

# SEARCH AND RESCUE IN FRENCH GUIANA



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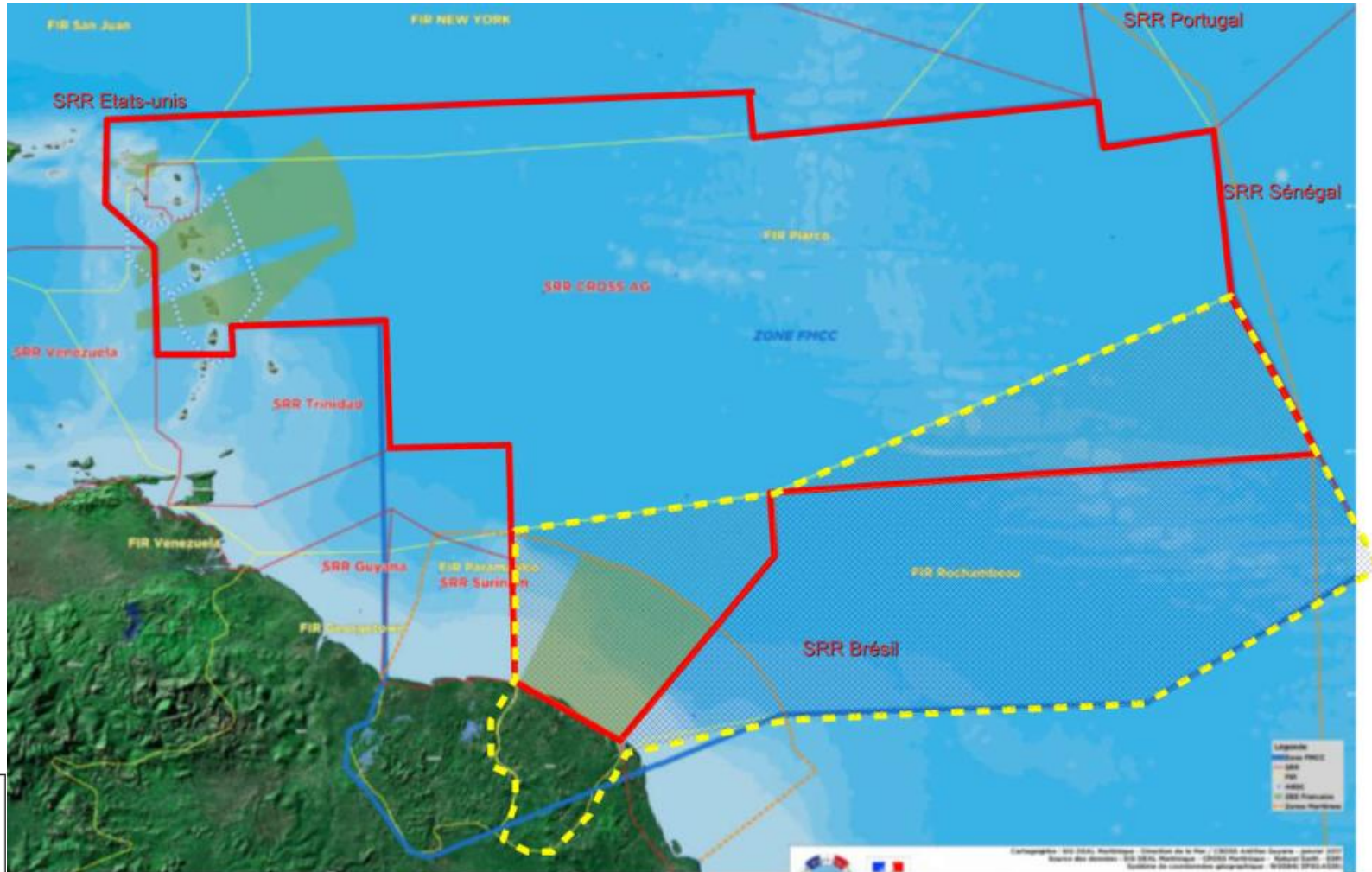
# 1 - SAR SERVICES LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The purpose of Search and Rescue (SAR) services is to provide assistance with maximum efficiency in the rescue of persons on board aircraft in distress and, on request to ensure aeronautical assistance to the rescue of human lives on land or at sea.

Pursuant to ICAO Annex 12, France is legally bound to organize and provide search and rescue services in the entire SAR area under its responsibility. Therefore, France fulfils this mission in French Guiana, through its ANSP, Direction des Services de la Navigation Aérienne (DSNA). Cayenne Control Center belongs to Service de la Navigation Aérienne Antilles Guyane (SNA-AG), which is DSNA's regional service provider.



