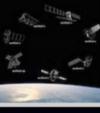
About Copernicus

Overview

Copernicus is the most ambitious Earth observation programme to date. It will provide accurate, timely and easily accessible information to improve the management of the environment,



Space Component

The success of Copernicus will be achieved largely through a well-engineered Space Component for the provision of Earthobservation data to feed into a range of services for monitoring the environment

ESA's Sentinel satellites



Overview

ESA is developing a new family of missions called Sentinels specifically for the operational needs of the Copernicus programme. Each Sentinel mission is based on a constellation of two satellites







































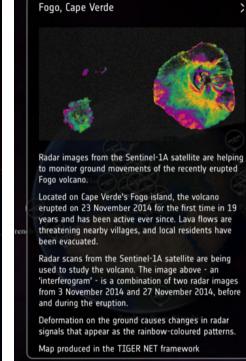












years and has been active ever since. Lava flows are threatening nearby villages, and local residents have been evacuated. Radar scans from the Sentinel-1A satellite are being used to study the volcano. The image above - an 'interferogram' - is a combination of two radar images from 3 November 2014 and 27 November 2014, before and during the eruption. Deformation on the ground causes changes in radar

