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FOI-1897 SUBSEA DRONES

Thank you for your request of 23 December 2025 for information relating to the UK's subsea drone capability. You specifically requested: *"Looking at the Ukrainian subsea drone that sunk a Russian submarine; what is the department doing that enables the UK to effectively and cheaply run a similar drone brigade?"*

Having examined our records, we do not believe that we hold any of the information you requested. I am sorry we have not been able to help you with the information you requested on this occasion; it might be worth writing instead to the Ministry of Defence to establish what information it holds. You can write to the Ministry of Defence's central correspondence unit at the following link: [Contact the Ministry of Defence - GOV.UK](#).

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Yours sincerely
NAO FOI Team