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1 SUMMARY STATUS

As at 31 December 2017

PARTICIPANTS

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Parties to the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme Agreement (ICSPA): | 4 |
| Ground Segment Providers: | 29 |
| User States: | 9 |
| Ground Segment Operators: | 2 |
| Total number of Participants: | 44 |

SPACE SEGMENT (in Operation)

| | |
|--|----|
| LEOSAR payloads (low-Earth orbit): | 5 |
| GEOSAR payloads (geostationary orbit): | 7 |
| MEOSAR payloads (medium-Earth orbit): | 37 |

GROUND SEGMENT (in Operation)

| | |
|--|----|
| Local User Terminals operating in the LEOSAR system (LEOLUTs*) | 55 |
| Local User Terminals in the GEOSAR system (GEOLUTs) | 25 |
| Local User Terminals in the MEOSAR system (MEOLUTs) | 7 |
| Mission Control Centres (MCCs) (including 2 commissioned LGM MCCs) | 30 |

* All co-located LUTs are counted as two (with the exception of the French LEOLUTs, which operate as one LUT).

406 MHz BEACON POPULATION (end of 2016)

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total beacon population estimated: | about 1,997,000 |
| Registered beacon population: | about 1,540,000 |

SAR OPERATIONS (end of 2016)

| From January to December 2016 , the Cospas-Sarsat System provided assistance in rescuing 2,057 persons in 876 SAR events | Type of Distress | SAR Events | Persons Rescued |
|--|------------------|------------|-----------------|
| | Aviation | 177 | 355 |
| | Maritime | 349 | 1,201 |
| | Land | 350 | 501 |
| | Total | 876 | 2,057 |

From **September 1982 to December 2016**, the Cospas-Sarsat System provided assistance in **rescuing at least 43,807 persons in 12,664 SAR events**.

2 ASSISTANCE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

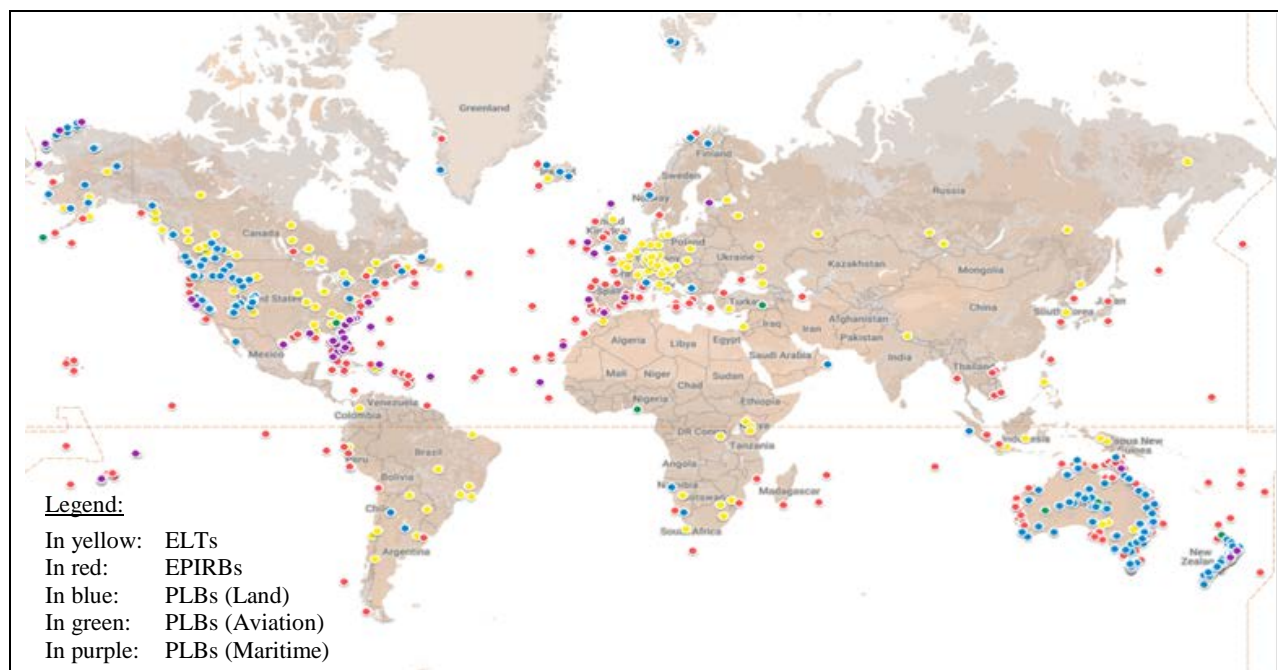


Figure 1: Geographic Distribution of Confirmed SAR Events for which Cospas-Sarsat Data Was Used (January - December 2016)

