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1 Overview

1.1 Preface

The “Data Classification and Encoding Guide” has been developed to provide consistent, standardized instructions for encoding S-411 data.

The purpose of the Data Classification and Encoding Guide is to facilitate S-411 encoding to meet JCOMM—ETSI standards for the proper display of Ice Information in an ECDIS. The document describes how to encode ice information considered relevant to be displayed on an ECDIS. The content of an Ice Information product is at the discretion of the producing authority provided that the conventions described within this document are followed. A “producing authority” is a Hydrographic Office (HO) or an organization authorized by a government, HO or other relevant government institution to produce Ice Information product.

The entire S-411 Standard, including the S-411 ENC Product Specification, is available at the following web site, <https://iho.int/>.

1.2 S-101 Annex A—Data Classification and Encoding Guide—Metadata

NOTE	This information uniquely identifies this Annex to the Product Specification and provides information about its creation and maintenance.
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1.3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

1.3.1 Terms and definitions

See S-411 Product Specification Main document, clause 1.3.2.

1.3.2 Abbreviated terms

For a list of abbreviations, see the Ice Information Product Specification, Clause 1.3.3.

1.4 Use of language

Within this document:

- “Must” indicates a mandatory requirement.

- “Should” indicates an optional requirement, that is the recommended process to be followed, but is not mandatory.
- “May” means “allowed to” or “could possibly” and is not mandatory.

1.5 Maintenance

Changes to the Data Classification and Encoding Guide must occur in accordance with the S-411 Ice Information Product Specification clause 1.6.

2 General

2.1 Testing Tables etc...

Table 2-1

IHO Definition: CANAL. An artificial waterway with no flow, or a controlled flow....
S-101 Geo Feature: Canal (CANALS)
Primitives: Curve, Surface

S-411 Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
category of canal	(CATCAN)	1: transportation	EN	0,1

Lots and lots of data	A little data
834,734	3
3,999,271.5601	5

2.2 Introduction

This S-411 Data Classification and Encoding Guide (DCEG) contains rules and guidance for converting data describing the real world into data products that conform to the S-411 specification.

The S-411 specification contains an application schema (UML model) describing the conceptual domain model in terms of classes and a Feature Catalogue (see S-411 Annex B) that specifies the data model, i.e., specifies the data model types corresponding to the various classes in the application schema.

To simplify the DCEG text, the various data model types will be provided without the suffixes “class”, “type” or “instance”; e.g. the term “feature” should be understood as “feature class” or “feature type” or “feature instance” as best fits the immediate context in which it is used (and where there might be confusion, it is written out in full as feature class/type/instance). The model defines real world entities as a combination of descriptive and spatial characteristics (S-411 Product Specification clause 6).

This clause of the DCEG contains general information needed to understand the encoding rules and describes fundamental common rules and constraints. It also describes datasets and metadata. The data model object types used within S-411 and their encoding rules and guidelines are defined in detail in subsequent clauses of this document.

Within this document the features and attributes appear in **bold text** or *italic text*, to distinguish them from surrounding words.

2.3 Descriptive characteristics

2.3.1 Feature

A feature contains descriptive attributes that characterize real world entities.

The word 'feature' as used in the ISO 191xx series and in S-100 based product specifications has two distinct but related senses – 'feature type' and 'feature instance'. A feature instance is a single occurrence of the feature and is represented as an object in a dataset.

The location of a feature instance on the Earth's surface is indicated by a relationship to one or more spatial primitive instances.

S-411 only makes use of the **Geographic (Geo) feature type** which carries the descriptive characteristics of a real-world entity.

2.3.2 Geographic feature class

Geographic (Geo) feature types carry the descriptive characteristics of a real world entity which is provided by a spatial primitive instance.

2.3.3 Meta feature class

Meta feature type contains information about other features.

2.3.4 Charted background feature

The data product would mostly be visualized as an overlay of an ENC or other GIS applications. Consequently, all necessary descriptive and spatial characteristics to provide a charted background should be provided by the underlying application.

2.4 Spatial characteristics

2.4.1 Spatial primitives

The allowable geometric primitive for each feature type is defined in the Feature Catalogue. Allowable geometric primitives are point, curve and surface. Each spatial value must be referenced by at least one feature instance.

Within this document, allowable primitives are included in the description of each feature type. For easy reference, Table 2-1 below summarises the allowable geometric primitives for each feature. In the Table, abbreviations are as follows: point (P), curve © and surface (S).

Table — Features and their spatial primitives

Feature	P	C	S
<u>Geographic Features</u>			
Floeberg	P		
Grounded Hummock	P		
Ice Compacting	P		
Ice Divergence	P		
Ice Drift	P		
Ice Edge		C	
Ice Fracture		C	
Ice Keel/Bummock	P		
Ice Lead		C	
Ice Rafting	P		

Feature	P	C	S
Ice Ridge/Hummock	P		
Ice Shear	P		
Ice Thickness	P		
Iceberg	P		
Iceberg Area			S
Iceberg Limit		C	
Jammed Brash Barrier	P		
Lake Ice			S
Limit of All Known Ice		C	
Limit of Open Water		C	
Line of Ice Crack		C	
Line of Ice Fracture		C	
Line of Ice Lead		C	
Line of Ice Ridge		C	
Sea Ice			S
Seperate Giant Floe (TBC)	P		
Snow Cover	P		
Stage of Melt	P		
Strips and Patches	P		

