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# 1 SUMMARY STATUS

<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	(December 2018)
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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>

<b>SPACE SEGMENT</b>	(December 2018)
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LEOSAR payloads (low-Earth orbit) (in Operation):	5
GEOSAR payloads (geostationary orbit) (in Operation):	9
MEOSAR payloads (medium-Earth orbit) (in Operation):	40

<b>GROUND SEGMENT</b>	(December 2018)
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Local User Terminals operating in the LEOSAR system (LEOLUTs*)	56
Local User Terminals operating in the GEOSAR system (GEOLUTs)	26
Local User Terminals commissioned in the MEOSAR system (MEOLUTs)	12
Mission Control Centres (MCCs) (including five commissioned LGM MCCs)	30

\* These constitute 44 receiving stations as 23 co-located LUTs operate in dual mode.

<b>406 MHz BEACON POPULATION</b>	(December 2017)
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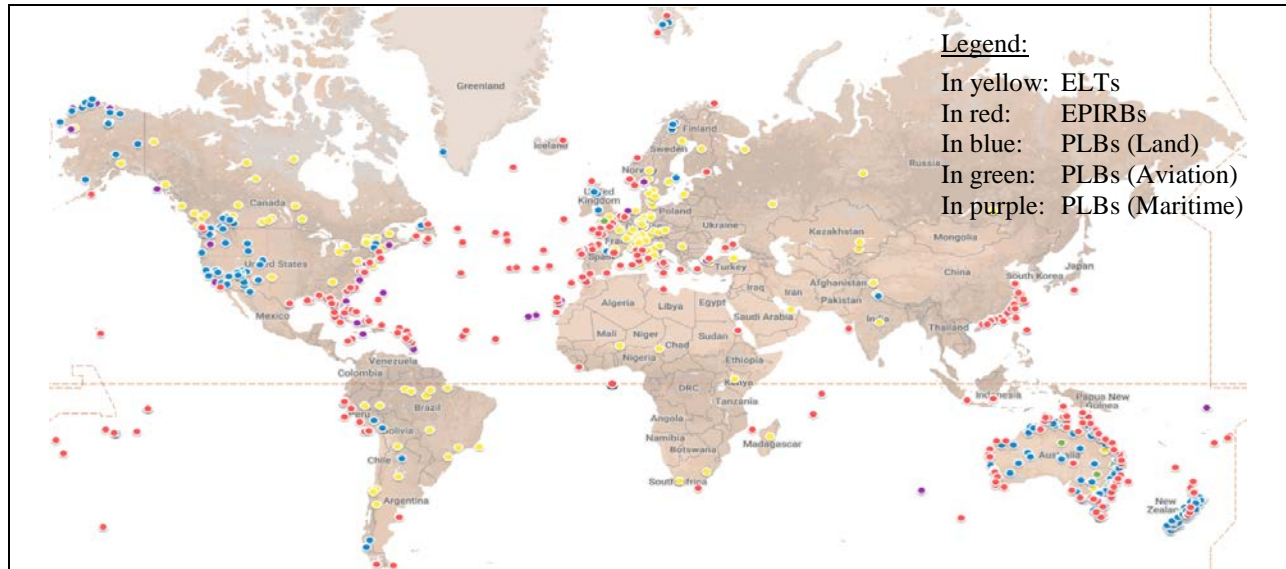
Global beacon population estimated using the registration rate method:	about 2,105,000
Global beacon population estimated using the beacon survey method:	about 1,879,000
Global registered beacon population:	about 1,634,000

<b>SAR OPERATIONS</b>	(December 2017)
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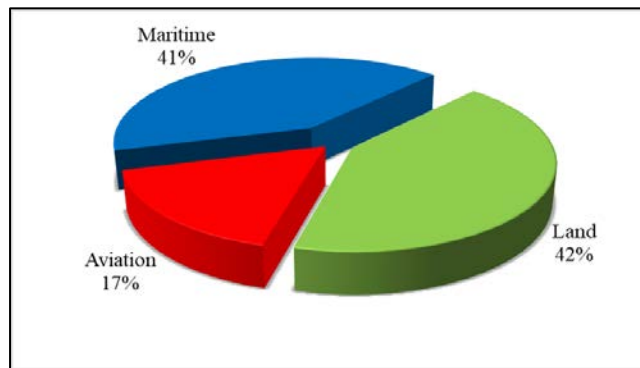
<b>From January to December 2017, the Cospas-Sarsat System provided assistance in rescuing 2,746 persons in 963 SAR events</b>	<b>Type of Distress</b>	<b>SAR Events</b>	<b>Persons Rescued</b>
	Aviation	162	364
	Maritime	397	1,765
	Land	404	617
	<b>Total</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>2,746</b>

