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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         |
| <b>Total number of Participants:</b>                                    | <b>44</b> |

## 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)

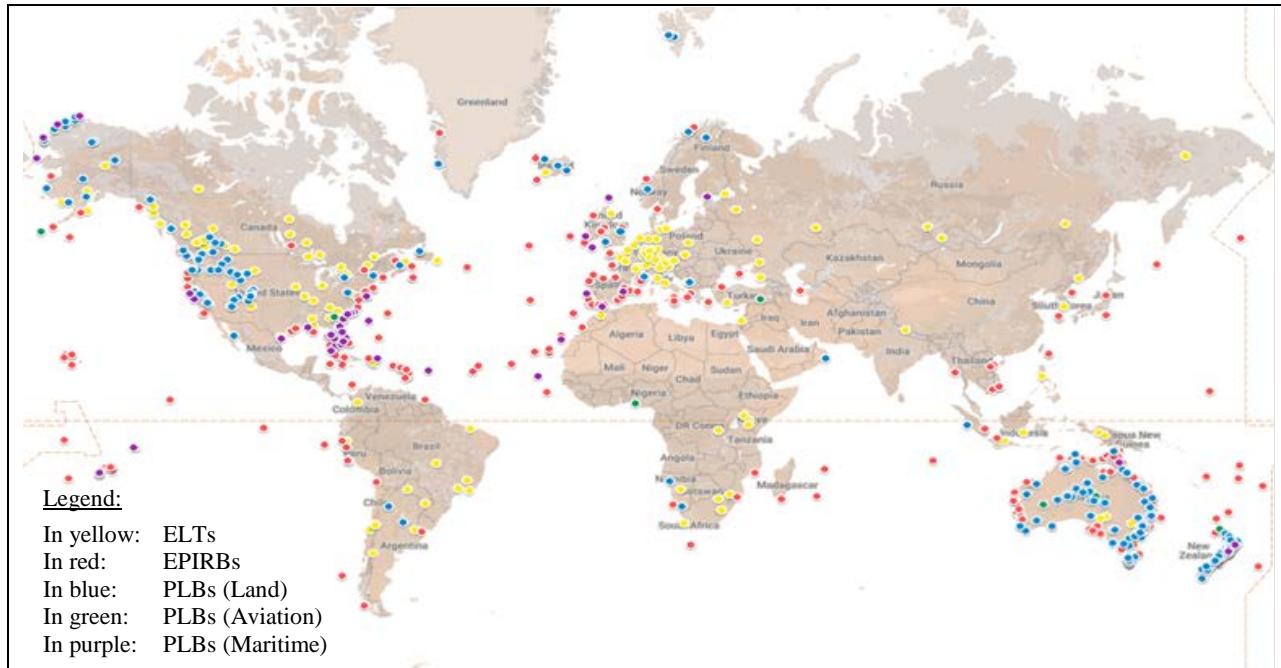
|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total beacon population estimated: | about 1,997,000 |
| Registered beacon population:      | about 1,540,000 |

## SAR OPERATIONS (end of 2016)

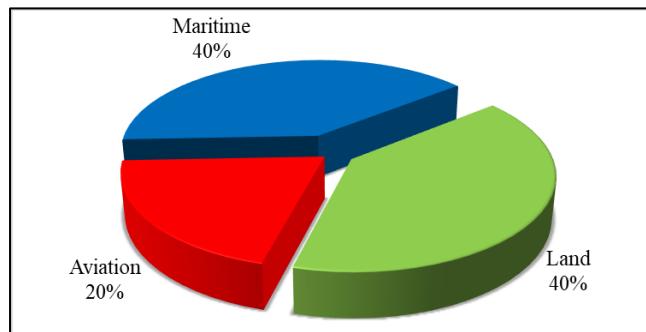
| From January to December 2016, the Cospas-Sarsat System provided assistance in rescuing 2,057 persons in 876 SAR events | Type of Distress | SAR Events | Persons Rescued |
|---|------------------|------------|-----------------|
|   | Aviation         | 177        | 355             |
|   | Maritime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