3 Meta Features

3.1 Introduction

4 Geo Features

4.1 Sea Ice

Table 4-1

IHO Definition : Sea Ice is an area at sea that is covered, in whole or in part, with ice.
S-411 Geo Feature : Sea Ice
Primitives : surface

Table 4-2

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Total Concentration	(ICEACT)		EN	0,1

Partial Concentration	(ICEAPC)		EN	0,3
Ice Stage of Development	(ICESOD)		EN	0,5
Floe Sizes	(ICEFLZ)		EN	0,3
Concentration of Strips and Patches	(ICESPC)		EN	0,1
Level Ice	(ICELVL)		EN	0,1
Compacting Strength	(ICECST)		EN	0,1
Ice Fracture Type	(ICEFTY)		EN	0,1
Ice Drift Speed	(ICEDSP)		RE	0,1
Ice Drift Direction	(ICEDDR)		EN	0,1
Ice Ridge Concentration	(ICERCN)		EN	0,3
Ice Ridge Frequency	(ICERFQ)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Mean Height	(ICERMH)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Maximum Height	(ICERXH)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Classification	(ICERDV)		EN	0,1
Ice Keel Concentration	(ICEKCN)		EN	0,1
Ice Average Thickness	(ICETCK)		IN	0,1
Maximum Ice Thickness	(ICEMAX)		IN	0,1
Mimimum Ice Thickness	(ICEMIN)		IN	0,1
Ice Thickness Type	(ICETTY)		EN	0,1
Melt Stage	(ICEMLT)		EN	0,1
Snow Cover Concentration	(ICESCN)		EN	0,1
Snow Depth	(ICESCT)		IN	0,1
Direction of Sastrugi	(ICEDOS)		EN	0,1
Ice Lead Status	(ICELST)		EN	0,1
Frequency of Leads or Fractures	(ICELFQ)		IN	0,1
Orientation of Leads or Fractures	(ICELOR)		EN	0,1
Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack) Width	(ICELWD)		IN	0,1
Combination Ice Stage of Development and Floe Size for the 1st partial concentration	()		C	0,3
Combination Ice Stage of Development and Floe Size for the 2nd partial concentration	()		C	0,3
Combination Ice Stage of Development and Floe Size for the 3rd partial concentration	()		C	0,3
Ice Breccia for the first partial concentration	()		C	0,3
Ice Breccia for the second partial concentration	()		C	0,3
Ice Breccia for the third partial concentration	()		C	0,3

Snow cover	(IA_SNG)		EN	0,1
Stage of Melting	(IA_MLT)		EN	0,1
Contamination	(IA_PLG)		EN	0,1
Hills Concentration	(IA_HLG)		EN	0,1
Fractures Concentration	(IA_DUG)		EN	0,1

If it is required to encode the possible existence of sea ice in a sea water area, it must be done using the feature **Sea Ice**.

Sea Ice must not overlap **Lake Ice** feature.

4.2 Lake Ice

Table 4-3

IHO Definition : Lake Ice is an area on a lake that is covered, in whole or in part, with ice.
S-411 Geo Feature: Lake Ice
Primitives: surface

Table 4-4

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Total Concentration	(ICEACT)		EN	0,1
Partial Concentration	(ICEAPC)		EN	0,3
Lake Ice Stage of Development	(ICELSO)		EN	0,5
Floe Sizes	(ICEFLZ)		EN	0,3
Concentration of Strips and Patches	(ICESPC)		EN	0,1
Level Ice	(ICELVL)		EN	0,1
Compacting Strength	(ICECST)		EN	0,1
Ice Fracture Type	(ICEFTY)		EN	0,1
Ice Drift Speed	(ICEDSP)		RE	0,1
Ice Drift Direction	(ICEDDR)		EN	0,1
Ice Ridge Concentration	(ICERCN)		EN	0,3
Ice Ridge Frequency	(ICERFQ)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Mean Height	(ICERMH)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Maximum Height	(ICERXH)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Classification	(ICERDV)		EN	0,1
Ice Keel Concentration	(ICEKCN)		EN	0,1
Ice Average Thickness	(ICETCK)		IN	0,1

Maximum Ice Thickness	(ICEMAX)		IN	0,1
Mimimum Ice Thickness	(ICEMIN)		IN	0,1
Ice Thickness Type	(ICETTY)		EN	0,1
Melt Stage	(ICEMLT)		EN	0,1
Snow Cover Concentration	(ICESCN)		EN	0,1
Snow Depth	(ICESCT)		IN	0,1
Direction of Sastrugi	(ICEDOS)		EN	0,1
Ice Lead Status	(ICELST)		EN	0,1
Frequency of Leads or Fractures	(ICELFQ)		IN	0,1
Orientation of Leads or Fractures	(ICELOR)		EN	0,1
Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack) Width	(ICELWD)		IN	0,1

4.3 Iceberg Area

Table 4-5

IHO Definition : An Iceberg Area is an area at sea in which icebergs, bergy bits, or growlers are present.
S-411 Geo Feature: Iceberg Area
Primitives: surface

Table 4-6

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Number of Icebergs in Area	(ICEBNM)		IN	0,1
Iceberg Size	(ICEBSZ)		EN	0,1
Iceberg Concentration	(IA_BCN)		EN	0,1
Prevailing Iceberg Form	(IA_BFM)		EN	0,1
Maximum Height of Above Water Part (iceberg/grounded hummock)	(IA_BUH)		IN	0,1