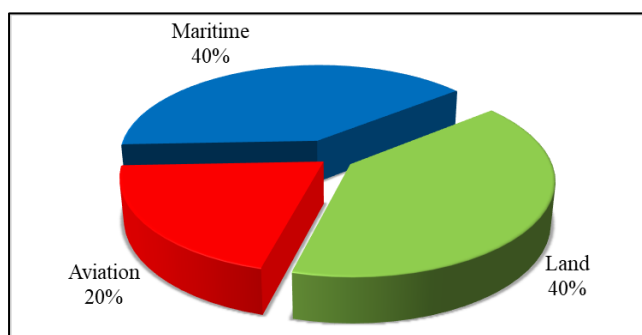


Figure 2: Distribution of SAR Events Assisted by Cospas-Sarsat by Type of Events (January - December 2016)

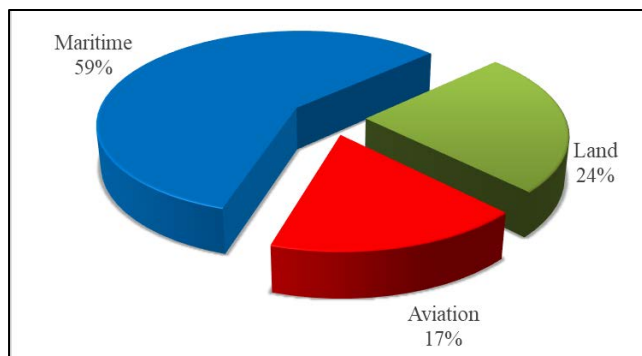


Figure 3: Persons Rescued by Type of SAR Event Assisted by Cospas-Sarsat (January - December 2016)

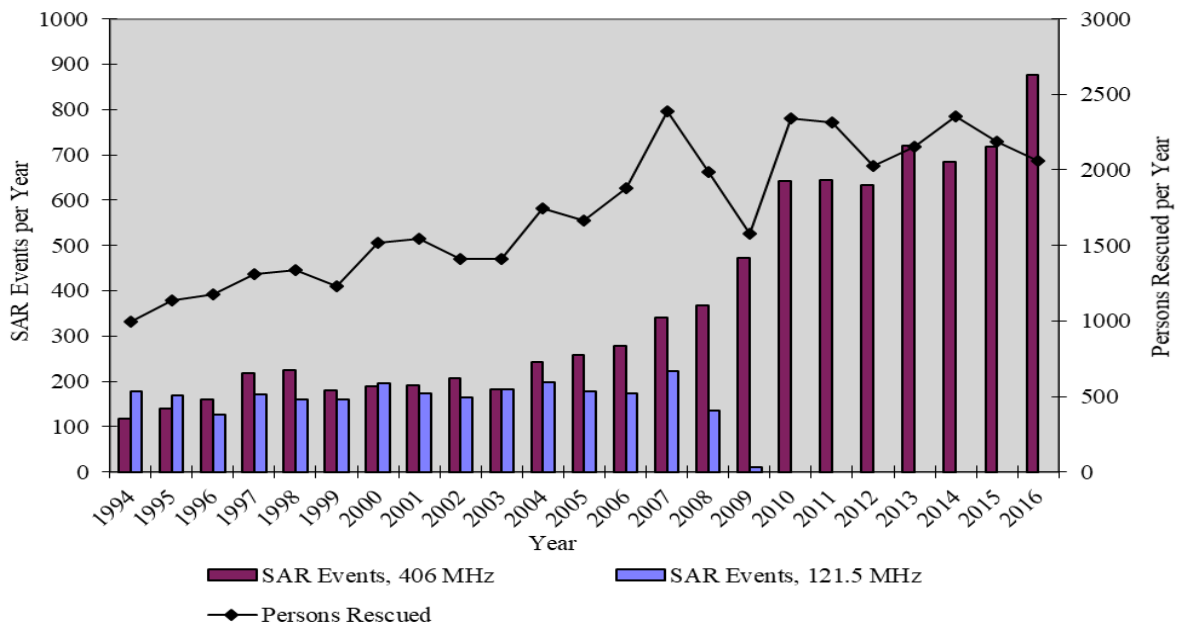


Figure 4: Number of SAR Events and Persons Rescued with the Assistance of Cospas-Sarsat Alert Data (January 1994 - December 2016)

