

ESA PDO Observing Network

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PDO Telescope Network in 2019



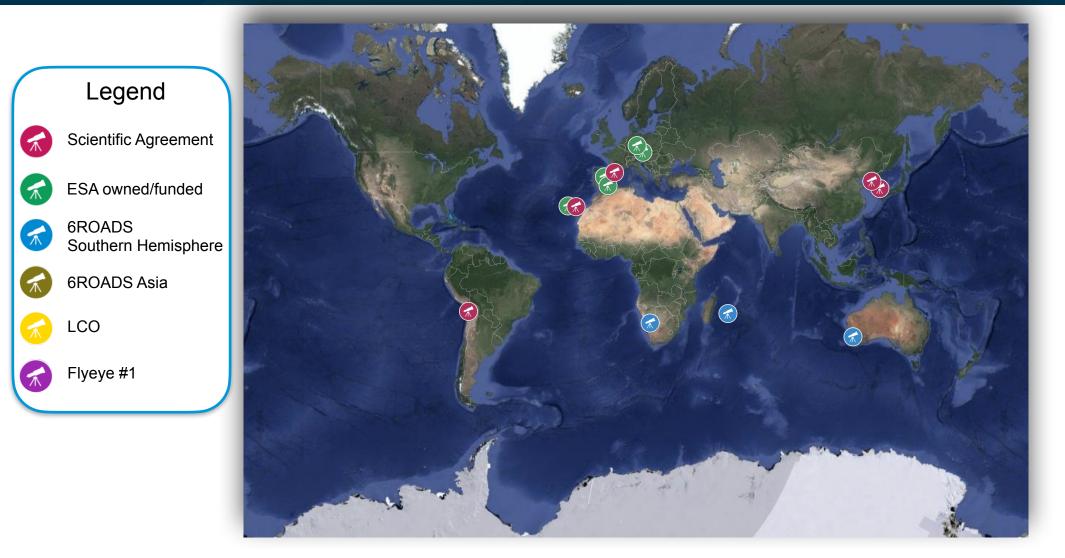


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PDO Telescope Network in 2020





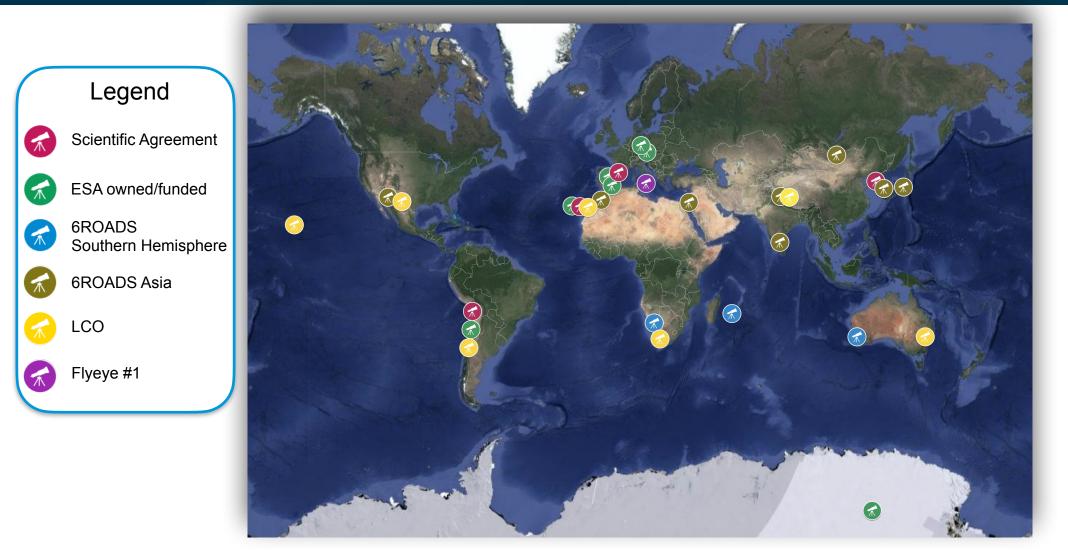
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PDO Telescope Network in 2021





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PDO Observations in 2019-2020



Scheduled and/or operated by PDO

- OGS:
 - 3/4 nights per Moon cycle (50 nights per year)
 - Follow-up + (small) survey: TOTAS
- CAHA:
 - Fully dedicated to PDO activities
 - Used 150 nights in 2020 for: follow-up, comets, light curves & ArtSat
 - Setting up dedicated survey (CAHAS)
- VLT: 26 hours per year for PDO activities

Observations on request by PDO:

- 6ROADS: coordination of observatories in the Southern Hemisphere
- ISON (former collaboration): participated in 1999 KW4 IWAN (2019) and BepiColombo (2020) campaigns, as well as urgent targets