4.4 Ice Edge

Table 4-7

IHO Definition : The demarcation at any given time between the open sea and sea ice of any kind and in any concentration, whether fast or drifting.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Edge
Primitives: curve

Table 4-8

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
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4.5 Iceberg Limit

Table 4-9

IHO Definition : Limit of all known Icebergs.
S-411 Geo Feature : Iceberg Limit
Primitives : curve

Table 4-10

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
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4.6 Limit of Open Water

Table 4-11

IHO Definition : The demarcation at any given time between sea ice and freely navigable water, in which sea ice is present in concentrations less than 1/10.
S-411 Geo Feature : Limit of Open Water
Primitives : curve

Table 4-12

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
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4.7 Limit of All Known Ice

Table 4-13

IHO Definition : The limit of all known ice, including both sea ice of any kind and icebergs.
S-411 Geo Feature : Limit of All Known Ice
Primitives : curve

Table 4-14

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
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4.8 Line of Ice Ridge

Table 4-15

IHO Definition : Line of Ice Ridge is a line or wall of broken ice forced up by pressure processes.
S-411 Geo Feature : Line of Ice Ridge

Primitives: curve

Table 4-16

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Ridge Classification	(ICERDV)		EN	0,1
Ice Ridge Mean Height	(ICERMH)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Maximum Height	(ICERXH)		IN	0,1

4.9 Line of Ice Lead

Table 4-17

IHO Definition : Line of Ice Lead identifies any passage-way(s) through ice which is (are) navigable by surface vessels.
S-411 Geo Feature: Line of Ice Lead
Primitives: curve

Table 4-18

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Stage of Development	(ICESOD)		EN	0,5
Number of Ice Objects	(IA_OBN)		IN	0,1
Average Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(ICEDVW)		IN	0,1
Minimum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(IA_DMW)		IN	0,1
Maximum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(IA_DXW)		IN	0,1

4.10 Line of Ice Fracture

Table 4-19

IHO Definition : Any break or rupture through the ice cover, or through the single floe, resulting from deformation processes. Length may vary from a few meters to a few kilometers.
S-411 Geo Feature: Line of Ice Fracture
Primitives: curve

Table 4-20

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Stage of Development	(ICESOD)		EN	0,5

Number of Ice Objects	(IA_OBN)		IN	0,1
Average Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(ICEDVW)		IN	0,1
Minimum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(IA_DMW)		IN	0,1
Maximum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(IA_DXW)		IN	0,1

4.11 Line of Ice Crack

Table 4-21

IHO Definition : Line of Ice Crack identifies any ice breakup, but no passage-way(s) for surface vessels.
S-411 Geo Feature: Line of Ice Crack
Primitives: <u>curve</u>

Table 4-22

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Stage of Development	(ICESOD)		EN	0,5
Number of Ice Objects	(IA_OBN)		IN	0,1
Average Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(ICEDVW)		IN	0,1
Minimum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(IA_DMW)		IN	0,1
Maximum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(IA_DXW)		IN	0,1

4.12 Ice Compacting

Table 4-23

IHO Definition : Pieces of ice are said to be compacting when they are subjected to a converging motion, which increases ice concentration and/or produces stresses which may result in ice deformation.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Compacting
Primitives: <u>point</u>

Table 4-24

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Compacting Strength	(ICECST)		EN	0,1

4.13 Ice Lead

Table 4-25

IHO Definition : Ice Lead identifies any fracture(s) or passage-way(s) through ice which is (are) navigable by surface vessels.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Lead
Primitives: point

Table 4-26

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Location Information	(ICELOC)		EN	0,1
Ice Lead Status	(ICELST)		EN	0,1
Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack) Width	(ICELWD)		IN	0,1

4.14 Iceberg

Table 4-27

IHO Definition : An Iceberg is a massive piece of ice, greatly varying in shape and showing more than 5 meters above the sea surface which has broken away from a glacier, and which may be afloat or grounded. This Object Class also includes smaller forms of glacial ice, known as “Bergy Bits” and “Growlers”, which are defined by their size Attribute. ICEBRG can indicate the location of a single iceberg or, if the attribute IA_OBN is specified and is greater than 1, multiple icebergs in the vicinity of a point.
S-411 Geo Feature: Iceberg
Primitives: point

Table 4-28

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Iceberg Size	(ICEBSZ)		EN	0,1
Ice Drift Speed	(ICEDSP)		RE	0,1
Ice Drift Direction	(ICEDDR)		EN	0,1
Number of Ice Objects	(IA_OBN)		IN	0,1
Prevailing Iceberg Form	(IA_BFM)		EN	0,1
Maximum Height of Above Water Part (iceberg/grounded hummock)	(IA_BUH)		IN	0,1

4.15 Floeberg

Table 4-29

IHO Definition : A Floeberg is a massive piece of sea ice composed of a hummock or a group of hummocks, frozen together and separated from any ice surroundings. They typically protrude up to 5 meters above the sea surface.
S-411 Geo Feature: Floeberg
Primitives: point

Table 4-30

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Drift Speed	(ICEDSP)		RE	0,1
Ice Drift Direction	(ICEDDR)		EN	0,1

4.16 Ice Thickness

Table 4-31

IHO Definition : Ice Thickness provides a measure or estimate of ice thickness.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Thickness
Primitives: point

