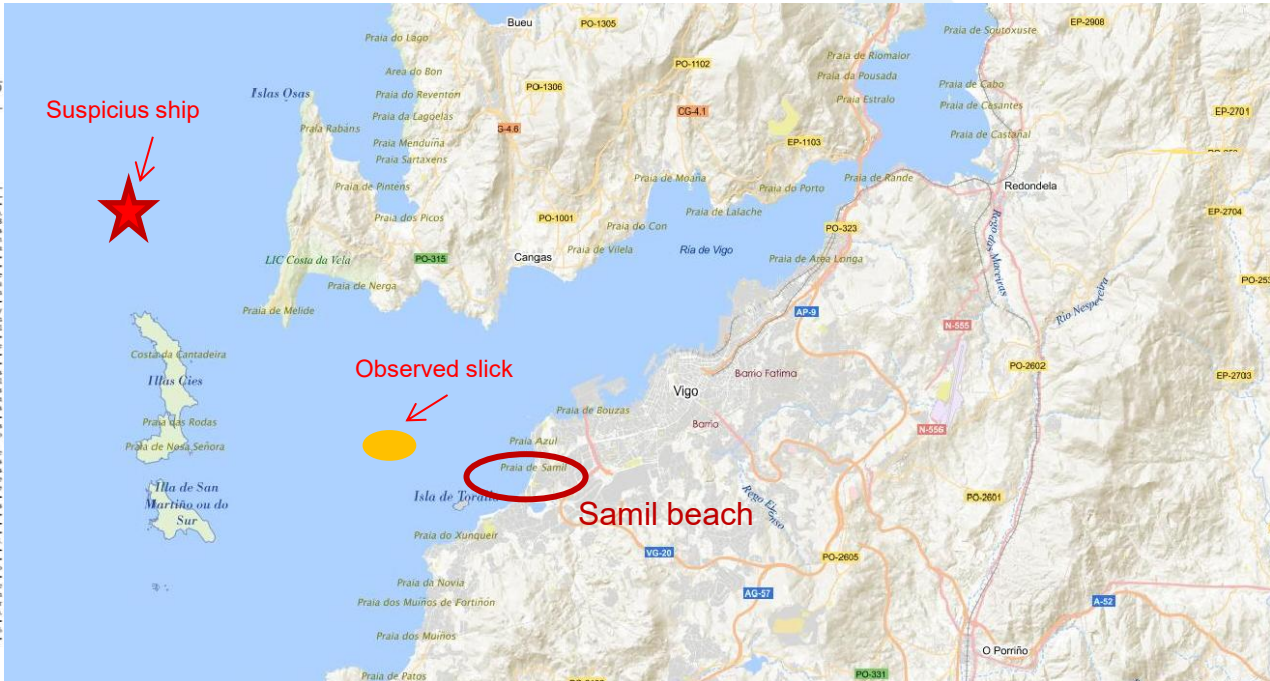


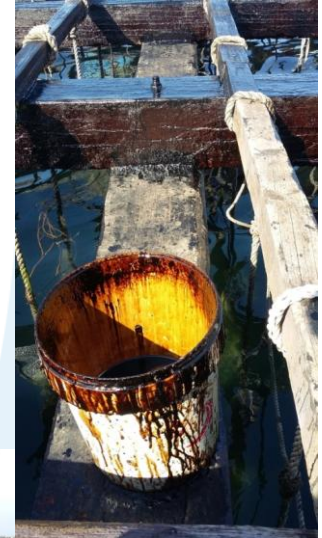
Backtracking simulation as evidence for a trial



# SEARCHING A SOURCE OF ILLEGAL SPILL(2017/06/19)

Oil slicks appeared on a beach near Vigo.  
The authorities want to know who the offender was.





A backtracking simulation reveals that the illegal discharge comes from the interior of the Vigo estuary.