**From September 1982 to December 2017, the Cospas-Sarsat System provided assistance in rescuing at least 46,553 persons in 13,627 SAR events.**

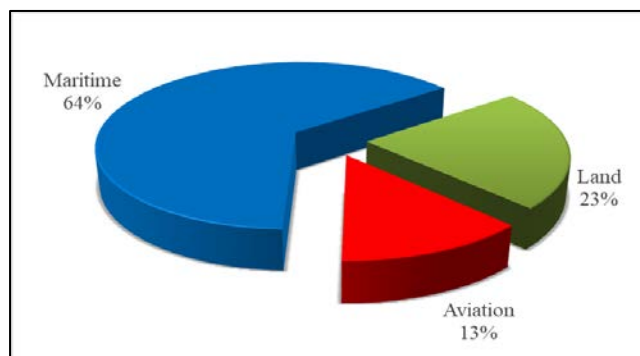
## 2 ASSISTANCE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS



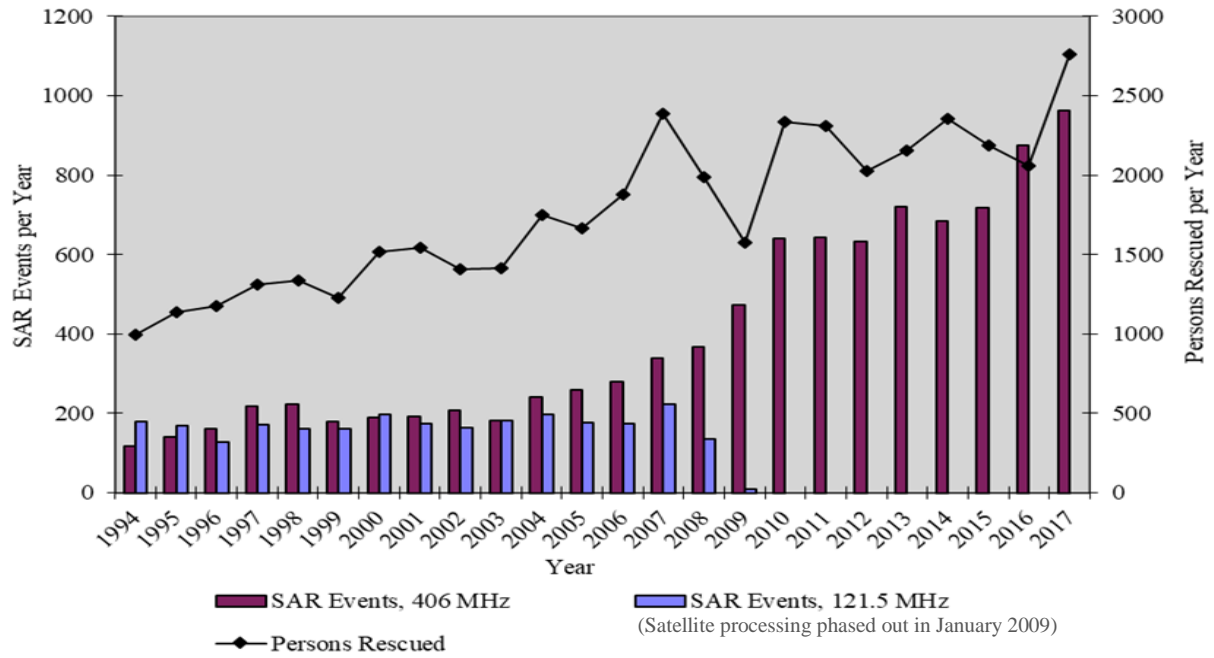
**Figure 1: Geographic Distribution of Confirmed SAR Events for which Cospas-Sarsat Data Was Used (January - December 2017)**



