



International Monitoring

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Spectrum monitoring overview

The purpose of spectrum monitoring is to support the spectrum management process in general, including frequency assignment and spectrum planning activities

Monitoring is closely associated with inspection and compliance in that it enables to:

- Assist in the resolution of electromagnetic spectrum interference, whether on a local, regional or global scale
- Detect and identify illegal transmitters
- Verify the proper technical and operational characteristics of emissions
- Assist in ensuring an acceptable quality of radiocommunication services, especially for security services
- Provide valuable monitoring data to an administration's electromagnetic spectrum management process concerning:
 - The actual use of frequencies and bands (e.g., channel occupancy and band congestion)
 - The effectiveness of spectrum management policies
- Provide valuable monitoring information for programmes organized by the Bureau by participating in the International Monitoring System (IMS)

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Historical background

- Historically, it was the intensive use of the HF bands, which led to the installation of numerous international monitoring stations:
 - In 1930, the first regional monitoring station was opened in Brussels (predecessor of the European Broadcasting Union - EBU)
 - At the 1947 Atlantic City Conference, Article 18 of the Radio Regulations (RR) laid down the foundation of the international monitoring system
 - In 1998, it became Article 16 of the RR
- Monitoring of the HF bands is still an important task but special attention should also be paid to the VHF, UHF and SHF bands, in view of the constant increase in the demand for the use of these bands

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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 to be made of the emissions of stations under their jurisdiction, to ensure that these stations comply with the RR at the national level

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International Monitoring System (IMS) (cont'd)

- One of the main conditions for successful operation of the IMS is uniform coverage of all parts of the world by monitoring stations adequately equipped and participating in ITU monitoring programmes
- 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 administrations to establish monitoring stations and/or take part in the IMS
 - Encourage cooperation and data exchange among stations of different administrations
 - Invite administrations that have more advanced systems to train officials from other administrations
- In accordance with this Resolution, the BR prepares and publishes summaries of monitoring data, supplied by the stations participating in the IMS, pursuant to Article 16 of the RR

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List VIII – Monitoring Stations

- Monitoring station details are notified to the ITU and, in accordance with Article 20 of the RR, published by the ITU in List VIII
- List VIII contains particulars of monitoring stations participating in international monitoring, together with the addresses of the centralizing offices and includes information on the measurements that each monitoring station is able to perform
- It is essential that those administrations already having terrestrial and/or space monitoring facilities which participate in the IMS notify the BR of the particulars of their monitoring stations for inclusion into this List
- Monitoring stations contained in List VIII may help in the detection and elimination of harmful interference or infringements
- Instructions for updating List VIII are found in the ITU Operational Bulletin.
- A free online search functionality of List VIII is available at:
http://www.itu.int/online/mms/mars/monitoring/l8_station_search.sh

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List VIII – Monitoring Stations (cont'd)

- The new format of List VIII, Edition 2013 (Circular Letter CR/348 of 10 May 2013):
 - Preface in form of a booklet: contains explanations concerning the contents of the publication in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish
 - Summary Listings:
 - List of administrations and their terrestrial monitoring stations
 - List of administrations and their space monitoring stations
 - Information concerning monitoring stations carrying out measurements related to stations of Terrestrial services:
 - Centralizing offices
 - Particulars and contact information of monitoring stations
 - Map of monitoring stations



- Additional information is available at:
<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/monitoring/listVIII/Pages/Internationalmonitoringstations.aspx>

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

TABLE 1A

Symbol	Name of the Station	Symbol	Name of the Station
CLM	El Caribe (Barranquilla-Atlántico)	FIN	Helsinki
	El Cerrito (Funza-Cundinamarca)		Jokioinen
	El Mirador (Cúcuta-N. Santander)	G	Baldock (IMS)
	La Sultana (Candelaria-Valle)	GRC	Athens, Airport (IMS)
	Llano Grande (Rionegro-Antioquia)		Athens, Aspra Chomata (IMS)
	Los Comuneros (Bucaramanga-Santander)		Athens, Marousi (IMS)
CLN	Kadirana		Athens, Penteli (IMS)
CME	Douala-Deido		Heraklion, Airport (IMS)
COD	Kinshasa		Mobile station
	Lubumbashi		Rhodes, Paradisi (IMS)
CTI	Abidjan		Thessaloniki, Psili Korifi (IMS)
CUB	Cuatro Caminos (IMS)		Thessaloniki, Water Tower (IMS)
CZE	Brno	HND	Miraflores (IMS)
	Ceske Budejovice	HNG	Tárnok (IMS)
	Hradec Kralove	HOL	Amersfoort (AT_EZ-Nera) (IMS)
	Jihlava	I	Monza (IMS)
	Karlovice		Roma (IMS)
	Pizen		Sorrento (IMS)
	Praha	IND	Chennai (IMS)
	Tehov		Kolkata (IMS)
	Usti nad Labem		Mumbai (IMS)
D	Berlin (IMS)		Nagpur (IMS)
	Darmstadt (IMS)		New Delhi (IMS)
	Itzehoe (IMS)	INS	Cangkudu
	Konstanz (IMS)		Kupang
	Krefeld (IMS)		Medan
	Leipzig (IMS)		Merauke
	München (IMS)		Samarinda
E	El Casar		Surabaya
	La Esperanza	IRN	Ali Abad
	Rozas		Mashhad
EGY	Giza		Tehran
EQA	Calderón	ISR	Tel Aviv
	Quito	J	Ishigaki
	Riobamba		Kumamoto
	Taura		Osaka
	Turi		Sapporo
EST	Kohtla-Järva		Suzu
	Kuressaare		Tokyo (IMS)
	Pärnu	KEN	Garissa
	Suurpalu		Kabete
	Tallinn		Kahawa
	Tallinn DF1		Kitale
	Tallinn DF2		Mazeras
	Tartu		Mobile station
	Favières (IMS)		Mombasa City
F	Rambouillet (IMS)		Railways