Illegal use of tar to paint a raft



# REFLOATING A SUBMARINE (14/03/2023)



In March 2023, a semi-sunken narco-submarine appears in the Ria de Arousa

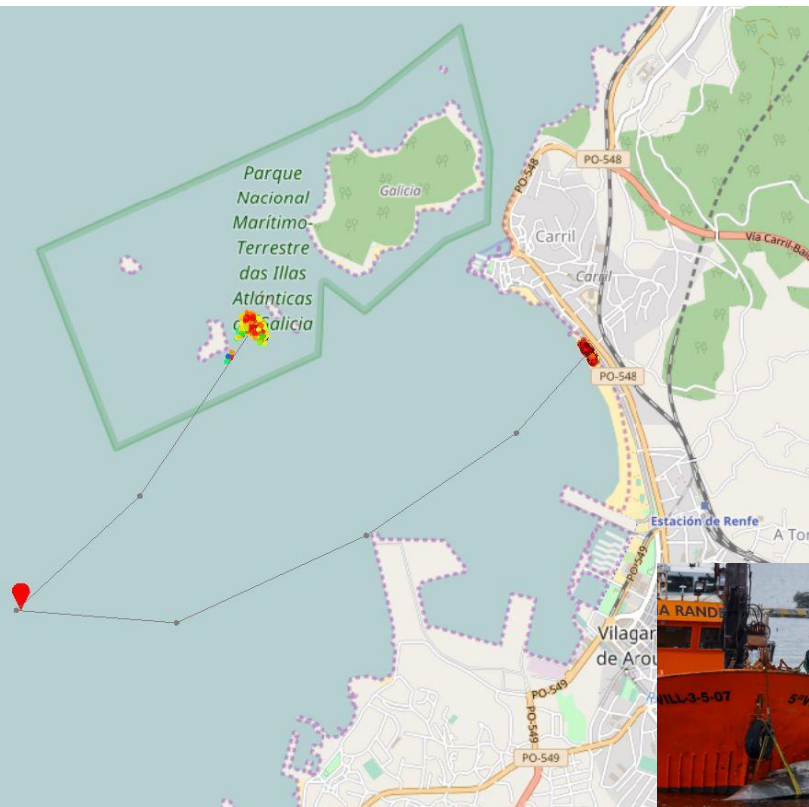
The Guarda Civil decides to refloat it on 14<sup>th</sup> March



The next day some oil slicks appear on the beach of Compostela, which are suspected to have come from the submarine.



2023/03/14 17:00

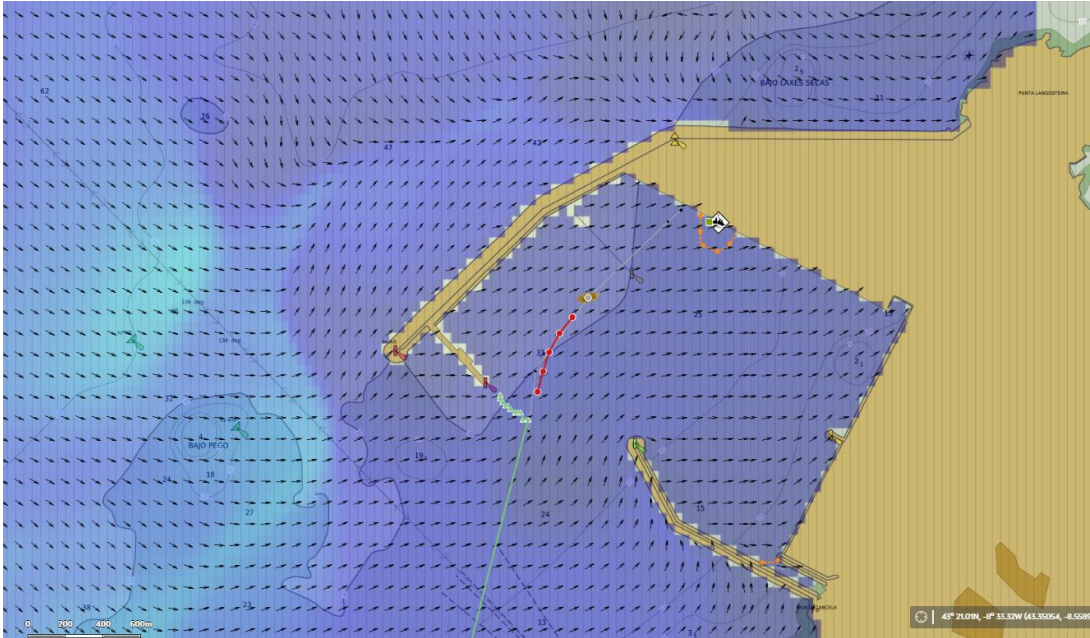


Various simulations with different start times for the spill reveal that it occurs during the refloating operations.