## 2 - AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, AERONAUTICAL SAR, MARITIME SAR



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### 3 – TECHNICAL ASSETS

#### (A)RCC

Air Traffic Control Center (TWR/APP/ACC) : SOCA/SOOO

BRIA : Cayenne Regional Aeronautical Information Office

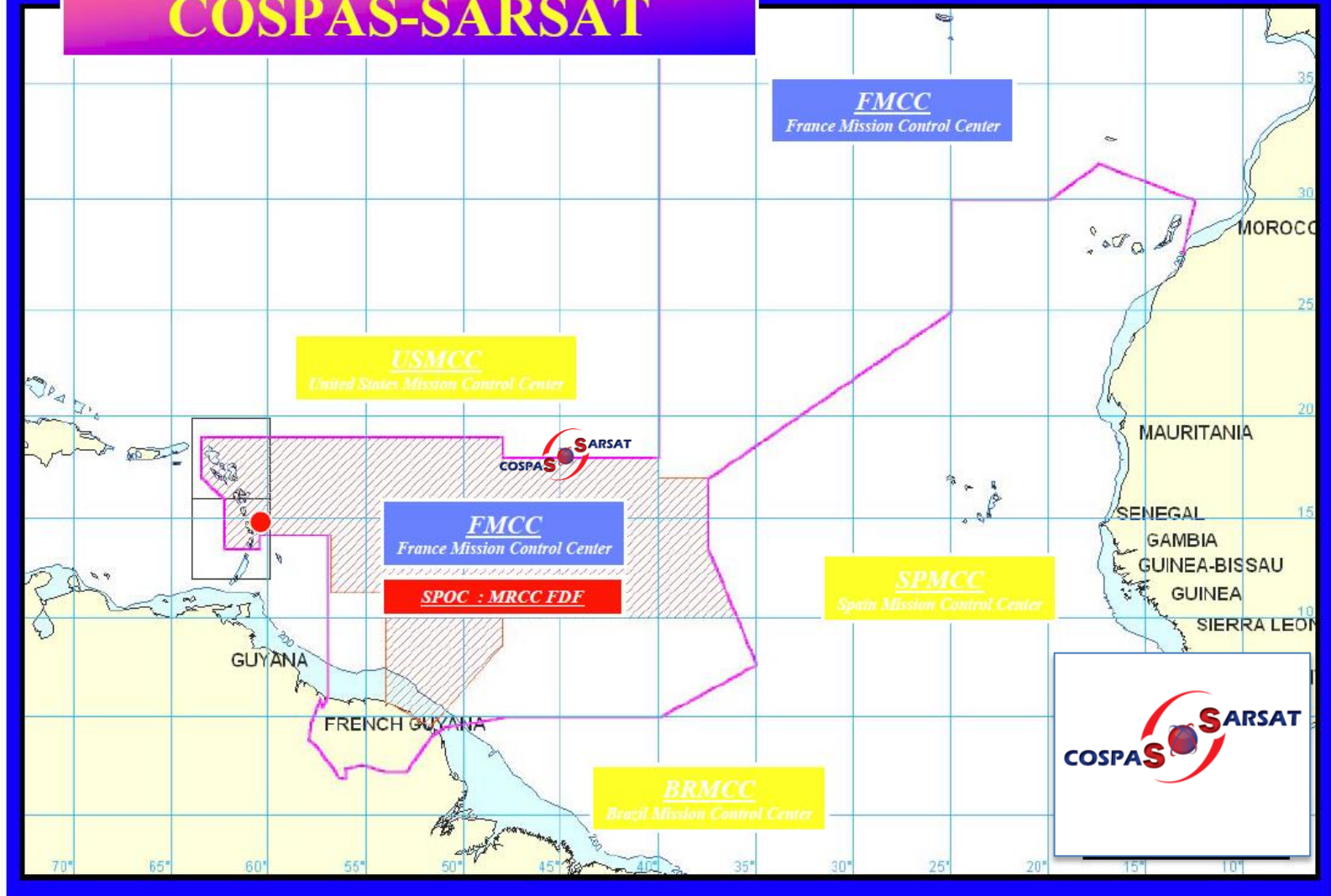
Endowment in SAR air-droppable life rafts

**Air assets** : complementary and occasional means, They consist of all military aircraft that are likely to participate to SAR operations on short notice.

Other means are State aircraft and private or public transport aircraft that can be activated on a temporary basis.

Civil Defense	Cayenne Félix Eboué	1 HEL/L	EC-145
French Air Force	Cayenne Félix Eboué	3 HEL/M	SA-332 PUMA
		2 HEL/L	AS-355 FENNEC
		2 MRG	CN-235 CASA
Gendarmerie	Cayenne Félix Eboué	1 HEL/L	EC-145
French Navy Air Force	Lorient (France)	1 VLR or	ATL2
	Dakar (Senegal)	1 MRG	FA-50