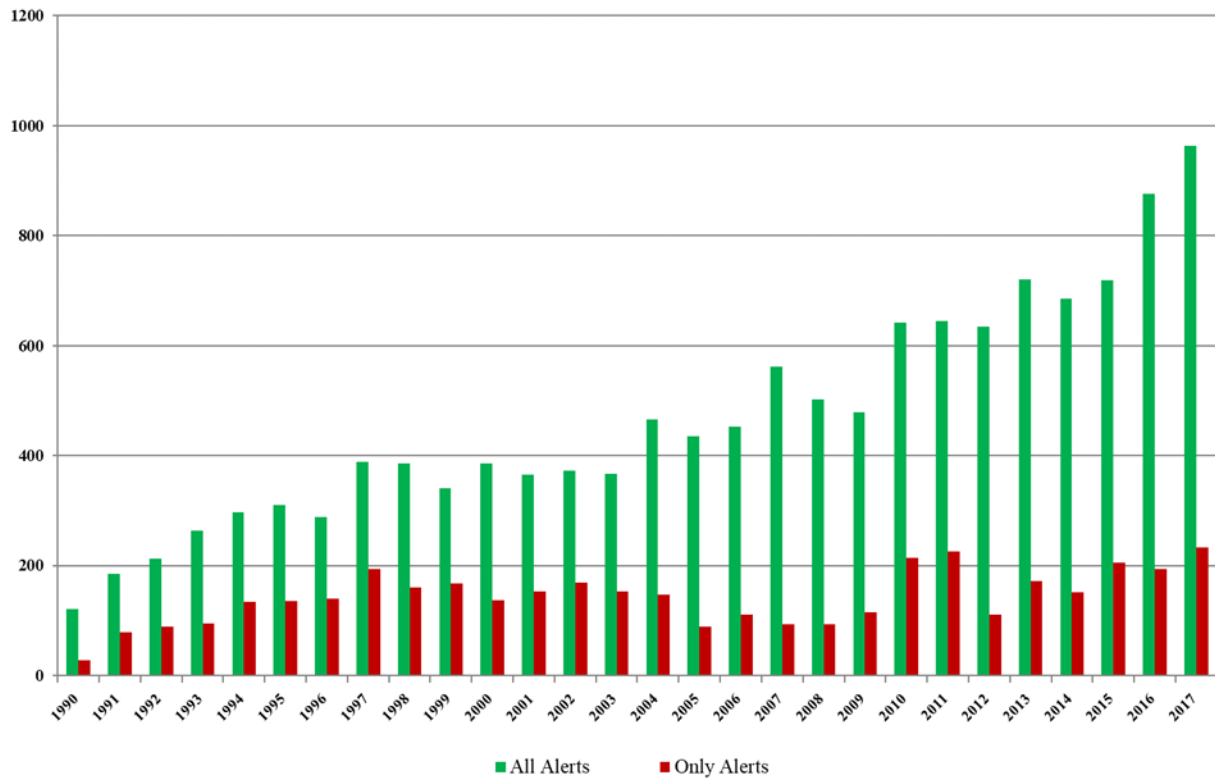
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**Figure 5: Number of SAR Events where Cospas-Sarsat Assisted and Number of SAR Events where Cospas-Sarsat Provided the Only Alert (January 1990 - December 2017)**

### 3 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Table 1: Cospas-Sarsat Participating Countries and Organizations (December 2018)**

Participant	Agency	Status
Algeria	Service SAR, Ministère de la Défense Nationale	Ground Segment Provider
Argentina	Argentina Navy – SASS (Satellite Distress Alert Service)	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 SAR Secretariat (NSS)	Party - Space Segment Provider
Chile	Servicio de Búsqueda y Salvamento de la Fuerza Aérea de Chile	Ground Segment Provider
China (P. R. of)	Maritime Safety Administration, Bureau of Harbour Super-intendency	Ground Segment Provider
Cyprus	Larnaca Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre	Ground Segment Provider*
Denmark	Denmark Transport Authority	User State
Finland	Ministry of the Interior, Finnish Border Guard	User State
France	Centre National d'Études 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	Department of Space, Government of India	Space & Ground Segment Provider
Indonesia	National SAR Agency of Indonesia (BASARNAS)	Ground Segment Provider
Italy	Dipartimento della Protezione Civile	Ground Segment Provider
ITDC	International Telecommunication Development Company	Ground Segment Operator
Japan	Japan Coast Guard, Information-Communications Division, Administration Dept.	Ground Segment Provider
Korea (Rep. of)	Korea Coast Guard	Ground Segment Provider
Malaysia	Malaysia Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA)	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 & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO)	Ground Segment Provider
Peru	Dirección General de Capitanías y Guardacostas	Ground Segment Provider
Poland	Civil Aviation Authority	User State
Qatar	Doha Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (DJRCC), Ministry of Defence	Ground Segment Provider*
Russian Federation	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 / Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, Operations Planning	Ground Segment Provider
South Africa	South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)	Ground Segment Provider
Spain	Instituto Nacional de Técnica Aeroespacial (INTA)	Ground Segment Provider
Sweden	Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency	User State
Switzerland	Federal Office of Civil Aviation	User State
Thailand	Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Transport	Ground Segment Provider
Tunisia	Ministère du Transport, Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC)	User State
Turkey	Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communication	Ground Segment Provider
UAE	Telecommunications Regulatory Authority	Ground Segment Provider
UK	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Ground Segment Provider
USA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Party-Space Segment Provider
Vietnam	Vietnam Maritime Administration (VINAMARINE) / Vietnam Maritime Communication and Electronics LLC (VISHIPEL)	Ground Segment Provider

Notes: (\*) Ground Segment equipment is not yet commissioned.