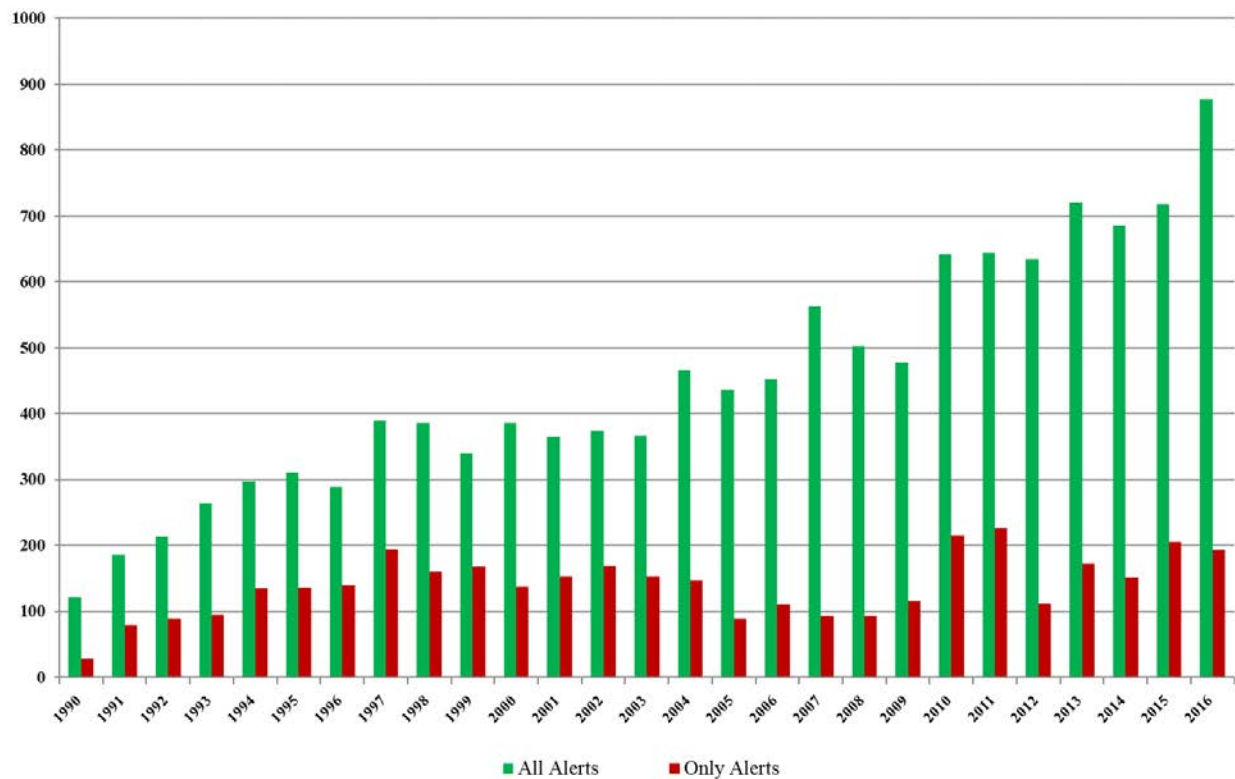


Figure 5: Number of SAR Events where Cospas-Sarsat Assisted and Number of SAR Events where Cospas-Sarsat Provided the Only Alert (January 1990 - December 2016)

3 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Table 1: Cospas-Sarsat Participating Countries and Organizations (December 2017)

| Participant | Agency | Status |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Algeria | Ministry of National Defense, Search and Rescue Services | Ground Segment Provider |
| Argentina | Argentine Air Force, Satellite Emergency Alert Service (SASS) | Ground Segment Provider |
| Australia | Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) | Ground Segment Provider |
| Brazil | Air Space Control Department (DECEA), Operations Sub-Department (SDOP) | Ground Segment Provider |
| Canada | National Search and Rescue Secretariat (NSS) | Party-Space Segment Provider |
| Chile | Search and Rescue Service of the Chilean Air Force | Ground Segment Provider |
| China (P. R. of) | Maritime Safety Administration, Bureau of Harbour Superintendency | Ground Segment Provider |
| Cyprus | Larnaca Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre (JRCC) | Ground Segment Provider* |
| Denmark | Denmark Transport Authority, Aviation Department | User State |
| Finland | Ministry of the Interior, Finnish Border Guard | User State |
| France | Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES) | Party-Space Segment Provider |
| Germany | Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure | User State |
| Greece | Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy | Ground Segment Provider |
| Hong Kong, China | Hong Kong Marine Department | Ground Segment Operator |
| India | Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) | Space / Ground Segment Provider |
| Indonesia | National SAR Agency of Indonesia (BASARNAS) | Ground Segment Provider |
| Italy | Department of Civil Protection | Ground Segment Provider |
| ITDC | International Telecommunication Development Company - Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd. (Chinese Taipei) | Ground Segment Operator |
| Japan | Japan Coast Guard, Information - Communications Division | Ground Segment Provider |
| Korea (Rep. of) | Korea Coast Guard | Ground Segment Provider |
| Malaysia | Maritime Enforcement Agency | Ground Segment Provider* |
| Netherlands (The) | The Netherlands Coastguard | User State |
| New Zealand | Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ) | Ground Segment Provider |
| Nigeria | National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) | Ground Segment Provider** |
| Norway | Ministry of Justice | Ground Segment Provider |
| Pakistan | Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) | Ground Segment Provider |
| Peru | General Directorate of Captaincies and Coastguard | Ground Segment Provider |
| Poland | Civil Aviation Authority | User State |
| Qatar | Doha Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (DJRCC), Ministry of Defence | Ground Segment Provider* |
| Russian Federation | Federal State Unitary Enterprise Morsviazspunik | Party-Space Segment Provider |
| Saudi Arabia | General Authority of Civil Aviation, Directorate of Air Traffic Services | Ground Segment Provider |
| Serbia | Civil Aviation Directorate of the Republic of Serbia | User State |
| Singapore | Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore | Ground Segment Provider |
| South Africa | South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) | Ground Segment Provider |
| Spain | National Institute of Aerospace Engineering (INTA) | Ground Segment Provider |
| Sweden | Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) | User State |
| Switzerland | Federal Office of Civil Aviation, Safety Division | User State |
| Thailand | Department of Civil Aviation | Ground Segment Provider |
| Tunisia | Ministry of Transport (DGAC) | User State |
| Turkey | Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communication | Ground Segment Provider |
| UAE | Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) | Ground Segment Provider |
| UK | Department for Transport, Maritime and Coastguard Agency | Ground Segment Provider |
| USA | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) | Party-Space Segment Provider |
| Vietnam | Ministry of Transport, Vietnam Maritime Administration (VINAMARINE) | Ground Segment Provider |

