

Mission Status Report 346

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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 over seas and coastal areas to support the monitoring of the tropical cyclones Habana (South Indian Ocean) and Niran (South Pacific Ocean, New Caledonia area)**
- **Sentinel-1A was unavailable on 2nd March 2021 between 05:34 UTC and 11:52 UTC, due to a Payload Data Handling and Transmission (PDHT) sub-system software anomaly. No data were generated during this period, data acquired slightly before this period may have been affected.**
- **Delays have been encountered in the availability of Sentinel-1 orbit auxiliary files, actions are on-going to restore the timely delivery of these files.**
Some changes in the access to Sentinel-1 processor and orbit auxiliary files have been implemented. See details at: <https://sentinel.esa.int/web/sentinel/-/access-to-sentinel-1-processor-and-orbit-auxiliary-files>
- **The access to the Sentinel-1 Quality Control Web Site has changed, see at:** <https://sentinel.esa.int/web/sentinel/-/sentinel-1-quality-control-web-site-change>
- 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
- X-Band data acquisitions are routinely performed over Matera, Svalbard and Maspalomas X-band core stations. The acquired data are circulated within the Payload Data Ground Segment (PDGS), systematically processed to Level-0 and Level-1 products and archived
- Operations are performed regularly at the Processing and Archiving Centres. All other PDGS operational services (i.e. Mission Performance, Precise Orbit Determination, Wide Area Network) are operating nominally
- 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 4th March 2021, a total of 431,267 users have self-registered on the Sentinels Open Access data Hub; 32 million Sentinel-1 product download have been made by users, representing 40.5 PB of data. 6.4 million Sentinel-1 products are available on-line for download, representing 10 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