## 4 SPACE SEGMENT

**Table 2: LEOSAR Payload Availability (December 2018)**

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 2018)**

Spacecraft	Launch Date	Position	Capability	Status	Comments
GOES-13	May 2006	60° W	FOC	Off	In-orbit spare
GOES-14	June 2009	105° W	FOC	Off	In-orbit spare
GOES-15 (West-1)	March 2010	137° W	FOC	On	
GOES-16 (East)	November 2016	75° W	FOC	On	Downlink center frequency is 1544.55 MHz
GOES-17 (West-2)	March 2018	128° W	FOC	On	
INSAT-3D	July 2013	82° E	FOC	On	
INSAT-3DR	September 2016	74° E	FOC	On	
GSAT-17	June 2017	93.5° E	IOC	Off	
MSG-1	August 2002	41.5° E	FOC	On	See note 1
MSG-2	December 2005	3.5° E	FOC	Off	In-orbit spare
MSG-3	July 2012	9.5° E	FOC	On	
MSG-4	July 2015	0°	FOC	On	
Electro-L No.2	December 2015	76° E	UT	On	
Louch-5A	December 2011	165.8° E	IOC	On	See note 1
Louch-5V	April 2014	95° E	UT	On	

Notes: 1 Moving in an elliptic orbit. Operational for GEOLUTs equipped with active-tracking capability.  
 FOC Full Operational Capability.  
 IOC Initial Operational Capability.  
 TBD To Be Determined.  
 UT Under Test.

A GEOSAR coverage map is available at Figure 7 “GEOSAR Satellite Coverage” in section 5 of this document, showing footprints for commissioned payloads that are switched on.

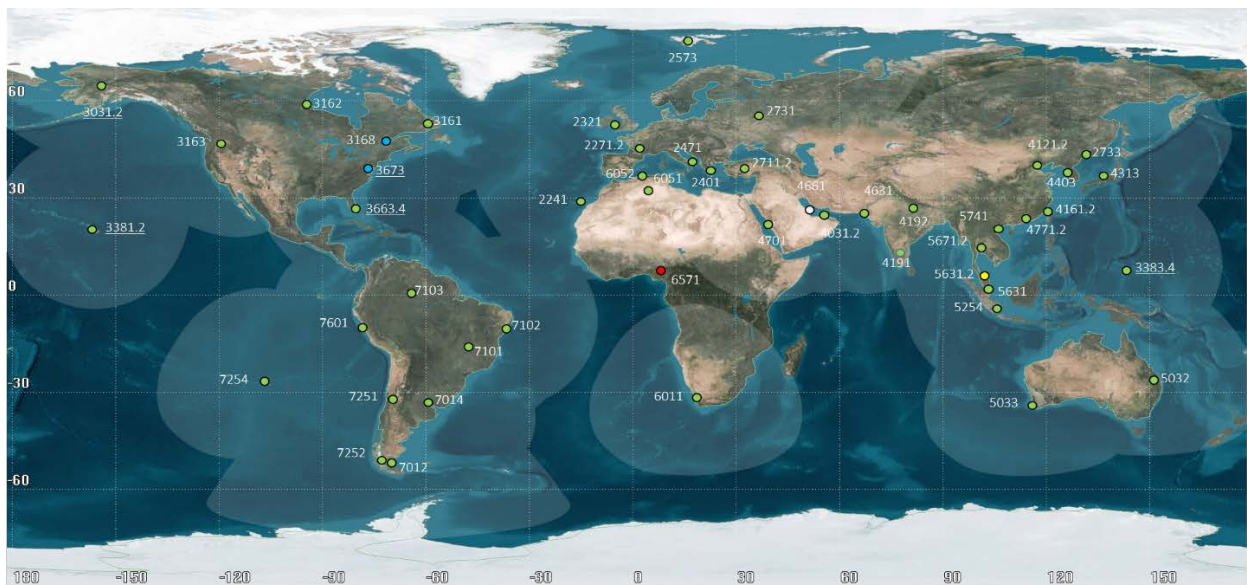
**Table 4: MEOSAR Payload Availability (December 2018)**

Constellation	Downlink Frequency	Capability	Number / Status	Comments
Galileo	L-Band	FOC	15/On <sup>1</sup> & 1/Off	Payload #422 switched off for maintenance.
	L-Band	IOC	4/On	Commissioning reports submitted to CSC-61.
	L-Band	UT	4/Off	Payloads switched off pending testing.
Glonass-K1	L-Band	UT	2/On	One payload available for detection testing. One payload available for detection and location testing.
GPS BIIR & F	S-Band	FOC	19/On	Experimental payloads. Commissioned
GPS III A	S-Band	UT	1/Off	First of eight GPS III satellites with DASS / S-band capability.

