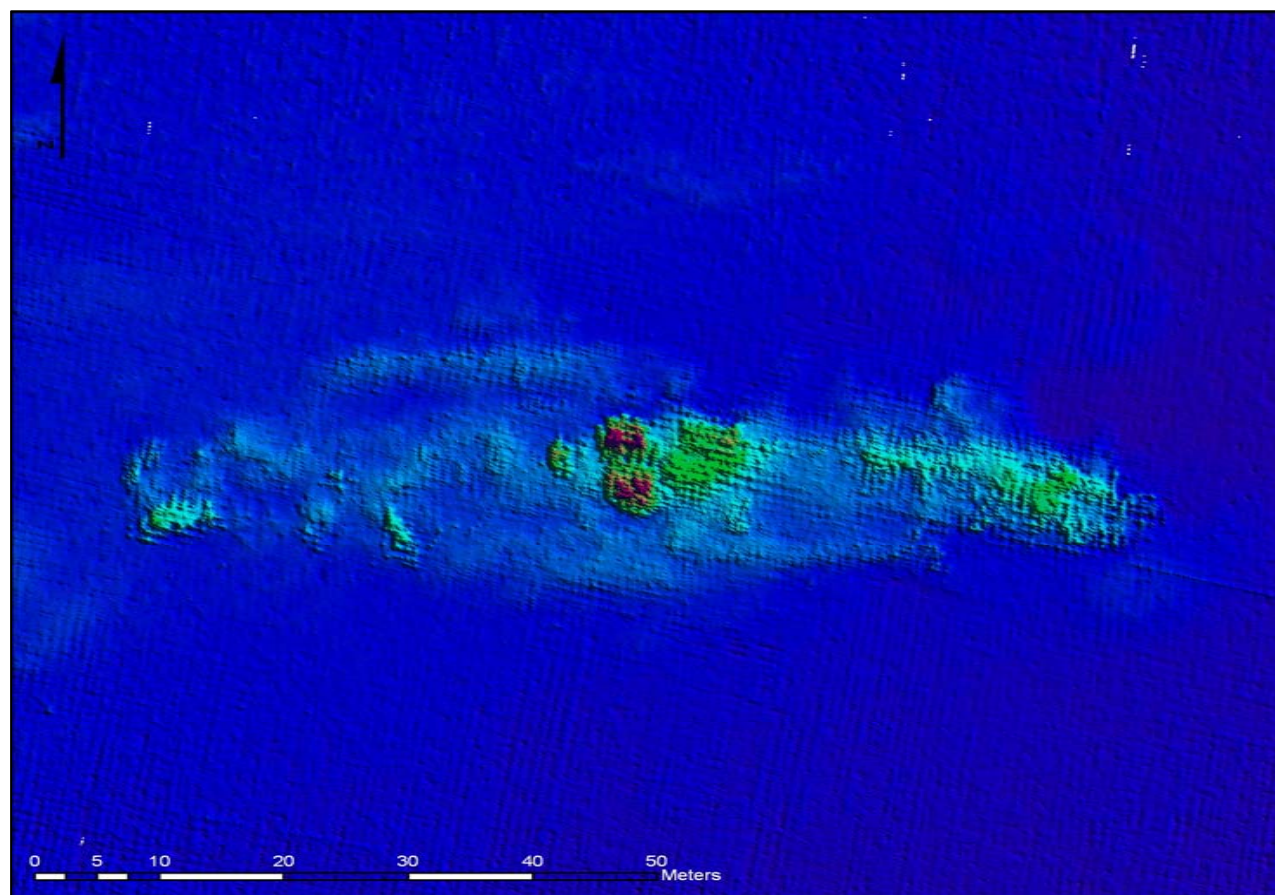
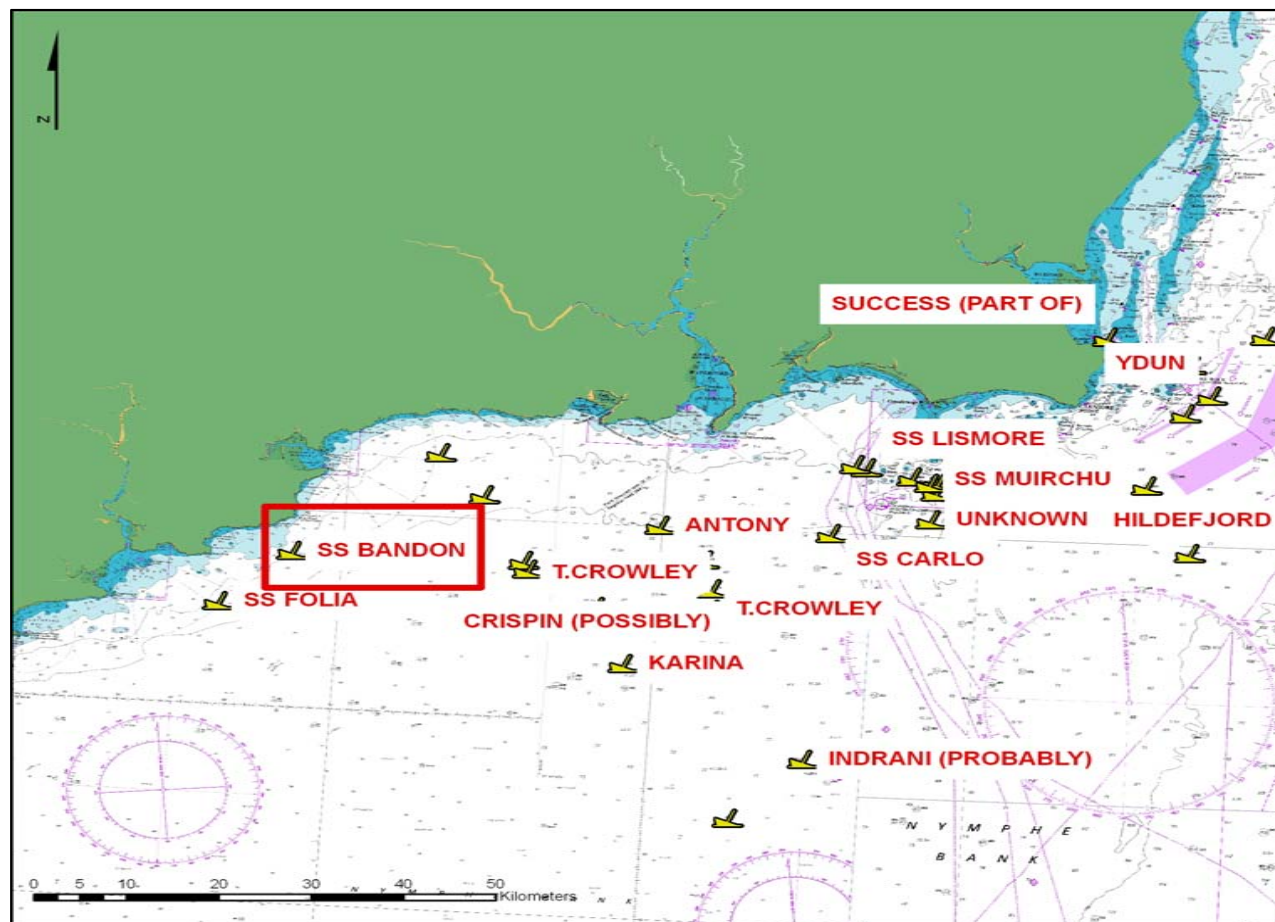


