

Working towards the Mission Concept Review of an International Cooperative Space Project a Mesoamerican CubeSat

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Background

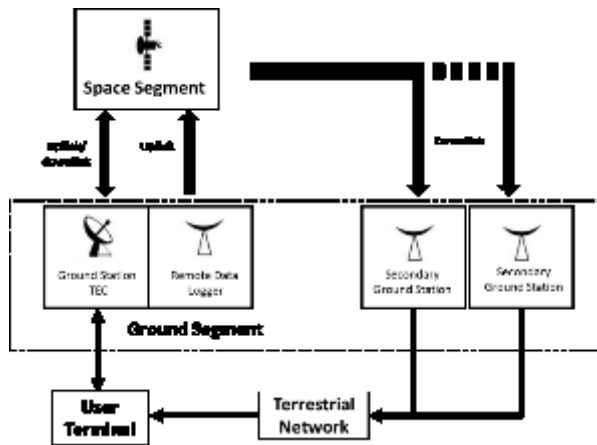


Objective

Become the cornerstone of cooperation in space technology to the service of the development goals of the area.

Advantages: Experienced teams!

Irazú



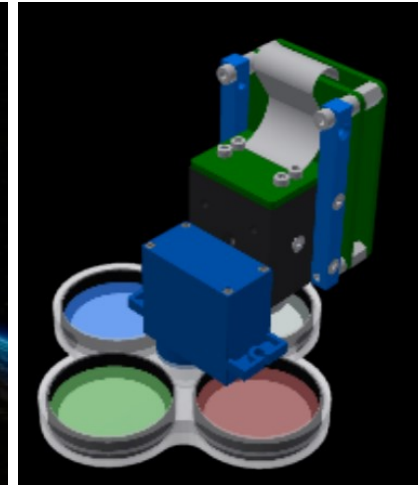
Started in 2013: Cubesat 1U
First Costarrican satellite

Mission: Store and forward of data from tree growing in remote locations.

Current status: in operation

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Quetzal-1



Started in 2014: Cubesat 1U
First Guatemalan satellite

Mission: Monochromatic sensor with motorized carousel for water color monitoring

Current status: Assembly and test currently in execution.

Opportunity

- Two trained teams
- Two operating CubeSats by 2019.
- Same language/ culture
- Geographical closeness



Same necessities to be solved!

Challenges

- Small countries = small budgets
- No active space government organization in Central America

How do we take advantage of
the opportunities and overcome
the challenges?

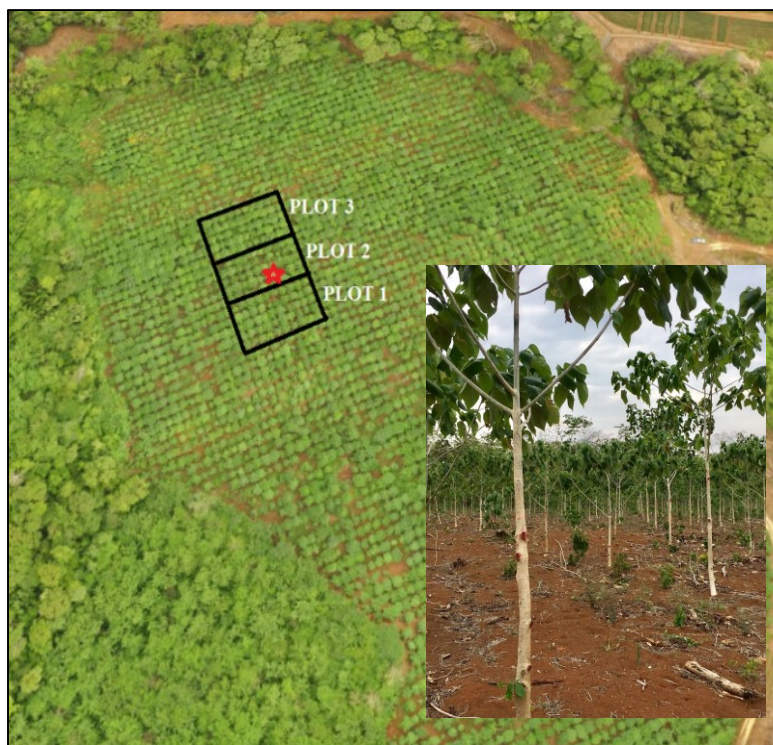
cooperate!

Fine, let's cooperate. Why should we do it?

 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

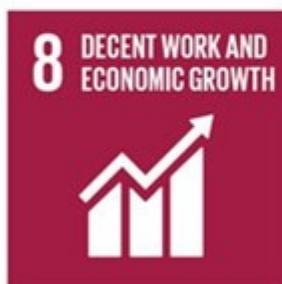


The mission: Forest mapping*



*for now

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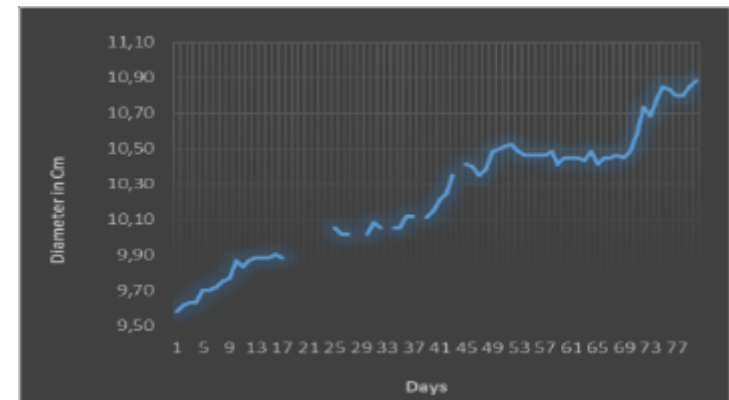


The mission: how?

- Mission was defined via a methodology developed in UVG
- Makes use of developments from Irazú and Quetzal
- High potential of international support

Ok, we get the idea. What are you people doing next?

- Add stakeholders in Central America (all countries are invited) and partners internationally, with special focus on Latin America (Mexico is here!).
- Complete the process where the possible users of the technology help shape the mission:
 - Environmental organizations
 - Agricultural organizations
 - Emergency committees
- Define what is the risk/development ratio to be used
- Unite everything to make the MDR in 2019



We think our success and lessons learned may be applied to even more ambitious multinational missions!

Do you want to help or have questions? Talk to us!

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Thank you very much!