Notes: FOC Full Operational Capability.  
 IOC Initial Operational Capability.  
 UT Under Test.  
 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 (31 December 2018)**

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

Underlined numbers refer to future combined LEO-MEO installations.

The Cospas-Sarsat LEOSAR system provides global coverage for 406-MHz beacons. Light-blue areas show areas of LEOSAR-satellite/LEOLUT ‘mutual visibility’, i.e., where a LEOSAR satellite passing inside the area can be actively tracked by a LEOLUT. When a satellite is outside a light-blue area and detects beacons, data is stored onboard and periodically retransmitted for receipt by a LEOLUT as soon as the satellite reenters another light-blue area. The map was created assuming a satellite altitude of 850 km with a 5°-elevation detection angle at the LEOLUT. Below is the list of the LEOLUTs and their status.



**Table 5: LEOSAR Ground Segment Status (LEOLUTs) (31 December 2018)**

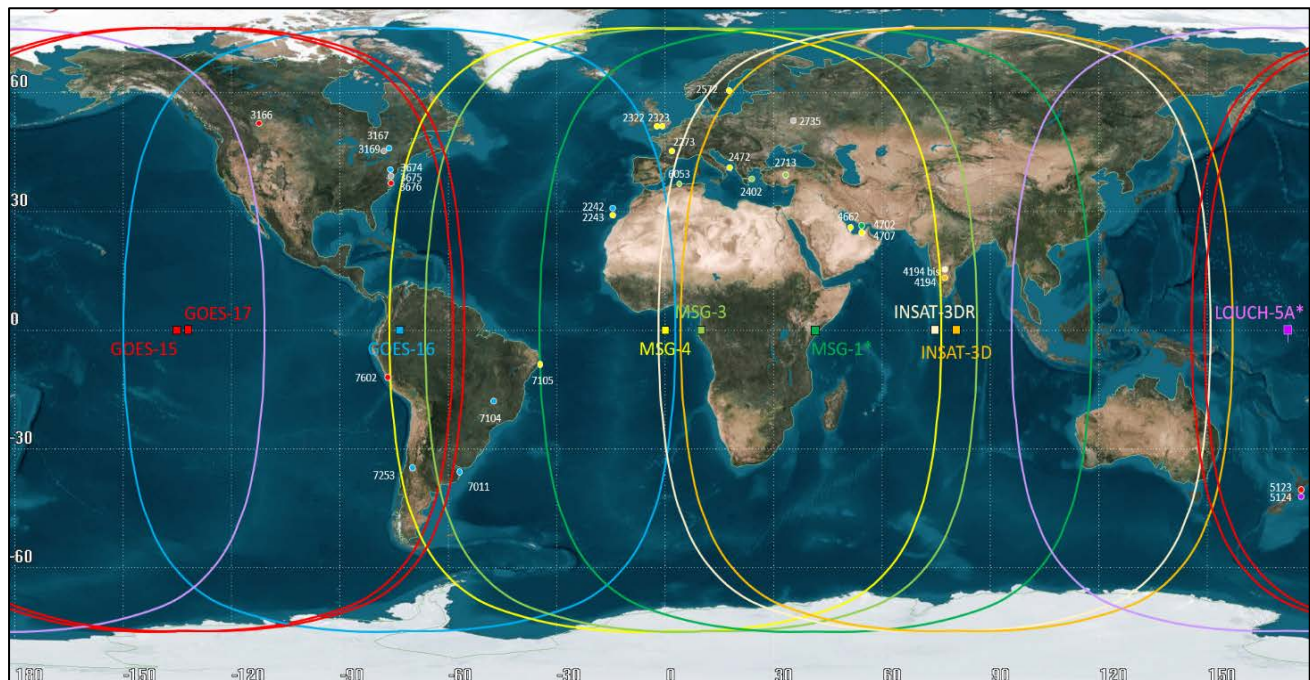
Code	Location	Provider	Status	Associated MCC	Dual	Comments
2271-2-d	Toulouse	France	FOC	FMCC	Yes	
2241	Maspalomas	Spain	FOC	SPMCC	No	
2321	Combe Martin	UK	FOC	UKMCC	No	To be replaced by Lee-on-Solent antenna (2324).
2401	Penteli	Greece	FOC	GRMCC	No	
2471	Bari	Italy	FOC	ITMCC	No	
2573	Spitsbergen	Norway	FOC	NMCC	No	
2711-2	Ankara	Turkey	FOC	TRMCC	Yes	
2733	Nakhodka	Russia	FOC	CMC	No	
3031-2	Alaska	USA	FOC	USMCC	Yes	To be replaced by LEO-MEO antennas.
3161	Goose Bay	Canada	FOC	CMCC	No	
3162	Churchill	Canada	FOC	CMCC	No	
3163	Edmonton	Canada	FOC	CMCC	No	
3168	Ottawa	Canada	Backup	CMCC	No	Test and backup facility.
3381-2	Hawaii	USA	FOC	USMCC	Yes	To be replaced by LEO-MEO antenna (3387-8).
3383-4	Guam	USA	FOC	USMCC	Yes	To be replaced by LEO-MEO antennas.
3663-4	Florida	USA	FOC	USMCC	Yes	To be replaced by LEO-MEO antennas (3667-8).
3673	Maryland	USA	FOC	CMCC	No	LEOSAR Support Equipment. To be replaced by LEO-MEO antenna (3678).
4031-2	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	FOC	SAMCC	Yes	
4121-2	Beijing	China (P.R. of)	FOC	CNMCC	Yes	
4161-2	Keelung	ITDC	FOC	TAMCC	Yes	To be replaced by Dapingding antennas (4164-5).
4191	Bangalore	India	FOC	INMCC	No	
4192	Lucknow	India	FOC	INMCC	No	
4313	Gunma	Japan	FOC	JAMCC	No	
4403	Incheon	Korea (Rep. of)	FOC	KOMCC	No	
4631	Karachi	Pakistan	FOC	PAMCC	No	
4661	Doha	Qatar	UD	QAMCC*	No	MCC not yet commissioned.
4701	Abu Dhabi	UAE	FOC	AEMCC	No	
4771-2	Hong Kong	Hong Kong China	FOC	HKMCC	Yes	
5032	Bundaberg	Australia	FOC	AUMCC	No	Planned to be decommissioned in mid-2019.
5033	Albany	Australia	FOC	AUMCC	No	Planned to be decommissioned in January 2019.
5254	Jakarta	Indonesia	FOC	IDMCC	No	Providing data to LGM IDMCC (under development).
5331-2	Kuntan	Malaysia	IOC	MYMCC*	Yes	MCC not yet commissioned.
5631	Singapore	Singapore	FOC	SIMCC	No	
5671-2	Bangkok	Thailand	FOC	THMCC	Yes	
5741	Haiphong	Viet Nam	FOC	VNMCC	No	
6011	Cape Town	South Africa	FOC	ASMCC	No	
6051	Ouargla	Algeria	FOC	ALMCC	No	
6052	Algiers	Algeria	FOC	ALMCC	No	
6571	Abuja	Nigeria	CNO	NIMCC	No	MCC configured as a SPOC of the Spanish MCC.
7012	Rio Grande	Argentina	FOC	ARMCC	No	
7014	El Palomar	Argentina	FOC	ARMCC	No	
7101	Brasilia	Brazil	FOC	BRMCC	No	
7102	Recife	Brazil	FOC	BRMCC	No	
7103	Manaus	Brazil	FOC	BRMCC	No	
7251	Santiago	Chile	FOC	CHMCC	No	
7252	Punta Arenas	Chile	FOC	CHMCC	No	
7254	Easter Island	Chile	FOC	CHMCC	No	
7601	Callao	Peru	FOC	PEMCC	No	

