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Separate Stowage of Demersal Catches



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The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice entitled: **'Separate Stowage of Demersal Catches'**

Legislative Basis:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2019/2239
- Council Regulation (EU) No 2018/973
- Council Regulation (EU) No 2019/472
- S. I. 55 of 2013

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The Master of any Union vessel of 12m overall length or more is required to stow all catches of demersal stocks subject to multiannual plans **separately** in boxes, compartments or containers from other fishery products and are easily **identifiable**.

Separate stowage means that stocks shall be placed in separate boxes, compartments or containers in such a way that they are easily identifiable from other boxes, containers or compartments. Multiannual plan species must be at least separated by species, box by box.

It is **prohibited** to mix any quantity of catches of demersal stocks subject to multiannual plan in any box, compartment or container with any other fisheries product or amongst other multiannual plan species.

The boxes shaded in grey represent stocks included in multiannual plans for the North Sea and Western Waters within the Irish EEZ.

Species	Stock area (grey cell)									
	Vla West Scotland	of	Vlb Rockall and West of Scotland	Vlla Irish Sea	Vllb West of Ireland	Vllc Porcupine Bank	Vllg Celtic Sea North	Vllh Celtic Sea South	Vllj South-West of Ireland - East	Vllk South--West of Ireland - West
Cod				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Hake	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anglerfish	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Haddock	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Saithe	✓		✓							
Megrim	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whiting				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pollack	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blue ling	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Sole			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Black Scabbardfish	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roundnose Grenadier	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seabass	✓				✓				✓	

Species	Stock area (grey cell)									
	North Minch FU11	South Minch FU12	Clyde FU13	Irish sea East FU14	Irish sea West FU15	Porcupine Banks FU16	Aran Grounds FU17	Irish sea FU19	Celtic Sea FU20-21	Bristol Channel FU22
Norway lobster	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Each box corresponds to one separate stock.

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Stowage Plan

Masters must complete a stowage plan. A stowage plan is a document that describes the location of the different species in the hold. Catches of demersal stocks subject to multiannual plans shall be stowed in accordance with a stowage plan (Figure 1). The species and quantities recorded in the stowage plan must correspond to the logbook.

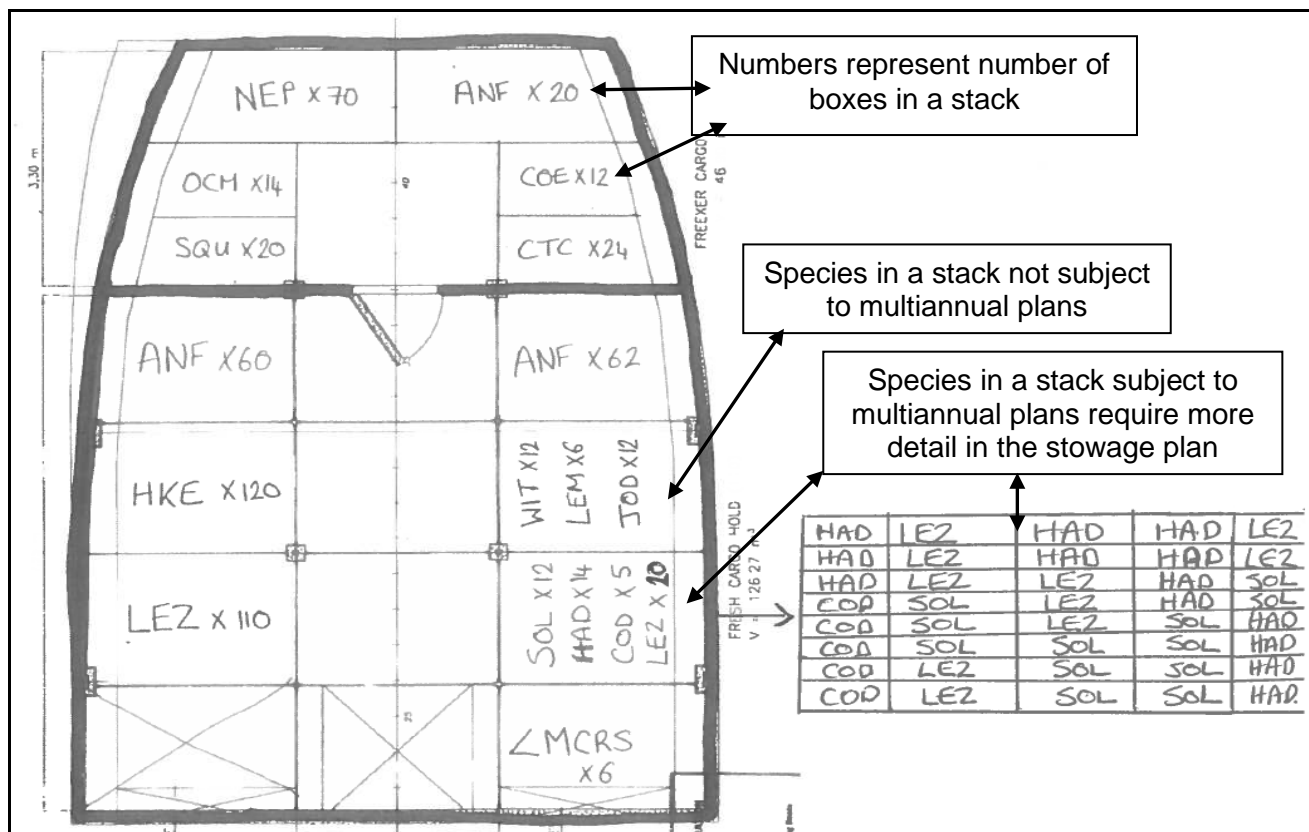


Figure 1. Example of a stowage plan on a fishing vessel with stocks subject to multiannual plans separated by stacks and boxes. Where different stocks are in the same stack a lateral view of the different stocks in the same stack are required to be detailed in the stowage plan. Stocks must be easily identifiable to SFPOs using the stowage plan.

Stocks below MCRS subject to Landing obligation

Stocks below the minimum conservation reference size (MCRS), which have been retained in accordance with the landing obligation, should be stored **separately** from other stocks and easily **identifiable** (Figure 1). Different stocks of below MCRS **may be mixed** in the same container.

Stocks not subject to Multiannual Plans

Stocks not subject to multiannual plans are exempt from separate stowage requirements.

Irish Vessels retaining Monkfish

The master of an Irish sea-fishing boat, wherever it may be, must ensure that monkfish is stored **separately** from other species retained on board. Both **fresh and frozen** monkfish must be stowed separately. It is **prohibited** to mix monkfish in a container with other species. Monkfish must be easily **identifiable** and clearly detailed and stowed according to the stowage plan (Figure 1).

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