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THE COUNCIL:

RECALLING that one of the aims of the Association is to foster safe, economic and efficient movement of vessels and the protection of the marine environment through the improvement and harmonisation of aids to navigation, vessel traffic services and other means world-wide;

RECOGNISING that the e-Navigation architecture will assist in the development and maintenance of application interactions between ship and shore and shore to shore, in the following fields:

- shore-based technical e-Navigation services;
- technical means for communication;
- data modelling and referential data;
- Human-Machine Interface presentations.

RECOGNISING ALSO the responsibilities of IALA National Members regarding national and international e-Navigation applications:

- that the shore-based e-Navigation systems of National Members are embedded into local, regional, national, supra-national and global topologies of systems;
- that there are data/information flow chains within the local, regional, national, supra-national and global topologies of systems which support local, regional, national, supra-national and global e-Navigation applications;
- that requirements regarding quality parameters, such as accuracy, reliability, continuity, confidentiality, and others, will need to be taken into account when designing elements of the common shore-based e-Navigation system architecture.

RECOGNISING FURTHER that the **I**nter-**V**TS **E**xchange **F**ormat (IVEF) service, as laid out in this Recommendation, will assist in the efficient deployment of services to the mariner and to the maritime community by:

- allowing shore-based systems of National Member and other appropriate Authorities and Entities to participate in harmonised data exchange;
- easing the integration of components;
- improving the efficiency in organisational terms by exploiting commonalities;
- harmonising data exchange to systems of other shore-based stakeholders (local, regional, national and global);
- taking into account the value, timeliness and sensitivity of data.

NOTING that

- IALA Recommendation e-NAV-140 on 'The e-Navigation Architecture – the Initial Shore-based Perspective' [1];
- IMO's strategic plan regarding e-Navigation [2];
- that IMO expressed an interest in the contribution of IALA to the work on e-Navigation [3];

ADOPTS the Guidelines on the Inter-VTS Exchange Format (IVEF) Service set out in the annex to this Recommendation; and,

RECOMMENDS that National Members and other appropriate Authorities and Entities, introducing an IVEF Service into their shore infrastructure, take into account the principles as set out in the Guidelines on the Inter-VTS Exchange Format (IVEF) Service.

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The Inter-VTS Exchange Format (IVEF) Service

1   INTRODUCTION

The IVEF Service is intended to provide a common framework for the exchange of vessel traffic image[1] information between shore-based e-Navigation systems, such as VTS systems, e-Navigation stakeholders and relevant external parties.

Figure 1 shows such a situation, where VTS centres share information about the common operational area and also to relevant other users and authorities.
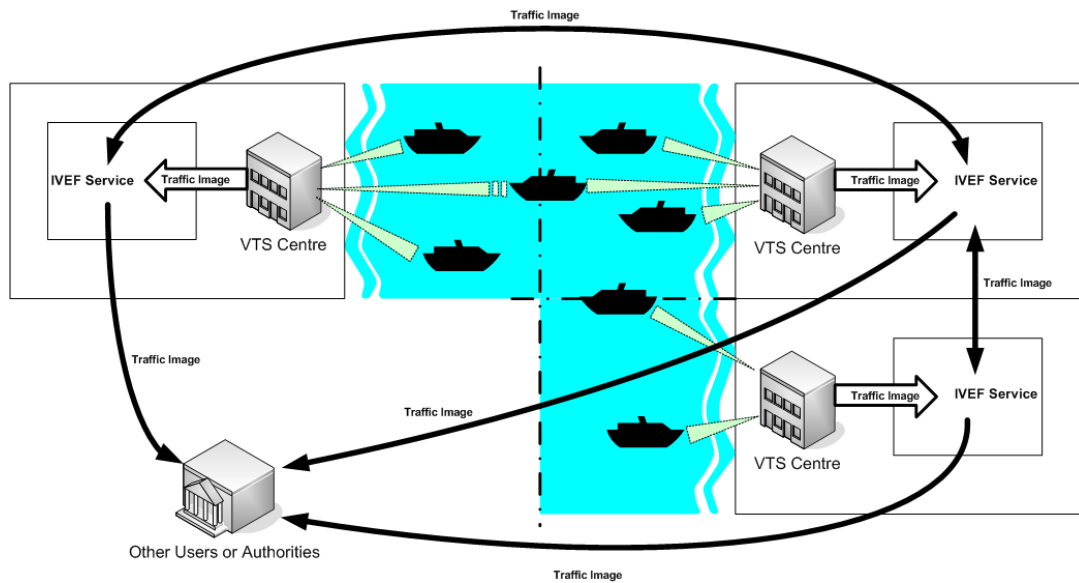
Figure 1   The IVEF Service in operation

The IVEF Service is client/server-based. Clients make a connection to a server, running the IVEF Service and receive traffic image data according to their specific preferences and authorisations (Figure 2). Different clients may specify different data requirements, such as the area of interest, the update frequency and the particular traffic objects that are relevant to them. Based on the client credentials, the IVEF Service will enforce restrictions on the data that is being served to the client. These restrictions can be specified by the data provider.
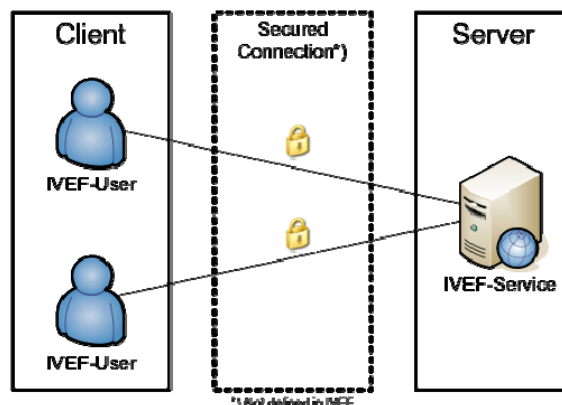
Figure 2   The IVEF Service Client/Server Model

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[1]   See section 6 - Definitions.

2   THE IVEF SERVICE AS DESCRIBED BY OTHER IALA RECOMMENDATIONS

The IVEF Service is a gateway service, as contained in the general description of the common shore-based system architecture in the '*IALA Recommendation on Shore-based e-Navigation System Architecture'* [see reference [1]]. Such a gateway service is specialised in data exchange shore-to-shore. It interfaces to other e-Navigation systems and to external systems of 'third parties'. These systems may request the IVEF service to forward relevant data to them. A IVEF service can interface shore-based systems locally, nationally, regionally, and globally.

3   SERVICE MODEL OF THE IVEF SERVICE

3.1   Overview

The IVEF Service specification is organised according to the (draft) *'IALA Recommendation on Generic e-Navigation Service Engineering Model Template'* [1] as depicted in Figure 3.
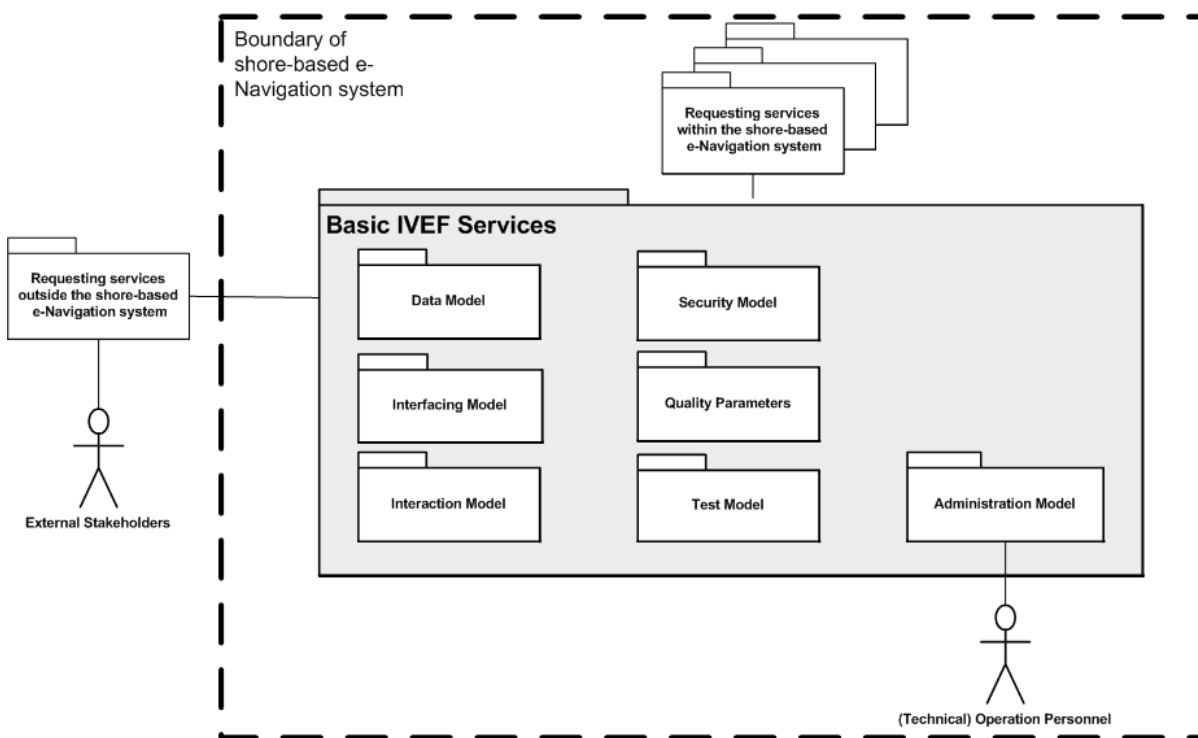
Figure 3   The IVEF Service Model

The specification contains exactly those elements that are relevant for a full description of the service. The following is a brief description of these elements:

Basic IVEF Services: capabilities of the IVEF Service and its functional interface statements.

Data Model: the abstract descriptions of the data provided by the IVEF Service at its Basic IVEF Services to shore-based e-Navigation systems and external systems. It defines the data types and data objects of the IVEF Service.

Interaction Model: the dynamics of the interaction of individual components of the IVEF Service (data flow and protocol).

Interfacing Model: the data encoding and interface protocols between the provider of the IVEF Service and the clients, requesting data from the service.

Security Model: control of access to the IVEF Service (filtering and access rights).

Quality Parameters: performance and reliability considerations of the IVEF Service.

Test Model: test and validation of the IVEF service.

Administration Model: the technical administration and maintenance aspects of the IVEF Service.

A full description of all these aspects follows in the remainder of this document.

3.2 Capabilities of the IVEF Service for the Shore-based e-Navigation System

3.2.1 Introduction

The IVEF Service is an optional part of a shore-based e-Navigation system. Its basic purpose is to provide a vessel traffic image to related vessel traffic service systems, to e-Navigation stakeholders and to relevant external parties. Any IVEF Service provides, at least, the so-called *Basic IVEF Services (BIS)*. A particular characteristic of the IVEF Service is that these services are only rendered on request of another e-Navigation system or of an external system, i.e. the IVEF Service follows the client/server model as already described in the introduction of this specification (Figure 3).

3.2.2 Basic IVEF Services (BIS)

There is only one basic IVEF service, which is

> *Vessel Traffic Image Data Exchange Service* – deliver vessel traffic situation data, according to a specific service profile. Such a service profile determines e.g. the data items delivered, the area of interest and the update rate.

The IVEF Service is part of the e-Navigation Client/Server-based architecture. A general way of describing communication architectures is via the ISO/OSI reference model [3], which describes communication between applications through a layered model. Each higher-level layer in this model increases the level of abstraction. The communication between client and server is described here at the so-called 'application layer' in the reference model. The implementation of the lower layers is not discussed here. It is only suggested to use a secured and reliable link between the client and server.
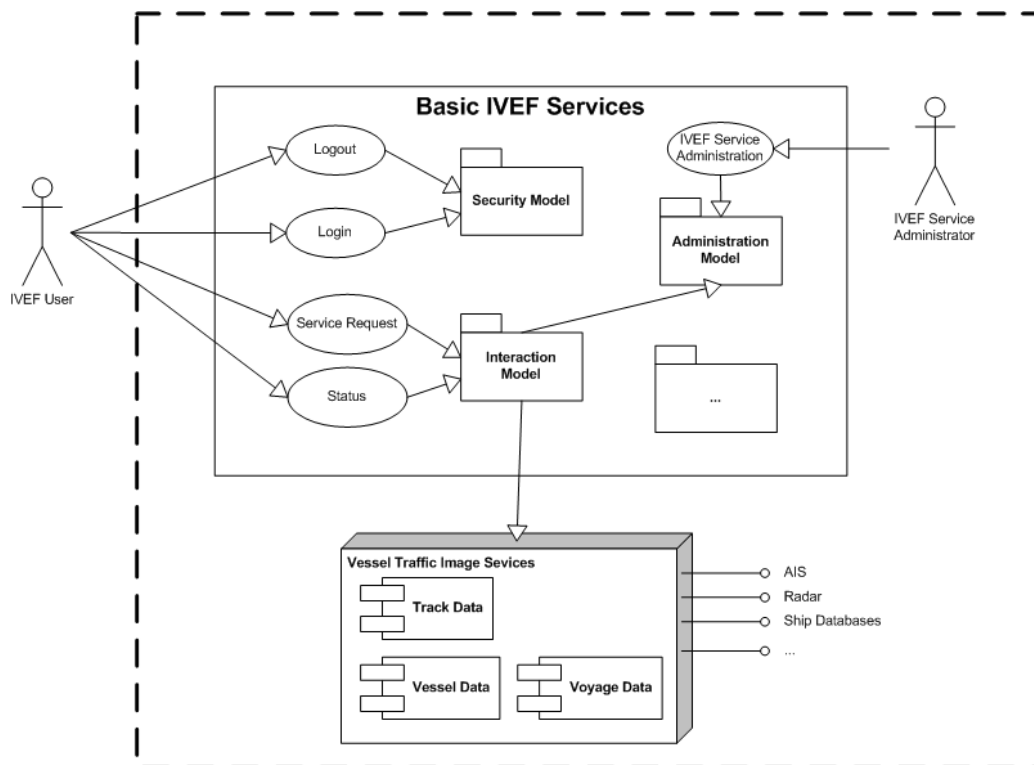
3.2.3 General Use Cases

Figure 4   IVEF Service Primary Use Case

3.3   Data Model of the IVEF Service

3.3.1   Introduction

The Data Model of the IVEF Service will be part of the IALA Universal Maritime Data Model (IALA UMDM), as described in [1]. It provides the well-structured and abstract (functional) description of the data that is exchanged through the IVEF Service.

The Data Model itself does not contain data encoding information which is required to create an actual implementation of the service. Separating the data encoding from the Data Model of the IVEF Service provides flexibility in selecting an encoding technique as deemed appropriate by the competent authority. A portfolio of suitable encoding techniques for data objects of the IVEF Service is given in section 3.6 on the Interfacing Model.

