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INTRODUCTION

Changes to UKDS Chapter 7

Following a review and Public Consultation, Chapter 7 has been substantially reduced this year.

Tables 7.1 to 7.5 in UKDS 2011 have been removed as most of the figures previously provided in these tables are published elsewhere and, based on the information available, it is not clear that there is a user requirement for publication in UKDS.

Table 7.7 in UKDS 2011 has been removed since the information it held is not fundamentally statistical in nature and there are concerns about the capacity to produce this table in future years. DASA will be working with the data supplier to determine if a more statistical table can be produced in future years.

Table 7.8 in UKDS 2011 has been removed since the information it held is not fundamentally statistical in nature, it is available elsewhere and there are concerns about the ability to compare data across years.

Table 7.6 in UKDS 2011 has been retained in UKDS since the information it contains is statistical in nature and the statistics are not published elsewhere. However it was not put forward for assessment as a National Statistic by the United Kingdom Statistics Authority since more detailed assessment of the methods for producing and validating these statistics is needed to confirm it meets the required standards. This table has been renumbered to become Table 7.1 in UKDS 2012.

This year, UKDS Chapter 7 consists of just one section: Military Aid to Civil Authorities.

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Military Aid to Civil Authorities

Context

The Royal Navy Fisheries Protection Squadron has three River Class Patrol Vessels covering UK waters and one Offshore Patrol Vessel (Helicopter) stationed in the Falkland Isles. The River Class Patrol Vessels cover the fishery limits of England, Wales and Northern Ireland - an area that covers over 80,000 square miles of sea and stretches up to 200 miles from the coastline.

This section provides information on activities undertaken under contract to the Marine Management Organisation. Boardings carried out by vessels of the Scottish Executive Environment Directorate and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland are not included.

The main users of this data will be those interested in MOD activities and in particular MOD support for fishery protection. This is most likely to be the media, politicians and public in areas with a fishing industry.

Military Aid to the Civilian Authorities

Table 7.1 shows the numbers of vessels boarded by the Royal Navy Fishery Protection Squadron within British fishery limits, and convictions arising, in each financial year.

Key Points:

- In 2011/12 1,408 vessels were boarded by the Royal Navy Fisheries Protection Squadron, the highest figure in the last six years. This had resulted in 17 court convictions by the time the information was available.

Data Sources

The data in this table are provided by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) from the UK Monitoring, Control and Surveillance System. The data are extracted and collated manually.

Data Quality

Quality control is undertaken on the data on which this table is based by both the Royal Navy and the MMO. They have also been subjected to sense checks by Government Statisticians. The MMO consider the information in this table to be very reliable.

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Table 7.1 Number of vessels boarded by the Royal Navy Fishery Protection Squadron within British fishing limits and convictions arising from these boardings each financial year

This shows the activities of the Royal Navy Fishery Protection Squadron operating within British fishery limits under contract to the Marine Maritime Organisation (MMO). Boardings carried out by vessels of the Scottish Executive Environment Directorate and the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for Northern Ireland are not included.

The data in this Table are outside the scope of National Statistics since they have not been put forward for assessment by the UK Statistics Authority.

	2000/01	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Vessels boarded	1 603	1 335	1 309	1 102	1 201	1 399	1 408
by sea areas:							
North Sea	627	343	367	306	338	411	417
Bristol Channel, Celtic Sea, English Channel, Irish Sea and Western Approaches	976	992	942	796	863	988	991

Source: Marine Management Organisation

Convictions Arising from Royal Navy Boardings

Convictions arising from Royal Navy boardings are convictions of infringements detected by the Royal Navy Fishery Protection vessels in that year operating under contract to DEFRA. Figures may change retrospectively as some cases may not be heard in court until a year or more after the initial Royal Navy boarding.

