



**COMPENDIO DE DATOS EN MATERIA
DE BÚSQUEDA Y RESCATE DE
SANTA LUCIA**

In October 2018, the XII CDMA meeting was convened in Trinidad and Tobago. The Ministers of Defense discussed and agreed there should be ad hoc Groups organized by different member states to discuss hemisphere topics of mutual interest, to include the development of mechanisms of cooperation and coordination on Search and Rescue. The Ad Hoc group met from 08 to 12 April, 2018 in Mexico City and discussed the possibility of implementing a SAR data collection/compendium instrument to collate information which could be shared amongst Member States in relation to the Search and Rescue systems and structures currently in existence. This instrument can be utilized to strengthen existing relationships and mechanisms in order to enhance cooperation and coordination on Search and Rescue in the Region. The information in relation to Saint Lucia is as follows:

1. SAR REPRESENTATIVE.

Telephone – 1 758 455 6170, 452 3334, 452 2373 (Control Room)

Location – Dennery Fire Station

Social Media – nil

Web Pages – nil

2. SEARCH AND RESCUE COORDINATING CENTERS.

a. Urban Search and Rescue.

Saint Lucia Fire Service has primary responsibility for Urban SAR. The Fire Service Personnel are assisted by Police Officers from the Special Services Unit upon request.

- **LOCATION:** Manoel Street, Castries Saint Lucia.
- **CAPACITIES:** Fully equipped and trained for Water Rescue. Limited training and equipment for USAR.

b. Sea Sar.

Police Marine Unit has primary responsibility.

- **SCOPE:** Northern and Southern Divisions. Any CARICOM Member State once there is a request for assistance.
- **LOCATION:** Vigie, Castries, Saint Lucia.
- **CAPACITY:** 8 vessels.

c. Martinique Rescue Coordination Center (MRCCSEA SAR).

Provides coordination assistance to the Police Marine Unit as well as Maritime and Air support for SAR purposes.

- **SCOPE:** 100 nautical miles and as far north as Guadeloupe and as far south as St. Vincent and the Grenadines with coordination from MRCC.
- **CONTACT NUMBER** 1 758 456 3879 (North Operations Room, 24 hour service), 1 758 456 3662 (South Operations Room, 24 hour service)
- **LOCATION:** Fort De France, Martinique, Contact number 011 596 596 709292, email address: antilles@mrccfr.eu

d. Air Support – Regional Security System Airwing (RSS AW) and MRCC.

Provides support on request. RSS also provides ground support by mobilizing the CARICOM Disaster Relief Unit and LSAR Teams to Member States on request. Teams are equipped with a COMMS PACK and USAR equipment.

LOCATION: Regional Security System Headquarters, Barbados. Contact number 1 246 420 7110.

3. COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

SEA COMMS (Marine Unit OPS Room -1 758 456 3879)

2182 kHz, 156.8, 3023 and 5680 KHz, 121.5 and 243 Mhz and 123.1 MHz

LAND COMMS (Fire Service - Frequencies will be predetermined)

Telecommunications available: HF, UHF, VHF, CB, Cellular, and SATCOM

4. NATIONAL EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

National Emergency Management Office

Director – Ms. Velda Joseph

Deputy Director – Mr. Julian Dubois

Contact Information:

1 758 452 3802, 1758 452 4318, 1 758 452 6866

Email Address: admin@nemo.gov.lc

Website: www.nemo.gov.lc

SATPHONE NUMBER - 8816 414 34 538

5. SEARCH AND RESCUE MEANS

- a. **MARITIME** - (8 vessels 65 feet Patrol Boat, two 33 feet RHIB, two 27 feet Brunswicks, 27 feet P. O. 3, 40 feet P O 4, 27 feet Mako, 7 meter RHIB. Fire Service fully equipped with Water Rescue gear.
- b. **AIR SUPPORT** from RSS Airwing (2 planes) and MRCC.
- c. **GROUND** Fire Service has limited USAR equipment. Current equipment available: rescue rope, rescue baskets, wheel barrows, crow bars, sledge hammers, shovels, pick axes.

6. SAR SYSTEM OPERATION

See Maritime Search and Rescue Plan attached.

See Urban Search and Rescue Plan attached.

See Treaty on Security Assistance among CARICOM Member States attached.

See RSS Treaty Attached.

7. SEARCH AND RESCUE AREAS

AERIAL – Barbados, Martinique, Trinidad and Tobago.

TERRESTRIAL – Northern and Southern Division (locally).

8. CONDITIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF SEARCH AND RESCUE UNITS OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE TERRITORY.

- a. When the National Model is overwhelmed the Regional Response Mechanism (RRM) will be activated by CDEMA, hence, the Regional USAR Team(s) will be deployed on

request, when the RRM's capacity is exceeded Protocols for requesting International Assistance will be enacted see protocols attached.

b. MRCC provides constant support to Marine Unit.

c. Conditions for entry by another country:

- Must be party to an agreement
- Saint Lucia must request assistance
- Incoming personnel fall under the command of Lead local Authority.

9. AGREEMENTS ON SEARCH AND RESCUE.

- Saint Lucia Urban Search and Rescue Plan
- Saint Lucia National Emergency Plan
- Saint Lucia Maritime Search and Rescue Plan
- Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas July 05 2001
- Treaty on Security Assistance among CARICOM Member States
- RSS Treaty Attached
- International Maritime Organization Agreement between the Government of French Republique and the Government of Saint Lucia on Maritime Search and Rescue 2001.
- Convention on International Civil Aviation, Montreal, Canada 2001
- United Nations Convention Laws of the Sea.

10. MIND MAP GRAPHIC OF THE SAR SYSTEM.

Nil.

11. CAPABILITY.

Personnel are not qualified by INSARAG.

12. REQUIREMENTS AND OFFERS OF TRAINING THAT EACH COUNTRY CAN OFFER.

Training Needs (willing to provide accomodation, transportation assistance and meals for 2 Instructors or willing to provide airfare and subsistence for at least 2 participants).

Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maritime Search and Rescue Basic, Intermediate and Advance training• Underwater investigations,• Diving Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Training.
Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Search and Rescue Basic, Intermediate and Advance Training• Rappelling.

13. WEB SITE

Nil.