3.3.2   The Place of the IVEF Service in the e-Navigation Architecture

Figure 5 illustrates the place of the IVEF Service in the e-Navigation architecture as described by *IALA Recommendation on the e-Navigation Architecture – the Shore Perspective* [1]. It clearly identifies the co-operative nature of the shore-based IVEF Service. Note that the IVEF Service shares the dependencies of the e-Navigation architecture.
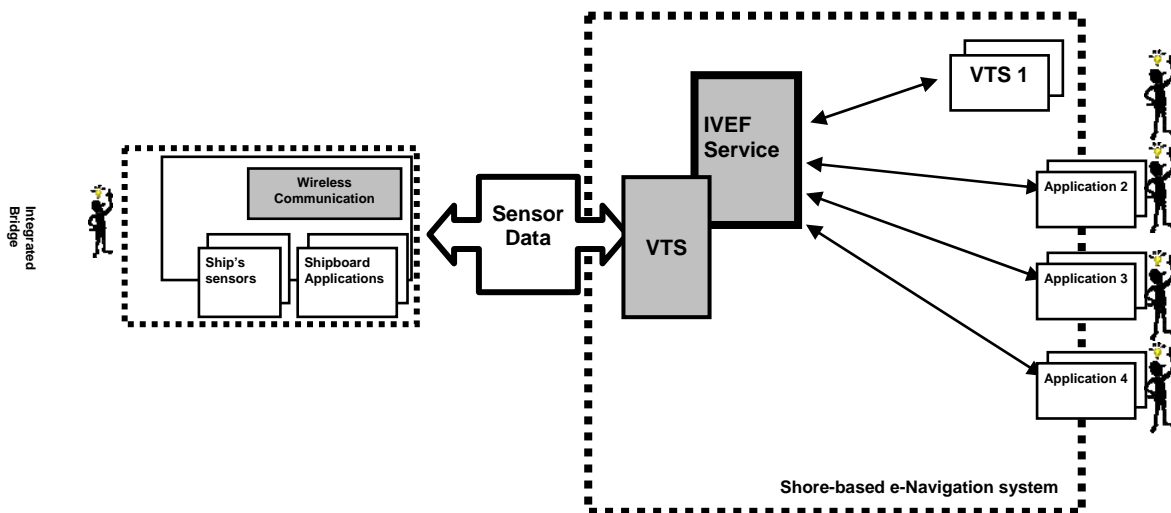
Figure 5   The Place of the IVEF Service within the e-Navigation architecture

There may be many client-server-relationships, since the 'gateway services' of the shore-based e-Navigation system may be requested by other e-Navigation services within that system, there can be identified. These client-server-relationships can be combined into a hierarchy within the shore-based e-Navigation system (see Figure 6, which is derived from reference [1], Figure 5).
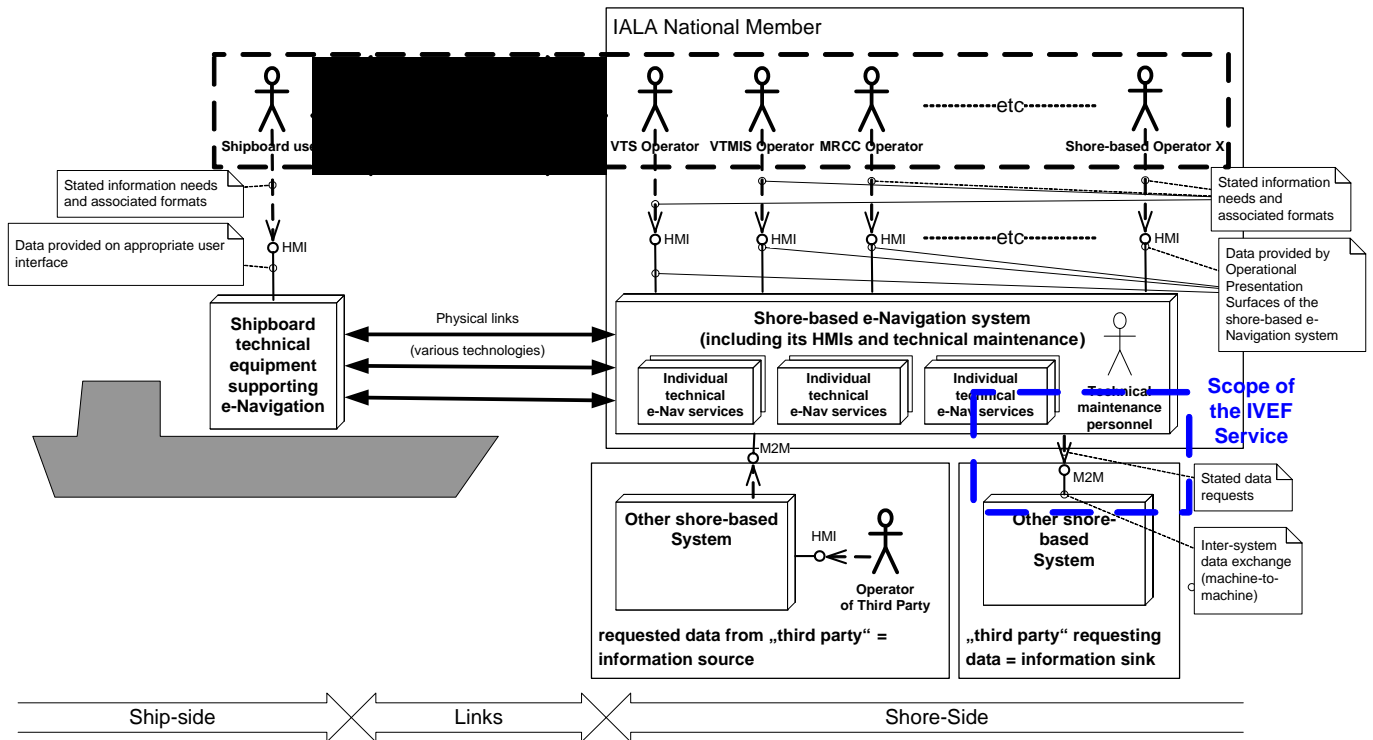
Figure 6   Client-server relationships of the IVEF Service with other shore-based e-Navigation service (see reference [1], Figure 5)

3.4   Interaction Model of the IVEF Service

3.4.1   Context

IVEF Service Interfaces are point-to-point connections between e-Navigation Gateways.   One Gateway acts as an information source whereas the other Gateway acts as an information sink.

Note that the IVEF Service by itself has no provisions for data compression and encryption. IVEF describes the data exchange format between e-Navigation applications; it relies on transport layers underneath to convert between physical, electrical and network interfaces. Additional transport layers may add data compression and encryption, depending on the system requirements (see Figure 7).

Figure 7   The Communications Stack

The justification for this approach is the fact that these transport layers are already well-defined and standardised.   Furthermore, standard compression and encryption algorithms are readily available.

Recommended layers (at this time) are TCP/IP for transport, TLS [5] or SSL [5] for encryption and ZLIB [7] for compression.

3.4.2   Service Negotiation

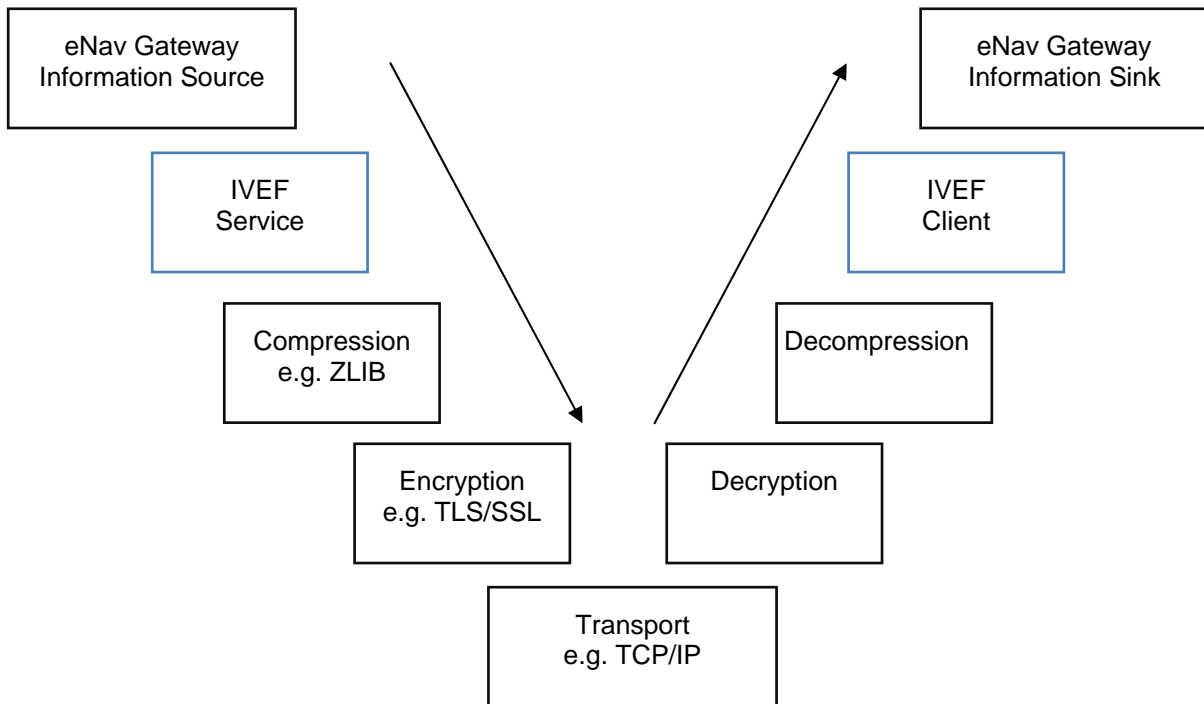The IVEF interface is a service based protocol. This means that the data exchange between the parties is not pre-defined, but rather the result of a negotiation between the information provider and the information consumer.

3.4.2.1   Introduction

When a client (an e-Navigation Gateway acting as an information sink) wants to connect to server (an e-Navigation Gateway acting as an information source), it has to initiate the service by authenticating. To do this, the client sends a Login message to the server, the server validates the login requests and if correct, it sends a LoginResponse message. The server initiates the default service for that particular user. An example of a service is:

> '*using an interval of 10 seconds, output all position information and voyage information about all vessels that are within in the following area (x,y) – (x1,y1) – (x2, y2) – (x3,y3)*[2]

After the client is logged on, the server starts outputting the traffic image that matches the specification in the service.

The client can also send a ServiceRequest to terminate or change the active service. Services can be defined with different transmission characteristics, which allows a server push or client pull of the information, or a combination.

3.4.2.2   Service parameters

A service is defined by a number of parameters:

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[2]   Note that *x, x1, x2* and *x3* shall be specified in Longitude co-ordinates and that *y, y1, y2* and *y3* shall be specified as Latitude co-ordinates.

1   Object Selection, which objects should be sent?

   a   Area based

   b   Filter based on the object properties (e.g. ship length > 50 m)

2   Item Selection, which information elements should be sent?

   a   Track Information

   b   Vessel Information

   c   Voyage Information

3   Transmission Selection, when should it be sent?

   a   Single Occurrence (Pull)

   b   Periodic, with specified update rate (Push)

   c   A-Periodic, synchronous with update (Push)

A filter, based on object properties is a logical expression consisting of object property terms. These terms may be combined by the logical operators 'or', 'and' or 'exclusive or' in increasing order of precedence. An object property term may be negated by preceding it with 'not'.

Object property terms may contain the standard numerical predicates '=', '!=', '>', '>=', '<' and '<='. In case of string-valued object properties, the predicates '=', '!=' and the wildcards '*' and '?' are supported, where '*' means any sequence of characters, including the empty sequence and '?' means any single character.

Filters are validated against the known object properties and the set of rules above. Invalid filters will be rejected.

3.4.2.3   Information flow dynamics

The interface supports the following messages; the contents and meaning of the messages mentioned below are covered in section 3.4.3.1

Table 1   Interface Messages

Message	From	To	Description
Control Information Messages			
Login	Client	Server	This message is used to identify the client
Login Response	Server	Client	Login accepted or refused, if refused a reason will be supplied
Logout	Client	Server	This message is used to terminate the IVEF Service
Ping	Both	Both	Heartbeat message
Pong	Both	Both	Response to a Heartbeat message
Service Request	Client	Server	This message contains the definition of the service requested by the client. It will replace the current service.
Service Request	Server	Client	Request accepted or refused, if refused a reason will be supplied

Response			
Service Status	Server	Client	This message will be sent by the server to indicate the status of the service[3].
Real Time Messages			
Object Data	Server	User	The track, vessel- and voyage related data of objects in the traffic image.

3.4.2.4 Timing and priorities

Control Information Messages have a higher priority than Real-Time Messages. This means that in an overload situation, Object Data Messages may be dropped in favour of Control Information Messages.

The service must start with a login message. The server will terminate the connection on transport layer when any other message is received, in order to prevent a possible Denial-of-Service (DoS) by mis-configured or malicious clients. If a service is interrupted at transport level, both server- and client sides will terminate the session and the client must login again to regain access to the service.

Messages, sent as a response to another message (LoginResponse, ServiceRequestReponse and Pong), must be responded to within agreed-upon period (e.g. 4 seconds). If the response message is not received within a specified timeout period, the sender may retry sending the message before terminating the service.

Ping messages must be sent when the sender has no other means[4] to detect whether the receiver is still connected. The Ping message must be sent after an agreed-upon period of inactivity.

3.4.3 Part I: Primary service use cases of the BIS

The primary service use cases all have in common, that they are justified by at least one interaction with a 'requesting service' within the common e-Navigation system architecture: The 'requesting service' is any other service of the common shore-based e-Navigation system architecture making a request (*logon*) to the BIS in the previous chapter.

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[3] e.g. in an overload situation the server may drop messages, in this situation the Service Status message is sent to the client to make him aware of lost information.

[4] Depending on the transport layer (e.g. SCTP), and receiver activity, the sender may detect the connection state of the receiver automatically. In this case the Ping message is not required.
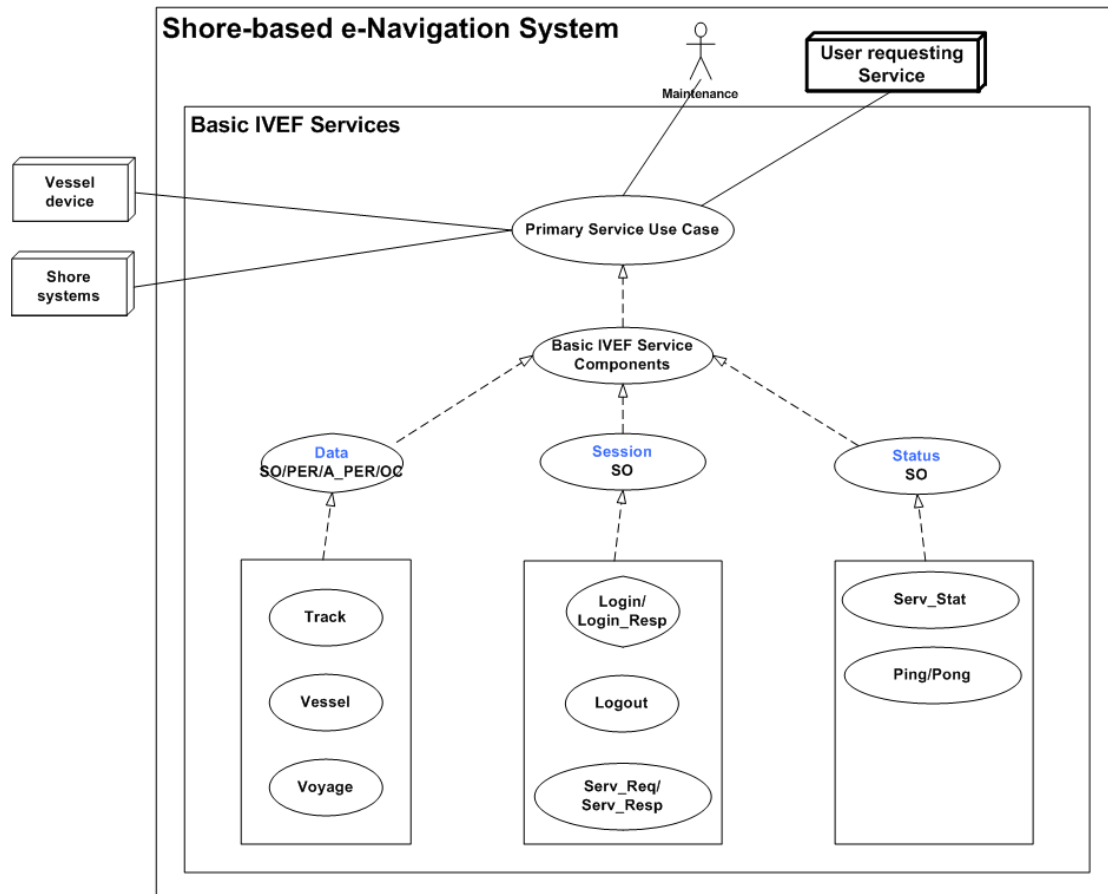
Figure 8   Overview of the primary service use cases of the IVEF Service

Note: The dotted lines indicate an inheritance relationship.