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

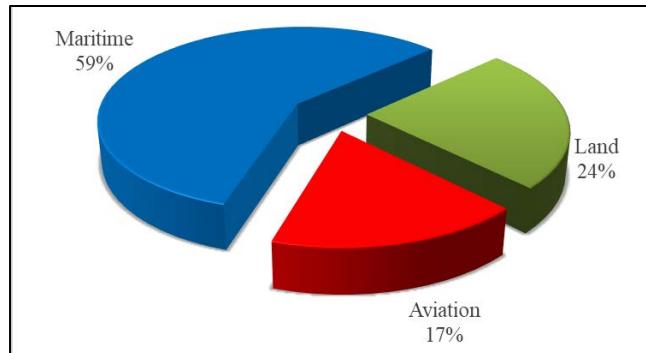
## 2 ASSISTANCE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS



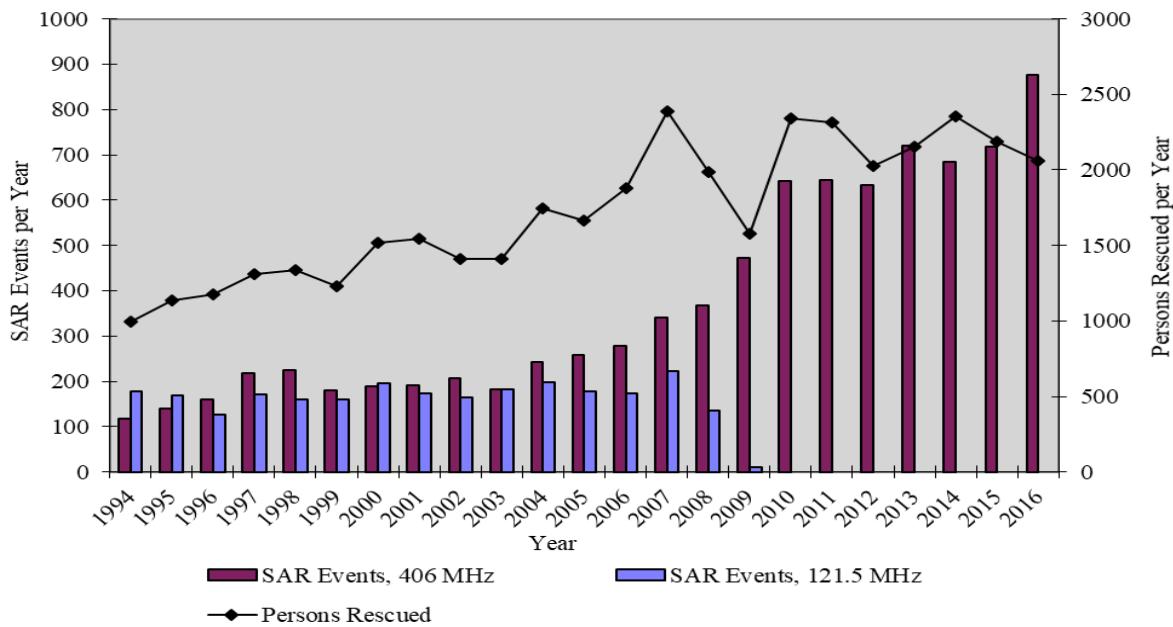
**Figure 1: Geographic Distribution of Confirmed SAR Events for which Cospas-Sarsat Data Was Used (January - December 2016)**