Table 4-32

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Average Thickness	(ICETCK)		IN	0,1
Maximum Ice Thickness	(ICEMAX)		IN	0,1
Mimimum Ice Thickness	(ICEMIN)		IN	0,1
Ice Thickness Type	(ICETTY)		EN	0,1

4.17 Ice Shear

Table 4-33

IHO Definition : An area of drift ice is subject to shear when the ice motion varies significantly in the direction normal to the motion, subjecting the ice to rotational forces.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Shear
Primitives: point

Table 4-34

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
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4.18 Ice Divergence

Table 4-35

IHO Definition : Ice fields or floes in an area are subject to diverging or dispersive motion, thus reducing ice concentration and/or relieving stresses in the ice.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Divergence
Primitives: point

Table 4-36

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
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4.19 Ice Ridge/Hummock

Table 4-37

IHO Definition : An Ice Ridge is a line or wall of broken ice forced up by pressure. A Hummock is a hillock of broken ice which has been forced upward by pressure.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Ridge/Hummock
Primitives: point

Table 4-38

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Ridge Concentration	(ICERCN)		EN	0,1
Ice Ridge Frequency	(ICERFQ)		IN	0,3
Ice Ridge Mean Height	(ICERMH)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Maximum Height	(ICERXH)		IN	0,1
Ice Ridge Classification	(ICERDV)		EN	0,1

4.20 Ice Keel/Bummock

Table 4-39

IHO Definition : From a submariner's point of view, a Keel is a downward projecting ridge on the underside of the ice canopy—the counterpart of a Ridge. A Bummock is the counterpart of a hummock on the underside of the ice canopy.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Keel/Bummock
Primitives: point

Table 4-40

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Keel Concentration	(ICEKCN)		EN	0,1
Ice Keel Frequency	(ICEKFQ)		IN	0,1

Ice Keel Mean Depth	(ICEKMD)		IN	0,1
Ice Keel Maximum Depth	(ICEKXD)		IN	0,1

4.21 Ice Drift

Table 4-41

IHO Definition : Motion of an ice field or floe as a result of forces such as wind and currents.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Drift
Primitives: <u>point</u>

Table 4-42

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Drift Speed	(ICEDSP)		RE	0,1
Ice Drift Direction	(ICEDDR)		EN	0,1

4.22 Ice Fracture

Table 4-43

IHO Definition : Any break or rupture through the ice pack, or a single floe, resulting from deformation processes. Length may vary from a few metres to many kilometres.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Fracture
Primitives: <u>point</u>

Table 4-44

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Fracture Type	(ICEFTY)		EN	0,1
Ice Location Information	(ICELOC)		EN	0,1
Number of Ice Objects	(IA_OBN)		IN	0,1
Ice Stage of Development	(ICESOD)		EN	0,1
Average Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(ICEDVW)		IN	0,5
Minimum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(IA_DMW)		IN	0,1
Maximum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)	(IA_DXW)		IN	0,1

4.23 Ice Rafting

Table 4-45

IHO Definition : Pressure processes whereby one piece of ice overrides another.
S-411 Geo Feature: Ice Rafting
Primitives: point

Table 4-46

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Ice Rafting Concentration	(ICEFCN)		EN	0,1

4.24 Jammed Brash Barrier

Table 4-47

IHO Definition : A strip or narrow belt of new, young or brash ice (usually 100-500 metres wide) formed at the edge of either drift or fast ice.
S-411 Geo Feature: Jammed Brash Barrier
Primitives: point

Table 4-48

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
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4.25 Stage of Melt

Table 4-49

IHO Definition : A description of the stage of melt of the ice; i.e. whether it has formed puddles on the surface and whether these have frozen.
S-411 Geo Feature: Stage of Melt
Primitives: point

Table 4-50

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Melt Stage	(ICEMLT)		EN	0,1

4.26 Snow Cover

Table 4-51

IHO Definition : A description of the amount of snow covering the ice.
S-411 Geo Feature: Snow Cover
Primitives: point

Table 4-52

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Snow Cover Concentration	(ICESCN)		EN	0,1
Snow Depth	(ICESCT)		IN	0,1
Direction of Sastrugi	(ICEDOS)		EN	0,1

4.27 Strips and Patches

Table 4-53

IHO Definition : A strip is a long narrow area of floating ice, about 1 kilometre or less in width, usually composed of small fragments detached from the main mass of ice, and run together under the influence of wind, swell or current. If the area of ice becomes more rounded in shape, it is referred to as a patch.
S-411 Geo Feature: Strips and Patches
Primitives: point

Table 4-54

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Concentration of Strips and Patches	(ICESPC)		EN	0,1

4.28 Grounded Hummock

Table 4-55

IHO Definition : Grounded Hummock identifies a hummock formation which is stranded.
S-411 Geo Feature: Grounded Hummock
Primitives: point

Table 4-56

S-411Attribute	Acronym	Allowable Encoding Value	Type	Multiplicity
Maximum Height of Above Water Part (iceberg/grounded hummock)	(IA_BUH)		IN	0,1

5 Attributes and Enumerates Descriptions

5.1 Brash Ice

Table 5-1

IHO Definition : ICEBRS specifies the concentrations of very thick brash ("AV"), thick brash ("AK"), medium brash ("AM") and thin brash ice ("AT"). Attribute Type : enumeration 1) 01 IHO Definition : 0/10 – 1/10 10) 10