The complete list of external BIS Components and their categories is given below:

BIS Components:

STATUS   Service Status
DATA   Object Data
SESSION   Session Management

BIS Transmission Category

SO   Single occurrence (non-real-time)
PER   Periodic, with a specified update rate (real-time)
A-PER: A-periodic, synchronous with the received track update (real-time)
OC   On change, updates are sent as data elements change

BIS Basic Service Data Elements:

LOGIN: Authentication request
LOGIN_RESP: Authentication response
LOGOUT: Service termination notification
SERV_REQ: Service request (category, area)
SERV_RESP: Service response
SERV_STAT: Service Status
PING: Alive request
PONG: Alive response

TRACK: Track data
VESSEL: Vessel data
VOYAGE: Voyage data

3.4.3.1   Service Component DATA
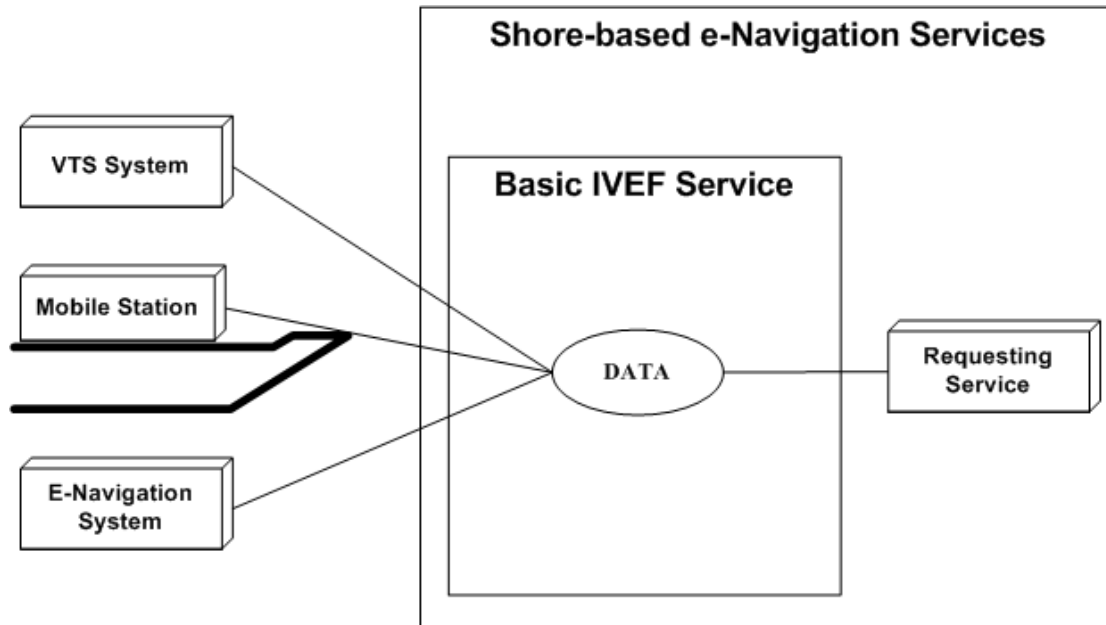
3.4.3.1.1   Service Model

Figure 9   The DATA Service Component

3.4.3.1.2   Description

The DATA service component provides the following information:

1   Object track information; generally dynamic information about an object such as present position and speed.

2   Optionally Object vessel data; more or less pertinent information about an object such as call sign, IMO number and object dimensions.

3   Optionally Voyage data; such as Destination and ETA.

Service Data Structure

See APPENDIX 1.

3.4.3.1.3   VESSEL: Vessel Data

Use

The vessel information is used to identify and classify ships.

Risks

The vessel information is obtained from several sources including manual entry onboard a ship or in a VTS system or from database systems. It is possible that this data may be incorrect.

Service Data Structure

See APPENDIX 1.

Operating Characteristics

1   The BIS shall start automatically upon logon confirmation.

2   The data will be sent depending on transmission category.

3.4.3.1.4   TRACK: Track Data

Use

The track data combined with the data derived from VESSEL and, optionally, VOYAGE represents the actual traffic image.

Risks

The track data that is exchanged is the result multi-sensor fusion of various sensors. Sensor data is inherently noisy and subject to all kinds of disturbances, therefore the track represents the best effort representation of the true situation, but not necessary the true situation itself.

Service Data Structure

See APPENDIX 1.

Operational Characteristics

1   The BIS shall start automatically upon logon confirmation.

2   The data will be sent depending on transmission category.

3.4.3.1.5   VOYAGE: Voyage-related Data

Use

The voyage-related ship information is used to classify ships with regard to cargo, draught, destination and the route.

Risks

1   The voyage information is entered onboard a ship or in a VTS system and it is possible that this data may be incorrect.

2   Information on the type of cargo provides only the classification of dangerous goods (Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category A, B, C, D). This may not be sufficient in case of SAR/Pollution prevention.

Service Data Structure

See APPENDIX 1.

Operational Characteristics

1   The BIS shall start automatically upon logon confirmation.

2   The data will be sent depending on transmission category.

3.4.3.2 Service Component SESSION
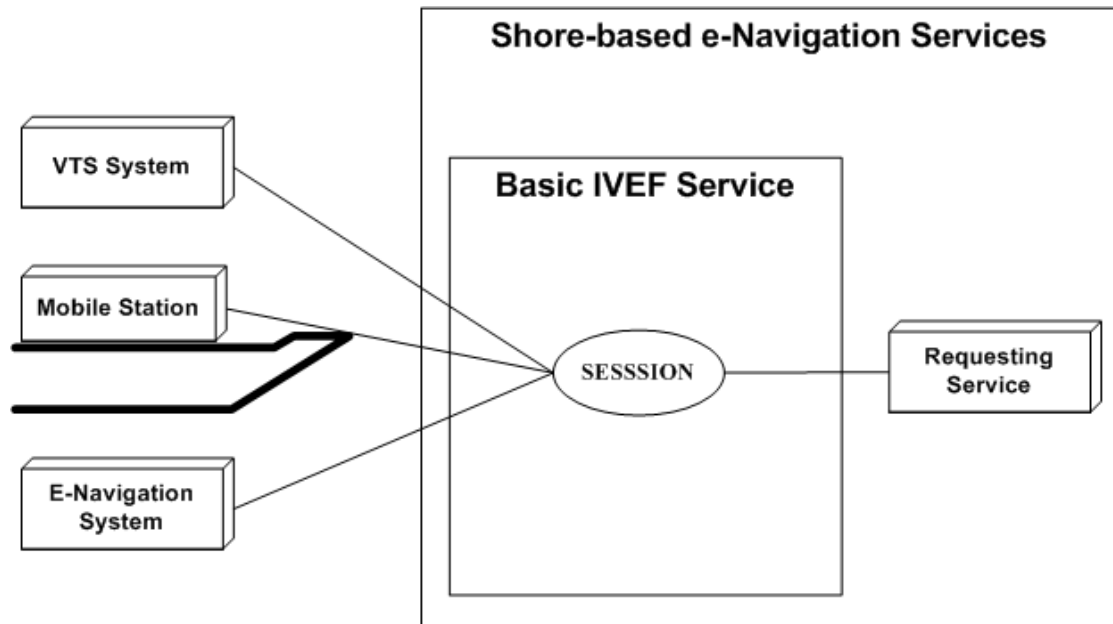
3.4.3.2.1 Service Model

Figure 10   The Session Service Component

3.4.3.2.2 Description

The SESSION service component is responsible for set-up, termination and terms-of-service negotiation.

3.4.3.2.3 LOGIN/LOGIN_RESP/LOGOUT

Use

1   A session is started by issuing a login request with the appropriate account details.

2   The account details are verified and the service responds with a login response granting or denying access to the service.

A session can be terminated by issuing a logout request.

Risks

Secured communication should be considered on the transport layer.   IVEF provides only authentication support.   Encryption and non repudiation must be established on transport layer using suitable technologies (VPN, https, ssl, direct lines…).

Service Data Structure

See APPENDIX 1.

3.4.3.2.4 SERVICE_REQ/ SERVICE _RESP

Use

1   A service request is used to negotiate the terms-of-service, i.e. data content, area of interest and frequency of delivery.

2   A service request is acknowledged by a service response. Once acknowledge it will replace the previous service request.

Risks

1 A service request could lead to a data link overload. The client is responsible for issuing the service request that matches the available resources.

2 The server could be overloaded by to many user requests. Proper mechanism should be applied.

Service Data Structure

See APPENDIX 1.

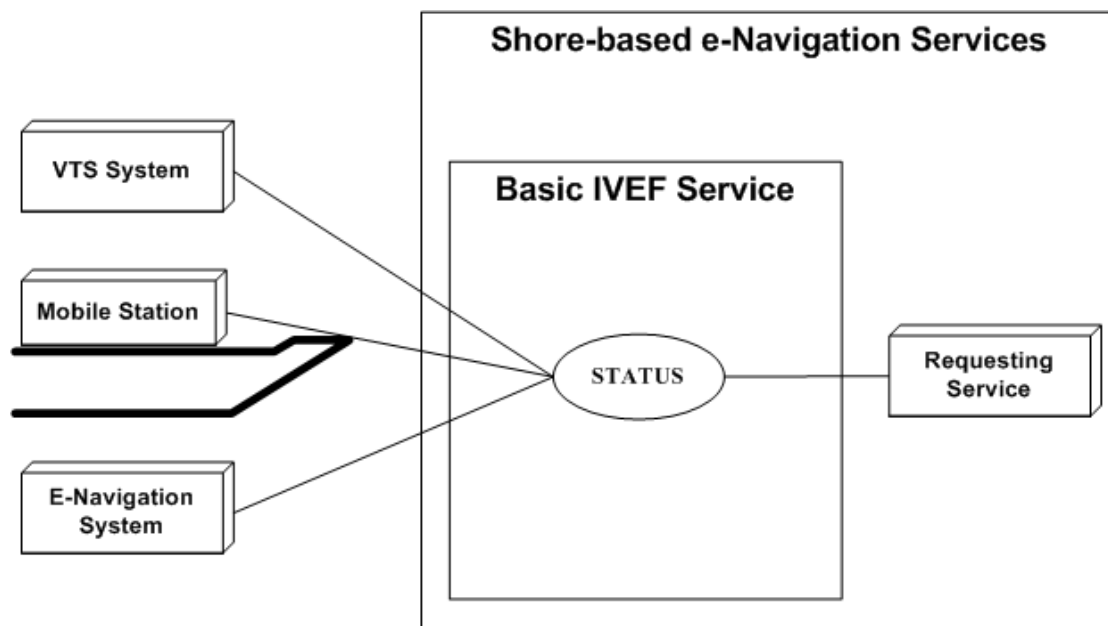3.4.3.3 Service Component STATUS

3.4.3.3.1 Service Model

Figure 11 The Status Service Component

3.4.3.3.2 Description

The STATUS service component provides service-related status information and maintains alive status.

3.4.3.3.3 PING/PONG/SERV_STAT

Use

1 PING / PONG are messages exchanged at regular time intervals to verify alive status of the data link.

2 SERV_STAT indicates the status of the server to the client (ok/not ok) with an optional description.

Risks

No risks.

Service Data Structure

See APPENDIX 1.

3.4.4   Part II: Secondary service use cases of the BIS

3.4.4.1   LOCAL ADAPTATION

Use

The TAGGED_ITEM message can be used for non-standard, additional data exchange.

Risks

Requires additional agreement between client side and server side.

Service Data Structure

See APPENDIX 1.

3.5   Security Model of the IVEF Service

The security model concerns the following aspects of the service:

- Authentication – this concerns both clients of the service and providers of the service;
- Authorisation – this concerns the clients of the service;
- Data protection – this concerns the data that is being exchanged;
- Physical security – this concerns access to the server- and client systems and the interconnecting network.

The security model of the Basic IVEF Service addresses only the first two items, i.e. authentication and authorisation. The latter two items are outside the scope of this document. For data protection, suitable encryption methods can be defined at communication link-level (see section 3.4) or by providing a, so-called, Virtual Private Network (VPN) for clients.

The IVEF service is usually strictly contained within a shore-based e-Navigation system. Hence, it is assumed that appropriate measures for safeguarding the physical security of the service have been taken at the system level.

The model that is chosen for authentication and authorisation is a simple one, based on a shared secret between client and server (such a shared secret is commonly referred to as 'password'). There is no specific authentication of the server (although this can arranged, e.g. by using SSL certificates) and knowledge of the shared secret is assumed to identify the client. Once the client has authenticated itself, a set of client-specific rules is enforced by the server to guarantee that only those data are sent to the client for which the client has been authorised (see also section 3.9).

Note that the security model of the IVEF service is, in fact, independent of the traffic image exchange service and can easily be replaced by a more elaborate security model (e.g. based on certificates) if required.

3.6   Interfacing Model of the IVEF Service

The IVEF Service refers to the Presentation and Application layers as defined by the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Reference Model [3].
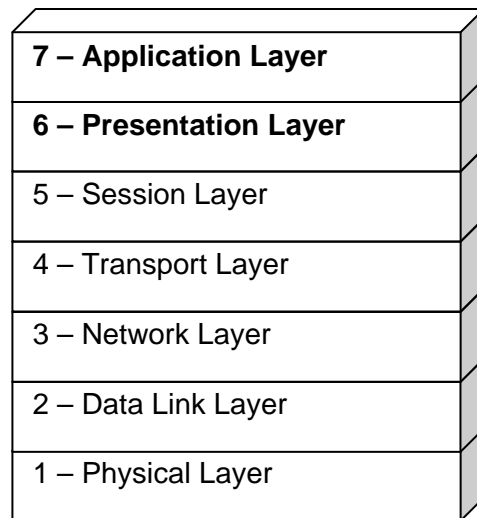
Figure 12   The ISO/OSI Reference Model

The definition of the lower-level telecommunication support layers is beyond the scope of the IVEF Service definition. Transmission of an IVEF-coded vessel traffic image can make use of any available communication medium, for instance a packet-switched Wide Area Network (WAN) or a Local Area Network (LAN).

The specific lower-level telecommunication protocol layers should be agreed upon by all partners of the data exchange, taking into account requirements such as data rates, reliability, security and latency.

In order to ease the exchange of data between different systems (e.g. potential network interconnection) it is advisable to apply standard telecommunication protocols (e.g. TCP/IP).

The IVEF Service uses XML [3] as a Presentation Layer protocol and defines the structure of the data to be exchanged over the communication medium.

3.7   Quality Parameters of the IVEF Service

The quality parameters of the IVEF Service depend on the intended use of the service: is it a real-time service, suitable for Vessel Traffic Services, or a near-realtime or non-realtime monitoring service that is regularly updated?

An important assumption of the service is that the server and client systems operate with a common time reference. Therefore it is recommended to use a time service that provides UTC time, e.g. based on GNSS or internet time servers (NTP), at both the server and client.

A possible application of the IVEF Service is the provision of monitoring data to a stakeholder, for example a ship owner that wants to have information on his fleet. In such a case, only the relevant data will be delivered; everything else will be filtered out. Also the update rate will be fairly low, say in the order of a few messages per hour. Furthermore, neither availability of the service nor message delays are critical issues.
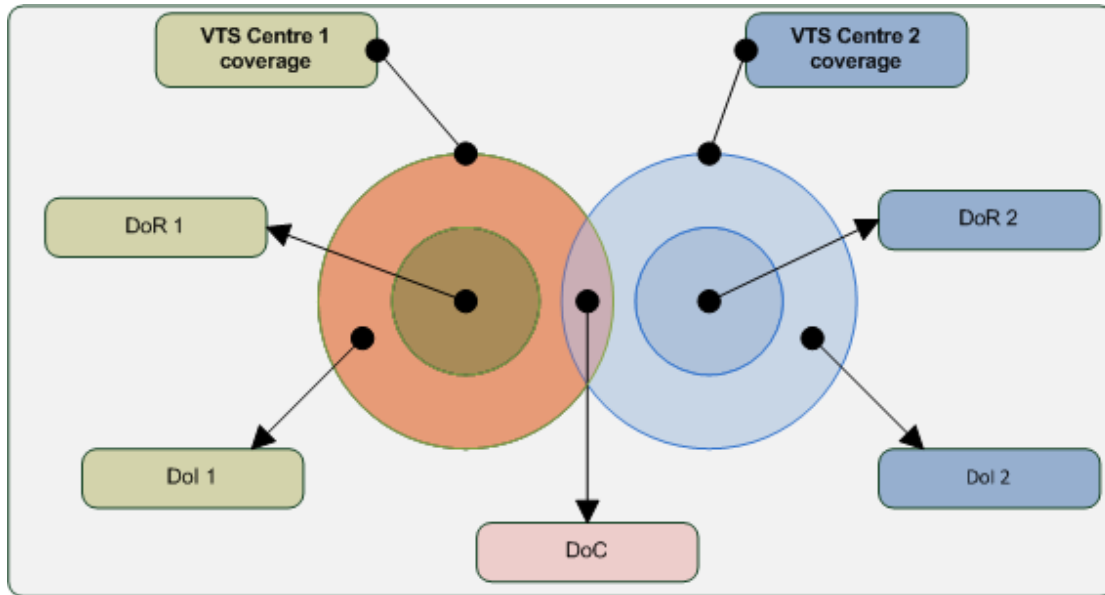
Figure 13   Domains of Interest, Responsibility and Co-operation

Although the IVEF Service is a one-way service (from server to client), a common operational scenario, where VTSs are involved, is a mutual service, where each VTS provides data to the other (Figure 1).