Notes: CNO Commissioned, Not Operational. UD Under Development.  
 FOC Full Operational Capability. (\*) Ground Segment equipment not yet commissioned.  
 IOC Initial Operational Capability.

**Table 6: GEOSAR Ground Segment Status (GEOLUTs) (December 2018)**

Code	Location	Provider	Status	Associated GEOSAR	Comments
2242	Maspalomas	Spain	FOC	GOES-East	
2243	Maspalomas	Spain	FOC	MSG-4	
2273	Toulouse	France	FOC	MSG-4	
2322	Combe Martin	UK	FOC	MSG-4	To be replaced by Lee-on-Solent antenna (2323)
2402	Penteli	Greece	FOC	MSG-3	
2472	Bari	Italy	FOC	MSG-4	
2572	Fauske	Norway	FOC	MSG-4	
2713	Ankara	Turkey	FOC	MSG-3	
2735	Moscow	Russia	FOC	Pending	Satellite to be tracked is pending, as Electro-L No.1 was decommissioned on 1 June 2017.
3166	Edmonton	Canada	FOC	GOES-West	
3167-9	Ottawa	Canada	FOC	GOES-East & GOES-West	
3674	Maryland	USA	FOC	GOES-East	
3676	Maryland	USA	FOC	GOES-West	
4194	Bangalore	India	FOC	INSAT-3D	
4194bis	Bangalore	India	FOC	INSAT-3DR	
4662	Doha	Qatar	UD	MSG-4	IOC to be announced by SPMCC.
4702	Abu Dhabi	UAE	FOC	MSG 4	
4707	Abu Dhabi	UAE	FOC	MSG-1	Active-tracking capable antenna.
5123	Goudies Road	New Zealand	FOC	GOES-West	
5124	Goudies Road	New Zealand	FOC	Louch-5A	Active-tracking capable antenna.
6053	Algiers	Algeria	FOC	MSG-4	
7011	El Palomar	Argentina	FOC	GOES-East	
7104	Brasilia	Brazil	FOC	GOES-East	
7105	Recife	Brazil	FOC	MSG-4	
7253	Santiago	Chile	FOC	GOES-East	
7602	Callao	Peru	FOC	GOES-West	

