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The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a note for "seabed" was added,
- references were corrected,
- delivery pipeline was clarified,
- wording was improved for entries such as, e.g. [3.4.34](#), [3.7.5](#), [3.7.12](#), [3.7.29](#), and
- a note was added for swing winches.

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Ships and marine technology — Dredgers — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document specifies terms and definitions relating to dredgers, with the aim of giving clear enough definitions for every term for them to be understood by all specialists.

This document is applicable only to equipment which is used for the construction and maintenance of navigable waterways and the extraction of soil.

The terms specified in this document are intended to be used in documentation of all kinds. Certain standardized terms are also given with their abridged version; these can be used in cases where no possibility of misinterpretation can arise.

A combination of terms is allowed in application.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 Terms relating to general concepts applicable to dredgers

3.1.1

dredging

loosening, collecting, transporting and disposing of *dredged mixture* (3.6.1)

3.1.2

hopper loading

process of the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) filled into the *hopper hold* (3.4.18) of the *hopper barge* (3.4.13) or *hopper dredger* (3.3.1.1.1)

3.1.3

soil

seabed material, which may contain sludge, sand, rocks and other material

Note 1 to entry: In this term, “seabed” means the bottom of a river, channel, lake or ocean.

3.1.4

dredging site

geographical site where excavation or extraction of the *soil* (3.1.3) is carried out

3.1.5

dredger

vessel or piece of equipment intended for *dredging* (3.1.1)

3.1.6

dredging unit

dredger (3.1.5) and its service vessels, which is used for extraction, transportation and disposal of *soil* (3.1.3) for *dredging* (3.1.1)

3.1.7

dredging fleet

composition of related *dredging units* (3.1.6) for the accomplishment of *dredging* (3.1.1)

3.1.8

dredging equipment

devices, installation and systems of a *dredger* (3.1.5) for the accomplishment of *dredging* (3.1.1)

3.1.9

dredging apparatus

equipment, installation or tool for excavating the *soil* (3.1.3), separating it from the bottom of water and raising it

3.1.10

gantry

rigid steel structure used to suspend or support the *dredging equipment* (3.1.8)

3.1.11

soil discharge installation

installation for discharging the *soil* (3.1.3) from the *dredger* (3.1.5)

3.1.12

spud installation

equipment comprising *spuds* (3.5.4) and mechanisms for hoisting, lowering, locating and fixing the *spuds* (3.5.4)

3.1.13

swell compensator

device ensuring a *dredger's* (3.1.5) operation to cope with waves and uneven seabed at the *dredging site* (3.1.4)

3.2 Terms relating to basic parameters of dredgers

3.2.1

total installed power

sum of the power of all the *prime movers* (3.3.2.1) installed in a *dredger* (3.1.5)

3.2.2

dredging output

volume/mass of *soil* (3.1.3) extracted by a *dredger* (3.1.5) per unit of time or per vessel

3.2.3

dredging production

accumulated quantity of the *soil* (3.1.3) dredged by a *dredger* (3.1.5) in a period of time

3.2.4

sailing speed

dredger (3.1.5) speed over ground at full load draught during free sailing

3.2.5

dredging speed

dredger (3.1.5) speed over ground during *dredging* (3.1.1)

3.2.6**dredging depth**

vertical distance from the water surface to the lower edge of the *dredging equipment* (3.1.8) of the *dredger* (3.1.5) which is operating

3.2.7**maximum dredging depth**

maximum depth at which a *dredger* (3.1.5) can operate

3.2.8**minimum dredging depth**

minimum depth at which a *dredger* (3.1.5) can operate

3.2.9**discharge distance**

straight line distance from the outlet of the *dredge pump* (3.6.2) to the outlet of the *delivery pipeline* (3.4.4)

3.2.10**hopper hold capacity**

maximum volume of the *hopper hold* (3.4.18) of a *dredger* (3.1.5) with a *hopper hold* (3.4.18) or a *hopper barge* (3.4.13)

3.2.11**effective hopper hold capacity**

volume of dredged material that can be placed and retained in the *hopper holds* (3.4.18) of a *hopper barge* (3.4.13) or a *hopper dredger* (3.3.1.1.1)