In such a scenario, three areas are considered

1   *Domain of Interest (DoI)* – the geographical area which is of interest to a particular VTS centre. In general, this is the total sensor coverage area.

2   *Domain of Responsibility (DoR)* – the area for which the VTS centre is mandated to provide their VTS service, i.e. an Information Service, Traffic Organisation Service or Navigational Assistance Service.

3   *Domain of Cooperation (DoC)* – a subarea within the cross-section of the DoIs of the two VTSs where special processing is done to guarantee continuity of position, speed and course of objects.

In order to use the concept of the DoC, additional functionality is required in both VTSs.

This additional functionality consists of:

- the capability of associating multiple tracks to a single object, i.e. in the DoC, both systems will have a track and these tracks must be correlated to the same physical object, for instance via matching position and speed, or some other method.

- the capability of smoothing out differences between the correlated tracks for the same object. The recommended processing to guarantee continuity across the Domain of Cooperation is to use a weighted average of the track states (see Figure 13).

In such a scenario, there should be a mutual agreement between the VTSs involved about the quality of service. This agreement should address:

- availability and timeliness of the IVEF Service;

- emergency/breakdown procedures, if applicable;

- integrity of the VTS data delivered. This also concerns possible filtering of the data, for instance for commercial reasons.

A more complicated use case is where there are multiple providers of an IVEF Service to a common authority (Figure 14). The common authority is responsible for further distribution of the data to recognised data users. This means that the common authority is also responsible for validation of these users. In this case, there will be agreements between the common authority and the IVEF Service providers, but also between the common authority and the recognised data

users. Obviously, the quality aspects in these agreements may be quite different, depending on the intended use of the data.
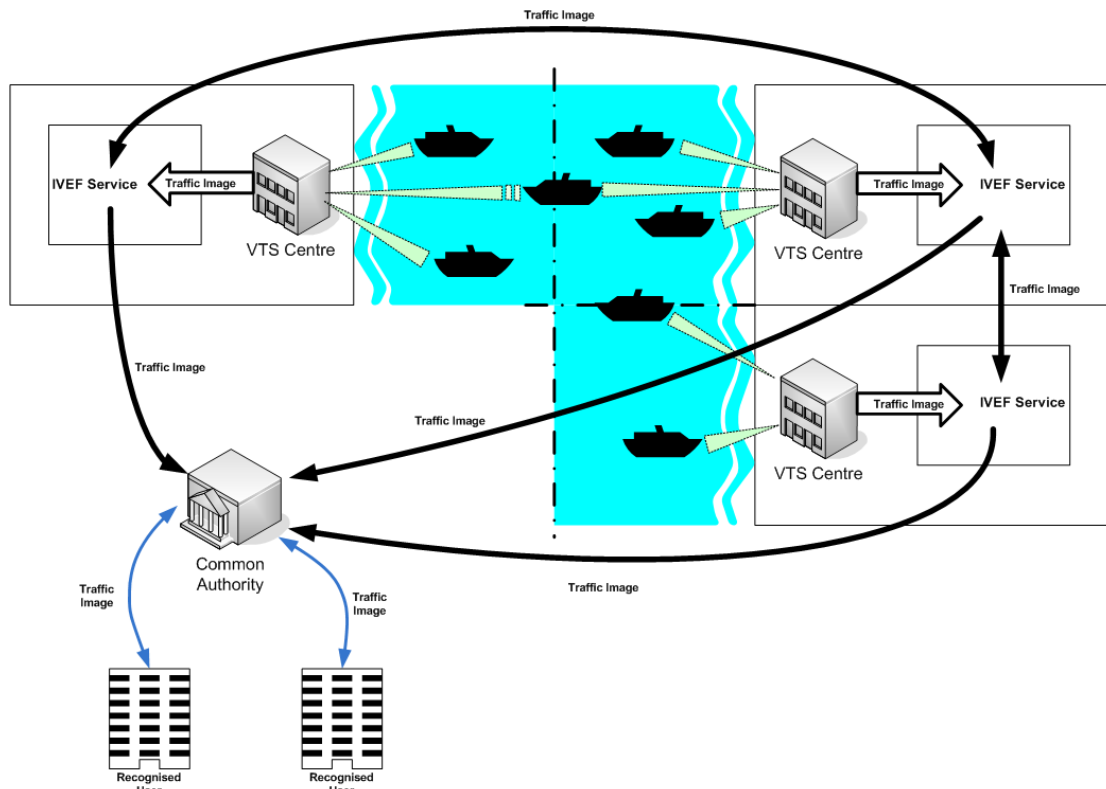

Figure 14   IVEF Service using a Common Authority

3.8   Test model of the IVEF Service

3.8.1   Well formed messages

Each IVEF Service Message must comply with the W3C XML specification [3]. This specification defines an XML document as a text, which is well-formed, i.e., it satisfies a list of syntax rules provided in the specification. The list of rules is fairly lengthy; the most important rules are:

- A message contains only properly-encoded legal Unicode characters.
- None of the special syntax characters such as '<' and '&' appear except when performing their markup-delineation roles.
- The begin-, end-, and empty-element tags, which delimit the elements, are correctly nested, with none missing and none overlapping.
- The element tags are case-sensitive; the begin- and end tags must match exactly.
- There is a single 'root' element, which contains all the other elements.

3.8.2   Valid messages

In addition to being well-formed, an IVEF Service Message must also be valid. This means that data elements and attributes must comply with the definition as specified in APPENDIX 1. In addition, the values must adhere to minimum value, maximum value, length, precision etc., as specified in APPENDIX 1.

3.8.3   Valid data

All track numbers, at any given time instant, should be unique.

3.8.4   Interaction behaviour

A login should be answered by a login response as indicated in Figure 15. The same holds, modus modendi, for ping/pong and service req/service respectively.
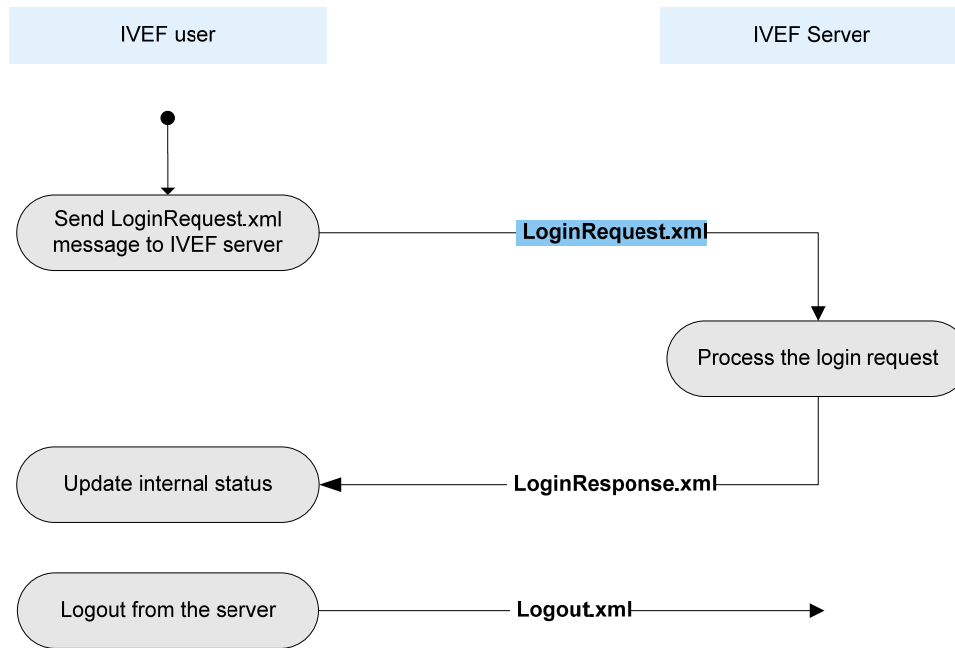
Figure 15   Login/Logout Activity Graph

3.9   Administration Model of the IVEF Service

The Administration Model describes the aspects of the service that can be configured by service provider. For the IVEF Service, this concerns the maintenance of the user database. The user database contains the shared secret for each user and the user authorisations, i.e. the restrictions, that are enforced by the server, on the data that is provided to a particular user. Additionally, the user database may contain default services for each user. These default services may be adapted by the respective user or be left to the discreteness of the service provider.

Considering the complexity of the user database, the provision of a graphical Human-Machine Interface (HMI) is strongly recommended for this purpose.

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5   DEFINITIONS

Object – a vessel, wind turbines, off-shore platform, bridge, an Aid-to-Navigation or a helicopter (SAR).

Gateway Service – a generic type of service, as defined in [1].

Vessel Traffic Image – the consolidated information about vessels and their movements in a particular area of interest.[5]
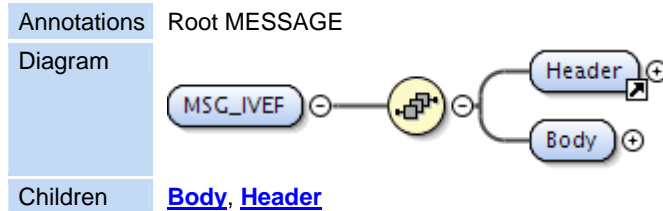
6   ABBREVIATIONS

BIS	Basic IVEF Services
DoC	Domain of Cooperation
DoI	Domain of Interest
DoR	Domain of Responsibility
DoS	Denial of Service
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
HMI	Human-Machine Interface
IALA	International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities
IALA UMDM	IALA Universal Maritime Data Model
IVEF	Inter-system Vessel traffic image Exchange Format
ISO	The International Standards Organisation
LAN	Local-Area Network
NTP	Network Time Protocol
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
SAR	Search and Rescue
SSL	Secure Socket Layer
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TIE	Traffic Image Exchange
UTC	Universal Time Coordinated
VTS	Vessel Traffic Services
W3C	World-Wide Web Consortium
WAN	Wide-Area Network
XML	eXtensible Markup Language

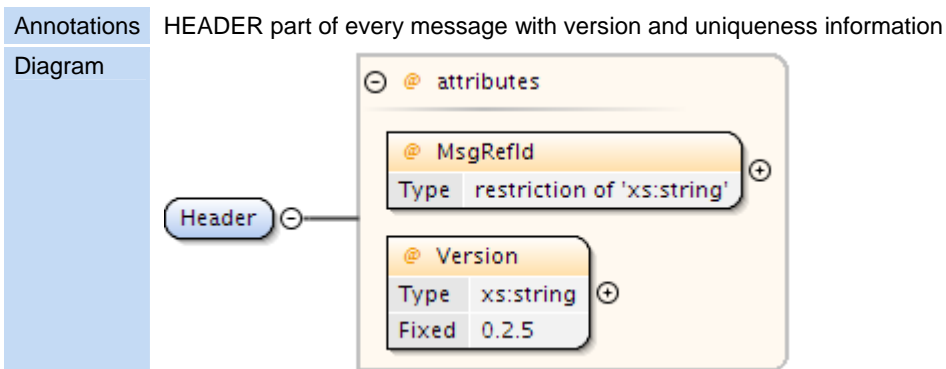[5] This information may be presented in different ways according to the task at hand.

APPENDIX 1   DATA DEFINITION
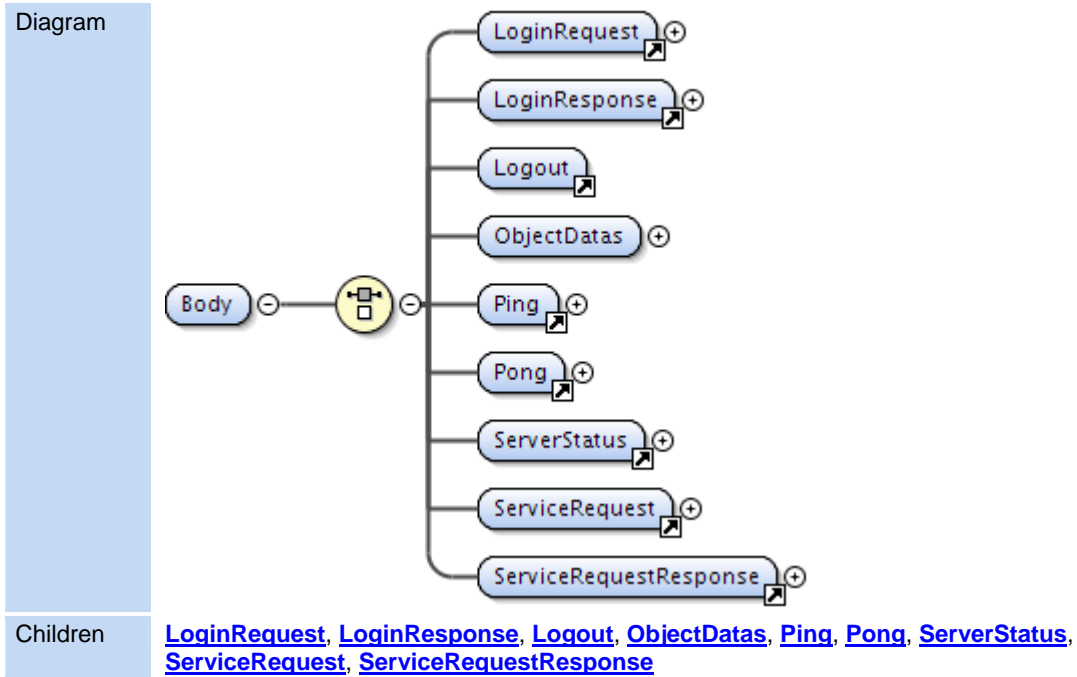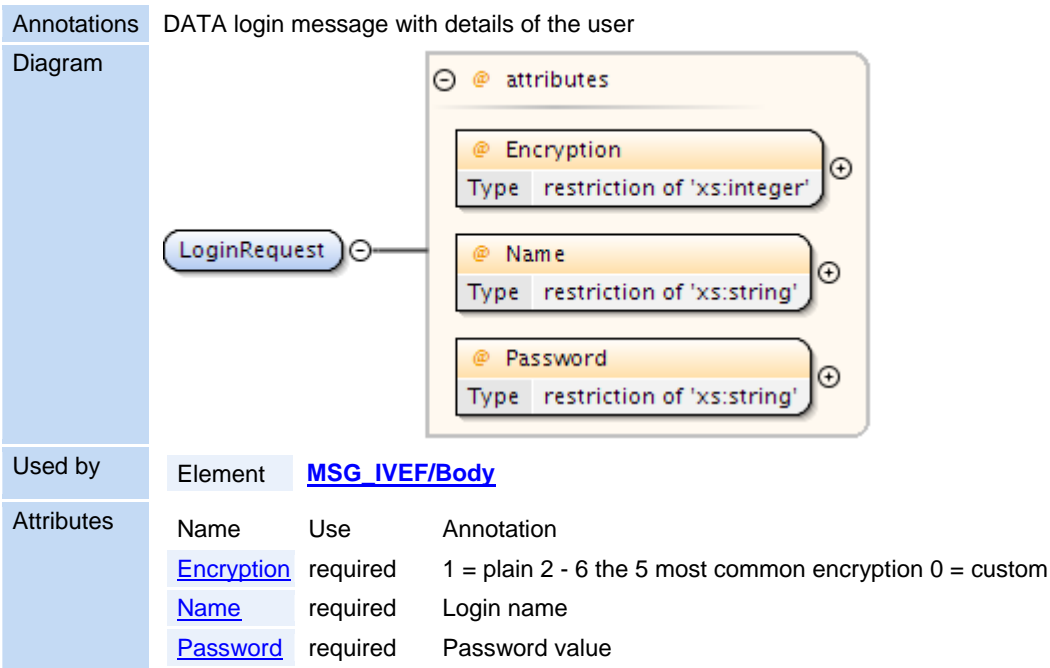
1   ELEMENT DEFINITIONS