## WRECK IMAGERY



Above the location of the SS *Bandon* off the south coast and below an image of the SS *Bandon* from the shaded relief acquired during the INFOMAR survey CV10\_03, Southern priority area.

## LOCATION

**Location** 5 km South of Mine Head

**Coordinates** -07° 34' 47.976" W  
51° 56' 56.226" N

**Depth of Water** 33 m

## VESSEL INFORMATION

**Vessel type** Cargo Vessel

**Flag** Irish

**Vessel Dimensions** 81.1 m (l),  
11.3 m (b), 5.2 m (d)

**Date of building** 1910

## DETAILS OF SINKING

On Friday April 13th 1917 the SS *Bandon*, under the command of Captain P.F. Kelly, was on route from Liverpool to Cork when she was torpedoed by a mine from the German submarine UC-44 (Kurt Tebbenjohanns). She sank 2.5 miles SW of Mine Head with general cargo onboard. 28 members of the crew were killed. 4 survived including Captain Kelly.



## SS BANDON



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## VESSEL HISTORY

The SS *Bandon* was built in 1910 by Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd., Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. She was owned by the Cork Steam Packet Co. Ltd. and measured 81.07 x 11.32 x 5.28 metres and grossed 1,456 tons was powered by a 3 cylinder triple-expansion steam engine which generated 394 hp and was armed with 1 x 3 pounder stern gun.

