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- 7.2.2 VOSClim status, and upgrading of ships to VOSClim standard
- 7.2.3 Electronic logbook software
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- 9.1.4 VOSClim Data Assembly Centre (DAC) report
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