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International spectrum monitoring

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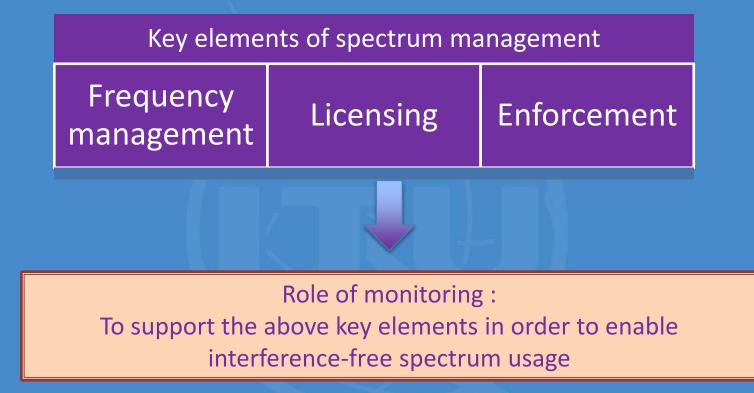
Outline of presentation

- Introduction to spectrum monitoring
- ITU-R documents on spectrum monitoring
- International monitoring system
- Regular and special monitoring programs
- Use of monitoring data in ITU





Role of monitoring in spectrum management



Definition: monitoring can be defined as a process of observing the radio frequency spectrum and reporting on its usage





Main goals of monitoring

- Goals of monitoring:
 - Assist in resolution of interference on a local, regional or global scale
 - Detect and identify illegal transmitters
 - Verify the proper technical and operational characteristics of emissions
 - Assist in ensuring acceptable quality of radio and TV reception by public
 - Provide information on actual use of spectrum, for example on :
 - channel occupancy
 - band congestion
 - Conformity of frequency usage to license conditions, et.
 - Provide valuable monitoring information for programs organized by the ITU/BR by participating in the International Monitoring System (IMS)





ITU-R activities on spectrum monitoring

- Development of ITU-R Recommendations, Reports and the Handbook on Spectrum Monitoring
 - studies are conducted in Working Party 1C of Study Group 1
 - The documents are available free of charge at http://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP, http://www.itu.int/pub/R-HDB
- Establishment and development of the International Monitoring System
- Maintenance of the List VIII International monitoring stations
- Conducting of regular and special monitoring programs (collection and distribution of data), taking actions on the reported infringements





Handbook on Spectrum Monitoring

- Handbook on Spectrum Monitoring, Geneva, 2011
 - Fundamental document (659 pages) describing all aspects of monitoring
 - Developed by leading specialist from all over the world
 - Complemented by ITU-R Recommendations

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- ■↓ ANNEX 1 TO THE HANDBOOK MONITORING SYSTEM PLANNING AND TENDERS







Examples of Recommendations on monitoring

- General requirements to monitoring stations:
 - SM.575 Protection of fixed monitoring stations against interference
 - SM.1050 Tasks of a monitoring service
 - SM.1392 Essential requirements for a spectrum monitoring system for developing countries
 - SM.1723 Mobile spectrum monitoring unit
- Methods of spectrum monitoring
 - SM.378 Field-strength measurements at monitoring stations
 - SM.1447 Monitoring of the radio coverage of land mobile networks to verify compliance with a given license
 - SM.854 Direction finding and location determination





Examples of Recommendations on monitoring (2)

- Automation of monitoring
 - SM.1537 Automation and integration of spectrum monitoring systems with automated spectrum management
- International cooperation in spectrum monitoring
 - SM.377 Accuracy of frequency measurements at stations for international monitoring
 - SM.1139 International monitoring system
 - SM. 1393 Common formats for the exchange of information between monitoring stations
 - SM. 1394 Common format for Memorandum of Understanding between the agreeing countries regarding cooperation in spectrum monitoring matters





International Monitoring System (IMS)

- Article 16 of the RR contains the provisions governing the establishment and operation of the IMS
- The IMS comprises of monitoring stations and centralizing offices voluntarily designated by administrations
- The characteristics of these monitoring stations are notified to the ITU and published in List VIII (Article 20 of the RR)
- Participating stations may be operated by an administration, a public or private agency, a monitoring service established jointly by several countries or by an international organization
- In addition to Art. 16, No. 3.14 of the RR urges administrations to arrange for frequent checks of the emissions of stations under their jurisdiction, to ensure that these stations comply with the RR





International Monitoring System (cont.)