## DIVE INFORMATION

The SS *Bandon* lies in a general sea depth of 33 m and is orientated almost E-W, its bow orientated in an E-SE direction. The wreck is badly broken up. The SS *Bandon* should be dived at slack waters.

Wrecks over 100 years old and archaeological objects found underwater are protected under the National Monuments (Amendment) Acts 1987 and 1994. As the SS *Bandon* is over 100 years old, it is protected and a license is required to dive the site which can be obtained from:

[www.archaeology.ie/servlet/apply\\_licence.jsp](http://www.archaeology.ie/servlet/apply_licence.jsp)

Under the legislation all diving on protected wreck sites or with the intention of searching for archaeological underwater material is subject to such licensing requirements.

## ABOUT INFOMAR

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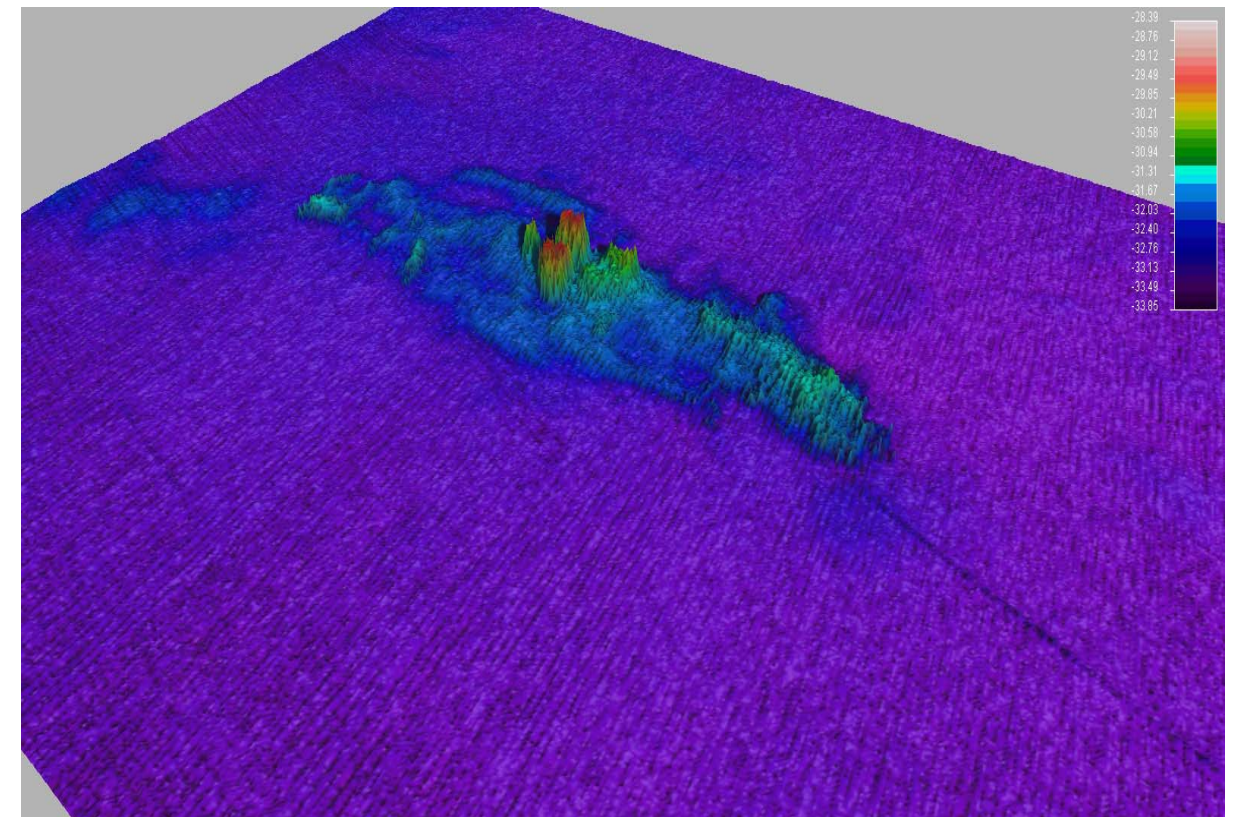
## FURTHER READING/REFERENCES

[www.infomar.ie](http://www.infomar.ie)

[www.irishwrecksonline.net](http://www.irishwrecksonline.net)

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## WRECK IMAGERY



Above a 3D image of the SS *Bandon* using Fledermaus 3D visualisation software and below a postcard of the SS *Bandon* in 1916 (Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society)

