

ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

focus on waste...

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Welcome

Welcome to this special edition of Environment Update where I will tell you about the project I have been working on.

You may have seen me out and about weighing and categorising the waste the harbour produces. This is to measure current status.

The next phase of the project is to design a waste management system that will reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and improve our environmental performance.

I have been assisted by many of you and your involvement is very important to the success of the project. Thank you, and enjoy reading this special report.

Marta

Results

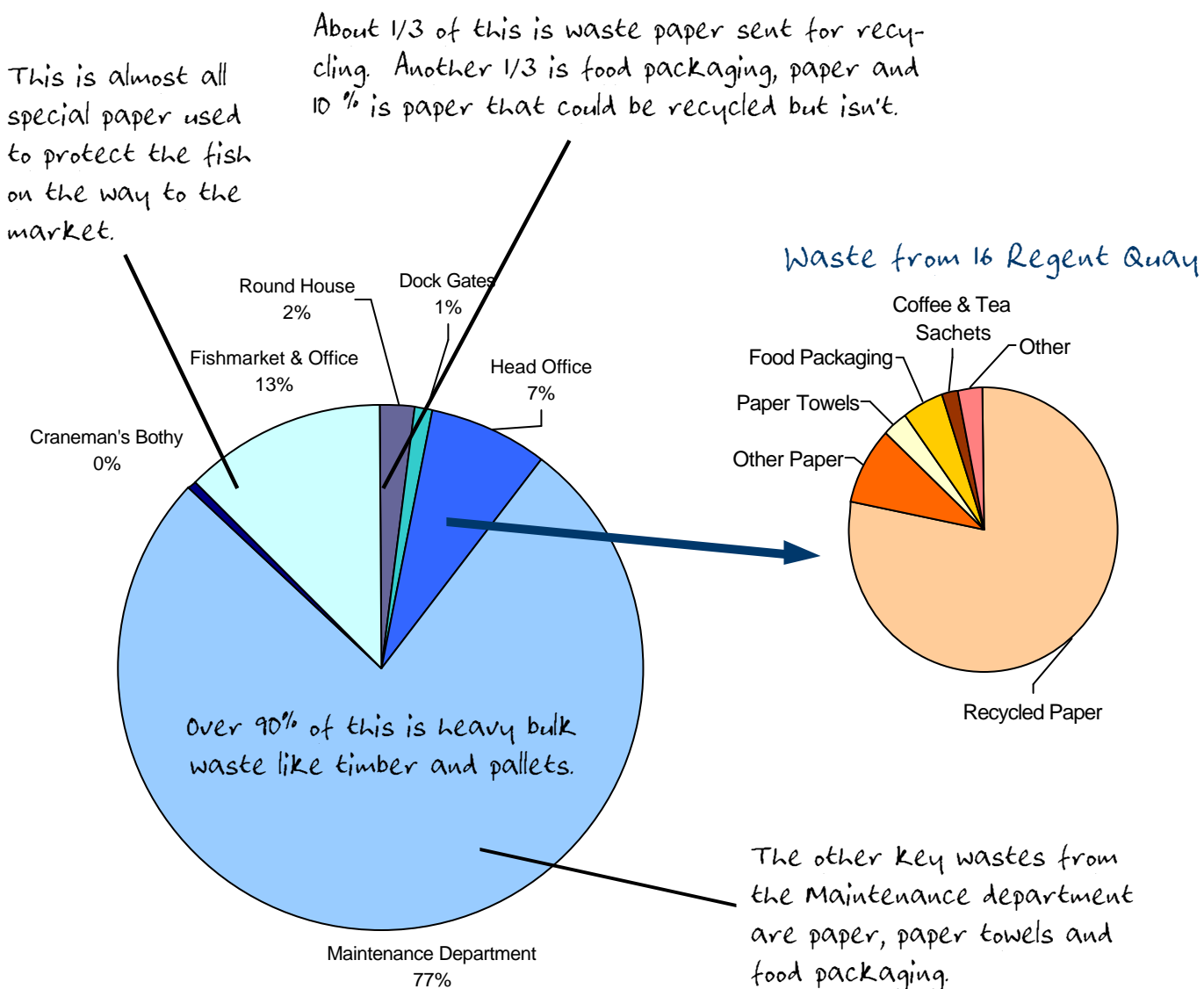
Every year we produce 50.5 tonnes of waste from various sites around the estate. The key sources and main types of waste are shown in the diagrams below.

Unsurprisingly, bulky wastes make up the largest proportion. The good news is that some of this is already recycled. For example, during the one month survey 70 litres of waste oil was reprocessed, 173 kilos of paper was recycled and 1.48

tonnes of timber was sent to be shredded and made into chipboard.

Many waste streams could be reduced further. For example, around 21 kilos of recyclable paper ends up in normal bins every week. We use a lot of paper, almost 2000 sheets each a year!

We also learned that your fruit of choice is the banana...



Next Steps

The focus is now on finding ways to reduce waste and simplify waste management procedures. Even simple changes could reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill by as much as two tonnes a year!

For a start, you are likely to see more, recycling stations, the phasing out of paper towels on some sites and the elimination of plastic cups. We will also be examining ways to reduce the amount of operational waste.

Your input into these changes is very important so please send in your ideas!



Every year we...

- send **5** tonnes of waste to landfill.
- recycle **1.8** tonnes of paper.
- throw out **28,000** plastic cups.
- recycle around **840** kilos waste oil.
- send around **780** pallets for reuse.
- use enough paper towels to stretch from here to Lossiemouth.
- use enough copier paper to cover Pittodrie 2.2 times.



If you have any ideas about how we can reduce waste email Paddy.