IHO Definition :1/10
 12) 12
IHO Definition :1/10 – 2/10
 20) 20
IHO Definition :2/10
 23) 23
IHO Definition :2/10 – 3/10
 30) 30
IHO Definition :3/10
 34) 34
IHO Definition :3/10 – 4/10
 40) 40
IHO Definition :4/10
 45) 45
IHO Definition :4/10 – 5/10
 50) 50
IHO Definition :5/10
 56) 56
IHO Definition :5/10 – 6/10
 60) 60
IHO Definition :6/10
 67) 67
IHO Definition :6/10 – 7/10
 70) 70
IHO Definition :7/10
 78) 78
IHO Definition :7/10 – 8/10
 80) 80
IHO Definition :8/10
 89) 89
IHO Definition :8/10 – 9/10
 90) 90
IHO Definition :9/10
 91) 91
IHO Definition :9/10 – 10/10
 92) 92
IHO Definition :10/10
 98) 98
IHO Definition :No Brash ice
 99) 99
IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.2 Compacting Strength

Table 5-2

IHO Definition : ICECST is an indication of strength of the compacting of the ice.
Attribute Type : enumeration
 1) 01
IHO Definition :Little compacting
 10) 10
IHO Definition :Slight compacting
 12) 12
IHO Definition :Slight to moderate compacting
 20) 20
IHO Definition :Moderate compacting
 23) 23
IHO Definition :Moderate to strong compacting
 30) 30
IHO Definition :Strong compacting
 98) 98
IHO Definition :Ice divergence
 99) 99

IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.3 Contamination

Table 5-3

IHO Definition : IA_PLG describes the degree of contamination (aerial coverage) in thirds based on the Russian national 3-point scale.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :No or insignificant Contamination

10) 10

IHO Definition :<1/3 of area

12) 12

IHO Definition :<2/3 of area

20) 20

IHO Definition :1/3 – 2/3 of area

23) 23

IHO Definition :>1/3 area

30) 30

IHO Definition :>2/3 area

98) 98

IHO Definition :No Contamination

99) 99

IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.4 Direction of Sastrugi

Table 5-4

IHO Definition : ICEDOS indicates the bearing of a sastrugi. Sastrugi are sharp, irregular ridges formed on a snow surface by wind erosion and deposition. On mobile floating ice the ridges are parallel to the direction of the wind at the time they were formed.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :No Sastrugi

2) 02

IHO Definition :NE

3) 03

IHO Definition :E

4) 04

IHO Definition :SE

5) 05

IHO Definition :S

6) 06

IHO Definition :SW

7) 07

IHO Definition :W

8) 08

IHO Definition :NW

9) 09

IHO Definition :N

10) 10

IHO Definition :Variable

99) 99

IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.5 Fractures Concentration

Table 5-5

IHO Definition : IA_DUG describes the degree of disunity in an ice area.
Attribute Type : enumeration
10) 10
IHO Definition : Frequency of Cracks and Leads seldom in 10 km on Route
20) 20
IHO Definition : Frequency of Cracks and Leads in 5 – 10 km on Route
30) 30
IHO Definition : Frequency of Cracks and Leads in 3 – 5 km on Route
40) 40
IHO Definition : Frequency of Cracks and Leads in 2 – 3 km on Route
50) 50
IHO Definition : Frequency of Cracks and Leads often in 2 km on Route
60) 60
IHO Definition : Small and Medium Floes – 1/10-3/10; Big Floes – 7/10-10/10 Conc.
70) 70
IHO Definition : Small and Medium Floes – 4/10-6/10; Big Floes – 4/10-6/10 Conc.
80) 80
IHO Definition : Small and Medium Floes – 7/10-10/10; Big Floes – 1/10-3/10 Conc.
90) 90
IHO Definition : Small and Medium Floes Only
92) 92
IHO Definition : Small Floes Only
98) 98
IHO Definition : No Fractures
99) 99
IHO Definition : Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.6 Frequency of Leads or Fractures

Table 5-6

IHO Definition : ICERFQ indicates the frequency of leads or fractures in number per nautical mile.
Attribute Type : integer
Remarks :

5.7 Hills Concentration

Table 5-7

IHO Definition : IA_HLG describes the degree of hilling in an ice area (usually multi-year ice).
Attribute Type : enumeration
1) 01
IHO Definition : Few hills
10) 10
IHO Definition : Slight concentration of hills
12) 12
IHO Definition : Slight to moderate concentration of hills
20) 20
IHO Definition : Moderate concentration of hills
23) 23
IHO Definition : Moderate to heavy concentration of hills
30) 30
IHO Definition : Heavy concentration of hills
98) 98
IHO Definition : No hills
99) 99

IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.8 Ice Average Thickness

Table 5-8

IHO Definition : Ice Average Thickness defines the average thickness of the ice.