Notes: FOC Full Operational Capability.  
 IOC Initial Operational Capability.  
 UD Under Development.



**Figure 7: GEOSAR Satellite Coverage (December 2018)**

Notes: (\*) MSG-1 and Louch-5A moving on elliptical orbits, associated footprints displayed on this map are centered on their average position.  
 Doha GEOLUT (4662), Qatar, does not yet provide any operational data to the System.

**Table 7: Mission Control Centre Status (December 2018)**

Code	MCC	Location	Provider	DDR	Status	Comments
2240	<b>SPMCC</b>	Maspalomas	Spain	SCDDR	FOC	LGM Commissioning Report submitted to CSC-61.
2270	<b>FMCC</b>	Toulouse	France	CDDR	<b>LGM</b>	
2320	<b>UKMCC</b>	Fareham	United Kingdom	CDDR	FOC	
2400	<b>GRMCC</b>	Athens	Greece	CDDR	FOC	
2470	<b>ITMCC</b>	Bari	Italy	CDDR	FOC	
2570	<b>NMCC</b>	Bodoe	Norway	CDDR	<b>LGM</b>	
2710	<b>TRMCC</b>	Ankara	Turkey	CDDR	FOC	
2730	<b>CMC</b>	Moscow	Russia	EDDR	FOC	
3160	<b>CMCC</b>	Trenton	Canada	WDDR	FOC	
3660	<b>USMCC</b>	Suitland	USA	WDDR	<b>LGM</b>	
4030	<b>SAMCC</b>	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	SCDDR	FOC	
4120	<b>CNMCC</b>	Beijing	China	NWPDDR	FOC	
4160	<b>TAMCC</b>	Chinese Taipei	ITDC	NWPDDR	FOC	
4190	<b>INMCC</b>	Bangalore	India	EDDR	FOC	Manned 7/7 between 0300 UTC and 1130 UTC.
4310	<b>JAMCC</b>	Gunma	Japan	NWPDDR	FOC	
4400	<b>KOMCC</b>	Incheon	Korea (Rep. of)	NWPDDR	FOC	
4630	<b>PAMCC</b>	Karachi	Pakistan	EDDR	FOC	
4700	<b>AEMCC</b>	Abu Dhabi	UAE	SCDDR	FOC	
4770	<b>HKMCC</b>	Hong Kong	Hong Kong China	NWPDDR	FOC	
5030	<b>AUMCC</b>	Canberra	Australia	SWPDDR	FOC	LGM Commissioning Report submitted to CSC-61.
5250	<b>IDMCC</b>	Jakarta	Indonesia	SWPDDR	FOC	Data not sent to the LG AUMCC as no FTP link available. Will be linked to LGM AUMCC.
5630	<b>SIMCC</b>	Singapore	Singapore	SWPDDR	FOC	
5670	<b>THMCC</b>	Bangkok	Thailand	SWPDDR	FOC	
5740	<b>VNMCC</b>	Haiphong	Viet Nam	NWPDDR	FOC	
6010	<b>ASMCC</b>	Cape Town	South Africa	SWPDDR	FOC	
6050	<b>ALMCC</b>	Algiers	Algeria	SCDDR	FOC	
6570	<b>NIMCC</b>	Abuja	Nigeria	SCDDR	CNO	Configured as a SPMCC SPOC. Planned to be restored as an LGM MCC.
7010	<b>ARMCC</b>	El Palomar	Argentina	WDDR	FOC	
7100	<b>BRMCC</b>	Brasilia	Brazil	WDDR	FOC	
7250	<b>CHMCC</b>	Santiago	Chile	WDDR	FOC	
7600	<b>PEMCC</b>	Callao	Peru	WDDR	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 2017 was about 1,634,000 devices.

The estimated 2017 global 406-MHz beacon population calculated using the registration rate method was about 2,105,000 units.

