



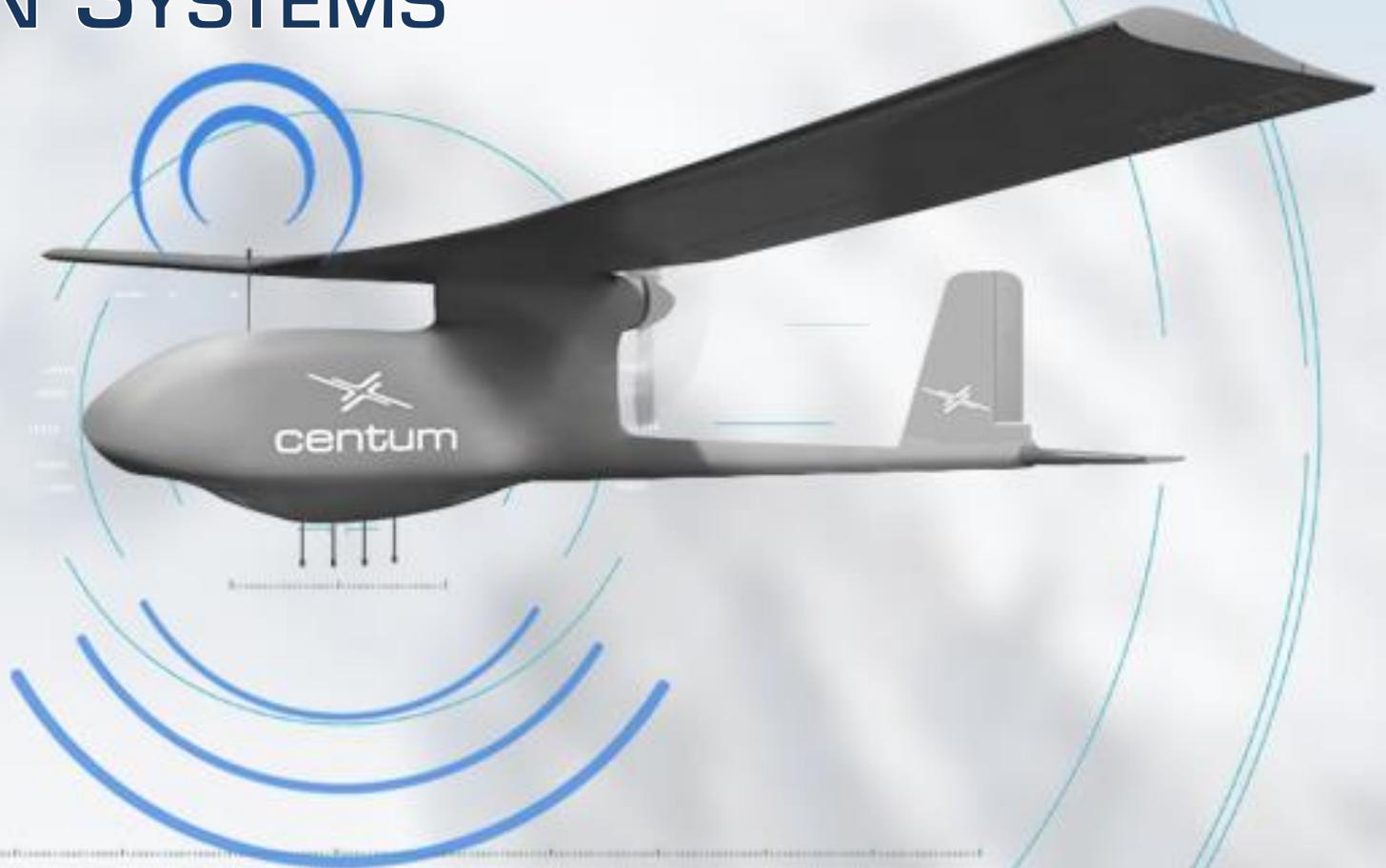
**MAXIMIZE  
RESULTS IN  
SEARCH AND  
RESCUE  
MISSIONS**

# **LIFESSEEKER**

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# AERONAUTICAL MISSION SYSTEMS



MOUNTAIN TRAGEDY

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# HELICOPTER



## IMAGE SENSORS





Mobile phones are  
the most extended  
radio beacons in  
the world

Visual Searching



Instrumental Searching

## New Capabilities



Visual Searching



Instrumental Searching

## Main advantages of the Instrumental Searching

- Search under **Low or No Visibility**, including **Night** flights
- Radio of detection of several **Kilometers**:
  - ✓ Reducing **Sweep Time** of the searching area
  - ✓ Reducing **Operating Cost**
- Detection under **Rubble** (earthquakes),  
under **Foliage** (forest areas),  
under **Snow** etc.