# EXERCISE IN CORUÑA HARBOUR (2023/11/23)



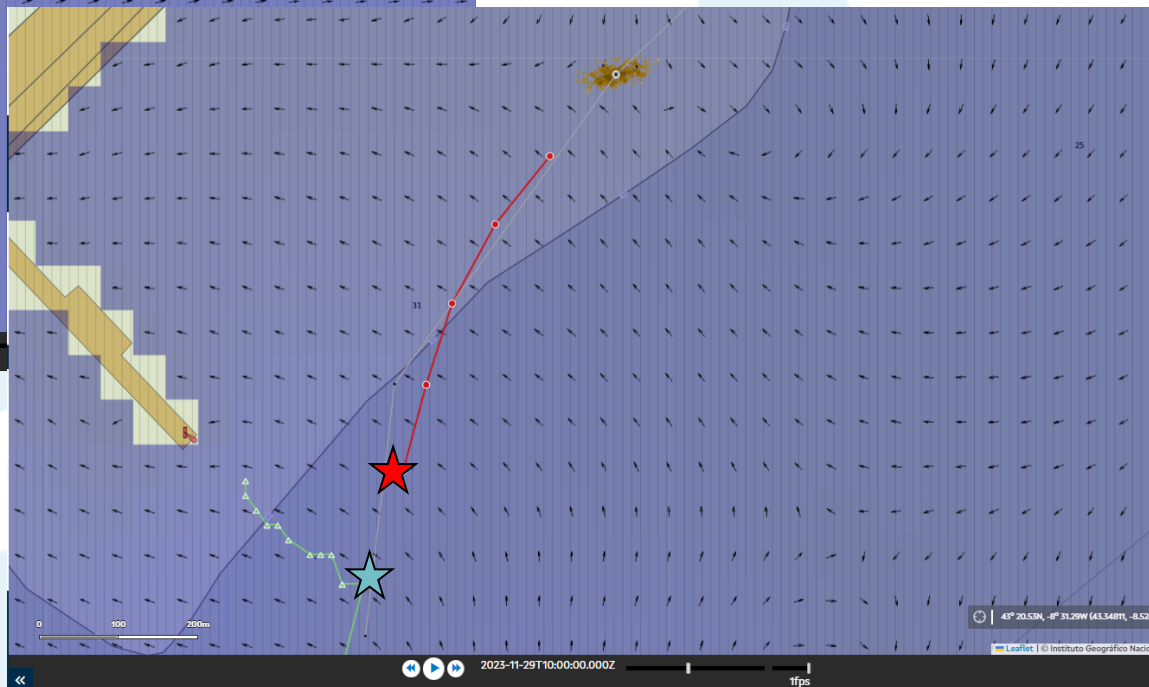
During the exercise, two drifters were launched, one of them with a drogue at a depth of 10 meters.





Surface currents

Red: surface drifter  
Blue: 10 m depth drifter  
Gray line: simulation  
Spilllets in brown



10-meter depth currents

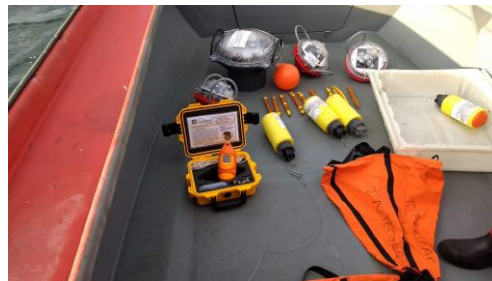
# OBSERVATIONS AND MODELLING

Release 2018/11/15 09:00Z

Release pegs and drifters in Ria de Arousa

- **Observations:**

- Met station, currentmeter,
- drifters
- Mussel pegs locations.



