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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2020 requesting a plan of Exmouth docks in its last years as a commercial dock.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the UKHO, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below at annex A.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that all the documents mentioned below are subject to copyright. To publish UKHO owned data, you will need to purchase a copy of the relevant published chart and you will need to contact the UKHO Copyright team at intellectual.property@ukho.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
UKHO Secretariat

“Dear UK Hydrographic Office, I am looking to produce a book about Exmouth docks in its last years as a commercial dock, and are wondering if a plan of the docks exists from the period.”

Our Research team, who are based in the UKHO Archive, provided the following response:

We have conducted a search of our relevant survey ledgers to determine whether we have any plans of Exmouth docks submitted during the 1980's. The only document listed for this period is entitled:

Exmouth Harbour and approaches; dated 1987 and submitted by Herrington Geoscience Associates (UKHO document reference M1011).

There is also a file H2798/84 and Admiralty chart 2290. We have provided a low-resolution image of the published chart of River Exe from 2005 which does include the docks. (Please see image on next page.)

Unfortunately, UKHO Research staff are currently working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At present we only have access to existing digital images, and it doesn't appear we have any of chart 2290 that date to the 1980's. We will need to access the paper record copies held within the Archive, which will not be possible for some time.

Information about the UKHO Archive can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-ukho-archive>

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- Access to M1011 can only be permitted if permission is granted by the data owner - Herrington Geoscience Associates. Please note that you will need to obtain this and provide us with written consent from the data owner.
- We will need to physically examine H2798/84 to determine if the contents are relevant and releasable if this is of interest.
- A reproduction of a 1980's version of the published chart 2290 can be purchased (when we resume regular access to the collection) but you will also need to contact copyright intellectual.property@ukho.gov.uk if you wish to publish it.

