

MSA D02 - SQA Unit Code HC27 04

Support catch handling and stowage operations



Overview

This unit covers the competence required to support catch handling and stowage operations. It includes removing the catch from the fishing gear, and completing tasks that support the stowing of the catch according to specified instructions.

Target Group

This standard applies to individuals at the support level, working on the deck of a fishing vessel as a basic deck hand, supporting fishing operations.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 assist the setting up of catch receiving areas and equipment to maintain quality and hygiene standards
 - P2 remove the catch from the fishing gear in a manner which maintains its quality, in co-operation with others
 - P3 recognise, sort and deal with unmarketable and undersized species and marine debris, noting that discards may not be allowed
 - P4 select and prepare fish and shellfish for stowage to meet market requirements
 - P5 clean and prepare stowage areas and equipment
 - P6 assist with stowing the catch in accordance with the vessel requirements
 - P7 assist with the secure storage of the equipment
 - P8 assist with cleaning catch receiving and handling areas and equipment
 - P9 use effective safe and hygienic working practices
 - P10 maintain high standards of personal hygiene

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to identify main fish and shellfish species
- K2 recognised handling techniques that maintain the quality of the catch
- K3 causes of spoilage in fish
- K4 catch removal and handling procedures
- K5 how fish are gutted and cleaned
- K6 storage of different catch types and species
- K7 safe working practices and safety precautions to be observed during heavy weather
- K8 hygiene standards and procedures
- K9 types of cleaning materials, their uses and dangers
- K10 the importance of cleanliness and personal hygiene to fish quality and food safety

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