Notes: * Ground Segment equipment is not yet commissioned.

** Due to the unavailability of its Ground Segment equipment, Nigeria is configured as a SPOC of the SPMCC.

4 SPACE SEGMENT

Table 2: LEOSAR Payload Availability (December 2017)

| Cospas-Sarsat Payload | Spacecraft | Launch Date | Capability | Status | SAR Processor (SARP) | | SAR Repeater (SARR) |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | Global Mode | Local Mode | |
| Sarsat-7 | NOAA-15 | May 1998 | FOC | On | On | On | On |
| Sarsat-10 | NOAA-18 | May 2005 | FOC | On | On | On | On |
| Sarsat-11 | Metop-A | October 2006 | FOC | On | On | On | On |
| Sarsat-12 | NOAA-19 | February 2009 | FOC | On | On | On | On |
| Sarsat-13 | Metop-B | September 2012 | FOC | On | On | On | On |

Note: FOC Full Operational Capability.

Table 3: GEOSAR Payload Availability (December 2017)

| Spacecraft | Launch Date | Position | Capability | Status | Comments |
|----------------|----------------|----------|------------|--------|--|
| GOES-13 | May 2006 | TBD | FOC | Off | In-orbit spare |
| GOES-14 | June 2009 | 105° W | FOC | Off | In-orbit spare |
| GOES-15 (West) | March 2010 | 135° W | FOC | On | |
| GOES-16 (East) | November 2016 | 75° W | FOC | On | Downlink center frequency is 1544.55 MHz |
| INSAT-3D | July 2013 | 82° E | FOC | On | |
| INSAT-3DR | September 2016 | 74° E | FOC | On | |
| GSAT-17 | June 2017 | 93.5° E | UT | On | Not available for tracking |
| MSG-1 | August 2002 | 41.5° E | FOC | On | See note 1 |
| MSG-2 | December 2005 | 9.5° E | FOC | On | |
| MSG-3 | July 2012 | 0° | FOC | On | |
| MSG-4 | July 2015 | 3.4° W | FOC | Off | In-orbit spare |
| Electro-L No.2 | December 2015 | 76° E | UT | On | |
| Louch-5A | December 2011 | 167° E | UT | On | See note 2 |
| Louch-5V | April 2014 | 95° E | UT | On | |

Notes:

- 1 Moving on an elliptic orbit. Operational for GEOLUTs equipped with active-tracking capability.
- 2 Moving on an elliptic orbit. Can be used operationally by GEOLUTs equipped with active tracking capabilities.

FOC Full Operational Capability.
TBD To Be Determined.
UT Under Test.

A GEOSAR coverage map is available at Figure “GEOSAR Satellite Coverage” in this document, showing footprints for payloads that are switched on.

Table 4: MEOSAR Payload Availability (December 2017)

| Constellation | Downlink Frequency | Capability | Number / Status | Comments |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|---|
| Galileo | L-Band | FOC | 9/On ¹ & 1/Off | Payload #422 switched off for maintenance. |
| | L-Band | IOC | 6/On | Commissioning reports submitted to CSC-59. |
| | L-Band | UT | 4/Off | Payloads switched off pending testing. |
| Glonass-K1 | L-Band | UT | 2/On | 1 payload available for detection testing. 1 payload available for detection and location testing. |
| GPS BIIR & F | S-Band | IOC | 20/On | Experimental payloads. Commissioning reports submitted to CSC-59. |

Notes: FOC Full Operational Capability.
IOC Initial Operational Capability.
UT Under Test.
TBD To Be Determined.
1 In addition, two more Galileo satellites, with no SAR payload onboard, are Return-Link-Service-capable.