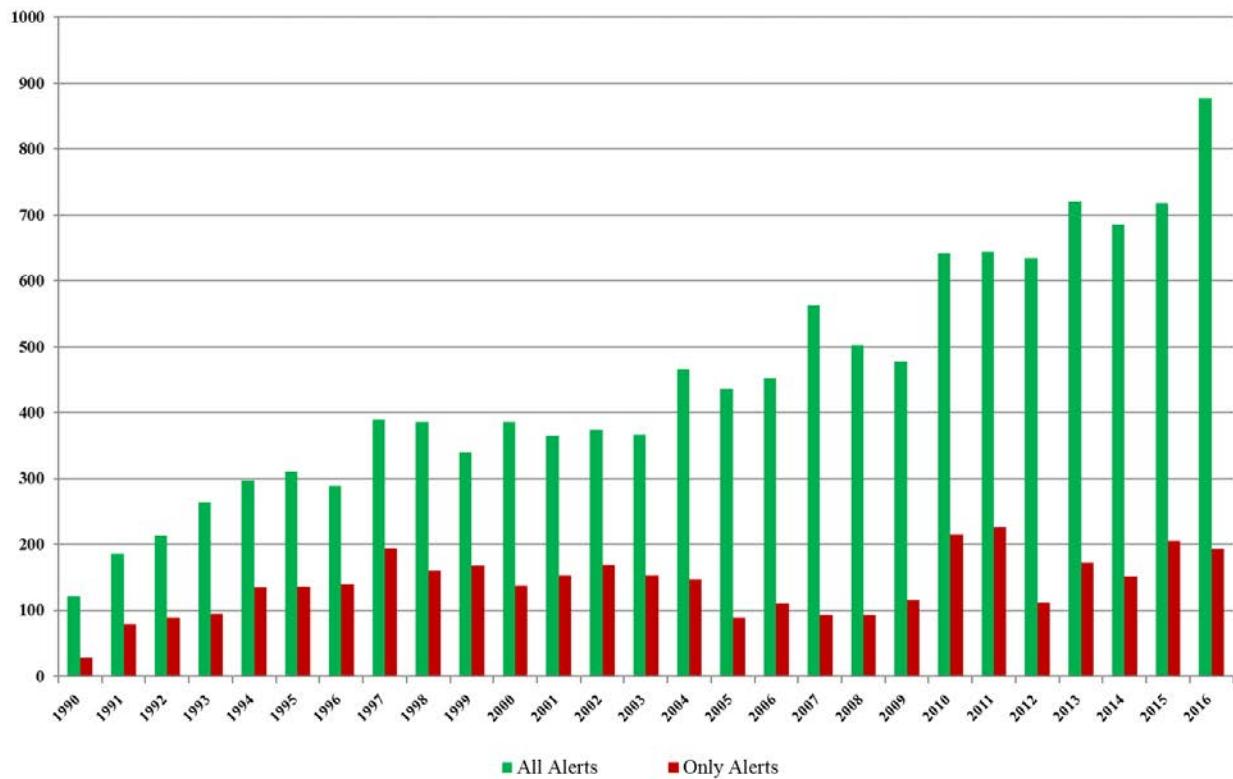
**Figure 2: Distribution of SAR Events Assisted by Cospas-Sarsat by Type of Events (January - December 2016)**



**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 Morsviazsputnik  | 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 <sup>1</sup> & 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.<br>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.

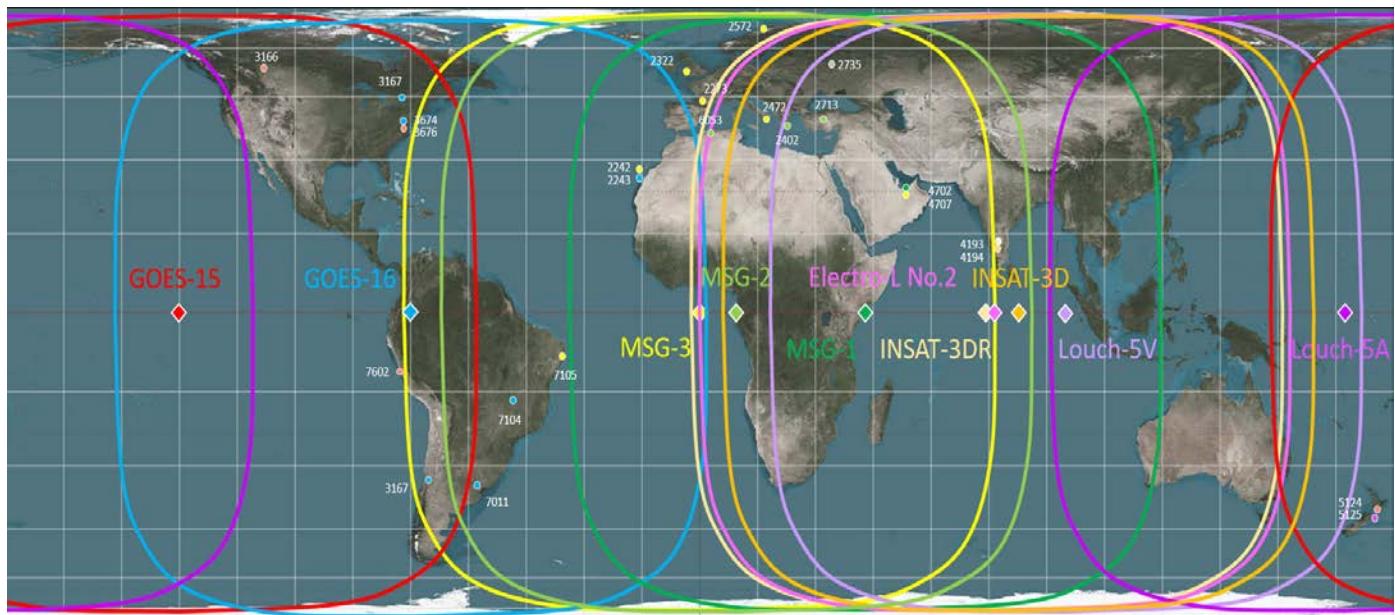
**Table 6: GEOSAR Ground Segment Status (GEOLUTs) (December 2017)**

