### P34: Ship detection and categorization

#### Maturity score

Mean: 2.7

**STD:** 0.47

#### **Constraints and limitations**

- Smaller vessels and low-profile ships may be challenging to detect or classify.
- Cloud presence but it can be overcome by using SAR imagery.
- Challenging to separate individual vessels in overcrowded ports or regions with high maritime traffic.

### **Relevant user needs**

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## <u>R&D gaps</u>

- High cost of VHR satellite imagery
- For near-real time, Automatic Identification System (AIS) data is needed. EO is a complement to permit detecting unreported ships, but real-time tracking is not possible yet with the current technology

## **Potential improvements drivers**

- Price models
- More investigation of fusing EO with AIS data

## **Utilisation level review**

#### Utilisation score

<b>Mean:</b> 2.00	<b>STD:</b> 1.26

# No utilisation

- Unavailability of freely available sources of the EO product.
- Unacceptable reliability and accuracy of the EO product.
- Users' lack of EO knowledge and skills to utilize the EO product.
- Unawareness of the existence of this EO product.

## Low utilisation

## Medium utilisation

• We would not state full technical and usability requirements are met. This remains viable depending on the financial offer and use case.

#### High utilisation

• Only this product satisfies the technical and usability requirements.

## Critical gaps related to relevant user needs

## Utilisation gap

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