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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 July requesting the following information:

"I am currently investigating a recent grounding of a vessel at Aberdeen Harbour and I am interested in the latest bathymetric survey of the Harbour and its navigating channels including profiles of channel.

Please advise if there is any information that you can present that will be helpful in this investigation."

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.

Aberdeen Port area is largely covered by maintained depths. The best way to get further information on this area is to contact the Harbour Master as seen in Diagram 1 (MAINTAINED DEPTHS).

Diag1 – Title block from Admiralty Chart 0146

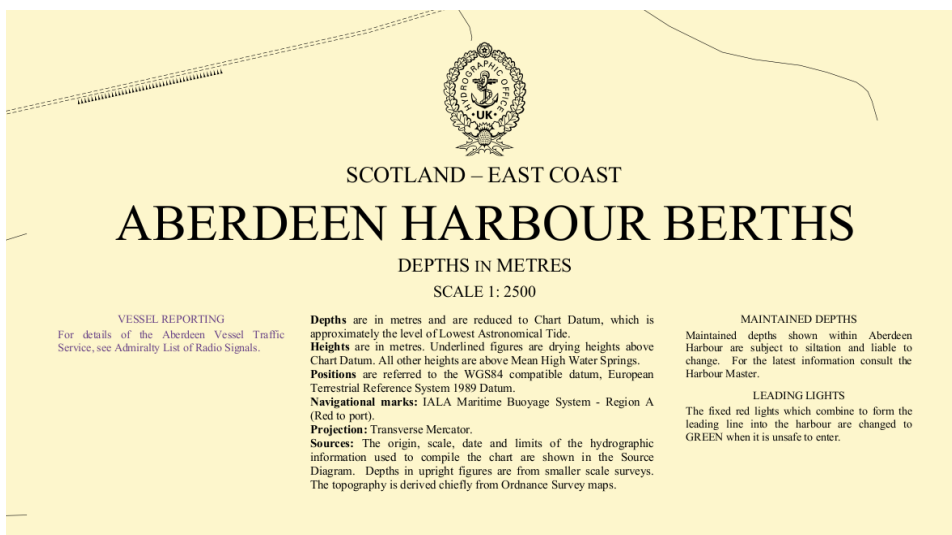
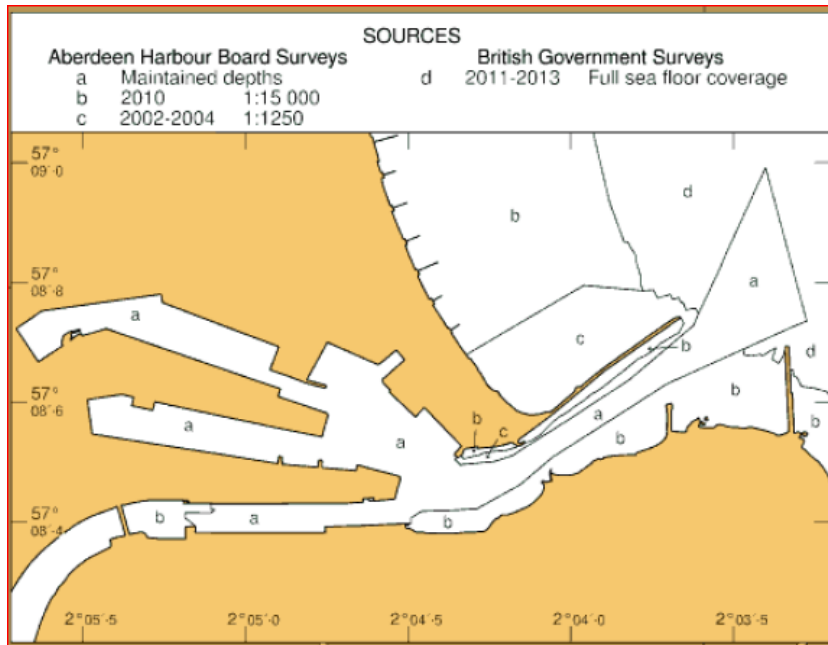


Diagram 2 shows the areas covered by maintained depth. The areas shown as 'b' are available to download free of charge from the Admiralty Portal <https://datahub.admiralty.co.uk/portal/apps/sites/#!/marine-data-portal/pages/seabed-mapping-services> which holds the UKHOs highest resolution data.

This information was provided to us by Aberdeen Harbour Board who may hold higher resolution data at your request.

Diag2 – Source Diagram from Admiralty Chart 0146




UKHO hold 2011 and 2013 data covering some of the maintained depths. Due this being a maintained area, this data would only be available at a lower resolution than the harbour master has access to.

For access to the data held by UKHO for 2011 and 2013, a request with a very specific reason and location will need to be submitted through Customer.Services@ukho.gov.uk.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,


UKHO Secretariat