3.2.12**hopper content density**

mass per unit of volume of the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) dredged and filled in the *hopper hold* (3.4.18)

3.2.13**hopper solid content**

volume of dry soil (3.1.3) loaded in the *hopper hold* (3.4.18) at the full load draught of the *hopper dredger* (3.3.1.1.1) or *hopper barge* (3.4.13)

3.2.14**hopper load**

mass of the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) loaded in the *hopper hold* (3.4.18) at full load draught of a *hopper dredger* (3.3.1.1.1) or *hopper barge* (3.4.13)

3.2.15**hopper loading time**

time needed for the filling of the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) into the *hopper hold* (3.4.18) up to full load draught of a *dredger* (3.1.5)

3.2.16**transportation distance**

distance from *dredging site* (3.1.4) to disposal area, when the dredged material is transported by a *hopper dredger* (3.3.1.1.1) or *hopper barge* (3.4.13)

3.3 Terms relating to types of dredgers

3.3.1 Types of dredgers depending on methods of soil extraction or treatment

3.3.1.1 Hydraulic suction dredgers

3.3.1.1.1

hopper dredger

self-propelled dredger (3.3.3.1) with its own integrated *hopper hold* (3.4.18)

Note 1 to entry: Hopper dredger can be trailing suction hopper dredger or grab hopper dredger.

3.3.1.1.2

plain suction dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using *suction mouth* (3.4.30) only and *dredge pump(s)* (3.6.2) for extracting and discharging the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) through pipelines

3.3.1.1.3

cutter suction dredger

dredger (3.1.5) which uses *cutter head* (3.8.3.14) and *dredge pump(s)* (3.6.2) for excavating, extracting different kinds of *soil* (3.1.3) and discharging the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) through pipelines

Note 1 to entry: Cutter suction dredgers can be non-propelled or self-propelled.

3.3.1.1.4

bucket/cutting wheel suction dredger

cutter suction dredger (3.3.1.1.3) that excavates *soil* (3.1.3) with a *bucket wheel* (3.8.3.16) or *cutting wheel* (3.8.3.17)

3.3.1.1.5

trailing suction hopper dredger

self-propelled dredger (3.3.3.1), which trails the *draghead* (3.8.2.4) on the ground to excavate, extract and fill the *soil* (3.1.3) into its own integrated hopper with *dredge pump(s)* (3.6.2)

3.3.1.1.6

split trailing suction hopper dredger

trailing suction hopper dredger (3.3.1.1.5) with a hull that can be opened along the longitudinal axis of the vessel to dump the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) from the *hopper hold* (3.4.18)

3.3.1.1.7

trailing suction side-casting dredger

trailing suction hopper dredger (3.3.1.1.5) equipped with the *side casting installation* (3.4.36) for pumping the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) over board directly

3.3.1.1.8

dustpan suction dredger

kind of *plain suction dredger* (3.3.1.1.2) which is equipped with a prolate box type *suction mouth* (3.4.30) with *jet water* (3.6.26) nozzle fitted in the front of the *suction mouth* (3.4.30)

3.3.1.1.9

deep suction dredger

dredger (3.1.5) having a long suction pipe equipped with a submersible *dredge pump* (3.6.4)

Note 1 to entry: Normally the *dredging depth* (3.2.6) of a deep suction dredger exceeds 30 m.

3.3.1.1.10

barge unloading suction dredger

kind of *plain suction dredger* (3.3.1.1.2) which extracts and pumps the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) out of the *hopper hold* (3.4.18) to the shore with *dredge pump* (3.6.2) and suction pipe which is able to stick out and lower into the *hopper hold* (3.4.18) of the hopper barge

3.3.1.1.11**auger suction dredger**

dustpan suction dredger (3.3.1.1.8) with a rotary auger installed in the *dustpan* (3.6.8), the movement of which is a combination of moving ahead automatically plus swinging from right to left

3.3.1.1.12**jet ejector dredger**

dredger (3.1.5) using pressure water for loosening, extracting and transporting the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1)