- One of the main conditions for successful operation of the IMS is uniform coverage of the world by monitoring stations adequately equipped and participating in ITU monitoring programs
- Taking into consideration that there are still wide areas of the world where the facilities available to the IMS are inadequate or non-existent, Resolution ITU-R 23-2 (2012) resolves to:
 - Urge the participating administrations to continue to participate in the IMS
 - Urge non-participating countries to establish monitoring stations and take part in the IMS
 - Encourage cooperation and data exchange among stations of different administrations
 - Invite administrations having advanced systems to train officials from countries
- In accordance with this Resolution, the BR prepares and publishes summaries of monitoring data, supplied by stations participating in the IMS





List VIII – Monitoring Stations

- Monitoring station details are notified to the ITU and published by the ITU in List VIII
- List VIII contains particulars of monitoring stations participating in international monitoring, the addresses of centralizing offices and information on measurement abilities of stations
- It is essential that administrations having monitoring facilities notify the BR their particulars for inclusion into this List
- Monitoring stations in List VIII may help in the detection and elimination of harmful interference or infringements





List VIII – Monitoring Stations (cont.)

- The format of List VIII, Edition 2013 is described in Circular Letter CR/348 of 10 May 2013:
 - Preface : contains explanations about the publication in 6 languages
 - Summary Listings
 - Information concerning monitoring stations carrying out measurements related to stations of Terrestrial services:



• Additional information is available at:

http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/monitoring/listVIII/Pages/Internationalmonitoringstations.aspx





Terrestrial monitoring stations

List of administrations and their terrestrial monitoring stations (Table 1A)





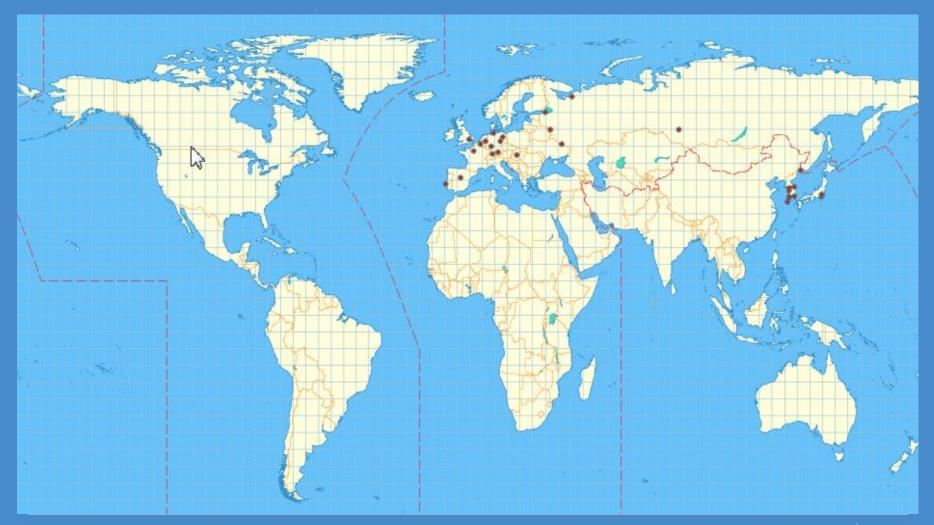
Notified terrestrial monitoring stations







Monitoring stations reporting to ITU







Space monitoring stations

List of administrations and their space monitoring stations (Table 1B)

TABLE 1B

ADMINISTRATIONS AND THEIR MONITORING STATIONS IN THE SPACE RADIOCOMMUNICATION SERVICES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF SYMBOLS)

Symbol	Name of the Station
ARG	Benavidez ARSAT earth station
	Buenos Aires (IMS)
CHN	Beijing (IMS)
D	Leeheim
J	Tokyo (IMS)
KAZ	GCC Akkol
KOR	Icheon
РАК	Wani-II
RUS	Belgorod (IMS)
	Khabarvosk
	Smolensk (IMS)
UKR	Kyiv
USA	Columbia, Maryland
VTN	Viet Tri





Regular monitoring program

- Regular monitoring program in HF bands (2 850 28 000 kHz)
- From 1947, monitoring summaries published since 1953
 - Objectives:
 - Indicate the spectrum occupancy
 - Identify stations whose emissions are not in conformity with the RR
 - Share data with administrations not having HF monitoring facilities
 - Submission
 - Data format and report submission procedure are described in CR/159 (2001)
 - Summaries and full data are available on the ITU website at: http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/monitoring/Pages/Regular.aspx





Regular monitoring program (cont.)