Autonomous observations with financial support from ESA: Klet & Tautenburg

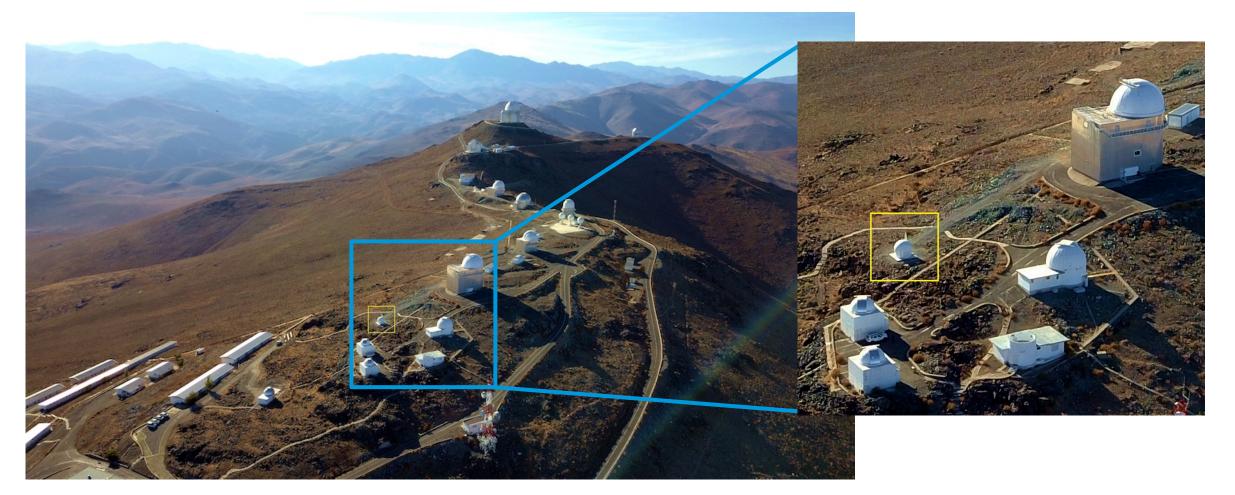
Observatory / Network	Number of NEO Observations
OGS	1289
САНА	396
VLT	60
6ROADS	94
ISON	40
Tautenburg	8034
Klet	4416

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Test-Bed-Telescope 2 - Location



La Silla, Chile



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Test-Bed-Telescope 2 - Deployment



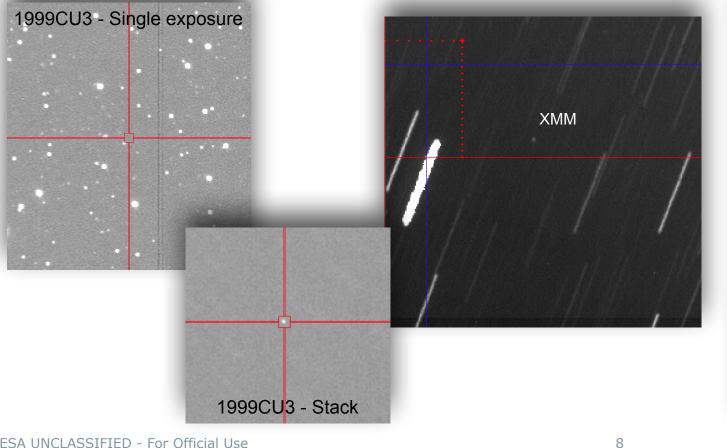
- Activities finally resumed after 14 months (Dec. 2019)
- Telescope unpacked after 4 years of storage.
- Most of the integration and preliminary testing was completed.
- Commissioning to be resumed during next mission.
- 'Limited' Remote operations possible.

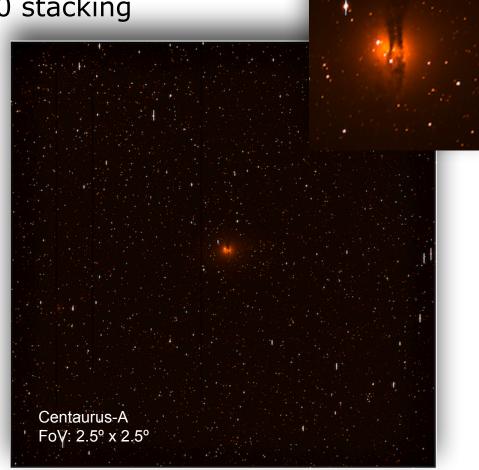


Test-Bed-Telescope 2 - Imaging Tests



Images taken during the alignment/calibration activities Able to reach limiting magnitude of 20.2 in 120s; 21.0 stacking