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

## 7 COSPAS-SARSAT DOCUMENTS

**Table 8: Cospas-Sarsat Documents (December 2017)**

| Reference                                    | Title   | Issue | Rev. | Date          |
|--|---|-------|------|---------------|
| <b><u>C/S A.000 Series - Operational</u></b> |   |       |      |               |
| 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 |
| <b><u>C/S D.000 Series - IBRD</u></b>        |   |       |      |               |
| 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  |
| <b><u>C/S G.000 Series - General</u></b>     |   |       |      |               |
| 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 |
| <b><u>C/S P.000 Series - Programme</u></b>   |   |       |      |               |
| 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 |
| C/S P.011                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Programme Management Policy  | 1     | 9    | December 2015    |
| C/S P.012                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Secretariat Management Guide   | 1     | 1    | November 2005    |
| C/S P.014                                    | Declaration of Intent for Co-operation on the Development and Evaluation of the Medium Earth Orbit Search and Rescue (MEOSAR) Satellite System between the Co-operating Agencies of the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme and the Galileo Joint Undertaking                              | -     | -    | December 2006    |
| C/S P.015                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Quality Manual   | 1     | 2    | October 2010     |
| C/S P.016                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Strategic Plan   | 1     | 6    | December 2016    |
| C/S P.017                                    | Declaration of Intent Between the Co-operating Agencies of the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme and the European Commission for Co-operation on the Initial Operational Capability of the Cospas-Sarsat MEOSAR Satellite System   | -     | -    | December 2016    |
| <b><u>C/S R.000 Series - Reports</u></b>     |  |       |      |                  |
| C/S R.006                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Demonstration and Evaluation Plan for the 406 MHz GEOSAR Systems   | 1     | 3    | October 1997     |
| C/S R.007                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Report on System Status and Operations No. 32 (Jan - Dec 2015)   | 32    | -    | December 2016    |
| C/S R.009                                    | Summary Report of the 406 MHz Geostationary System Demonstration and Evaluation  | -     | -    | October 1999     |
| C/S R.011                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Meteosat Second Generation (MSG) GEOSAR Performance Evaluation Plan  | 1     | 1    | October 2003     |
| C/S R.012                                    | Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz MEOSAR Implementation Plan   | 1     | 12   | December 2016    |
| C/S R.013                                    | METEOSAT Second Generation (MSG) GEOSAR Performance Evaluation Report  | 1     | 1    | October 2006     |
| C/S R.014                                    | Cospas-Sarsat INSAT GEOSAR Performance Evaluation Plan   | 1     | -    | October 2009     |
| C/S R.015                                    | Cospas-Sarsat INSAT GEOSAR Performance Evaluation Report   | 1     | -    | October 2009     |
| C/S R.016                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Electro GEOSAR Performance Evaluation Plan   | 1     | 1    | October 2011     |
| C/S R.017                                    | Second Generation 406 MHz Beacon Implementation Plan   | 1     | 6    | December 2016    |
| C/S R.018                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Demonstration and Evaluation Plan for the 406 MHz MEOSAR System  | 2     | 4    | December 2016    |
| C/S R.019                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Electro GEOSAR Performance Evaluation Report   | 1     | -    | October 2012     |
| C/S R.020                                    | Cospas-Sarsat Louch GEOSAR Performance Evaluation Plan   | 1     | -    | October 2012     |
| C/S R.021                                    | Cospas-Sarsat MEOSAR System Demonstration and Evaluation Phase I Report  | 1     | -    | December 2015    |
| <b><u>C/S S.000 Series - Secretariat</u></b> |  |       |      |                  |
| C/S S.007                                    | Handbook of Beacon Regulations   | 1     | 11   | July 2017        |