The estimated 2017 global 406-MHz beacon population reporting in the beacon manufacturer survey was about 1,879,000 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 2018)**

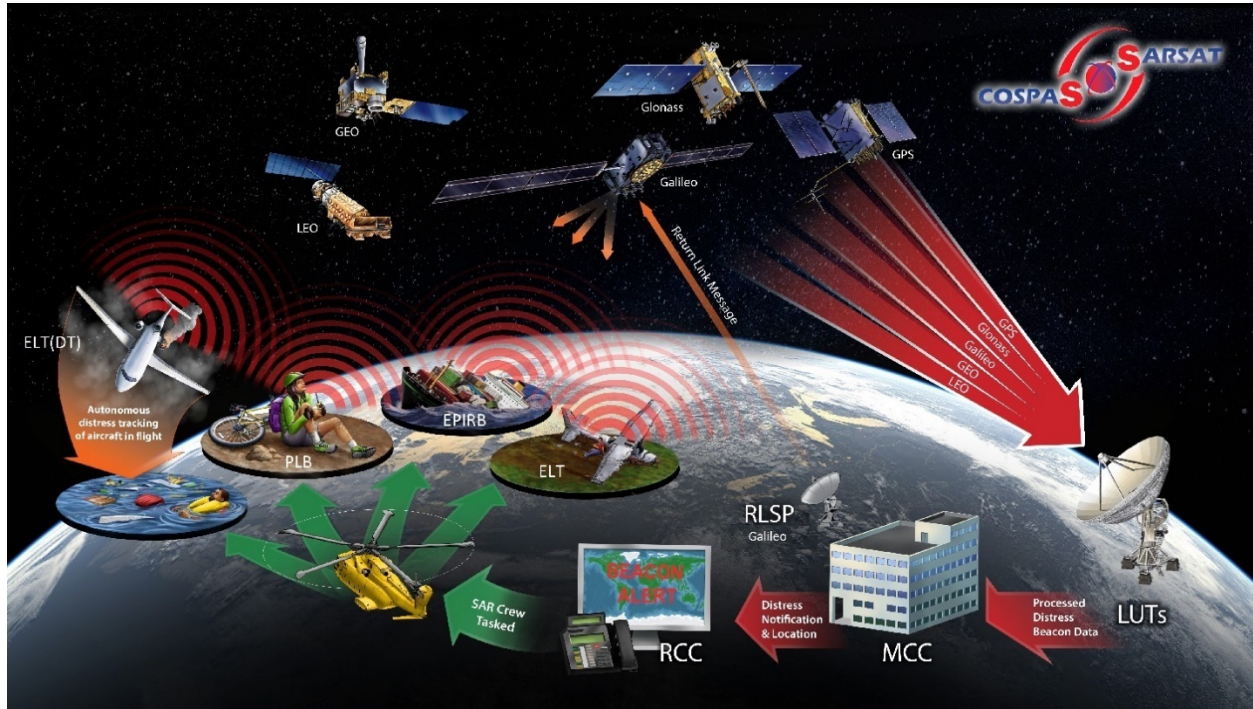
Reference	Title	Issue	Rev.	Date
<b><u>C/S A.000 Series - Operational</u></b>				
C/S A.001	Cospas-Sarsat Data Distribution Plan (DDP)	8	-	February 2018
C/S A.002	Cospas-Sarsat Mission Control Centres Standard Interface Description (SID)	7	-	February 2018
C/S A.003	Cospas-Sarsat System Monitoring and Reporting	3	-	February 2018
C/S A.004	Cospas-Sarsat System Exercising (not available in e-format)	1	1	July 1998*
C/S A.005	Cospas-Sarsat Mission Control Centre (MCC) Performance Specification and Design Guidelines	5	-	February 2018
C/S A.006	Cospas-Sarsat Mission Control Centre Commissioning Standard	5	-	February 2018
<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	3	-	February 2018
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	1	February 2018
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*
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## 8 COSPAS-SARSAT SYSTEM OVERVIEW



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

**Legend:**

COSPAS: Space system for the search of vessels in distress.  
 SARSAT: Search and rescue satellite-aided tracking system.  
 ELT: Emergency Locator Transmitter. in-flight Distress Tracking.  
 ELT(DT): Emergency Locator Transmitter for  
 EPIRB: Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon.

GEO: Geostationary satellite system.  
 LEO: Low Earth Orbit satellite system.  
 LUT: Local User Terminal.  
 MCC: Mission Control Centre.  
 MEO: Medium Earth Orbit satellite system.  
 PLB: Personal Locator Beacon.  
 RCC: Rescue Coordination Centre.  
 RLSP: Return Link Service Provider.  
 SAR: Search and Rescue.

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