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.9 Iceberg Size

Table 5-9

IHO Definition : The “Iceberg Size” categorizes the size of an iceberg.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :Growler (<1m asl)

2) 02

IHO Definition :Bergy Bit (1-<5m asl; 5-<15m length)

3) 03

IHO Definition :Small Iceberg (5-15m asl; 15-60m length)

4) 04

IHO Definition :Medium Iceberg (16-45m asl; 61-120m length)

5) 05

IHO Definition :Large Iceberg (46-75m asl; 121-200m length)

6) 06

IHO Definition :Very Large Iceberg (>75m asl; >200m length)

7) 07

IHO Definition :Ice Island Fragment

8) 08

IHO Definition :Ice Island (in the Northern Hemisphere) or Very Large Tabular Berg (in the Southern Ocean)

9) 09

IHO Definition :Radar Target

99) 99

IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.10 Ice Drift Direction

Table 5-10

IHO Definition : ICEDDR indicates the direction in which an ice mass is drifting.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :No Ice Motion

2) 02

IHO Definition :Ice Drift to NE

3) 03

IHO Definition :Ice Drift to E

4) 04

IHO Definition :Ice Drift to SE

5) 05

IHO Definition :Ice Drift to S

6) 06

IHO Definition :Ice Drift to SW

7) 07

IHO Definition :Ice Drift to W

8) 08
IHO Definition :Ice Drift to NW
 9) 09
IHO Definition :Ice Drift to N
 10) 10
IHO Definition :Variable
 99) 99
IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.11 Ice Drift Speed

Table 5-11

IHO Definition : ICEDSP describes the speed in knots at which an ice mass is traveling.
Attribute Type : real
Remarks :

5.12 Ice Fracture Type

Table 5-12

IHO Definition : ICEFTY indicates the type of fracture, based upon width.
Attribute Type : enumeration
 1) 01
IHO Definition :Crack (0 to 1m wide)
 2) 02
IHO Definition :Very Small Fracture (>1m to 50m wide)
 3) 03
IHO Definition :Small Fracture (>50m to 200m wide)
 4) 04
IHO Definition :Medium Fracture (>200m to 500m wide)
 5) 05
IHO Definition :Large Fracture (>500m wide)
Remarks :

5.13 Ice Keel Concentration

Table 5-13

IHO Definition : ICEKCN describes the concentration of ice keels beneath an ice area.
Attribute Type : enumeration
 1) 01
IHO Definition :0/10 – 1/10
 10) 10
IHO Definition :1/10
 12) 12
IHO Definition :1/10 – 2/10
 20) 20
IHO Definition :2/10
 23) 23
IHO Definition :2/10 – 3/10
 30) 30
IHO Definition :3/10
 34) 34
IHO Definition :3/10 – 4/10
 40) 40
IHO Definition :4/10
 45) 45

IHO Definition :4/10 – 5/10
 50) 50
IHO Definition :5/10
 56) 56
IHO Definition :5/10 – 6/10
 60) 60
IHO Definition :6/10
 67) 67
IHO Definition :6/10 – 7/10
 70) 70
IHO Definition :7/10
 78) 78
IHO Definition :7/10 – 8/10
 80) 80
IHO Definition :8/10
 89) 89
IHO Definition :8/10 – 9/10
 90) 90
IHO Definition :9/10
 91) 91
IHO Definition :9/10 – 10/10
 92) 92
IHO Definition :10/10
 98) 98
IHO Definition :No Keels
 99) 99
IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.14 Ice Keel Frequency

Table 5-14

IHO Definition : ICERFQ indicates the frequency of ice keels in number per nautical mile
Attribute Type : integer
Remarks :

5.15 Ice Keel Maximum Depth

Table 5-15

IHO Definition : ICERMT indicates the maximum depth of ice keels in decimetres.
Attribute Type : integer
Remarks :

5.16 Ice Keel Mean Depth

Table 5-16

IHO Definition : Indicates the mean depth of ice keels in decimetres.
Attribute Type : integer
Remarks :

5.17 Ice Lead Status

Table 5-17

IHO Definition : The Ice Lead Status indicates the surface nature of the lead.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :Open Lead

2) 02

IHO Definition :Frozen Lead

99) 99

IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.18 Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack) Width

Table 5-18

IHO Definition : ICELWD indicates the width of a lead or fracture or crack in metres.

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.19 Ice Location Information

Table 5-19

IHO Definition : ICELOC indicates whether the break is at a specific location, or whether there is a presence in the area.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :Specific Location

2) 02

IHO Definition :Presence in Area

Remarks :

5.20 Ice Rafting Concentration

Table 5-20

IHO Definition : ICEFCN describes the concentration of ice rafting in an ice area.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :0/10 – 1/10

10) 10

IHO Definition :1/10

12) 12

IHO Definition :1/10 – 2/10

20) 20

IHO Definition :2/10

23) 23

IHO Definition :2/10 – 3/10

30) 30

IHO Definition :3/10

34) 34

IHO Definition :3/10 – 4/10

40) 40

IHO Definition :4/10

45) 45

IHO Definition :4/10 – 5/10
 50) 50
IHO Definition :5/10
 56) 56
IHO Definition :5/10 – 6/10
 60) 60
IHO Definition :6/10
 67) 67
IHO Definition :6/10 – 7/10
 70) 70
IHO Definition :7/10
 78) 78
IHO Definition :7/10 – 8/10
 80) 80
IHO Definition :8/10
 89) 89
IHO Definition :8/10 – 9/10
 90) 90
IHO Definition :9/10
 91) 91
IHO Definition :9/10 – 10/10
 92) 92
IHO Definition :10/10
 98) 98
IHO Definition :No Rafting
 99) 99
IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.21 Ice Ridge Classification

Table 5-21

IHO Definition : ICERDV describes the predominant type of ice ridge(s) present.
Attribute Type : enumeration
 1) 01
IHO Definition :New Ridge
 2) 02
IHO Definition :Weathered Ridge
 3) 03
IHO Definition :Very Weathered Ridge
 4) 04
IHO Definition :Aged Ridge
 5) 05
IHO Definition :Consolidated Ridge
 6) 06
IHO Definition :Ridge
 7) 07
IHO Definition :Ridged Ice Zone
 8) 08
IHO Definition :Ridge Barrier
 99) 99
IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.22 Ice Ridge Concentration