Element MSG_IVEF

Annotations	Root MESSAGE
Diagram	
Children	**Body**, **Header**

Element Header

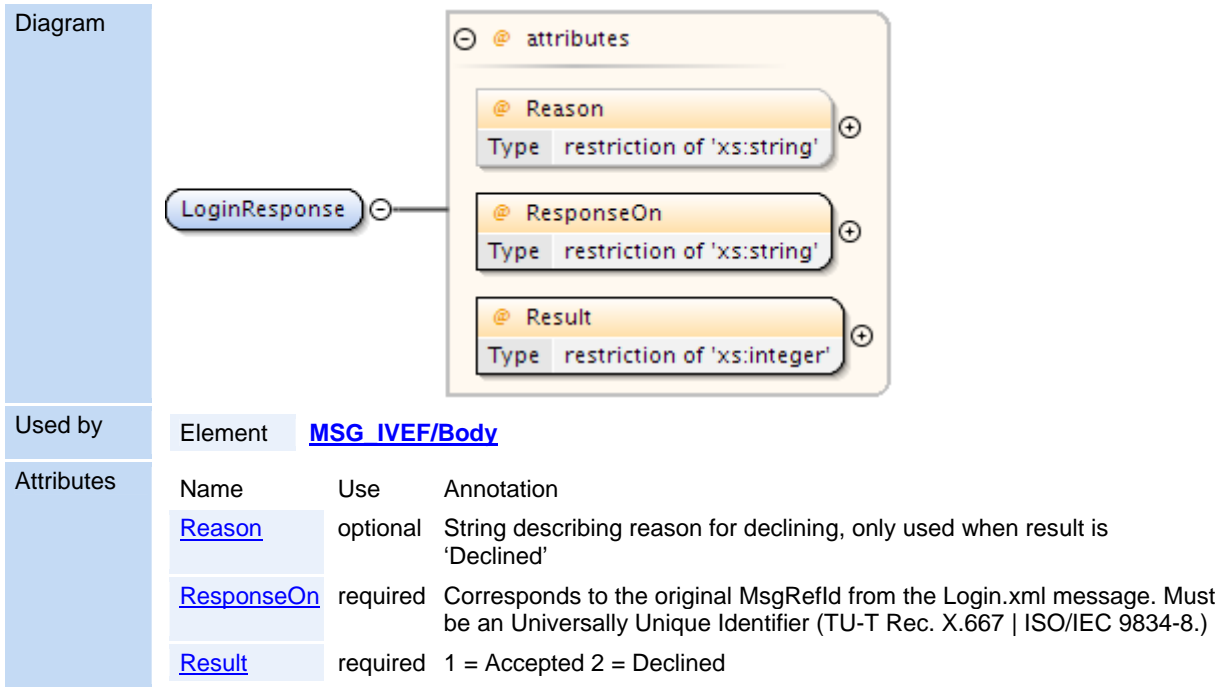| Annotations	HEADER part of every message with version and uniqueness information
Diagram	
Used by	Element **MSG_IVEF**
Attributes	**Name** **Use** **Annotation**
	MsgRefId required Must be an Universally Unique Identifier for each message (TU-T Rec. X.667 | ISO/IEC 9834-8.) Reply messages refer to this id to identify the message they are replying to. In its canonical form, a UUID consists of 32 hexadecimal digits, displayed in 5 groups separated by hyphens, in the form 8-4-4-4-12 for a total of 36 characters, enclosed by brackets. For example: {550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000}
	Version required Defines the version of the protocol used. Syntax is major.minor.patch patch releases fix only bugs, minor releases may add functionality but are compatible, major releases are not compatible

Element MSG_IVEF / Body

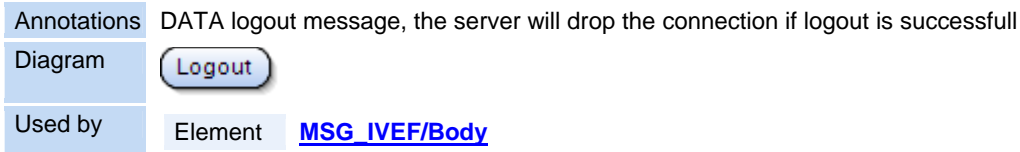| Diagram	
Children	**LoginRequest**, **LoginResponse**, **Logout**, **ObjectDatas**, **Ping**, **Pong**, **ServerStatus**, **ServiceRequest**, **ServiceRequestResponse**

Element **LoginRequest**

Annotations	DATA login message with details of the user
Diagram	
Used by	Element **MSG_IVEF/Body**

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Encryption	required	1 = plain 2 - 6 the 5 most common encryption 0 = custom
	Name	required	Login name
	Password	required	Password value

Element **LoginResponse**

Annotations	DATA login response with acceptance or deny with optional reason

Diagram	
Used by	Element **MSG_IVEF/Body**

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Reason	optional	String describing reason for declining, only used when result is 'Declined'
	ResponseOn	required	Corresponds to the original MsgRefId from the Login.xml message. Must be an Universally Unique Identifier (TU-T Rec. X.667 | ISO/IEC 9834-8.)
	Result	required	1 = Accepted 2 = Declined

Element Logout

Annotations	DATA logout message, the server will drop the connection if logout is successfull
Diagram	
Used by	Element **MSG_IVEF/Body**

Element Body / MSG_IVEF / ObjectDatas

Diagram	
Children	**ObjectData**

Element ObjectData

Annotations	DATA regarding an object in the supliers domain, contains at least 1 one of the sub elements (TrackData, VesselData, VoyageData)
Diagram	
Used by	Element **MSG_IVEF/Body/ObjectDatas**
Children	**TaggedItem**, **TrackData**, **VesselData**, **VoyageData**
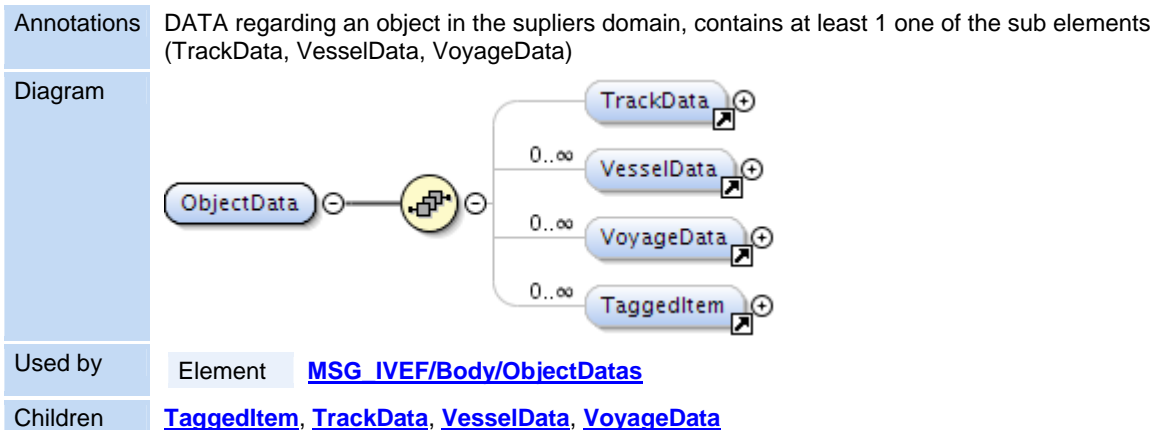
Element **TrackData**

Annotations	DATA describing a position report of an object
Diagram	
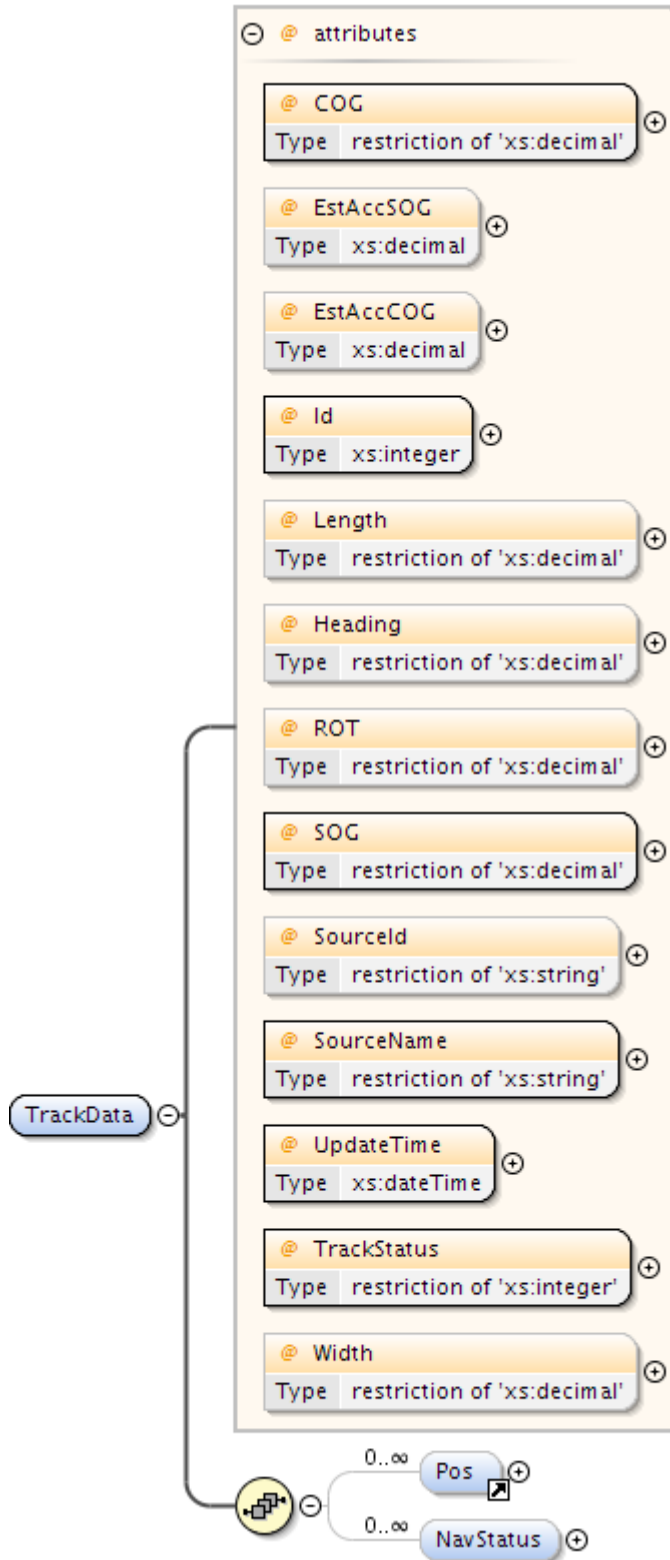
Used by	Element	**ObjectData**
Children	**NavStatus**, **Pos**	
Attributes		

Name	Use	Annotation
COG	required	Course over ground in degrees. (0-360)

	EstAccCOG	optional	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated value expressed in degrees
	EstAccSOG	optional	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated value expressed in m/s
	Heading	optional	Heading of the target in degrees
	Id	required	The unique identification of this track. Valid from first message with TrackStatus!=Terminated to first message with TrackStatus=Terminated
	Length	optional	Measured length of the target in meter
	ROT	optional	Rate of turn in degrees per minute
	SOG	required	Speed over ground in meters per second
	SourceId	optional	Unique identification of the producer (UN/LOCODE) in case multiple producers exist on the same LOCODE, the local competent authority can optionally addended this with a local code (e.g. BE ANR 01 = Antwerp, 01)
	SourceName	required	Identification of the originator of the data
	TrackStatus	required	1 = Updated, (sensors are updating the track) 2 = Coasted, (no sensor is updating the track) 3 = Dropped
	UpdateTime	required	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) (subset of ISO 8601) this position was measured.
	Width	optional	Measured Width of the target in meter

Element Pos

Annotations	DATA position measurement of the geometrical centre of the object or location
Diagram	
Used by	Elements **Area**, **TrackData**, **VoyageData/Waypoint**
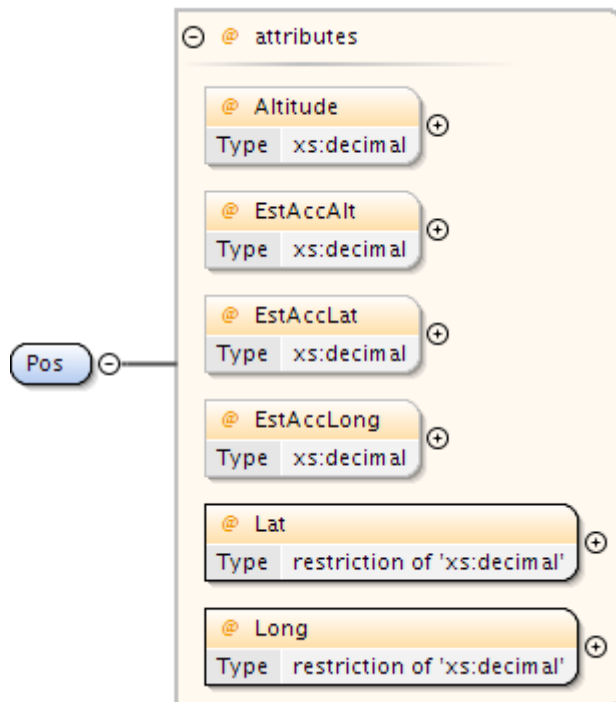
Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Altitude	optional	The altitude of the target above the WGS-84 ellipsoid in meters
	EstAccAlt	optional	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated position of a target expressed in m
	EstAccLat	optional	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated position of a target expressed in m

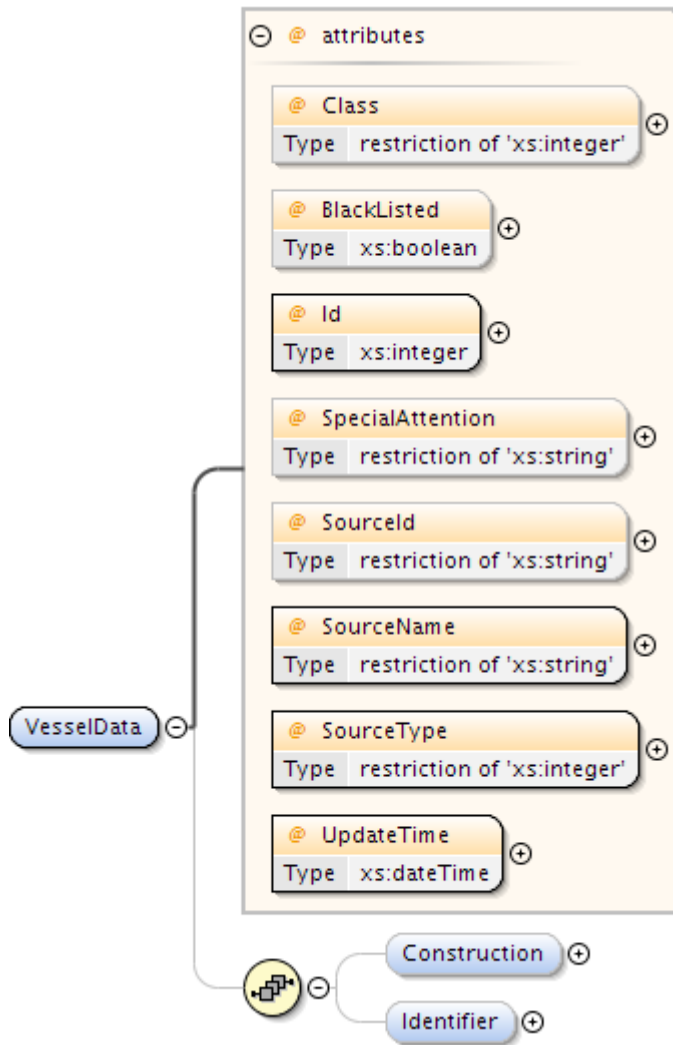|			
	EstAccLong	optional	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated position of a target expressed in m
	Lat	required	Latitude (WGS84) in degrees. (+/- 90 degrees; North = positive; South = negative) Examples: -90deg (south) = -90.0000000 0deg0min1sec (north) = 0.0000016 50deg50min (north) = 50.8333333
	Long	required	Longitude (WGS84) in degrees. (+/- 180 degrees; East = positive; West = negative). Examples: -180deg (west) = -180.0000000 0deg0min1sec (east) = 0.0000016