5 GROUND SEGMENT

Note: Ground Segment equipment under development is not listed under this section.

**Figure 6: LEOSAR and Operational LEOLUT Mutual-Visibility Areas (December 2017)**

Notes: 6571 The Abuja LEOLUT is not operational. Nigerian MCC is configured as a SAR point of contact of the Spanish MCC.

The Cospas-Sarsat LEOSAR system provides global coverage for 406-MHz beacons. Light-blue areas on the figure above show areas where LEOSAR satellites and operational LEOLUTs have mutual visibility. When a satellite is actively tracked, detected beacons have their signals directly relayed to the tracking LEOLUT for processing. When a satellite is outside a light-blue area and detects beacons, data are stored, and then sent down to a LEOLUT as soon as the satellite is tracked again entering a light-blue area. This map above was created assuming a satellite altitude of 850 km with a 5° elevation angle at each LEOLUT. Below is a list of the sites where LEOSAR local user terminals (LEOLUTs) are located.

Table 5: LEOSAR Ground Segment Status (LEOLUTs) (December 2017)

| Code | Location | Provider | Status | MCC | Dual | Comments |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|--------|-------|------|---|
| 6052 | Algiers | Algeria | FOC | ALMCC | No | |
| 6051 | Ouargla | Algeria | FOC | ALMCC | No | |
| 7014 | El Palomar | Argentina | FOC | ARMCC | No | |
| 7012 | Rio Grande | Argentina | FOC | ARMCC | No | |
| 5033 | Albany | Australia | FOC | AUMCC | No | |
| 5032 | Bundaberg | Australia | FOC | AUMCC | No | |
| 7101 | Brasilia | Brazil | FOC | BRMCC | No | |
| 7103 | Manaus | Brazil | FOC | BRMCC | No | |
| 7102 | Recife | Brazil | FOC | BRMCC | No | |
| 3162 | Churchill | Canada | FOC | CMCC | No | |
| 3163 | Edmonton | Canada | FOC | CMCC | No | |
| 3161 | Goose Bay | Canada | FOC | CMCC | No | |
| 3168 | Ottawa | Canada | Backup | CMCC | No | Test and backup facility |
| 7254 | Easter Island | Chile | FOC | CHMCC | No | |
| 7252 | Punta Arenas | Chile | FOC | CHMCC | No | |
| 7251 | Santiago | Chile | FOC | CHMCC | No | |
| 4121-2 | Beijing | China (P.R. of) | FOC | CNMCC | Yes | |
| 2271-2-d | Toulouse | France | FOC | FMCC | Yes | |
| 2401 | Penteli | Greece | FOC | GRMCC | No | |
| 4771-2 | Hong Kong | Hong Kong China | FOC | HKMCC | Yes | |
| 4191 | Bangalore | India | FOC | INMCC | No | |
| 4192 | Lucknow | India | FOC | INMCC | No | |
| 5254 | Jakarta | Indonesia | FOC | IDMCC | No | |
| 2471 | Bari | Italy | FOC | ITMCC | No | |
| 4313 | Gunma | Japan | FOC | JAMCC | No | |
| 4403 | Incheon | Korea (Rep. of) | FOC | KOMCC | No | |
| 6571 | Abuja | Nigeria | CNO | NIMCC | No | Configured as a SPOC of the Spanish MCC |
| 2573 | Spitsbergen | Norway | FOC | NMCC | No | |
| 4631 | Karachi | Pakistan | FOC | PAMCC | No | |
| 7601 | Callao | Peru | FOC | PEMCC | No | |
| 2733 | Nakhodka | Russia | FOC | CMC | No | |
| 4031-2 | Jeddah | Saudi Arabia | FOC | SAMCC | Yes | |
| 5631 | Singapore | Singapore | FOC | SIMCC | No | |
| 6011 | Cape Town | South Africa | FOC | ASMCC | No | |
| 2241 | Maspalomas | Spain | FOC | SPMCC | No | |
| 4161-2 | Keelung | ITDC | FOC | TAMCC | Yes | |
| 5671-2 | Bangkok | Thailand | FOC | THMCC | Yes | |
| 2711-2 | Ankara | Turkey | FOC | TRMCC | Yes | |
| 4701 | Abu Dhabi | UAE | FOC | AEMCC | No | |
| 2321 | Combe Martin | UK | FOC | UKMCC | No | |
| 3031-2 | Alaska | USA | FOC | USMCC | Yes | |
| 3663-4 | Florida | USA | FOC | USMCC | Yes | |
| 3383-4 | Guam | USA | FOC | USMCC | Yes | |
| 3381-2 | Hawaii | USA | FOC | USMCC | Yes | |
| 3673 | Maryland | USA | FOC | CMCC | No | LEOSAR Support Equipment |
| 5741 | Haiphong | Viet Nam | FOC | VNMCC | No | |

Notes: CNO Commissioned, Not Operational.
FOC Full Operational Capability.