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
PAK	Wani-II
RUS	Belgorod (IMS)
	Khabarovsk
	Smolensk (IMS)
UKR	Kyiv
USA	Columbia, Maryland
VTN	Viet Tri

TABLE 1B

Information concerning monitoring stations carrying out measurements related to stations of Terrestrial services

CME - Cameroon				
Centralizing office		Postal address	Telephone, Telefax, Electronic-mail	Remarks
Centre de contrôle international de Douala		Circonscription des télécommunications Douala	TF : +237 3 421140	
Name of the station		Postal address	Telephone, Telefax, Electronic-mail	
Douala-Deido		Cameroon		
Geographical coordinates	Types of measurements	Ranges of frequencies for each measurement	Hours of service	Remarks
04°03'45"N 009°43'36"E	Frequency measurements	2 MHz - 30 MHz	H24	

CME - Cameroon

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Regular and special programmes

- Regular monitoring programme in the HF bands (2 850 – 28 000 kHz)
 - 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>

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Regular and special programmes (cont'd)

● Special programme:

- Pursuant to Resolution 205 (Rev. WRC-12), a special monitoring campaign has been in progress since 1987 in the 406-406.1 MHz band allocated exclusively to satellite emergency position-indicating radio beacons (EPRIBs) used in the COSPAS/SARSAT programme
- Statistics on the number of interfering emissions that have been detected and subsequently suppressed are published in the BR annual reports and also at:
<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/terrestrial/monitoring/Pages/Res205.aspx>

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Regular and special programmes (cont'd)

- An online database query facility for the consolidated data relative to Resolution 205 can be found at:

<http://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-R/terrestrial/res205/default.aspx>

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 [here](#).

DATABASE CONTAINING ALL REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE BR (SINCE 2008/01/01)

Please define the criteria for data retrieval:

Observer Administration: Geographical area of unauthorized emissions:

Frequency range: from MHz to MHz Site ID:

Geographical location: Latitude(DD.DDD): Longitude(DD.DDD): Radius(km):

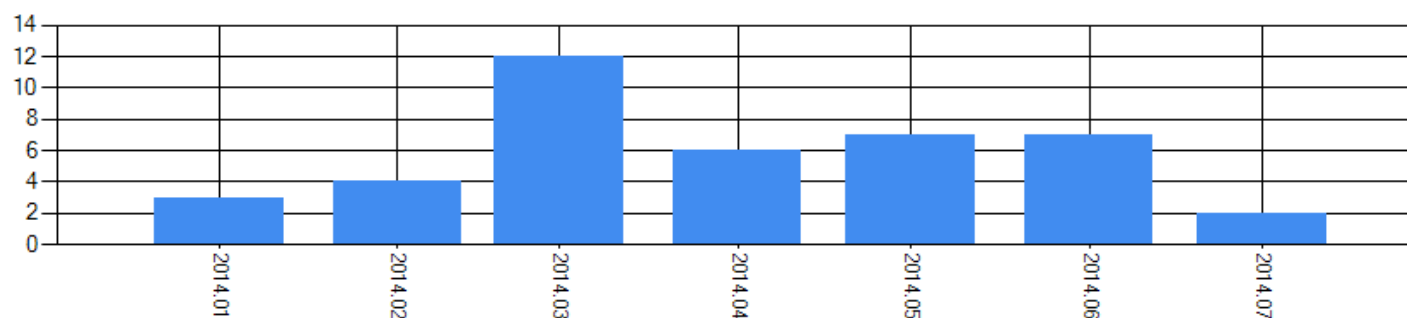
Date of observation: From: To: ☒ Paged Results

Total Number of observations retrieved:

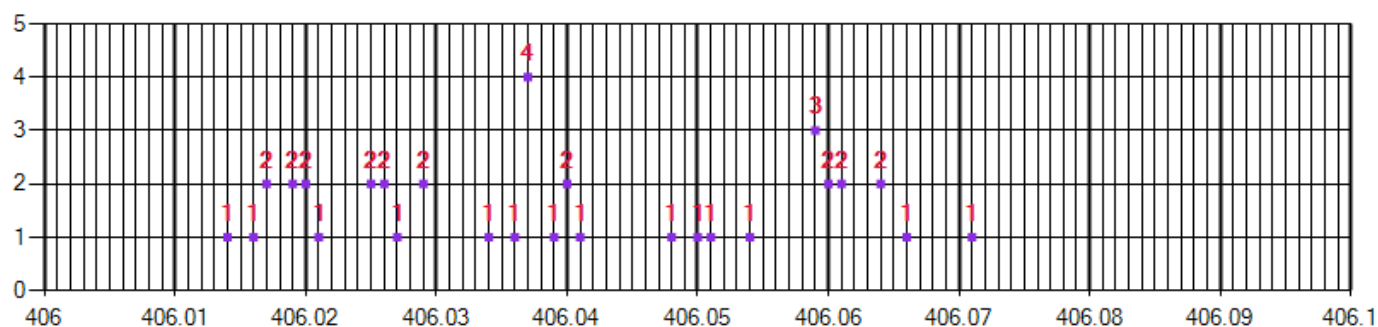
Total Number of observations retrieved: 41

	Observer	SiteID	Country	City	Direction	Distance	Latitude	Longitude	Frequency (MHz)	Observations	Monthly Ratio	First Date	Last Date
1	TUR	271013305	HOL	Rotterdam	E	33.2	52.21	4.43	406.06106	179	0.18	20140412	20140626
2	TUR	271013753	RUS	Gubkin	SSE	97.3	51.71	36.22	406.02904	32	0.02	20140527	20140701
3	TUR	271013857	RUS	Gubkin	ESE	41.5	51.53	37.17	406.02557	27	0.03	20140610	20140701
4	TUR	271013916	RUS	Ivanovo	SSW	46.3	56.85	40.34	406.02905	25	0.10	20140624	20140630
5	I	247000062	RUS	KURSK	ENE	8	51.77	36.28	406.014	58		20140523	20140630
6	I	247000064	HOL	LEIDEN	NE	4	52.19	4.52	406.071	17		20140605	20140619
7	I	247000065	RUS	TEYKOVO	SE	8	45.43	61.29	406.02	17		20140625	20140630
8	TUR	271012616	RUS	Groznyy	NNE	27.7	43.3	45.76	406.04800	92	0.10	20140111	20140220
9	TUR	271012619	RUS	Groznyy	NNE	27.6	43.31	45.76	406.06402	92	0.08	20140111	20140304
10	TUR	271012861	E	Valencia	E	16.3	39.63	-0.42	406.05912	25	0.10	20140218	20140219

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Number of emissions reported per month



Number of emissions reported per frequency (MHz)

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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 appropriate administrations or specially designated stations of the International Monitoring System that may be able to help in identifying the source of harmful interference
- After having analysed the results of the monitoring, the Bureau will contact the concerned administrations and recommend actions to be taken

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Use of monitoring data by the Bureau (cont'd)

Preparation for radiocommunication conferences:

- During preparations for a radiocommunication conference, and in view of changes to the Table of Frequency Allocations, the Bureau may organize special monitoring campaigns designed to supplement the data in the Master Register
 - Results are submitted to the Conference in the form of a report so that it may evaluate the impact of the proposed changes in spectrum use
- Equally, a radiocommunication conference may instruct the Bureau to organize special 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 analysed by a subsequent conference

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Study Groups

Study Group 1: “Spectrum management”

- WP 1C - Spectrum monitoring
- Next meeting: 3-10 June 2015 (TBC)
- <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/rwp1c/en>
- Handbook on Spectrum Monitoring
 - Available free of charge at <http://www.itu.int/pub/R-HDB-23>

Spectrum Monitoring
Edition of 2011



The Handbook on Spectrum Monitoring contains the latest information on all aspects of monitoring and represents a valuable reference manual for the spectrum management community. It is intended for the use by administrations of both developing and developed countries and by the Radiocommunication Bureau. The Handbook will also be useful to radiocommunication engineers everywhere.

Study Group 4: “Satellite Services”

- WP 4C – Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for MSS and RDSS
- Continue studies for the special programme
- Next meeting: 2015 (TBA)
- <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/rwp4c>

Final Remarks

- As demands on spectrum increase through the introduction of new services, so increases the importance of spectrum monitoring
- The BR continues to organize the regular HF band monitoring programme as well as the special 406-406.1 MHz band programme
- Administrations not yet participating in these monitoring programmes are encouraged to take part in these programmes in accordance with No. 16.5 of the RR
- Join ITU-R WP 1C to participate in the technical studies related to spectrum monitoring

*Thank you for
your attention!*

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