Element **TrackData / NavStatus**

Diagram	

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Value	required	Navigation status of the target 0 = under way using engine 1 = at anchor 2 = not under command 3 = restricted manoeuvrability 4 = constrained by her draught 5 = moored 6 = aground 7 = engaged in fishing 8 = under way sailing 9 = engaged in fishing other than trawling 10 = air-cushion vessel in non displacement mode or WIG craft taking off, landing or in flight 11 = power driven vessel towing astern 12 = power driven vessel pushing ahead or towing alongside 13 = in distress or requiring assistance 14 = AIS SART, seeking to attract attention 15 = undefined default

Element **VesselData**

Annotations	DATA regarding static elements of an object

Diagram	

Used by	Element **ObjectData**

Children	**Construction**, **Identifier**

Attributes			
	Name	Use	Annotation
	BlackListed	optional	Vessel is blacklisted by a NCA
	Class	optional	0 = Unknown 1 = Vessel 2 = Aids to Navigate
	Id	required	The unique identification of this vesseldata. Valid from first message with TrackStatus!=Terminated to first message with TrackStatus=Terminated
	SourceId	optional	Unique identification of the producer (UN/LOCODE) in case multiple producers exist on the same LOCODE, the local competent authority can optionally addended this with a local code (e.g. BE ANR 01 = Antwerp, 01)
	SourceName	required	Identification of the originator of the data
	SourceType	required	Source/originator type: 0 = Unknown, 1 = Transponder, 2 = Database (VTS Plan Server), 3 = Manual (VTS Officer), 4 = Fused, 5 = External Source
	SpecialAttention	optional	Vessel is under special attention of the NCA or fairway authorities
	UpdateTime	required	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) (subset of ISO 8601) this data was compiled

Element **VesselData** / Construction

Annotations	attributes of the object regarding the physical construction
Diagram	
Children	**UnType**
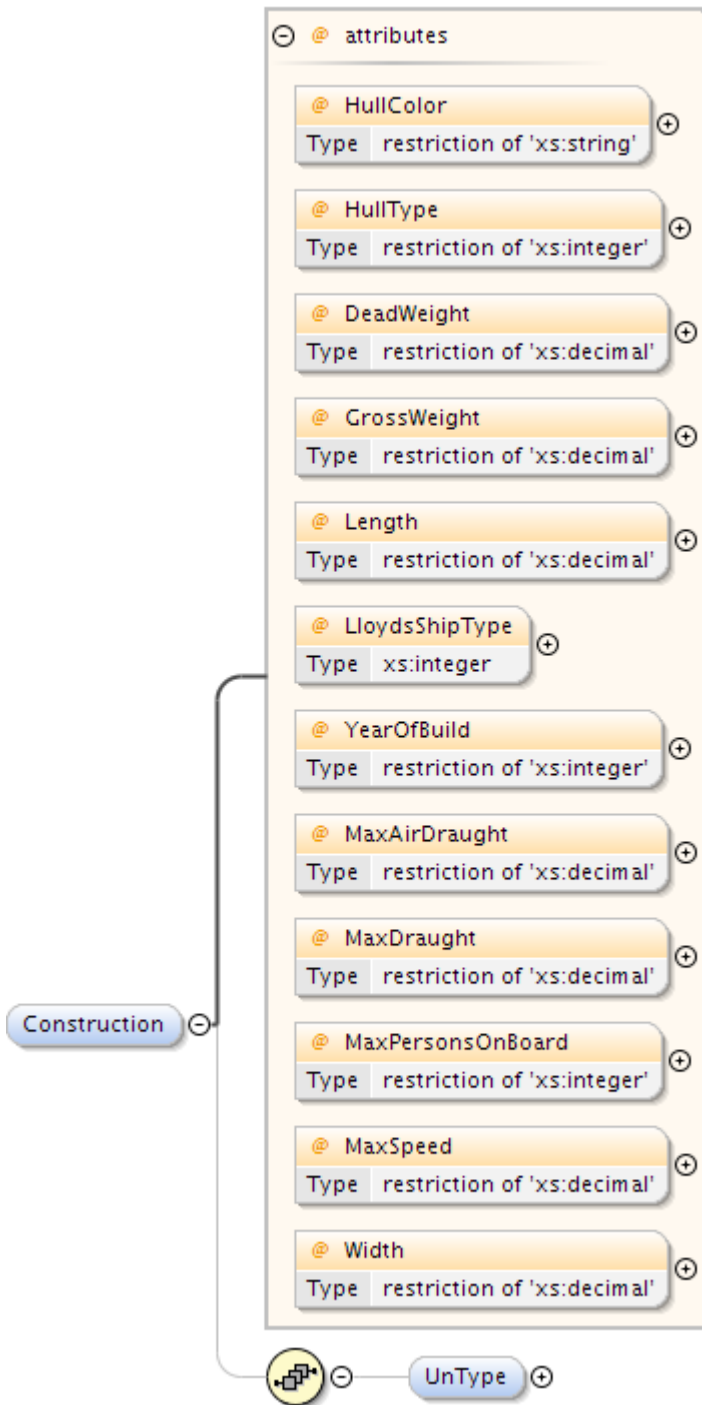
Attributes		
Name	Use	Annotation
DeadWeight	optional	Dead weight in tons
GrossWeight	optional	Gross weight in tons
HullColor	optional	Color of Hull (in RGB hex) for SAR operations
HullType	optional	Type of hull (1 = single, 2 = double, 3 = triple)
Length	optional	The overall length of the target in meter as confirmed by NCA
LloydsShipType	optional	Number indicating type of vessel
MaxAirDraught	optional	Maximum air draught of the object in meters, to be used if voyage data is not available

	MaxDraught	optional	Maximum draught of the object in meters, to be used if voyage data is not available
	MaxPersonsOnBoard	optional	The maximum number of persons on board of the object (crew, support, passengers, pilots)
	MaxSpeed	optional	The maximum speed the object is able to sustain with normal draft and load
	Width	optional	Overall width of the target in meter as confirmed by the NCA
	YearOfBuild	optional	The year the vessel was build in 4 digits e.g. 2010

Element **Construction** / **VesselData** / **UnType**

Annotations	Object type according to CODES FOR TYPES OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT Revision 2 (UNECE CEFACT Trade Facilitation Recommendation No. 28 edition 2007)
Diagram	

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	CodeA	required	
	CodeB	optional	
	Mode	required	

Element **VesselData** / **Identifier**

Annotations	(local) Identification of vessel
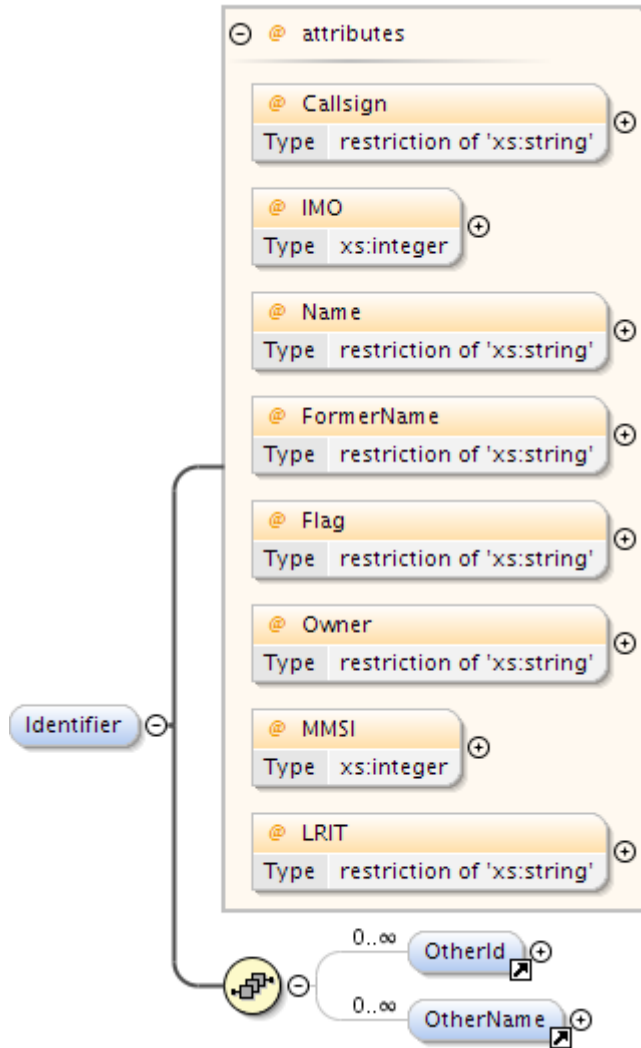
Diagram	
Children	**OtherId**, **OtherName**

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Callsign	optional	Callsign of the target, in accordance with Article 19, Section III of the ITU Radio Regulations (RR)
	Flag	optional	The country flag (ISO 3166-1-alpha2)
	FormerName	optional	Previous name of the target
	IMO	optional	IMO number of the target
	LRIT	optional	LRIT identification
	MMSI	optional	MMSI number of the target
	Name	optional	Name of the target
	Owner	optional	Name of owner the target

Element **OtherId**

Annotations	Other Id's for the track than the world wide international standard Identifiers, e.g. regional indentifiers like ENI

Diagram	
Used by	Element **VesselData/Identifier**
Attributes	
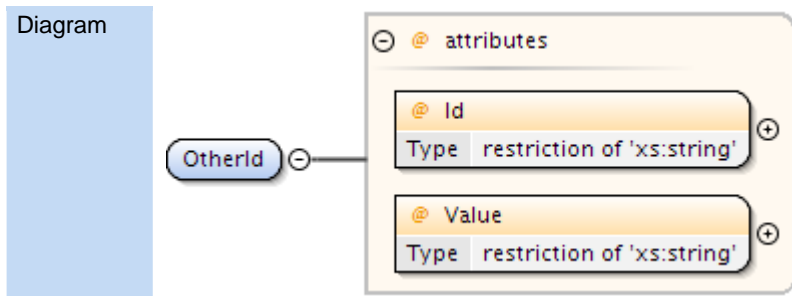
Name	Use	Annotation
Id	required	Name of the Identifier
Value	required	Value of the identifier

Element OtherName

Annotations	Other names for the track than the English name
Diagram	
Used by	Element **VesselData/Identifier**
Attributes	
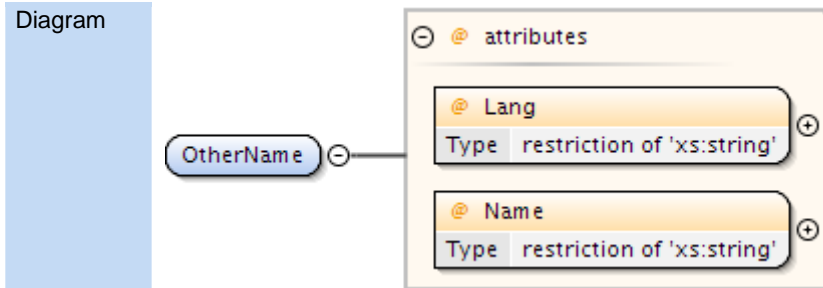
Name	Use	Annotation
Lang	required	Languange (ISO 3166-1-alpha2)
Name	required	Name in the foreign language

Element VoyageData

Annotations	DATA regarding a movement of a vessel servers domain

Diagram

Used by	Element **ObjectData**		
Children	**Waypoint**		
Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	ATD	optional	Date and time in (subset of ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) of the Actual Time Of Departure of the target
	AirDraught	optional	Actual air draught of the vessel in meters
	CargoTypeIMO	optional	0 = All ships of this type 1 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category A 2 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category B 3 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category C 4 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category D 5 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant of unknown category
	ContactIdentity	optional	reference to the identity associated with this objects voyage
	DepartCode	optional	Departure of the target (UN/LOCODE) optionally addended with local location code (e.g. BEANR0170100497 = Antwerp, HANSADOK 497)
	DepartName	optional	Departure name of the target e.g. local code for berth/lock/bridge/terminal
	DestCode	optional	Destination of the target (UN/LOCODE) optionally addended with local location code (e.g. BEANR0170100497 = Antwerp, HANSADOK 497)
	DestName	optional	Destination name of the target e.g. local code for berth/lock/bridge/terminal
	Draught	optional	Actual draught of the vessel in meters
	ETA	optional	Date and time in (subset of ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) of the Expected Time Of Arrival of the target at the destination
	ISPSLevel	optional	The ISPS level of the object (1 = normal, 2 = heightended, 3 = exceptional)
	Id	required	The unique identification of this voyagedata. Valid from first message with TrackStatus!=Terminated to first message with TrackStatus=Terminated
	OverSizedLength	optional	Length of the target in meter as confirmed by NCA, in case of a convoy of barges
	OverSizedWidth	optional	Width of the target in meter as confirmed by the NCA, in case of a convoy of barges
	PersonsOnBoard	optional	The number of persons on board of the object, should equal the sum of crew, passengers and support personel if available
	Pilots	optional	Pilot status 0 = unknown 1 = pilot on board 2 = object under remote pilotage 3 = pilot required
	RouteBound	optional	This object is bound to the route of this voyage
	SourceId	optional	Unique identification of the producer (UN/LOCODE) in case multiple producers exist on the same LOCODE, the local competent authority can optionally addended this with a local code (e.g. BE ANR 01 = Antwerp, 01)
	SourceName	required	Identification of the originator of this data
	SourceType	required	Source/originator type: 0 = Unknown, 1 = Transponder, 2 = Database (VTS Plan Server), 3 = Manual (VTS Officer), 4 = Fused, 5 = External Source
	TankerStatus	optional	Describes the status of the tanker 0 = Non gas free 1 = Gas free 2 = Inert
	Tugs	optional	Object uses tugs
	UpdateTime	required	Date and time in (subset of ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) this data was compiled

Element VoyageData / Waypoint

|	
Annotations	Waypoint belonging to the route of this voyage
Diagram	
Children	**Pos**
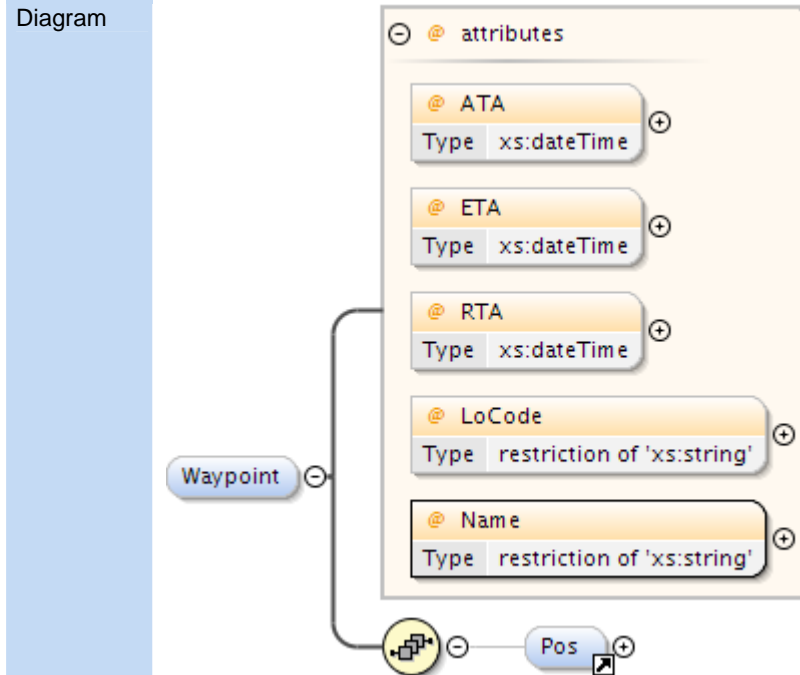
Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	ATA	optional	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mmZ) (subset of ISO 8601) of the Actual Time Of Arrival of the target.
	ETA	optional	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mmZ) (subset of ISO 8601) of the Expected Time Of Arrival of the target.
	LoCode	optional	Waypoint name in UN/LOCODE optionally addended with local location code (e.g. BEANR0170100497 = Antwerp, HANSADOK 497)
	Name	required	Name of the waypoint
	RTA	optional	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mmZ) (subset of ISO 8601) of the Requested Time Of Arrival of the target.