Table 6: GEOSAR Ground Segment Status (GEOLUTs) (December 2017)

| Code | Location | Provider | Status | Associated GEOSAR | Comments |
|------|--------------|-------------|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| 6053 | Algiers | Algeria | FOC | MSG-2 | |
| 7011 | El Palomar | Argentina | FOC | GOES-16 (East) | |
| 7104 | Brasilia | Brazil | FOC | GOES-16 (East) | |
| 7105 | Recife | Brazil | FOC | MSG-3 | |
| 3166 | Edmonton | Canada | FOC | GOES-15 (West) | |
| 3167 | Ottawa | Canada | FOC | GOES-16 (East) & GOES-15 (West) | |
| 7253 | Santiago | Chile | FOC | GOES-16 (East) | |
| 2273 | Toulouse | France | FOC | MSG-3 | |
| 2402 | Penteli | Greece | FOC | MSG-2 | |
| 4193 | Bangalore | India | FOC | INSAT-3D | |
| 4194 | Bangalore | India | FOC | INSAT-3DR | |
| 2472 | Bari | Italy | FOC | MSG-3 | |
| 5123 | Goudies Road | New Zealand | FOC | GOES-15 (West) | |
| 5124 | Goudies Road | New Zealand | IOC* | Louch-5A | Used for the Louch GEOSAR performance evaluation. Commissioning report submitted for approval by CSC-59. |
| 2572 | Fauske | Norway | FOC | MSG-3 | |
| 7602 | Callao | Peru | FOC | GOES-15 (West) | |
| 2735 | Moscow | Russia | FOC | Pending | Satellite to be tracked is pending, as Electro-L No.1 was decommissioned on 1 June 2017. |
| 2242 | Maspalomas | Spain | FOC | GOES-16 (East) | |
| 2243 | Maspalomas | Spain | FOC | MSG-3 | |
| 2713 | Ankara | Turkey | FOC | MSG-2 | |
| 4702 | Abu Dhabi | UAE | FOC | MSG 3 | |
| 4707 | Abu Dhabi | UAE | IOC* | MSG-1 | Commissioning report submitted for approval by CSC-59. |
| 2322 | Combe Martin | UK | FOC | MSG-3 | |
| 3674 | Maryland | USA | FOC | GOES-16 (East) | |
| 3676 | Maryland | USA | FOC | GOES-15 (West) | |

Notes: FOC Full Operational Capability.
IOC Initial Operational Capability.
* GEOLUT equipped with an active-tracking-capable antenna.