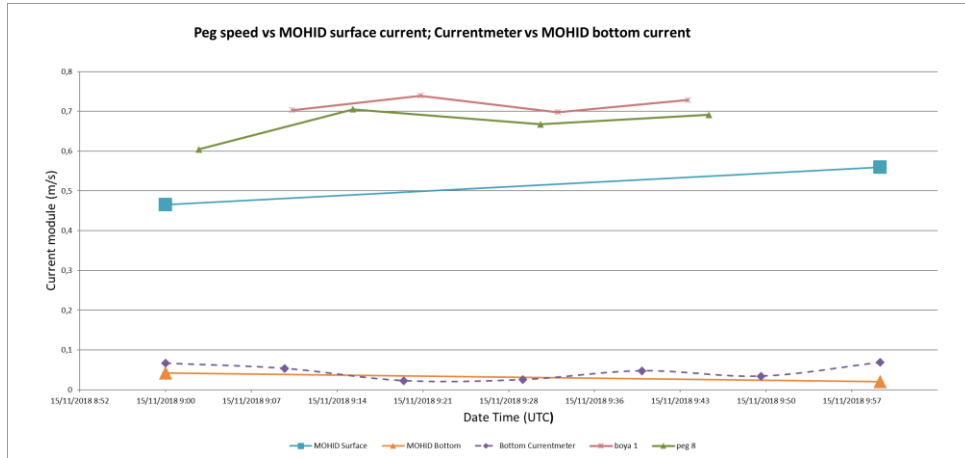
- **Model:**

- MeteoGalicía Operational Model:
  - 3D Hydrodynamic MOHID (34 levels, high resolution at surfaces levels ~10 cm, horizontal step ~ 300 m).
  - Wind forcing and river discharges included.
  - Lagrangian module.





# DRAG COEFFICIENT

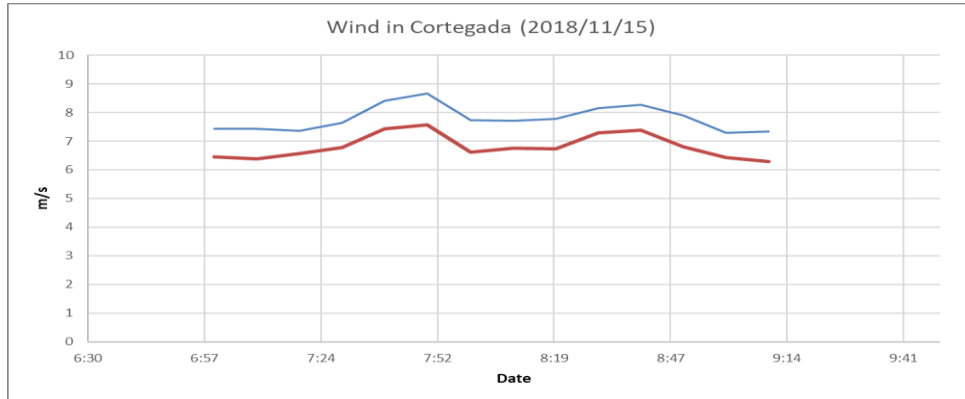


$$V_{\text{drifter}} = V_{\text{model}} + C_{\text{drag}} \cdot V_{\text{wind}}$$

$$V_{\text{drifter}} - V_{\text{model}} \sim 0,14 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_{\text{wind}} \sim 7 \text{ m/s}$$

$$C_{\text{drag}} = (V_{\text{drifter}} - V_{\text{model}}) / V_{\text{wind}} = 0,02$$



2% is the usual value of drift coefficient used in the Plan Camgal!!!

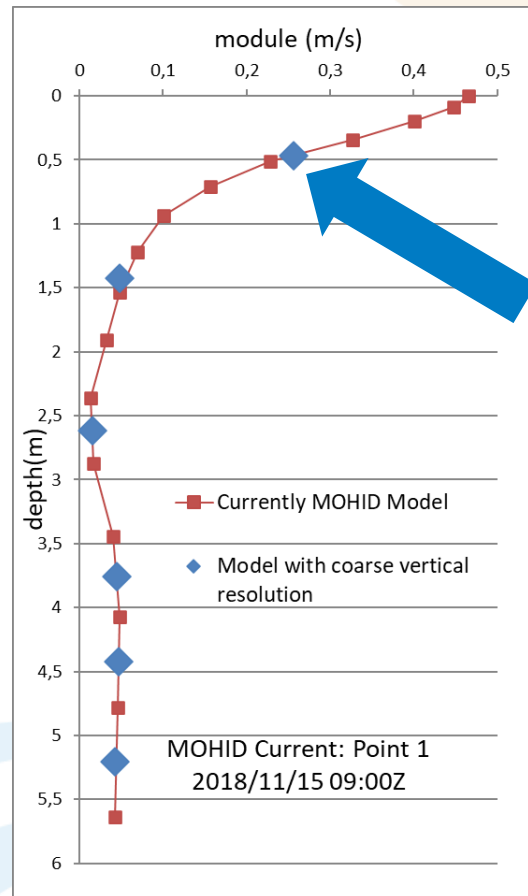
# HOW DOES THE WIND FORCE THE DRIFTERS?



Why do objects with very different characteristics exhibit such similar drift velocities?

Why must we add a direct wind forcing component, even for submerged objects?

There exists an **underestimation of surface current**, due to the vertical discretization often struggle to accurately resolve the fine-scale velocity profile of this surface boundary layer.