• Example summary of monitoring data for 01.10.12 to 31.12.12

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Special monitoring program Monitoring 406 – 406.1 MHz band Performed in accordance with Res. 205 (Rev. WRC-12)

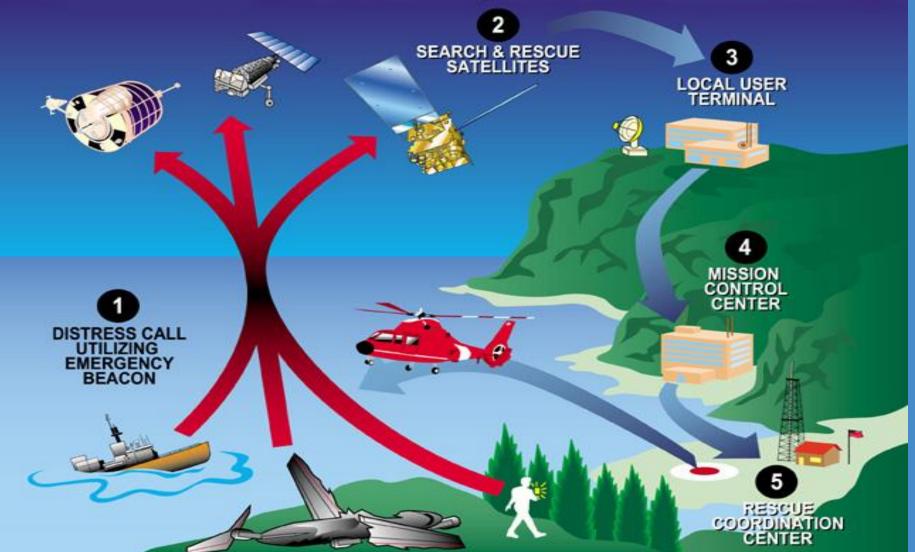
- Objective: to identify and locate unauthorized emissions in the band 406-406.1 MHz that cause harmful interference to the reception of satellite EPIRB signals of the COSPAS-SARSAT
- Statistics on the number of interfering emissions that have been detected and subsequently suppressed are published in the BR annual reports and also at: <u>http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/monitoring/Pages/Res205.aspx</u>





Cospas-Sarsat operation

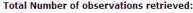
COSPAS-SARSAT System Overview



Special monitoring program (cont.)

 An online database query facility for the consolidated data relative to Resolution 205 can be found at: <u>http://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-R/terrestrial/res205/default.aspx</u>

Monitoring Programme band 406-406.1 MHz (Resolution 205, COSPAS-SARSAT) This page provides consolidated information extracted from the reports received from Administrations participating in the monitoring programme in the band 406-406.1 MHz in application of Resolution 205(Rev. WRC-12). The objective of this programme is to identify and locate unauthorized emissions in the band 406-406.1 MHz that cause harmful interference to the reception of satellite EPIRB signals of the COSPAS-SARSAT system.
Upon receipt of the reports, the Radiocommunication Bureau immediately contacts the Administrations responsible for the area where the unauthorized transmitters are located, requesting them to take immediate action with a view to stopping the emissions.
For further information on the use of this system, click <u>here</u> .
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Use of monitoring data by the Bureau

Assistance to administrations in cases of harmful interference:

- Pursuant to Article 15 of the RR, an administration may seek the assistance of the Bureau in resolving cases of harmful interference
- The Bureau may request the cooperation of monitoring stations of the IMS to help in identifying the source of harmful interference
- After having analyzed the results of the monitoring, the Bureau will contact the concerned administrations and recommend actions to be taken





Use of monitoring data by the Bureau (cont.)

Preparation for radiocommunication conferences:

- The Bureau may organize special monitoring campaigns in order to assess the actual usage of specific band(s) under consideration of the conference (e.g. The monitoring campaign organized prior to WRC-03 to support additional HF allocations to broadcasting service)
 - Results are submitted to the Conference to evaluate the impact of the proposed changes in allocations on the spectrum use
- A radiocommunication conference may instruct the Bureau to organize monitoring campaigns in order to obtain data concerning the use of a specific part of the spectrum and/or to support studies concerning interference caused to safety communications, to be further analyzed by a subsequent conference





Conclusions

- Spectrum monitoring is one of the key elements of a national spectrum management system
- Monitoring supports frequency planning, frequency assignment process, licensing and enforcement
- The importance of spectrum monitoring increases with growing demands on spectrum and introduction of new services
- The ITU-R developed a significant number of documents covering all aspects of spectrum monitoring
- The BR created IMS and organizes regular HF monitoring program as well as special 406-406.1 MHz program to protect safety services
- Administrations not yet participating in these monitoring programs are encouraged to take part in these programs