3.3.1.1.13**air-lift dredger**

dredger (3.1.5) using *air-lift pump* (3.6.23) unit for collecting and transporting the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1)

3.3.1.2 Mechanical excavating dredgers**3.3.1.2.1****bucket chain dredger**

dredger (3.1.5) equipped with serial buckets forming a bucket chain moving along the *bucket ladder* (3.8.1.16), excavating the *soil* (3.1.3) underwater and loading into the alongside *hopper barge* (3.4.13) through a *chute* (3.8.1.17)

3.3.1.2.2**dipper dredger**

dredger (3.1.5) with a single *bucket* (3.8.1.3) on an arm which moves away from the *dredger* (3.1.5) while the *bucket* (3.8.1.3) excavates the *soil* (3.1.3)

3.3.1.2.3**backhoe dredger**

dredger (3.1.5) with a single *bucket* (3.8.1.3) on an arm which moves towards the *dredger* (3.1.5) while the *bucket* (3.8.1.3) excavates the *soil* (3.1.3)

3.3.1.2.4**grab dredger**

dredger (3.1.5) which excavates the *soil* (3.1.3) with one or more *grabs* (3.8.4.13)

3.3.1.2.5**dragline dredger**

dredger (3.1.5) which excavates the *soil* (3.1.3) with a single bucket moved by dragline

3.3.1.2.6**rock-breaker**

dredger (3.1.5) or other unit fitted with equipment for crushing and fragmenting rock under the water as a pre-treatment for *dredging* (3.1.1)

3.3.1.2.7**rock-breaker with freely falling chisel**

rock-breaker (3.3.1.2.6) with a chisel which falls under gravity only

3.3.1.2.8**rock-breaker with powered chisel**

rock-breaker (3.3.1.2.6) with a chisel activated by a power source

3.3.1.2.9**rock-drilling and blasting vessel**

vessel for drilling rocks under water and placing explosives into the drilling hole to smash the rocks into fragments

3.3.1.2.10

agitation dredger

vessel used for *dredging* (3.1.1) by loosening the *soil* (3.1.3) which is then washed away by the current in the basin so that loosened, suspended material is taken away by the current and settled in deeper areas

3.3.1.2.11

bed leveller

vessel used to level the seabed at the *dredging site* (3.1.4)

3.3.1.2.12

self-unloading bucket chain dredger

dredger (3.1.5) which uses the chained buckets to excavate the *soil* (3.1.3) underwater and dilutes the dredged material into *dredged mixture* (3.6.1) and pumps it out through the *discharge pipeline* (3.4.2).

Note 1 to entry: A self-unloading bucket chain dredger is an obsolete type of dredger.

3.3.2 Types of dredgers defined by power plant

3.3.2.1

prime mover

engine that produces the power to *dredging equipment* (3.1.8) for *dredging* (3.1.1) and discharging the *dredged mixture* (3.6.1), and to other consumers

3.3.2.2

diesel dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using diesel engine(s) as a *prime mover* (3.3.2.1)

3.3.2.3

dual-fuel dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using a dual-fuel engine as a *prime mover* (3.3.2.1)

3.3.2.4

diesel-electric dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using diesel engine(s) as *prime mover(s)* (3.3.2.1) driving electric generators to supply all the electric motors driving *dredging equipment* (3.1.8) and propulsion machinery where applicable

3.3.2.5

diesel-hydraulic dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using diesel engine(s) as *prime mover(s)* (3.3.2.1) to drive hydraulic pumps supplying all hydraulic motors which driving *dredging equipment* (3.1.8) and propulsion machinery where applicable

3.3.2.6

steam dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using a steam turbine or steam reciprocating engine as a *prime mover* (3.3.2.1)

Note 1 to entry: Steam dredgers are obsolete types of dredgers.

3.3.2.7

gas-turbine dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using a gas turbine as a *prime mover* (3.3.2.1)

3.3.2.8

electric dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using an electric power plant as a *prime mover* (3.3.2.1) or fed from external electric supply

3.3.2.9

electric-hydraulic dredger

dredger (3.1.5) using external electric supply to power electric motors which drive hydraulic pumps for hydraulic power transmission of the *dredging equipment* (3.1.8)