Surface current from the vertical low resolution model

# TOCONAO SPILL OF PELLETS

- On 8th December 2023, the vessel TOCONAO lost 6 containers 40 miles off Viana, one of which was loaded with 1010 sacks of pellets.
- On 13th December, more than 50 of these bags arrive in Corrubedo. After this day, there are no more sightings.
- On 3rd January and the following days, pellets and bags start to appear on the coasts of Muros, Arousa Norte, and later in Fisterra and the northern beaches of Galicia.





# TOCONAO: DRIFT SIMULATION



## Key dates:

- 2023/12/08: Spill
- 2023/12/13: First bags in Corrubedo
- 2024/1/3: Second arrival



<https://www.plancamgal/gal>

## CONCLUSIONS

- MOHID model has supported to Plan Camgal for more than 20 years with good results.
- The operational modelling system is a key to forecast spills on time.
- The forecast is highly dependent of good forecast of winds and currents.
- The wind forcing coefficient depends not only of the object but also of the vertical discretization of hydrodynamic model

# MUITO OBRIGADO!

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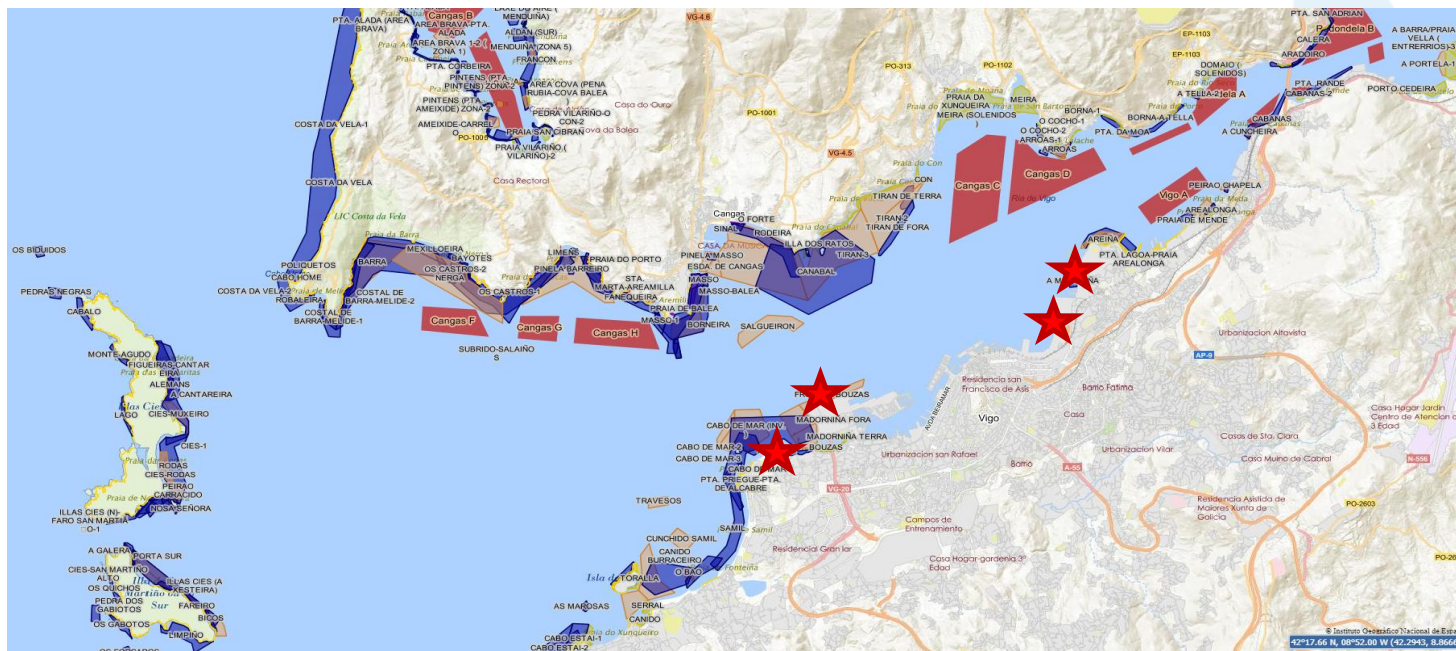
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# MONITORING DESIGN (2017/02/16)

Start-up of the new wastewater treatment plant. Discharges in 4 points.  
Which mollusc area will be affected so it can be monitored first?



Red stars: points of discharge  
Brown polygons: Mussel rafts  
Blue polygons: Bivalve shoals

High level of Ecoli concentration