# LIFESSEEKER



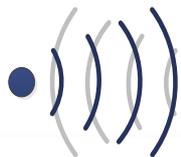
Software defined radio (**SDR**)  
Aerospace standards (**DO - 160**)  
Reduced **SWaP**

## Maximum Success in Search & Rescue Missions

### Functionality

- **Locates missing people** through their mobile phone
- **With no collaboration** of the missing person
- Works in areas **with / without coverage**
- Acts as a **communication relay**

*Detection*



*Geo-location*



*Communication*



LifeSeeker includes **two** subsystems:

## Onboard sensor

- Detects and locates **GSM transmissions**
- Sends **geographic coordinates** of the transmission to the control station



## Control station



- Provides **system intelligence** and operational control
- **Easily adapted** to mission needs

## Features

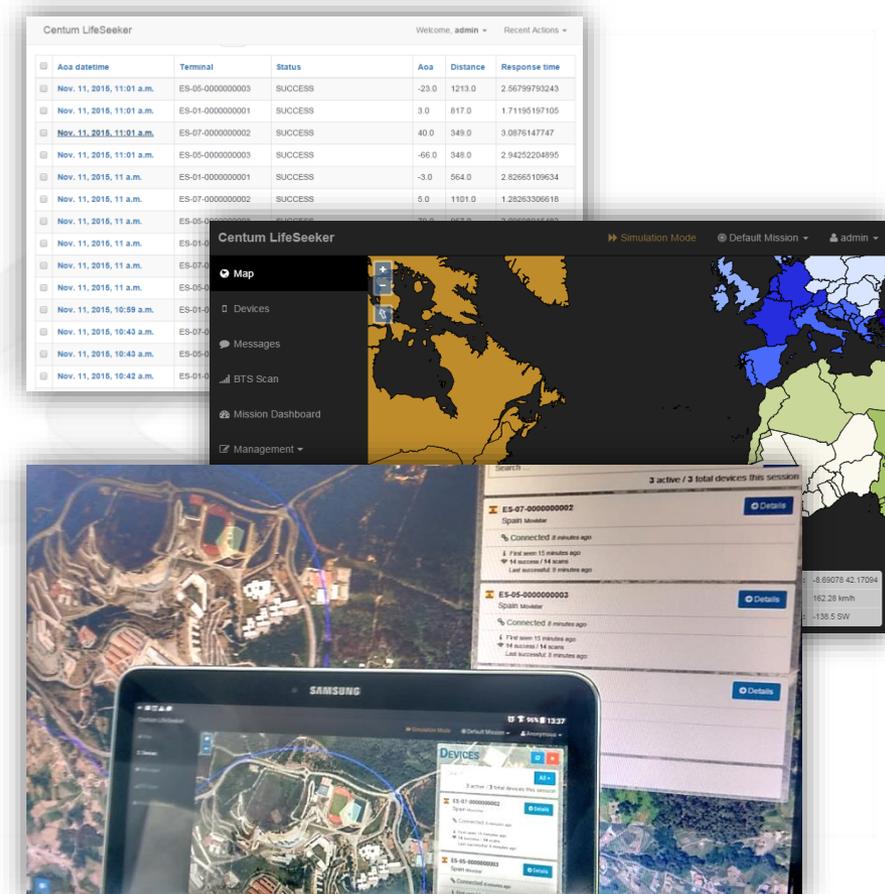
Maximize **User Experience**

**History mission record**

**Mission Simulator - Trainings**

**HTML5 (multi-OS, multi-devices)**

**Visual Event Notifications for the operator**





## 1. EMERGENCY ALERT

- Rescue team receives the alert

## 2. PLANNING

- Mission planning through system specific tools



## PLANNING & CONTROL

### 3. MISSION CONTROL

- The H/C flies over the search area  
- LifeSeeker provides GSM coverage  
- The operator controls the mission from the control station



### 5. GEO-LOCATION

- Mobile phone is located: latitude and longitude sent



### 6. COMMUNICATIONS

- Text message exchange between search & rescue team and victim  
- Situation assessment: risks, medical services needed, etc.



## RESCUE



### 7. RESCUE MISSION

- LifeSeeker sends missing person position and status to the rescue team



### 4. DETECTION

- LifeSeeker detects the mobile phone of the missing person  
- IMSI number is filtered and registered  
- No collaborative detection. No interaction required for the missing person