Table 5-22

IHO Definition : ICERCN describes the concentration of hummocked ice in an ice area. Up to three values may be given in the list to correspond to the partial concentrations in ICEAPC.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :0/10 – 1/10

10) 10

IHO Definition :1/10

12) 12

IHO Definition :1/10 – 2/10

20) 20

IHO Definition :2/10

23) 23

IHO Definition :2/10 – 3/10

30) 30

IHO Definition :3/10

34) 34

IHO Definition :3/10 – 4/10

40) 40

IHO Definition :4/10

45) 45

IHO Definition :4/10 – 5/10

50) 50

IHO Definition :5/10

56) 56

IHO Definition :5/10 – 6/10

60) 60

IHO Definition :6/10

67) 67

IHO Definition :6/10 – 7/10

70) 70

IHO Definition :7/10

78) 78

IHO Definition :7/10 – 8/10

80) 80

IHO Definition :8/10

89) 89

IHO Definition :8/10 – 9/10

90) 90

IHO Definition :9/10

91) 91

IHO Definition :9/10 – 10/10

92) 92

IHO Definition :10/10

98) 98

IHO Definition :No Ridging

99) 99

IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.23 Ice Ridge Frequency

Table 5-23

IHO Definition : ICERFQ indicates the frequency of ice ridges in number per nautical mile

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.24 Ice Ridge Maximum Height

Table 5-24

IHO Definition : ICERMT indicates the maximum height of ice ridge(s) in decimetres.

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.25 Ice Stage of Development

Table 5-25

IHO Definition :	Ice Stage of Development describes the ages and thicknesses of the ice ('So, Sa, Sb, Sc and Sd').
Attribute Type :	enumeration
1) 01	
IHO Definition :	Ice Free
70) 70	
IHO Definition :	Brash Ice
80) 80	
IHO Definition :	No stage of development
81) 81	
IHO Definition :	New Ice (<10 cm)
82) 82	
IHO Definition :	Nilas Ice Rind (<10 cm)
83) 83	
IHO Definition :	Young Ice (10 to <30 cm)
84) 84	
IHO Definition :	Grey Ice (10 to <15 cm)
85) 85	
IHO Definition :	Grey – White Ice (15 to <30 cm)
86) 86	
IHO Definition :	First Year Ice (30 to 200 cm)
87) 87	
IHO Definition :	Thin First Year Ice (30 to <70 cm)
88) 88	
IHO Definition :	Thin First Year Ice Stage 1 (30 to <50 cm)
89) 89	
IHO Definition :	Thin First Year Ice Stage 2 (50 to <70 cm)
90) 90	
IHO Definition :	Code not currently assigned
91) 91	
IHO Definition :	Medium First Year Ice (70 to 120 cm)
92) 92	
IHO Definition :	Code not currently assigned
93) 93	
IHO Definition :	Thick First Year Ice (>120 cm)
94) 94	
IHO Definition :	Residual Ice
95) 95	
IHO Definition :	Old Ice
96) 96	
IHO Definition :	Second Year Ice
97) 97	
IHO Definition :	Multi-Year Ice
98) 98	
IHO Definition :	Glacier Ice (Icebergs)
99) 99	
IHO Definition :	Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :	

5.26 Ice Thickness Type

Table 5-26

IHO Definition :	ICETTY indicated whether the thickness of the ice was measured or estimated.
Attribute Type :	enumeration
1) 01	

IHO Definition : Measured

2) 02

IHO Definition : Estimated

99) 99

IHO Definition : Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.27 Lake Ice Stage of Development

Table 5-27

IHO Definition : Lake Ice Stages of Development describe the ages and thicknesses of lake ice. ('So, Sa, Sb, Sc and Sd')

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition : New Lake Ice (<5cms)

2) 02

IHO Definition : Thin Lake Ice (5-<15cms)

3) 03

IHO Definition : Medium Lake Ice (15-<30cms)

4) 04

IHO Definition : Thick Lake Ice (30-70cms)

5) 05

IHO Definition : Very Thick Lake Ice (>70cms)

70) 70

IHO Definition : Brash Ice

99) 99

IHO Definition : Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.28 Level Ice

Table 5-28

IHO Definition : ICELVL is an indication as to whether or not the ice has been affected by deformation

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition : Level(undeformed)

2) 02

IHO Definition : Deformed

99) 99

IHO Definition : Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :

5.29 Maximum Height of Above Water Part (iceberg/grounded hummock)

Table 5-29

IHO Definition : IA_BUF specifies the maximum height of an iceberg above the waterline in meters.

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.30 Maximum Ice Thickness

Table 5-30

IHO Definition : ICEMAX specifies the maximum thickness of the ice.

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.31 Maximum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)

Table 5-31

IHO Definition : IA_DXW defines the maximum width of the lead or fracture or crack.

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.32 Minimum Width of Ice Lead (or Fracture or Crack)

Table 5-32

IHO Definition : IA_DMW defines the minimum width of the lead or fracture or crack.

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.33 Number of Icebergs in Area

Table 5-33

IHO Definition : ICEBNM indicates the number of Icebergs within a specified area.

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.34 Number of Ice Objects

Table 5-34

IHO Definition : IA_OBN defines the number of ice objects (cracks, leads, fractures, icebergs).