Element TaggedItem

Annotations	Generic key/value pairs, can be used to pass information that is not (yet) in the standard, provided server and user agree upon interface. E.g. Blue sign indication for inland waterways, references to voyage or vesseldata (URL)
Diagram	
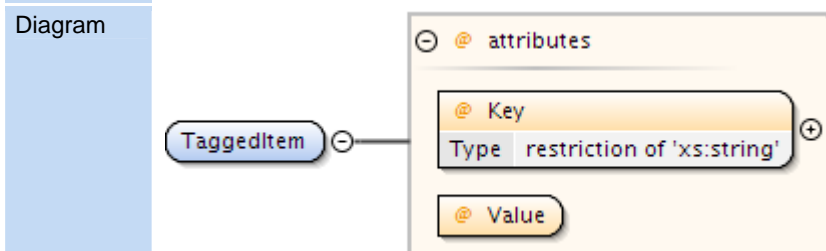
Used by	Element	ObjectData

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Key	required	Key for the tagged item

	Value	required	Value of the tagged item, can be of any type

Element Ping

Annotations	DATA alive message

Diagram	
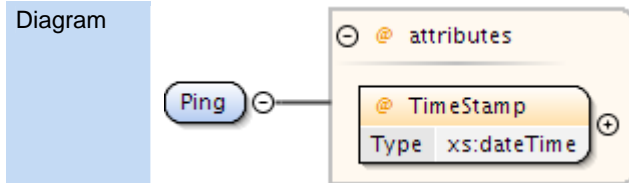
Used by	Element	**MSG_IVEF/Body**

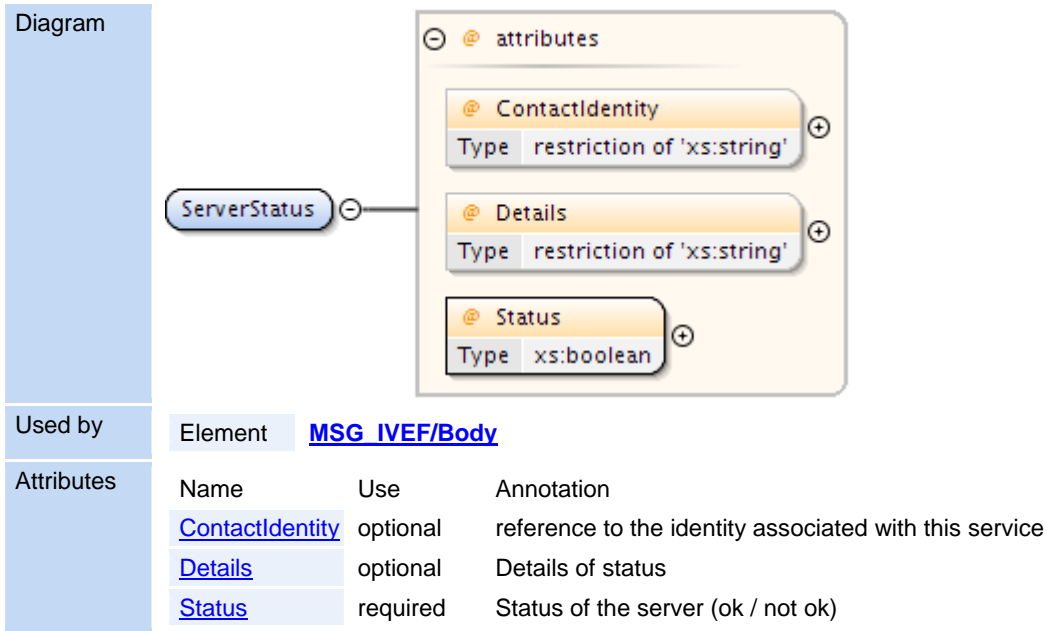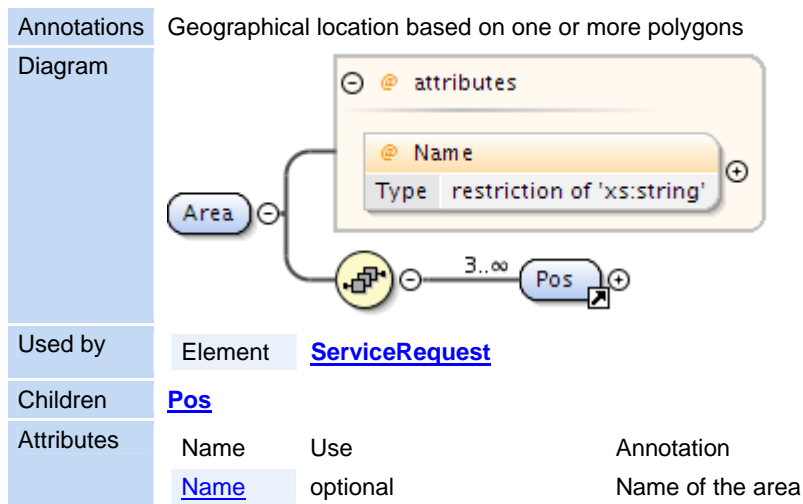| Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	TimeStamp	required	Date and time in (subset ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) of the time this message is sent.

Element Pong

Annotations	DATA alive response

Diagram	
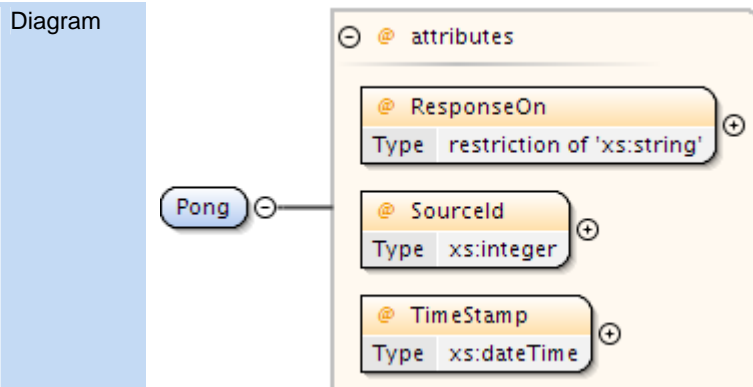
Used by	Element	**MSG_IVEF/Body**

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	ResponseOn	required	Corresponds to the original MsgRefId from the Ping.xml message. Must be an Universally Unique Identifier (TU-T Rec. X.667 | ISO/IEC 9834-8.)
	SourceId	required	The identification of the node who created this message
	TimeStamp	required	Date and time in (subset of ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) of the time this message is sent.

Element ServerStatus

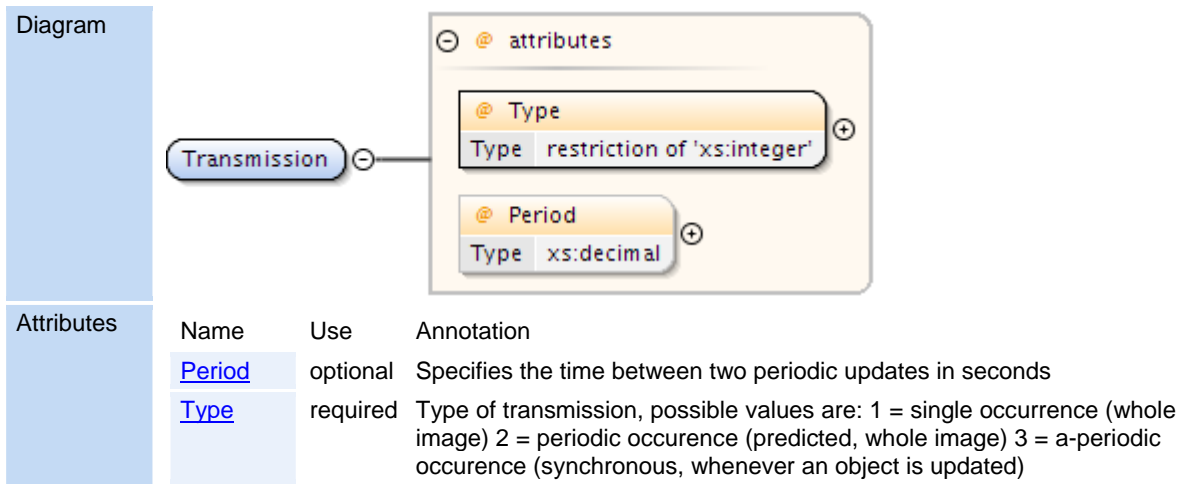| Annotations	DATA describing the status of the server (full/available)

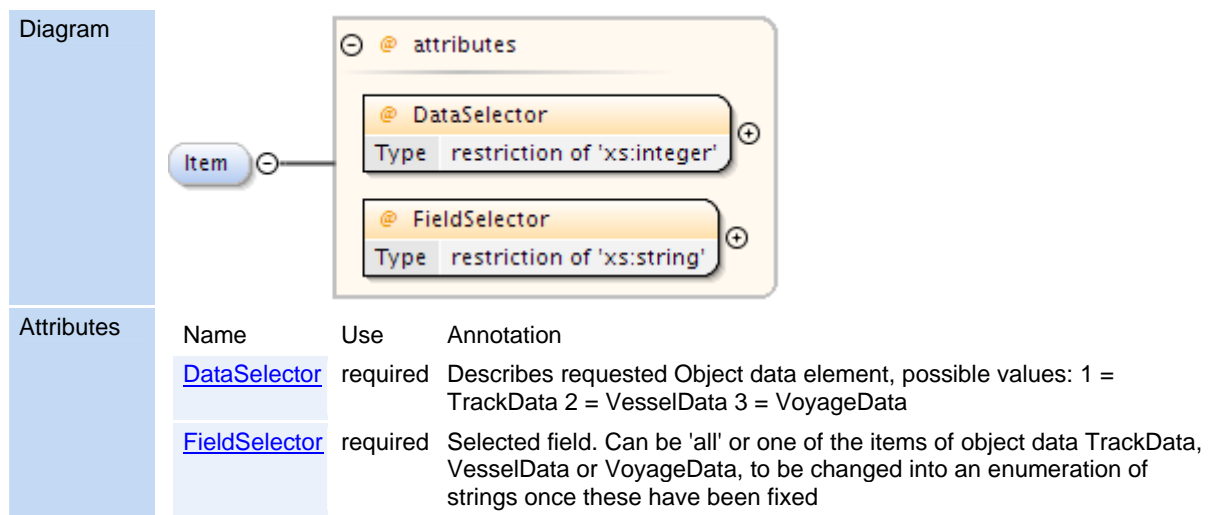| Diagram	

Used by	Element	**MSG_IVEF/Body**	

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	ContactIdentity	optional	reference to the identity associated with this service
	Details	optional	Details of status
	Status	required	Status of the server (ok / not ok)

Element ServiceRequest

Annotations	DATA describing the service a user requests
Diagram	

Used by	Element	**MSG_IVEF/Body**
Children	**Area**, **Filter**, **Item**, **Transmission**	

Element Area

Annotations	Geographical location based on one or more polygons
Diagram	

Used by	Element	**ServiceRequest**
Children	**Pos**	

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Name	optional	Name of the area

Element ServiceRequest / Transmission

Diagram		

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Period	optional	Specifies the time between two periodic updates in seconds
	Type	required	Type of transmission, possible values are: 1 = single occurrence (whole image) 2 = periodic occurence (predicted, whole image) 3 = a-periodic occurence (synchronous, whenever an object is updated)

Element ServiceRequest / Item

Diagram		

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	DataSelector	required	Describes requested Object data element, possible values: 1 = TrackData 2 = VesselData 3 = VoyageData
	FieldSelector	required	Selected field. Can be 'all' or one of the items of object data TrackData, VesselData or VoyageData, to be changed into an enumeration of strings once these have been fixed

Element ServiceRequest / Filter

Diagram		

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Predicate	required	Filter expression in XPath 1.0 definition (http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xpath-19991116) A Filter must start with //ObjectData (Filter always on entire objects) and can not go beyond a single objects parameters (next/previous/last etc.) Examples: All objects: //ObjectData All objects faster then 10 m/s: //ObjectData[TrackData[@SOG > 10]] All objects named 'Krieken': //ObjectData[VesselData/Identifier[@Name = 'Krieken']] All objects heading for Antwerp, HANSADOK 497 with a max keelheigth of 20m: //ObjectData[VoyageData[@DestCode = BEANR0170100497]] AND //ObjectData[VesselData/Construction[@MaxKeelHeigth > 20]]

Element **ServiceRequestResponse**

Annotations	DATA detailing the supliers response to the users service request
Diagram	

Used by	Element	**MSG_IVEF/Body**

Attributes	Name	Use	Annotation
	Reason	optional	String describing reason for declining, when result is 'Declined', or a string describing the restrictions when the result is 'Accepted with restrictions'
	ResponseOn	required	Corresponds to the original MsgRefId from the ServiceRequest message. Must be an Universally Unique Identifier (TU-T Rec. X.667 | ISO/IEC 9834-8.)
	Result	required	1 = Accepted, 2 = Declined, 3 = Accepted with restrictions

2   ATTRIBUTE DEFINITIONS

Attribute **ATA**

Annotations	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mmZ) (subset of ISO 8601) of the Actual Time Of Arrival of the target.
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **VoyageData/Waypoint**

Attribute **ATD**

Annotations	Date and time in (subset of ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) of the Actual Time Of Departure of the target
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **VoyageData**

Attribute **AirDraught**

Annotations	Actual air draught of the vessel in meters

Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**	
Facets	fractionDigits	**2**
	minExclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute Altitude

Annotations	The altitude of the target above the WGS-84 ellipsoid in meters
Type	**xs:decimal**
Used by	Element **Pos**

Attribute BlackListed

Annotations	Vessel is blacklisted by a NCA
Type	**xs:boolean**
Used by	Element **VesselData**

Attribute COG

Annotations	Course over ground in degrees. (0-360)	
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**	
Facets	fractionDigits	**1**
	maxInclusive	**360**
	minInclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**TrackData**

Attribute Callsign

Annotations	Callsign of the target, in accordance with Article 19, Section III of the ITU Radio Regulations (RR)	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**0**
	maxLength	**9**
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Identifier**

Attribute CargoTypeIMO

Annotations	0 = All ships of this type 1 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category A 2 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category B 3 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category C 4 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant category D 5 = Carrying DG, HS, or MP, IMO hazard or pollutant of unknown category
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**

Facets	enumeration	**0**
	enumeration	**1**
	enumeration	**2**
	enumeration	**3**
	enumeration	**4**
	enumeration	**5**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute **Class**

Annotations	0 = Unknown 1 = Vessel 2 = Aids to Navigate
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	enumeration **0**
	enumeration **1**
	enumeration **2**
Used by	Element **VesselData**

Attribute **CodeA**

Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	pattern **[0-9A-Z]{2,3}**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction/UnType**

Attribute **CodeB**

Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	pattern **[1-9A-Z]**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction/UnType**

Attribute **ContactIdentity**

Annotations	reference to the identity associated with this objects voyage
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **1**
	maxLength **254**
Used by	Element **VoyageData**

Attribute **ContactIdentity**

Annotations	reference to the identity associated with this service

Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**254**
Used by	Element	**ServerStatus**

Attribute **DataSelector**

Annotations	Describes requested Object data element, possible values: 1 = TrackData 2 = VesselData 3 = VoyageData	
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**	
Facets	enumeration	**1**
	enumeration	**2**
	enumeration	**3**
Used by	Element	**ServiceRequest/Item**

Attribute **DeadWeight**

Annotations	Dead weight in tons	
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**	
Facets	minExclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Construction**

Attribute **DepartCode**

Annotations	Departure of the target (UN/LOCODE) optionally addended with local location code (e.g. BEANR0170100497 = Antwerp, HANSADOK 497)	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**5**
	maxLength	**15**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute **DepartName**

Annotations	Departure name of the target e.g. local code for berth/lock/bridge/terminal	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute **DestCode**

Annotations	Destination of the target (UN/LOCODE) optionally addended with local location code (e.g. BEANR0170100497 = Antwerp, HANSADOK 497)
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **5**
	maxLength **15**
Used by	Element **VoyageData**

Attribute DestName

Annotations	Destination name of the target e.g. local code for berth/lock/bridge/terminal
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **1**
	maxLength **42**
Used by	Element **VoyageData**

Attribute Details

Annotations	Details of status
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	maxLength **50**
Used by	Element **ServerStatus**

Attribute Draught

Annotations	Actual draught of the vessel in meters
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	fractionDigits **2**
	minExclusive **0**
Used by	Element **VoyageData**

Attribute ETA

Annotations	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mmZ) (subset of ISO 8601) of the Expected Time Of Arrival of the target.
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **VoyageData/Waypoint**

