

INTEGRATED MULTI-SENSOR TETHERED DRONE

AERIAL MONITORING SYSTEM



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Maximize your ISR capabilities for land, air, and maritime operations. CRFS' proven RF sensor integrated into a high-performance tethered drone enables variable-height monitoring of VHF, UHF, and SHF transmissions. It supports tactical surveillance, geolocation as part of a TDoA network, signals intelligence, and over-the-hill reconnaissance to enable rapid decision-making.

Portable and rapid to deploy

Aerial RF and optical monitoring system that can be deployed at variable heights up to 100m (320ft) to increase line-of-sight, enabling surveillance over a large collection area.

Quiet

Passive RF sensors have no RF emissions, and the drone is aurally quiet, meaning adversaries remain unaware they are being monitored. This capability enhances the covert nature of ISR operations.

Flexible configuration

The system can be operated as a standalone multi-sensor unit (RF and camera), or form part of a sensor network for precise 2D / 3D geolocation with other fixed or mobile platforms.

Mission-ready solution

CRFS has partnered with ISS Aerospace, experts in autonomous aerial systems, to deliver a mission-ready turnkey solution: a drone with an integrated RFeye Node and high-performance optical / infrared camera, tether station, and Ground Control Station. Components are all supplied in custom-built Peli cases for maximum performance, functionality, portability, and ease-of-use.

Technical capabilities

- Portable, rapid deployment (deployed in 8 minutes, airborne in 60 seconds)
- Variable height sensor, deployable up to 100m (improving line-of-sight)
- Enhances RF superiority across all engagement types: air-to-air, air-to-ground, and integrated maritime
- Enhances 2D and 3D TDoA networks for geolocation
- Turnkey solution consisting of drone, RF sensor and camera payload, tether station, and Ground Control System in three easy-to-deploy portable cases
- Antennas provided are capable of a 30MHz to 18GHz detection range
- High specification stabilized optical and thermal camera with AI-based object detection, tracking, classification, and bounding
- High fidelity (I/Q data) record, capture, stream
- Tactical, covert, enables rapid decision-making

Applications

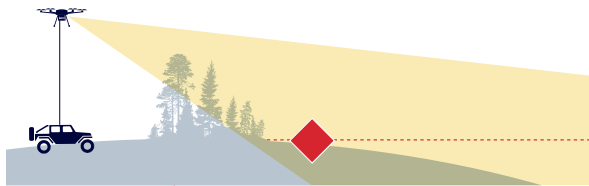
- Border security monitoring
- Force / base protection
- Coastal / maritime surveillance
- Target acquisition
- Regulatory enforcement

MULTI-DOMAIN INTEGRATION

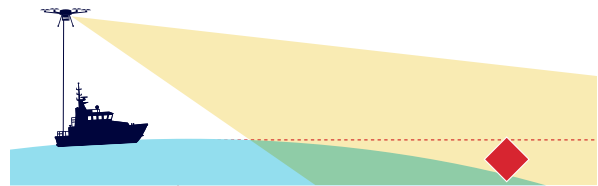


CRFS' Aerial Monitoring System delivers the following benefits:

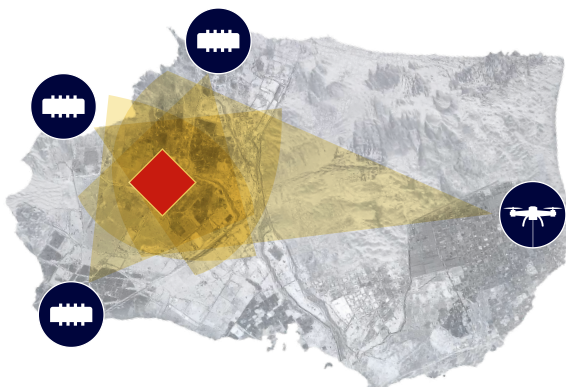
- Improved line of sight, enabling more precise and comprehensive surveillance over a greater coverage area, better geolocation accuracy, and greater visibility and clarity of the RF environment.
- Variable height sensor, which can be deployed anywhere, anytime, provides flexibility and adaptability to changing mission requirements. The drone can be flown at full height or deployed to conduct ISR missions just above the tree line.
- This capability reduces the risk to personnel by allowing remote operation away from potentially hazardous areas.
- The Aerial Monitoring System can reach 100m in height within ten minutes of arriving on site, unlike a traditional mast which could take days to erect. This allows operators to passively monitor the RF and visual spectrum almost immediately, and to redeploy quickly if needed.
- The system offers flexibility and connectivity—functioning independently, within a networked C2 system, or as a scalable subsystem for diverse operational requirements.
- TRL-9 (proven NATO, UK MoD and US DoD) RF sensor technology.