Attribute Type : integer

Remarks :

5.35 Partial Concentration

Table 5-35

IHO Definition : ICEAPC specifies the partial concentrations of ice in an area. ('Ca, Cband Cc').

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition : Ice Free

2) 02

IHO Definition : Open Water (< 1/10 ice)

3) 03

IHO Definition : Bergy Water

10) 10

IHO Definition :1/10 ice
 12) 12
IHO Definition :1/10 to 2/10 ice
 13) 13
IHO Definition :1/10 to 3/10 ice
 20) 20
IHO Definition :2/10 ice
 23) 23
IHO Definition :2/10 to 3/10 ice
 24) 24
IHO Definition :2/10 to 4/10 ice
 30) 30
IHO Definition :3/10 ice
 34) 34
IHO Definition :3/10 to 4/10 ice
 35) 35
IHO Definition :3/10 to 5/10 ice
 40) 40
IHO Definition :4/10 ice
 45) 45
IHO Definition :
 46) 46
IHO Definition :4/10 to 6/10 ice
 50) 50
IHO Definition :5/10 ice
 56) 56
IHO Definition :5/10 to 6/10 ice
 57) 57
IHO Definition :5/10 to 7/10 ice
 60) 60
IHO Definition :6/10 ice
 67) 67
IHO Definition :6/10 to 7/10 ice
 68) 68
IHO Definition :6/10 to 8/10 ice
 70) 70
IHO Definition :7/10 ice
 78) 78
IHO Definition :7/10 to 8/10 ice
 79) 79
IHO Definition :7/10 to 9/10 ice
 80) 80
IHO Definition :8/10 ice
 81) 81
IHO Definition :8/10 to 10/10 ice
 89) 89
IHO Definition :8/10 to 9/10 ice
 90) 90
IHO Definition :9/10 ice
 91) 91
IHO Definition :9/10 to 10/10 ice
 92) 92
IHO Definition :10/10 ice
 99) 99
IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.36 Prevailing Iceberg Form

Table 5-36

IHO Definition : IA_BFM specifies the prevailing form of icebergs in an area.
Attribute Type : enumeration
 1) 01

IHO Definition :Domed
 2) 02
IHO Definition :Tabular
 3) 03
IHO Definition :Sloping
 4) 04
IHO Definition :Pinnacled
 5) 05
IHO Definition :Dry-dock
 6) 06
IHO Definition :Glacier (irregular)
 7) 07
IHO Definition :Blocky
 8) 08
IHO Definition :Weathered
 99) 99
IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.37 Snow Cover Concentration

Table 5-37

IHO Definition : ICESCN indicates the concentration (aerial coverage) of snow in tenths.
Attribute Type : enumeration
 1) 01
IHO Definition :1/10
 2) 02
IHO Definition :2/10
 3) 03
IHO Definition :3/10
 4) 04
IHO Definition :4/10
 5) 05
IHO Definition :5/10
 6) 06
IHO Definition :6/10
 7) 07
IHO Definition :7/10
 8) 08
IHO Definition :8/10
 9) 09
IHO Definition :9/10
 10) 10
IHO Definition :10/10
 11) 11
IHO Definition :<1/10
 12) 12
IHO Definition :No Snow Cover
 99) 99
IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown
Remarks :

5.38 Snow Depth

Table 5-38

IHO Definition : ICESCT specifies the depth of snow cover on the ice.
Attribute Type : integer
Remarks :

5.39 Total Concentration

Table 5-39

IHO Definition : ICEACT specifies the total concentration of ice in an area. It represents the ratio expressed in tenths describing the total area of the water surface covered by ice as a fraction of the whole area.

Attribute Type : enumeration

1) 01

IHO Definition :Ice Free

2) 02

IHO Definition :Open Water (< 1/10 ice)

3) 03

IHO Definition :Bergy Water

10) 10

IHO Definition :1/10 ice

12) 12

IHO Definition :1/10 to 2/10 ice

13) 13

IHO Definition :1/10 to 3/10 ice

20) 20

IHO Definition :2/10 ice

23) 23

IHO Definition :2/10 to 3/10 ice

24) 24

IHO Definition :2/10 to 4/10 ice

30) 30

IHO Definition :3/10 ice

34) 34

IHO Definition :3/10 to 4/10 ice

35) 35

IHO Definition :3/10 to 5/10 ice

40) 40

IHO Definition :4/10 ice

45) 45

IHO Definition :

46) 46

IHO Definition :4/10 to 6/10 ice

50) 50

IHO Definition :5/10 ice

56) 56

IHO Definition :5/10 to 6/10 ice

57) 57

IHO Definition :5/10 to 7/10 ice

60) 60

IHO Definition :6/10 ice

67) 67

IHO Definition :6/10 to 7/10 ice

68) 68

IHO Definition :6/10 to 8/10 ice

70) 70

IHO Definition :7/10 ice

78) 78

IHO Definition :7/10 to 8/10 ice

79) 79

IHO Definition :7/10 to 9/10 ice

80) 80

IHO Definition :8/10 ice

81) 81

IHO Definition :8/10 to 10/10 ice

89) 89

IHO Definition :8/10 to 9/10 ice

90) 90

IHO Definition :9/10 ice

91) 91

IHO Definition :9/10 to 10/10 ice

92) 92

IHO Definition :10/10 ice

99) 99

IHO Definition :Undetermined/Unknown

Remarks :