

Mission Status Report 356

Reference Period: 18 May 2021 – 24 May 2021

Mission status

- The Copernicus Sentinel-1A and Sentinel-1B routine operations are on-going.
- **Despite the critical situation in Europe due to the COVID-19, efforts are being made to ensure the continuity of the Sentinel-1 mission operations**
- The Copernicus Sentinel-1 observation scenario supports the systematic coverage of Copernicus Services areas of interest, of European land and coastal waters, of global tectonic/volcanic areas, as well as of other areas worldwide for various applications. The observation plan also includes a regular mapping of all land areas worldwide.
- World maps providing a high level description of the Sentinel-1 constellation observation scenario, in terms of SAR modes, polarisation, observation geometry, revisit and coverage frequency are available at: <https://sentinels.copernicus.eu/web/sentinel/missions/sentinel-1/observation-scenario>
- The detailed observation plan in the form of instrument acquisition segments, for both Sentinel-1A and Sentinel-1B is published at: <https://sentinels.copernicus.eu/web/sentinel/missions/sentinel-1/observation-scenario/acquisition-segments>
- **Specific Sentinel-1 observations were planned and/or actions performed (NRT data provision) in response to the following calls from the International Charter Space and Major Disasters:**
 - **Call 818 on 21 May 2021, related to floods in Russian Federation**
 - **Call 819 on 22 May 2021, related to the M7.3 earthquake in Southern Qinghai, China. For this call, a specific planning ensuring a 6-day repeat in both ascending and descending geometries using both satellites will be performed over the next months in order to support the scientific characterisation of this major earthquake and related replicas, upon request from European and US scientists**
 - **Call 820 on 23 May 2021, related to the Nyiragongo volcano eruption – see below**
- **Specific Sentinel-1 observations were planned to support the monitoring of the Nyiragongo volcano eruption near Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo. The objective is to provide a 6-day repeat in both ascending and descending geometries using both satellites in order to support the scientific monitoring of this major eruption.**
Note: the Rapping Mapping service of the Copernicus Emergency Management Service has been activated on 22 May 2021 (EMSR513), asking for VHR optical data.
- Both Sentinel-1A and -1B spacecraft are in a stable state, operating in Nominal Mission Mode (NMM). The Flight Operations Segment (FOS) ensuring the monitoring, control and commanding of the satellites is operating nominally. Orbit control manoeuvres are performed once a week
- The use of the EDRS-A service by Sentinel-1A and -1B is on-going as part of the routine operations
- Ground Segment operations have continued smoothly as part of the on-going Payload Data Ground Segment (PDGS) service operations, the transfer to the cloud has been finalised for all production related activities and data flows were modified to use public internet
- Sentinel-1 production is successfully performed on the cloud since 23 February 2021 in line with the new ground segment architecture and interfaces. The legacy PDGS PAC and PDMC centres have been decommissioned end of March 2021
- X-Band data acquisitions are routinely performed over Matera, Svalbard, Maspalomas and Neustrelitz X-band core stations. The acquired data are circulated within the PDGS, systematically processed to Level-0 and Level-1 products and archived
- Wave Mode data are regularly acquired over open oceans, systematically processed to Level-2 OCN products and made available. Sentinel-1 IW and EW Level-2 OCN products over regional ocean areas are available on the Data Hubs. The operations of the systematic generation and distribution of Sentinel-1 level-2 OCN products derived from IW, EW and SM modes over seas at global level is on-going since 15 November 2017 (relevant for the Wind component - OWI). The operational qualification of the Level-2 the OCN Radial Surface Velocity (RVL) component is on-going.
- By 6th May 2021, a total of 452,947 users have self-registered on the Sentinels Open Access data Hub; 34 million Sentinel-1 product download have been made by users, representing 42 PB of data. 6.6 million Sentinel-1 products are available on-line for download, representing 10.7 PB of data. Statistics of last 24 hours are available in real time at the Open Data Hub home page: <https://scihub.copernicus.eu>

Outlook

- Continuation of Sentinel-1 constellation routine operations
- **FRINGE workshop from 31st May to 4th June 2021**

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