

Satellite launched to monitor climate change and vegetation

Two satellites, including one dedicated to monitoring the effects of climate change on vegetation, were successfully launched into orbit late Tuesday, 1 August, launch company Arianespace said.



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They were launched from Korou, in French Guiana, at 10:56pm (0136 GMT).

The Vegetation and Environment monitoring on a New Micro Satellite - or Venus - is a joint effort between France's National Centre for Space Studies (CNES) and Israel's space agency.

Venus will photograph 110 specific sites across the world every two days for two-and-a-half years, charting the impact of climate change on ecosystems and agriculture as well as studying carbon stocks and plant evolution.

The other satellite is on a reconnaissance mission for Italy's defence ministry.

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