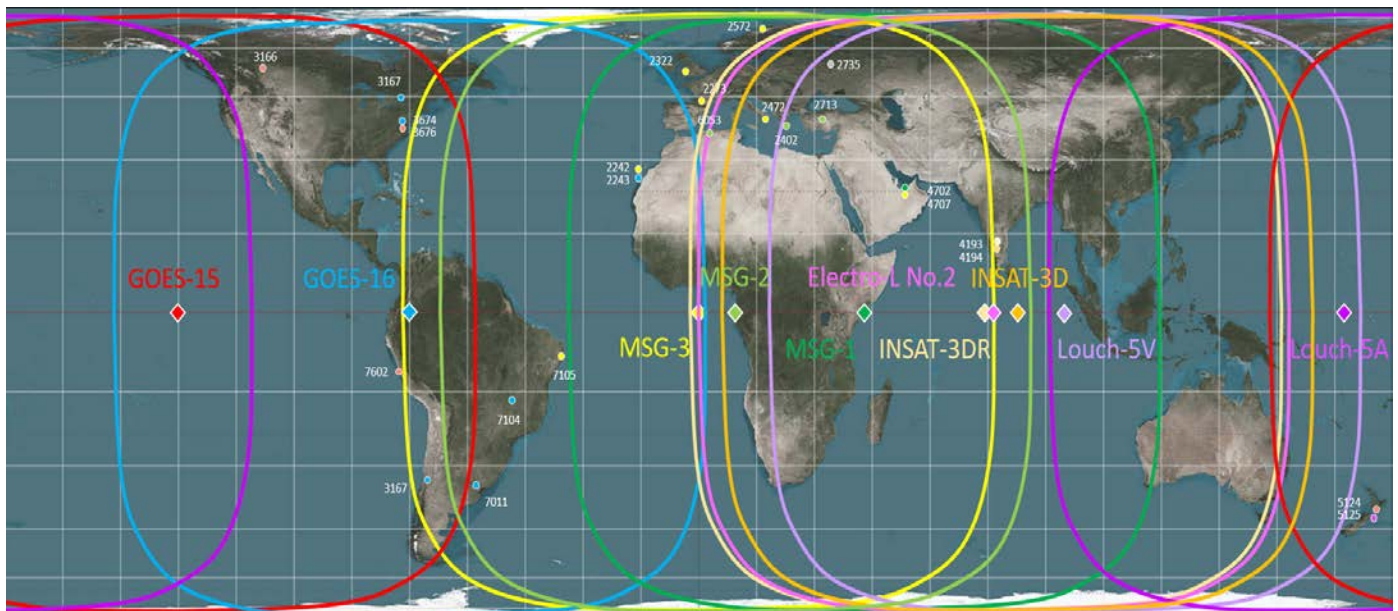


Figure 7: GEOSAR Satellite Coverage (December 2017)

Notes: MSG-1 and Louch-5A moving on elliptical orbits, associated footprints displayed on this map are centered on their average position.
Electro-L No.2, Louch-5A and Louch-5V SAR payloads are under test.

Table 7: Mission Control Centre Status (December 2017)

| LG Code | MCC | Location | Provider | DDR | Status | Comments |
|---------|-------|------------|-----------------|--------|--------|---|
| 4700 | AEMCC | Abu Dhabi | UAE | SCDDR | FOC | |
| 6050 | ALMCC | Algiers | Algeria | SCDDR | FOC | |
| 7010 | ARMCC | El Palomar | Argentina | WDDR | FOC | |
| 6010 | ASMCC | Cape Town | South Africa | SWPDDR | FOC | LG commissioning report recommended for approval by CSC-59. |
| 5030 | AUMCC | Canberra | Australia | SWPDDR | FOC | |
| 7100 | BRMCC | Brasilia | Brazil | WDDR | FOC | |
| 7250 | CHMCC | Santiago | Chile | WDDR | FOC | |
| 2730 | CMC | Moscow | Russia | EDDR | FOC | |
| 3160 | CMCC | Trenton | Canada | WDDR | FOC | |
| 4120 | CNMCC | Beijing | China | NWPDDR | FOC | |
| 2270 | FMCC | Toulouse | France | CDDR | LGM | |
| 2400 | GRMCC | Athens | Greece | CDDR | FOC | |
| 4770 | HKMCC | Hong Kong | Hong Kong China | NWPDDR | FOC | |
| 5250 | IDMCC | Jakarta | Indonesia | SWPDDR | FOC | |
| 4190 | INMCC | Bangalore | India | EDDR | FOC | Manned seven days a week between 0300 UTC and 1130 UTC. |
| 2470 | ITMCC | Bari | Italy | CDDR | FOC | |
| 4310 | JAMCC | Gunma | Japan | NWPDDR | FOC | |
| 4400 | KOMCC | Incheon | Korea (Rep. of) | NWPDDR | FOC | |
| 6570 | NIMCC | Abuja | Nigeria | SCDDR | CNO | Configured as a SPMCC SPOC. Planned to be restored as an LGM MCC. |
| 2570 | NMCC | Bodoe | Norway | CDDR | FOC | LGM commissioning report recommended for approval by CSC-59. |
| 4630 | PAMCC | Karachi | Pakistan | EDDR | FOC | |
| 7600 | PEMCC | Callao | Peru | WDDR | FOC | |
| 4030 | SAMCC | Jeddah | Saudi Arabia | SCDDR | FOC | |
| 5630 | SIMCC | Singapore | Singapore | SWPDDR | FOC | |
| 2240 | SPMCC | Maspalomas | Spain | SCDDR | FOC | |
| 4160 | TAMCC | Taipei | ITDC | NWPDDR | FOC | |
| 5670 | THMCC | Bangkok | Thailand | SWPDDR | FOC | |
| 2710 | TRMCC | Ankara | Turkey | CDDR | FOC | |
| 2320 | UKMCC | Fareham | United Kingdom | CDDR | FOC | |
| 3660 | USMCC | Suitland | USA | WDDR | LGM | |
| 5740 | VNMCC | Haiphong | Viet Nam | NWPDDR | FOC | |

Notes:

| | |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| CNO | Commissioned, Not Operational |
| FOC | Full Operational Capability |
| LGM | LEOSAR, GEOSAR, MEOSAR-capable |
| LG | LEOSAR, GEOSAR-capable |

6 BEACONS

The registered 406-MHz beacon population reported by the Administrations at the end of 2016 was about 1,540,000 devices. The global 406-MHz beacon population estimated using the registration rate method was about 1,997,000 units.

All information on Cospas-Sarsat type-approved 406 MHz beacons and a list of 406 MHz beacon manufacturers are available on the Cospas-Sarsat website at www.cospas-sarsat.int.