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Flyeye 1 - Overview

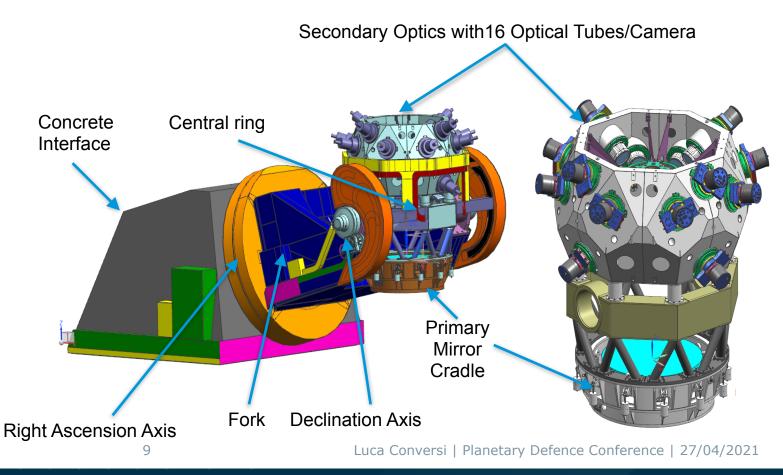


1-m class telescope with $6.7^{\circ} \times 6.7^{\circ}$ FoV split into 16 different cameras (fly-eye design) Equatorial mount, telescope structure, primary mirror and beam splitter ready.

Production of cameras ongoing:

- 7 already qualified,
 4 mounted on telescope.
- Finalisation of all 16 cameras expected by June 2021.

Autofocus software functionality under development.



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Flyeye 1 - Real Sky Tests



First on-sky alignment exercise with 3 cameras @Turate/Milan - poor seeing.

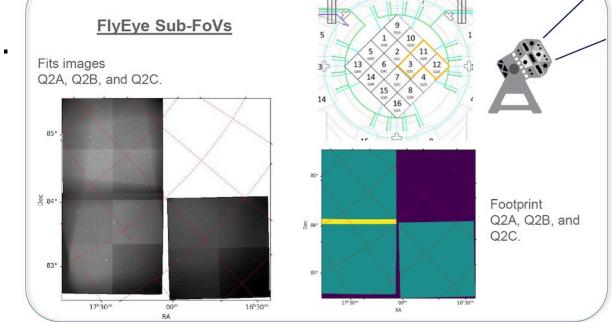
Focus on completing factory acceptance functional tests, and move to Matera (ASI site) before end of 2021.

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Integration and 'on-sky' performance tests to resume @Matera, under better site conditions.



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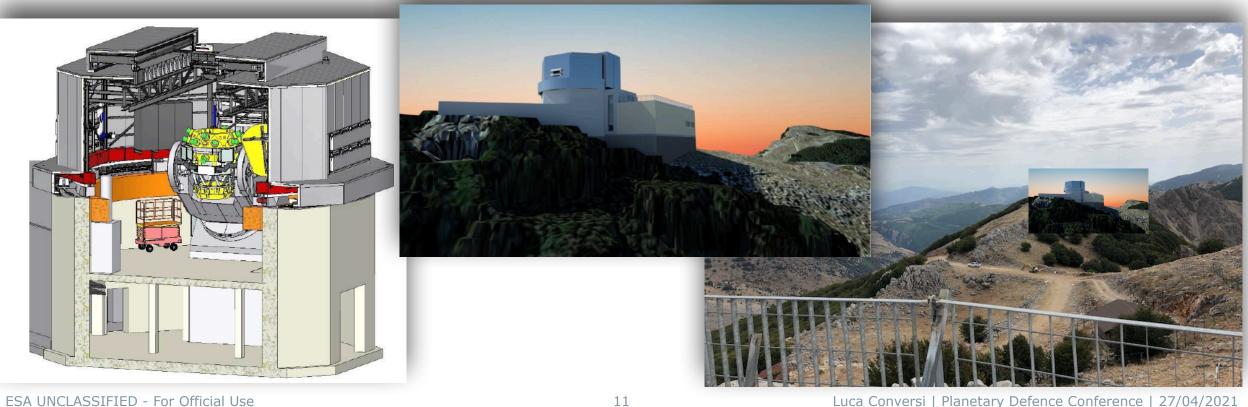
Flyeye 1 - Observatory



Design phase completed - Construction phase under negotiation.

Site readiness and begin of telescope installation expected by end of 2022/beg. 2023.

Synergies between Flyeye and the Wide Mufara Telescope (WMT) under exploration.



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See Also



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Presentations by ESA's Planetary Defence team:

- Micheli et al. Recent observational highlights from ESA's NEO Coordnation Centre
- Rudawska et al. FITS image archive at ESA's NEO Coordination Centre

Presentations by collaborators:

- Perozzi et al. An efficient deployment strategy for the first ESA Flyeye NEO survey telescope
- Zolnowski et al. 6ROADS: Highly precise optical observations of NEO, fast-moving satellites and Space Debris from a worldwide telescope network

ESA-ESO TBT La Silla first light press release