# COSPAS-SARSAT



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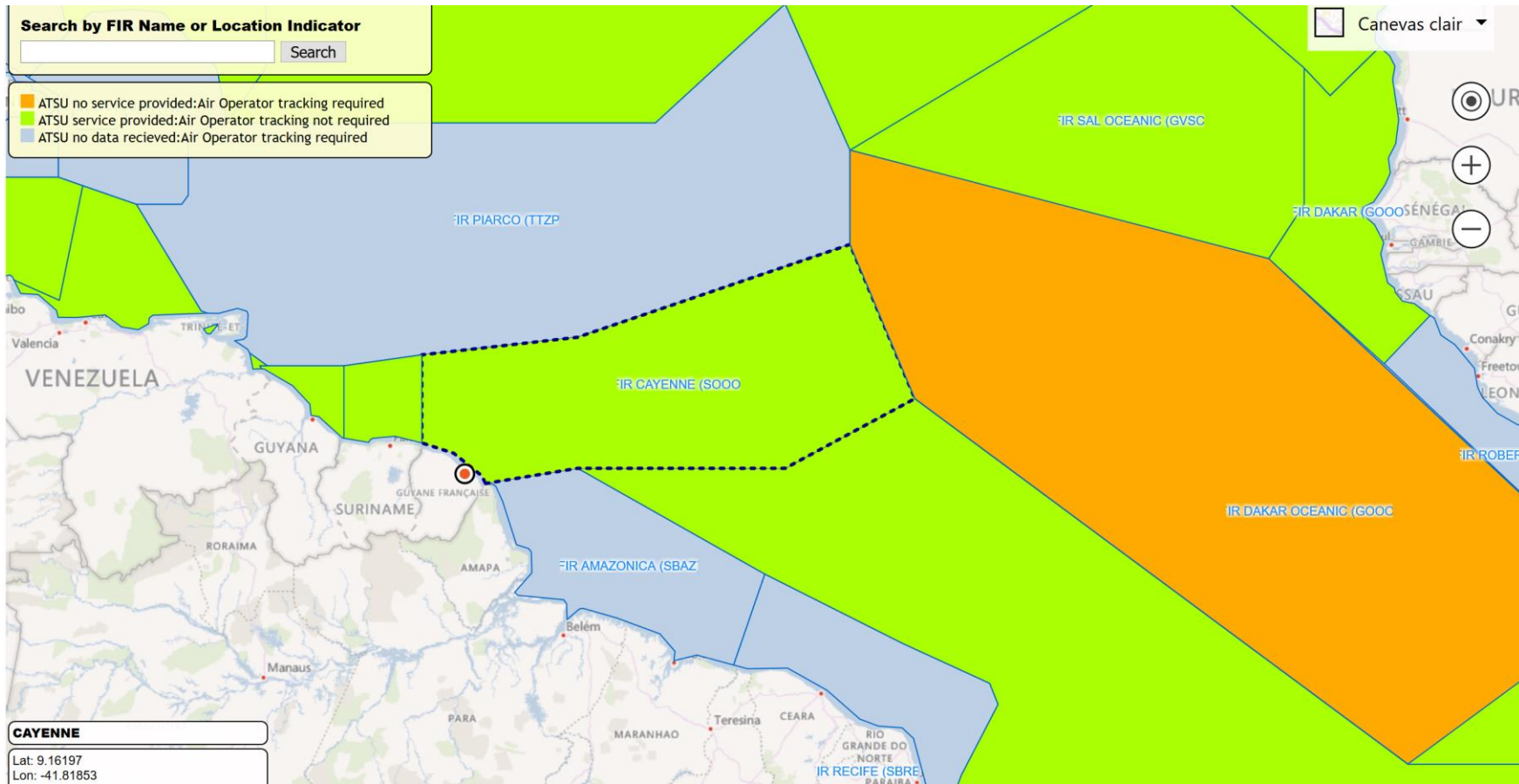


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## 3 – PROTOCOLS

**SRR PIARCO** : NIL

**SRR PARAMARIBO** : Technical Arrangement (June 2019)

**SRR AMAZONICO** : SAR Letter of Agreement (Oct 2007)

**SRR ATLANTICO** : NIL

**SRR DAKAR** : SAR Letter of Agreement (Nov 2016) / Technical agreement between France and Senegal for the permanent deployment of one SAR aircraft (Aug 1998)

**Quadripartite agreement of 20 May 1966** : a SAR cooperation agreement was concluded between France, Brazil, Surinam and Guyana. This agreement provides the possibility of mutual assistance between the four signatory countries to facilitate search and rescue operations in their respective territories.

## 5 - TRAINING

The National School of Civil Aviation (ENAC Toulouse, France) organizes one SAR training course a year.

In addition, the French European ARCC organizes one site SAR training course each year for ATCO supervisors, Duty Officers and Flight Ops Officers.



## 5 - EXERCISES - SAREX CACAO 2019

Following the Technical Arrangement signed in Paramaribo on June 25th 2019 between Suriname and French Guiana, three observers from Suriname attended the SAMAR exercise that took place in Cayenne on September 19th 2019.

As per ICAO and French Civil Aviation Authorities recommendations, a SAREX is mandatory every year. A land SAR exercise was conducted in 2018, therefore it was necessary to set up a maritime exercise in 2019. It was the first time such a SAREX was organized in French Guiana/Cayenne.

Since it was a maritime exercise involving an aircraft that crashed at sea off the Surinamese and French Guianese coasts, the following entities were involved:

- Cayenne Air Traffic Control Center
- Cayenne Air Traffic Control Center as Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Center
- CROSS AG – Maritime Rescue Coordination Center
- Civil Defense- French Air Force- French Navy- The Prefecture

