

Pole Star moves beyond 30 LRIT centres

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Long range identification and tracking (LRIT) specialist Pole Star reports that it has now established more than 30 LRIT Data Centres, and has become the provider of the largest number of these facilities worldwide.

Since the LRIT system became operational on 1st July 2009, Pole Star has established more than Data Centres that cover around 8,500 vessels, transmitting positional data on a continuous basis.

This flow of data provides SOLAS contracting governments with information enabling them to monitor vessels registered to their own flag, and to request information on other vessels in which they have a legitimate interest.

Dr Sam Ryan, chair of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) LRIT Ad Hoc Working Group, commented: "Pole Star has worked very closely with the IMO and the many Flag Administrations to whom they provide LRIT Data Centre services to ensure the data reporting procedure is seamless."

"This is an outstanding example of technology being used to produce a robust and reliable system that is going to have a substantial impact on maritime safety and security. We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with Pole Star in order to further develop and improve the system."

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