## SEARCH

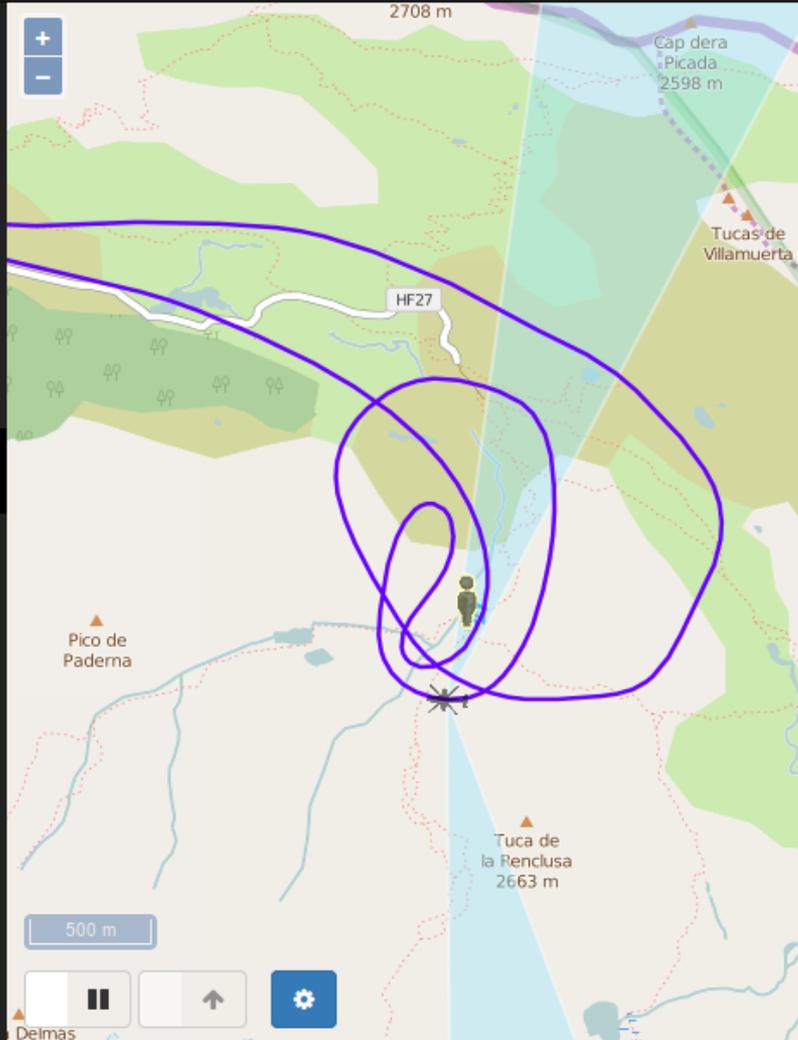
# LIFESEEKER: ANETO MISSION (3.404M)



Centum LifeSeeker

Localizacion Aneto Refugio admin

- Map
- Devices
- Messages
- BTS Scan
- Mission Dashboard
- Management



ES-01-9102219435 Test 35

Spain Vodafone  
214019102219435

Lost 14 days ago

First seen 14 days ago

42°40'11.29"N 0°39'1.21"E

AOA (Angle) RRLP (GPS)

Cannot scan this mobile device because it is **not connected**.

Source	Date/Time	OK	
38	14 days ago	✓	Accuracy: 4,000 m
37	14 days ago	✓	Accuracy: 4,000 m
36	14 days ago	✓	Accuracy: 4,000 m
35	14 days ago	✓	Accuracy: 30 m
34	14 days ago	✓	Power: -62.1 dBm
33	14 days ago	✓	Accuracy: 40 m
32	14 days ago	✓	Power: -56.6 dBm
31	14 days ago	✓	Accuracy: 40 m
30	14 days ago	✓	Power: -48.2 dBm

Distance: 141km Mission Time: 14.5min Location Error: 26,5m

## Need to implement or modify certain operating processes

1. New conditions to consider in flight planning:
  - **Visibility**
  - **Altitude**
2. Flight pattern to follow to maximize probability of detection by **Instrumental Search**
3. New **operative procedure** might need to be develop (IMSI)



**LIFESEEKER is a great complement to the current technologies and procedures able to maximize search mission success**

**Some benefits:**

- **Searching Time**
- **Operational Cost**
- **Risk**

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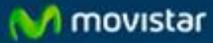
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## KEY FEATURES

- GSM 900 band communications
- Narrowband (200 kHz) and wideband (25 MHz) modes
- Cognitive Radio techniques for dynamic spectrum allocation
- Software Defined Radio (SDR) core technology for easy scalability and upgrading
- Accurate GPS positioning for detected mobile phones
- Conduction cooling
- Built-In-Self-Test capabilities
- Mission Planning Software
- Call send/receive functionality
- SMS send/receive functionality

## TECHNICAL SPECS

- 4 Rx RF channels (for phased array)
- 1 Tx RF channel
- 2 x RS-232 ports for datalink and AHRS interfacing
- Rugged 3U-VPX architecture
- Ethernet interface
- Reduced SWaP:
  - Size: 143x189x215 mm
  - Weight: <8kg
  - Power: 88 W
  - Transmission power: 4W
  - Frequency range: 800-900 MHz

## LIFESEEKER

Airborne Base Transceiver & Geo-localization System

LIFESEEKER is an innovative on-board system capable of locating mobile phones accurately and without network coverage, which provides Base Transceiver Station (BTS) services 24 hours a day, even under adverse weather conditions.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

LIFESEEKER is a state-of-the-art radio system designed to locate missing people under extremely adverse conditions, leading rescue teams to the persons in danger.

LIFESEEKER also acts as a communications relay for mobile voice and messaging services between the missing party and the rescue teams.



LIFESEEKER comprises an on-board payload and an on-ground control console. The on-board subsystem detects GSM transmitters and uses a phased array antenna to locate the source of the transmission. The geographic coordinates of the signal source are communicated to the ground control station.

The on-ground subsystem serves as the operational and control station, from where the mission operator can coordinate LIFESEEKER operations.

LIFESEEKER supports both single phone and multi phone detection modes.



## \_sBTS protocol



# LifeSeeker

## Geo-location and communication system



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