In financial year 08/09, the Marine and Fisheries Agency introduced the Fisheries Administration Penalty (FAP). This has streamlined the penalty process, and has removed the necessity for most of the crews of vessels that would previously have been sent to Court from actually having to attend Court, where they would probably have been convicted. Convictions from 2008/09 onwards are based on the number of offences addressed by the Courts that resulted in a Court conviction, not the number of fishing vessel crews that attended Court. That is, the same fishing vessel crew could be required to attend Court for one or more offences to be heard and each offence would count separately.

	2000/01	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Convictions arising from boardings²	48	53	57	30	10	29	17
by nationality:							
Belgium	4	10	19	5	3	1	2
Denmark	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eire	4	10	6	-	1	3	3
Faeroes	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	8	14	16	12	1	14	6
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Netherlands	6	4	-	2	-	3	2
Spain	-	-	-	3	1	1	2
United Kingdom	20	15	16	8	4	5	2

Source: Marine Management Organisation

1. The Faroes, Rockall and West of Scotland are not covered by the Royal Navy Fishery Protection Squadron
2. From 2008/09, these figures include Fisheries Administration Penalties.

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Alternative Sources of Information Previously Published in UKDS Chapter 7

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Topic	Source
Waste recycled and reused by the Ministry of Defence	From 2012 onwards data on waste recycled and reused by the Ministry of Defence will be included in Annex D of the MOD Annual Report and Accounts and Annex B of the Greening Government Commitments Annual Report . It should be noted that the figures in the 2011/12 Greening Government Commitments Annual Report do not match the equivalent UKDS 2011 figures exactly as the data provider has updated the figures to reflect revised Government targets.
Carbon Dioxide Emissions	From 2012 onwards data on Carbon Dioxide Emissions will be included in Annex D of the MOD Annual Report and Accounts and Annex B of the Greening Government Commitments Annual Report . It should be noted that the figures in the 2102 MOD Annual Report and the 2011/12 Greening Government Commitments Annual Report do not match the equivalent UKDS 2011 figures exactly as the data provider has updated the figures to reflect revised Government targets. The 2012 Greening Government Commitments Annual Report does not include information on Marine and Aviation Fuel. The MOD Annual Report and Accounts includes information on Marine and Aviation Fuel, but it is expressed in litres of fuel rather than tonnes of CO ₂ .
MOD Energy Consumption	From 2012 onwards data on MOD Energy Consumption will be included in Annex D of the MOD Annual Report and Accounts and Annex B of the Greening Government Commitments Annual Report . It should be noted that the figures in the 2011/12 Greening Government Commitments Annual Report are expressed in Tonnes of CO ₂ while those in UKDS 2011 are expressed in million kWh. It is not clear which format is most useful to users. The figures in the 2012 MOD Annual Report and Accounts are expressed in kWh but the figures provided do not match the equivalent figures in UKDS 2011 as the data provider has updated the figures to reflect revised Government targets.
MOD Water Consumption	From 2012 onwards data on MOD Water Consumption will be included in Annex D of the MOD Annual Report and Accounts and Annex B of the Greening Government Commitments Annual Report . It should be noted that the figures in the 2011/12 Greening Government Commitments Annual Report and the 2012 MOD Annual Report and Accounts do not match the equivalent UKDS 2011 figures exactly as the data provider has updated the figures to reflect revised Government targets.
Sites of Special Scientific Interest in Target Condition	Information on Sites of Special Scientific Interest by condition are given in the Defence Estate Information Report on the MOD website. This document contains more detail than UKDS for England and Wales but slightly less detail than UKDS 2011 for Scotland and Northern Ireland. The figures are consistent with those given in UKDS 2011.

Conflict Prevention

Alternative Sources for Information Previously Published in UKDS Chapter 7

Topic	Source
MOD support to the UK's Conflict Prevention Initiative: examples (excluding operations) of activities undertaken.	Conflict Prevention Fund (CPF) data, including that previously covered in UKDS are reported by DFID to the OECD. The activities and funding are shared between DFID, MOD and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and at various times all may report on the data. Further information on the Conflict Prevention Initiative can be found on the DFID web site , Foreign and Commonwealth Office web site and OECD web site .