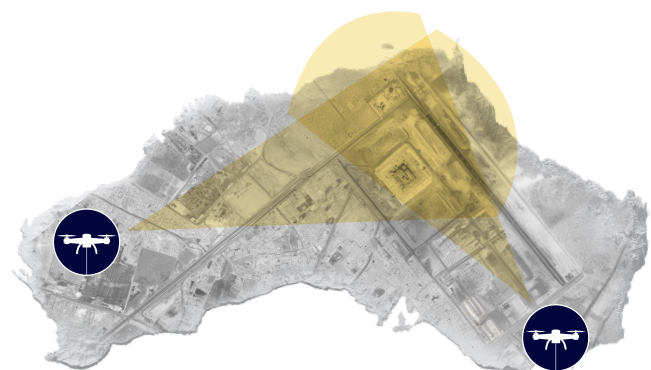
⚡ Tethered drone operating at 100m for over-the-hill reconnaissance



⚡ Height provides extended line-of-sight and a larger data collection cone



⚡ Tethered drone with RF sensor (flying at 100 m) enhances a fixed TDoA network (ground-based RF sensors)



⚡ Permanent tethered drones for critical infrastructure / base protection

SUMMARY FEATURES & BENEFITS



Tethered Drone with RF Sensor and Camera Payload

| Features | Solutions |
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| Lightweight, high performance RFeye Node 100-18 LW | Wideband radio monitoring and geolocation of transmitters to 18GHz with 100MHz of instantaneous bandwidth capture |
| Dual omnidirectional antennas | 30MHz-512MHz and 500MHz-18GHz fitted as standard |
| Integrated optical and thermal camera | Track static and moving objects, detect and classify objects such as people, vehicles, vessels, smoke, fire, and license plates |
| Bespoke ISS Sensus M4 drone with fail safe systems: triple redundant barometer / altimeter, triple redundant IMU / compass, and ballistic parachute with termination controller | Operational confidence from very high levels of performance and reliability |
| IP65 rating | Operates in harsh weather conditions |
| Min/Max Temp: -19°C to +55°C | Wide operational envelope |
| Max continuous flight time 48 hours | - |
| Weight (in case): 22kg | - |

Tether Station

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| Bespoke Peli case with integrated shock / vibration mounted Elistair 100m tether | Portable, rugged, reliable |
| Environment control system with active heating and cooling | Reliably operate in harsh environments |
| 16A and 32A power in connections | Versatility in operating conditions |
| IP ratings: IP65 (closed) / IP54 (with hatch open) | Operates in harsh weather conditions |
| Min/Max Temp: -20°C to +50°C | Wide operational envelope |
| Weight: 40kg | - |

Ground Control Station

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| Bespoke Peli case containing two PCs with 17" (43 cm) OLED daylight visible monitors running ISS drone control software and CRFS RFeye Site software | Easy to use command centre with connectivity to C2 |
| Hardware UAV interface – tactile / haptic buttons and microcontroller interface for joystick | Three methods of controlling the drone |
| 8TB SSD in dock with payload data purge / wipe system, hard wipe key and UAV purge / scuttle capability | Ability to destroy data / render the system useless in the event of an emergency threat |
| HDMI & DP output | Display drone and RF / camera information on external screens |
| Ethernet and fibre in/out connections | Flexibility on location of the GCS. Can be located remotely from the tether using a variety of connections |
| Rugged, armoured 15m fibre, ethernet, and DC24V cables for connection to the tether station | - |
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| Environment control system with active heating and cooling | Operates in harsh weather conditions |
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Tethered flying height: to 100m | Wind resistance: 14 m/s | Hover accuracy: 1m
Altitude accuracy: 0.5m | See data sheet for full specification

ORDERING INFORMATION

Aerial Monitoring System

| Part Number | Description |
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| SYS-UAS0024 | <p>Aerial Monitoring System bundle includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bespoke ISS Sensus M4 UAV with integrated payload consisting of RFeye Node 100-18 LW, set of 2 antennas, RF cables, Platform Integration Adaptor, NextVision DragonEye2 optical / thermal camera Bespoke tether station in a Peli case Bespoke Ground Control Station in a Peli case RFeye Site software with EMP API and generic pulse / energy detector |



Tethered drone
Bespoke ISS Sensus M4 with dual sensor payloads



Passive RF sensor payload
Consisting of RFeye Node 100-18 LW & two antennas



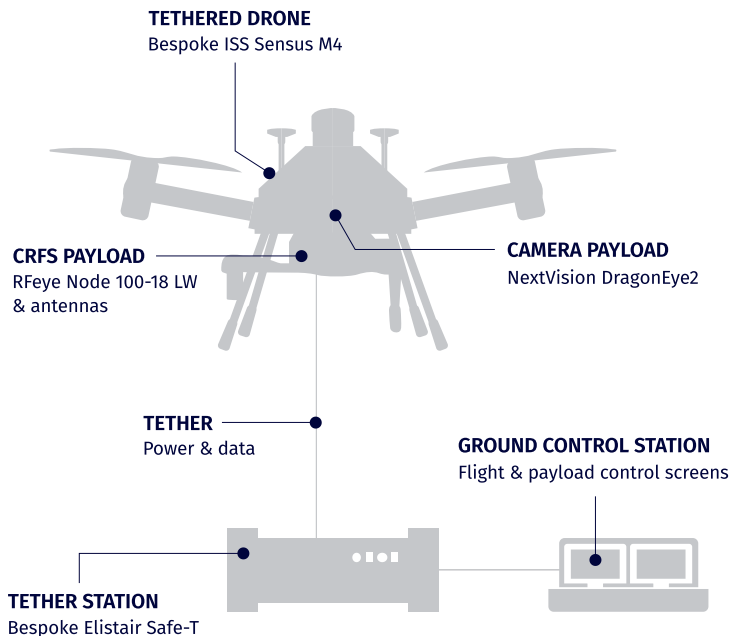
Integrated camera
NextVision DragonEye2 optical / thermal camera



Tether station
Bespoke Elistair Safe-T custom-built by ISS



Ground Control Station
Custom-built by ISS



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- 1-day drone operator (handling) training
- 2-day RFeye Site software introduction and training
- Spares kit (propellers & legs)

FURTHER READING



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