Attribute ETA

Annotations	Date and time in (subset of ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) of the Expected Time Of Arrival of the target at the destination

Type	xs:dateTime	
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute Encryption

Annotations	1 = plain 2 - 6 the 5 most common encryption 0 = custom	
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**	
Facets	enumeration	**1**
	enumeration	**2**
Used by	Element	**LoginRequest**

Attribute EstAccAlt

Annotations	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated position of a target expressed in m	
Type	**xs:decimal**	
Used by	Element	**Pos**

Attribute EstAccCOG

Annotations	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated value expressed in degrees	
Type	**xs:decimal**	
Used by	Element	**TrackData**

Attribute EstAccLat

Annotations	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated position of a target expressed in m	
Type	**xs:decimal**	
Used by	Element	**Pos**

Attribute EstAccLong

Annotations	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated position of a target expressed in m	
Type	**xs:decimal**	
Used by	Element	**Pos**

Attribute EstAccSOG

Annotations	Estimated accuracy standard deviation of the calculated value expressed in m/s	
Type	**xs:decimal**	
Used by	Element	**TrackData**

Attribute FieldSelector

Annotations	Selected field. Can be 'all' or one of the items of object data TrackData, VesselData or VoyageData, to be changed into an enumeration of strings once these have been fixed	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**ServiceRequest/Item**

Attribute Flag

Annotations	The country flag (ISO 3166-1-alpha2)	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**2**
	maxLength	**2**
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Identifier**

Attribute FormerName

Annotations	Previous name of the target	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Identifier**

Attribute GrossWeight

Annotations	Gross weight in tons	
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**	
Facets	minExclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Construction**

Attribute Heading

Annotations	Heading of the target in degrees	
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**	
Facets	maxInclusive	**360.0**
	minInclusive	**0.0**
Used by	Element	**TrackData**

Attribute **HullColor**

Annotations	Color of Hull (in RGB hex) for SAR operations
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **6**
	maxLength **6**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction**

Attribute **HullType**

Annotations	Type of hull (1 = single, 2 = double, 3 = triple)
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	enumeration **1**
	enumeration **2**
	enumeration **3**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction**

Attribute **IMO**

Annotations	IMO number of the target
Type	**xs:integer**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Identifier**

Attribute **ISPSLevel**

Annotations	The ISPS level of the object (1 = normal, 2 = heightended, 3 = exceptional)
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	enumeration **1**
	enumeration **2**
	enumeration **3**
Used by	Element **VoyageData**

Attribute **Id**

Annotations	The unique identification of this track. Valid from first message with TrackStatus!=Terminated to first message with TrackStatus=Terminated
Type	**xs:integer**
Used by	Element **TrackData**

Attribute **Id**

Annotations	Name of the Identifier	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**OtherId**

Attribute Id

Annotations	The unique identification of this vesseldata. Valid from first message with TrackStatus!=Terminated to first message with TrackStatus=Terminated	
Type	**xs:integer**	
Used by	Element	**VesselData**

Attribute Id

Annotations	The unique identification of this voyagedata. Valid from first message with TrackStatus!=Terminated to first message with TrackStatus=Terminated	
Type	**xs:integer**	
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute Key

Annotations	Key for the tagged item	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**TaggedItem**

Attribute LRIT

Annotations	LRIT identification	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Identifier**

Attribute Lang

Annotations	Languange (ISO 3166-1-alpha2)	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	minLength	**2**

	maxLength	**2**
Used by	Element	**OtherName**

Attribute Lat

Annotations	Latitude (WGS84) in degrees. (+/- 90 degrees; North = positive; South = negative) Examples: -90deg (south) = -90.0000000 0deg0min1sec (north) = 0.0000016 50deg50min (north) = 50.8333333
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	fractionDigits **5**
	maxInclusive **+90.00000**
	minInclusive **-90.00000**
Used by	Element **Pos**

Attribute Length

Annotations	Measured length of the target in meter
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	minExclusive **0**
Used by	Element **TrackData**

Attribute Length

Annotations	The overall length of the target in meter as confirmed by NCA
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	minExclusive **0**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction**

Attribute LloydsShipType

Annotations	Number indicating type of vessel
Type	**xs:integer**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction**

Attribute LoCode

Annotations	Waypoint name in UN/LOCODE optionally addended with local location code (e.g. BEANR0170100497 = Antwerp, HANSADOK 497)
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **5**
	maxLength **15**

Used by	Element	**VoyageData/Waypoint**

Attribute **Long**

Annotations	Longitude (WGS84) in degrees. (+/- 180 degrees; East = positive; West = negative). Examples: -180deg (west) = -180.0000000 0deg0min1sec (east) = 0.0000016
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	fractionDigits **5**
	maxInclusive **+180.00000**
	minExclusive **-180.00000**
Used by	Element **Pos**

Attribute **MMSI**

Annotations	MMSI number of the target
Type	**xs:integer**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Identifier**

Attribute **MaxAirDraught**

Annotations	Maximum air draught of the object in meters, to be used if voyage data is not available
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	fractionDigits **1**
	minExclusive **0**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction**

Attribute **MaxDraught**

Annotations	Maximum draught of the object in meters, to be used if voyage data is not available
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	fractionDigits **1**
	minExclusive **0**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction**

Attribute **MaxPersonsOnBoard**

Annotations	The maximum number of persons on board of the object (crew, support, passengers, pilots)
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	minExclusive **0**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction**

Attribute MaxSpeed

Annotations	The maximum speed the object is able to sustain with normal draft and load
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	minExclusive **0**
Used by	Element **VesselData/Construction**

Attribute Mode

Type	restriction of **xs:integer**	
Facets	enumeration **1**	
	enumeration **2**	
	enumeration **3**	
	enumeration **4**	
	enumeration **6**	
	enumeration **7**	
	enumeration **8**	
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Construction/UnType**

Attribute MsgRefId

Annotations	Must be an Universally Unique Identifier for each message (TU-T Rec. X.667 | ISO/IEC 9834-8.) Reply messages refer to this id to identify the message they are replying to. In its canonical form, a UUID consists of 32 hexadecimal digits, displayed in 5 groups separated by hyphens, in the form 8-4-4-4-12 for a total of 36 characters, enclosed by brackets. For example: {550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000}
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **36**
	maxLength **42**
Used by	Element **Header**

Attribute Name

Annotations	Login name
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	maxLength **256**
Used by	Element **LoginRequest**

Attribute Name

Annotations	Name in the foreign language
Type	restriction of **xs:string**

Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**OtherName**

Attribute **Name**

Annotations	Name of the target
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Identifier**

Attribute **Name**

Annotations	Name of the waypoint
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData/Waypoint**

Attribute **Name**

Annotations	Name of the area
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**Area**

Attribute **OverSizedLength**

Annotations	Length of the target in meter as confirmed by NCA, in case of a convoy of barges
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	fractionDigits	**1**
	minExclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute **OverSizedWidth**

| Annotations | Width of the target in meter as confirmed by the NCA, in case of a convoy of barges |
| Type | restriction of **xs:decimal** |

Facets	fractionDigits	**1**
	minExclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute Owner

Annotations	Name of owner the target
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**VesselData/Identifier**

Attribute Password

Annotations	Password value
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	maxLength	**256**
Used by	Element	**LoginRequest**

Attribute Period

Annotations	Specifies the time between two periodic updates in seconds
Type	**xs:decimal**
Used by	Element	**ServiceRequest/Transmission**

Attribute PersonsOnBoard

Annotations	The number of persons on board of the object, should equal the sum of crew, passengers and support personel if available
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	minExclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute Pilots

Annotations	Pilot status 0 = unknown 1 = pilot on board 2 = object under remote pilotage 3 = pilot required
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	minExclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute **Predicate**

Annotations	Filter expression in XPath 1.0 definition (http://www.w3.org/TR/1999/REC-xpath-19991116) A Filter must start with //ObjectData (Filter always on entire objects) and can not go beyond a single objects parameters (next/previous/last etc.) Examples: All objects: //ObjectData All objects faster then 10 m/s: //ObjectData[TrackData[@SOG > 10]] All objects named 'Krieken': //ObjectData[VesselData/Identifier[@Name = 'Krieken']] All objects heading for Antwerp, HANSADOK 497 with a max keelheigth of 20m: //ObjectData[VoyageData[@DestCode = BEANR0170100497]] AND //ObjectData[VesselData/Construction[@MaxKeelHeigth > 20]]
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **1**
	maxLength **1024**
Used by	Element **ServiceRequest/Filter**

Attribute **ROT**

Annotations	Rate of turn in degrees per minute
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	fractionDigits **1**
	maxInclusive **720**
	minExclusive **-720**
Used by	Element **TrackData**

Attribute **RTA**

Annotations	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mmZ) (subset of ISO 8601) of the Requested Time Of Arrival of the target.
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **VoyageData/Waypoint**

Attribute **Reason**

Annotations	String describing reason for declining, only used when result is 'Declined'
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	maxLength **256**
Used by	Element **LoginResponse**

Attribute **Reason**

Annotations	String describing reason for declining, when result is 'Declined', or a string describing the restrictions when the result is 'Accepted with restrictions'
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	maxLength **256**

Used by	Element	**ServiceRequestResponse**

Attribute **ResponseOn**

Annotations	Corresponds to the original MsgRefId from the Login.xml message. Must be an Universally Unique Identifier (TU-T Rec. X.667 | ISO/IEC 9834-8.)
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **36**
	maxLength **42**
Used by	Element **LoginResponse**

Attribute **ResponseOn**

Annotations	Corresponds to the original MsgRefId from the Ping.xml message. Must be an Universally Unique Identifier (TU-T Rec. X.667 | ISO/IEC 9834-8.)
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **36**
	maxLength **42**
Used by	Element **Pong**

Attribute **ResponseOn**

Annotations	Corresponds to the original MsgRefId from the ServiceRequest message. Must be an Universally Unique Identifier (TU-T Rec. X.667 | ISO/IEC 9834-8.)
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **36**
	maxLength **42**
Used by	Element **ServiceRequestResponse**

Attribute **Result**

Annotations	1 = Accepted 2 = Declined
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	enumeration **1**
	enumeration **2**
Used by	Element **LoginResponse**

Attribute **Result**

Annotations	1 = Accepted, 2 = Declined, 3 = Accepted with restrictions
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**

Facets	enumeration	**1**
	enumeration	**2**
	enumeration	**3**
Used by	Element	**ServiceRequestResponse**

Attribute RouteBound

Annotations	This object is bound to the route of this voyage
Type	**xs:boolean**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute SOG

Annotations	Speed over ground in meters per second
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	fractionDigits	**1**
	minInclusive	**0**
Used by	Element	**TrackData**

Attribute SourceId

Annotations	Unique identification of the producer (UN/LOCODE) in case multiple producers exist on the same LOCODE, the local competent authority can optionally addended this with a local code (e.g. BE ANR 01 = Antwerp, 01)
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**5**
	maxLength	**15**
Used by	Element	**TrackData**

Attribute SourceId

Annotations	Unique identification of the producer (UN/LOCODE) in case multiple producers exist on the same LOCODE, the local competent authority can optionally addended this with a local code (e.g. BE ANR 01 = Antwerp, 01)
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**5**
	maxLength	**15**
Used by	Element	**VesselData**

Attribute SourceId

| Annotations | Unique identification of the producer (UN/LOCODE) in case multiple producers exist on the |

		same LOCODE, the local competent authority can optionally addended this with a local code (e.g. BE ANR 01 = Antwerp, 01)
Type		restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**5**
	maxLength	**15**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute SourceId

Annotations	The identification of the node who created this message
Type	**xs:integer**
Used by	Element	**Pong**

Attribute SourceName

Annotations		Identification of the originator of the data
Type		restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**TrackData**

Attribute SourceName

Annotations		Identification of the originator of the data
Type		restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**VesselData**

Attribute SourceName

Annotations		Identification of the originator of this data
Type		restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength	**1**
	maxLength	**42**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute SourceType

Annotations	Source/originator type: 0 = Unknown, 1 = Transponder, 2 = Database (VTS Plan Server), 3 = Manual (VTS Officer), 4 = Fused, 5 = External Source

Type	restriction of **xs:integer**	
Facets	enumeration	**1**
	enumeration	**2**
	enumeration	**3**
	enumeration	**4**
	enumeration	**5**
Used by	Element	**VesselData**

Attribute **SourceType**

Annotations	Source/originator type: 0 = Unknown, 1 = Transponder, 2 = Database (VTS Plan Server), 3 = Manual (VTS Officer), 4 = Fused, 5 = External Source	
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**	
Facets	enumeration	**1**
	enumeration	**2**
	enumeration	**3**
	enumeration	**4**
	enumeration	**5**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute **SpecialAttention**

Annotations	Vessel is under special attention of the NCA or fairway authorities	
Type	restriction of **xs:string**	
Facets	maxLength	**20**
Used by	Element	**VesselData**

Attribute **Status**

Annotations	Status of the server (ok / not ok)	
Type	**xs:boolean**	
Used by	Element	**ServerStatus**

Attribute **TankerStatus**

Annotations	Describes the status of the tanker 0 = Non gas free 1 = Gas free 2 = Inert	
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**	
Facets	enumeration	**0**
	enumeration	**1**
	enumeration	**2**
Used by	Element	**VoyageData**

Attribute **TimeStamp**

Annotations	Date and time in (subset ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) of the time this message is sent.
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **Ping**

Attribute **TimeStamp**

Annotations	Date and time in (subset of ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) of the time this message is sent.
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **Pong**

Attribute **TrackStatus**

Annotations	1 = Updated, (sensors are updating the track) 2 = Coasted, (no sensor is updating the track) 3 = Dropped
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	enumeration **1**
	enumeration **2**
	enumeration **3**
Used by	Element **TrackData**

Attribute **Tugs**

Annotations	Object uses tugs
Type	**xs:boolean**
Used by	Element **VoyageData**

Attribute **Type**

Annotations	Type of transmission, possible values are: 1 = single occurrence (whole image) 2 = periodic occurence (predicted, whole image) 3 = a-periodic occurence (synchronous, whenever an object is updated)
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	enumeration **1**
	enumeration **2**
	enumeration **3**
Used by	Element **ServiceRequest/Transmission**

Attribute **UpdateTime**

Annotations	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) (subset of ISO 8601) this position was measured.
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **TrackData**

Attribute UpdateTime

Annotations	Date and time in UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) (subset of ISO 8601) this data was compiled
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **VesselData**

Attribute UpdateTime

Annotations	Date and time in (subset of ISO 8601) UTC format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss.sssZ) this data was compiled
Type	**xs:dateTime**
Used by	Element **VoyageData**

Attribute Value

Annotations	Navigation status of the target 0 = under way using engine 1 = at anchor 2 = not under command 3 = restricted manoeuvrability 4 = constrained by her draught 5 = moored 6 = aground 7 = engaged in fishing 8 = under way sailing 9 = engaged in fishing other than trawling 10 = air-cushion vessel in non displacement mode or WIG craft taking off, landing or in flight 11 = power driven vessel towing astern 12 = power driven vessel pushing ahead or towing alongside 13 = in distress or requiring assistance 14 = AIS SART, seeking to attract attention 15 = undefined default
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	maxInclusive **15**
	minInclusive **0**
Used by	Element **TrackData/NavStatus**

Attribute Value

Annotations	Value of the identifier
Type	restriction of **xs:string**
Facets	minLength **1**
	maxLength **42**
Used by	Element **OtherId**

Attribute Value

Annotations	Value of the tagged item, can be of any type

Used by	Element	**TaggedItem**

Attribute Version

Annotations	Defines the version of the protocol used. Syntax is major.minor.patch patch releases fix only bugs, minor releases may add functionality but are compatible, major releases are not compatible
Type	**xs:string**

Used by	Element	**Header**

Attribute Width

Annotations	Measured Width of the target in meter
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	minExclusive **0**

Used by	Element	**TrackData**

Attribute Width

Annotations	Overall width of the target in meter as confirmed by the NCA
Type	restriction of **xs:decimal**
Facets	minExclusive **0**

Used by	Element	**VesselData/Construction**

Attribute YearOfBuild

Annotations	The year the vessel was build in 4 digits e.g. 2010
Type	restriction of **xs:integer**
Facets	totalDigits **4**

Used by	Element	**VesselData/Construction**