7 COSPAS-SARSAT DOCUMENTS

Table 8: Cospas-Sarsat Documents (December 2017)

| Reference | Title | Issue | Rev. | Date |
|--|---|-------|------|---------------|
| <u>C/S A.000 Series - Operational</u> | | | | |
| C/S A.001 | Cospas-Sarsat Data Distribution Plan (DDP) | 7 | 1 | December 2016 |
| C/S A.002 | Cospas-Sarsat Mission Control Centres Standard Interface Description (SID) | 6 | 1 | December 2016 |
| C/S A.003 | Cospas-Sarsat System Monitoring and Reporting | 2 | 7 | December 2016 |
| C/S A.005 | Cospas-Sarsat Mission Control Centre (MCC) Performance Specification and Design Guidelines | 4 | 1 | December 2016 |
| C/S A.006 | Cospas-Sarsat Mission Control Centre Commissioning Standard | 4 | 1 | December 2016 |
| <u>C/S D.000 Series - IBRD</u> | | | | |
| C/S D.001 | Functional Requirements for the Cospas-Sarsat International 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database | 2 | 1 | October 2014 |
| C/S D.002 | Cospas-Sarsat International 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database (IBRD) Software Maintenance Manual | 1 | - | November 2005 |
| C/S D.003 | Cospas-Sarsat International 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database (IBRD) System Maintenance Manual, | 1 | 1 | October 2013 |
| C/S D.004 | Operations Plan for the Cospas-Sarsat International 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database | 1 | 5 | October 2013 |
| <u>C/S G.000 Series - General</u> | | | | |
| C/S G.003 | Introduction to the Cospas-Sarsat System | 6 | 2 | October 2014 |
| C/S G.004 | Cospas-Sarsat Glossary | 2 | - | December 2016 |
| C/S G.005 | Cospas-Sarsat Guidelines on 406 MHz Beacon Coding, Registration and Type Approval | 2 | 7 | October 2014 |
| C/S G.007 | Handbook on Distress Alert Messages for Rescue Coordination Centres (RCCs), Search and Rescue Points of Contact (SPOCs) and IMO Ship Security Competent Authorities | 2 | - | December 2016 |
| C/S G.008 | Operational Requirements for Cospas-Sarsat Second-Generation 406-MHz Beacons | 1 | 3 | October 2014 |
| C/S G.009 | Action Plan in the Event of Possible LEOSAR Degradation Prior to MEOSAR Full Operational Capability | 1 | - | December 2015 |
| <u>C/S P.000 Series - Programme</u> | | | | |
| C/S P.001 | International Cospas-Sarsat Programme Agreement | - | - | July 1988 |
| C/S P.002 | Procedure for the Notification of Association with the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme by States Non-Party to the Cospas-Sarsat Agreement | - | - | December 1992 |
| C/S P.005 | Arrangement between Canada, The Republic of France, the Russian Federation and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme | - | - | April 2005 |
| C/S P.006 | Understanding Between the Cospas-Sarsat Programme and the Gouvernement du Québec concerning Exemptions, Fiscal Advantages and Courtesies accorded to the Programme, Representatives of Member States and Officials of the Secretariat | - | - | May 2005 |
| C/S P.007 | Guidelines for Participating in the Cospas-Sarsat System | 5 | - | October 2009 |

| Reference | Title | Issue | Rev. | Date |
|--|--|-------|------|------------------|
| C/S P.008 | Arrangement on Cooperation between the Cooperating Agencies of the Parties to the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme Agreement and the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) on the EUMETSAT Contribution to the Cospas-Sarsat GEOSAR System | - | - | October 2010 |
| C/S P.009 | Understanding Between the States Parties to the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme Agreement and The Republic of India Concerning the Association of The Republic of India with the Cospas-Sarsat Programme as a Provider of Geostationary Satellite Service | - | - | February 2007 |
| C/S P.010 | List of States & Organizations Associated with the Cospas-Sarsat Programme | - | E | 09 November 2017 |
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Figure 8: Cospas-Sarsat System Overview

Legend:

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| COSPAS: | Space system for the search of vessels in distress | LEO: | Low Earth Orbit satellite system. |
| SARSAT: | Search and rescue satellite-aided tracking system | LUT: | Local User Terminal |
| ELT(DT): | Emergency Locator Transmitter for in-flight Distress Tracking | MCC: | Mission Control Centre |
| ELT: | Emergency Locator Transmitter | MEO: | Medium Earth Orbit satellite system |
| EPIRB: | Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon | PLB: | Personal Locator Beacon |
| GEO: | Geostationary satellite system. | RCC: | Rescue Coordination Centre |
| | | RLSP: | Return Link Service Provider |
| | | SAR: | Search and Rescue. |

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