| Reference  | Title   | Issue | Rev. | Date          |
|--|---|-------|------|---------------|
| <b><u>C/S T.000 Series - Technical</u></b>       |   |       |      |               |
| C/S T.001  | Specification for Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz Distress Beacons  | 4     | 1    | May 2017      |
| C/S T.002  | Cospas-Sarsat Local User Terminal Performance Specification and Design Guidelines   | 4     | 2    | October 2012  |
| C/S T.003  | Description of the 406-MHz Payloads Used in the Cospas-Sarsat LEOSAR System   | 4     | 3    | December 2016 |
| C/S T.004  | Cospas-Sarsat LEOSAR Space Segment Commissioning Standard   | 2     | 4    | December 2016 |
| C/S T.005  | Cospas-Sarsat LEOLUT Commissioning Standard   | 3     | 1    | October 2013  |
| C/S T.006  | Cospas-Sarsat Orbitography Network Specification  | 2     | 3    | October 2013  |
| C/S T.007  | Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz Distress Beacon Type Approval Standard  | 5     | -    | May 2017      |
| C/S T.008  | Cospas-Sarsat Acceptance of 406 MHz Beacon Type Approval Test Facilities  | 2     | 1    | December 2016 |
| C/S T.009  | Cospas-Sarsat GEOLUT Performance Specification and Design Guidelines  | 1     | 9    | October 2014  |
| C/S T.010  | Cospas-Sarsat GEOLUT Commissioning Standard   | 1     | 7    | October 2013  |
| C/S T.011  | Description of the 406 MHz Payloads Used in the Cospas-Sarsat GEOSAR System   | 1     | 9    | October 2014  |
| C/S T.012  | Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz Frequency Management Plan   | 1     | 12   | December 2016 |
| C/S T.013  | Cospas-Sarsat GEOSAR Space Segment Commissioning Standard   | 1     | 2    | October 2013  |
| C/S T.014  | Cospas-Sarsat Frequency Requirements and Coordination Procedures  | 2     | 1    | October 2010  |
| C/S T.015  | Cospas-Sarsat Specification and Type Approval Standard for 406 MHz Ship Security Alert (SSAS) Beacons                                       | 1     | 1    | November 2007 |
| C/S T.016  | Description of the 406 MHz Payloads Used in the Cospas-Sarsat MEOSAR System   | 1     | 2    | December 2016 |
| C/S T.017  | Cospas-Sarsat MEOSAR Space Segment Commissioning Standard   | 1     | 3    | December 2016 |
| C/S T.018  | Specification for Second-Generation Cospas-Sarsat 406-MHz Distress Beacons  | 1     | 1    | May 2017      |
| C/S T.019  | Cospas-Sarsat MEOLUT Performance Specification and Design Guidelines  | 2     | -    | May 2017      |
| C/S T.020  | Cospas-Sarsat MEOLUT Commissioning Standard   | 1     | 1    | December 2016 |
| C/S T.022  | Cospas-Sarsat MEOSAR Reference Beacon Network Design Guidelines - Preliminary Issue A   | -     | -    | December 2016 |
| <b><u>C/S IP Series - Interim Procedures</u></b> |   |       |      |               |
| C/S T.IP (LIRB)                                  | Interim Procedure for Type Approval of 406 MHz Beacons Equipped with Li-Ion Rechargeable Batteries  | -     | 4    | October 2014  |
| C/S T.IP (TCXO)                                  | Interim Procedure for the Determination of Compliance of 406 MHz Beacons Equipped with a TCXO with Cospas-Sarsat Type Approval Requirements | 1     | 5    | October 2013  |

## 8 COSPAS-SARSAT SYSTEM OVERVIEW



**Figure 8: Cospas-Sarsat System Overview**

Legend:

|          |   |       |                                     |
|----------|---|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 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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