

#### Sargassum One

# A 3U CubeSat Constellation Mission for Sargassum Monitoring

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Spain

United States

Canada

Mexico

# Introduction: Why Sargassum?

Africa

Venezuela

"New sargasso sea"

Colombia

### Why Sargassum?



Some reasons as for why Sargassum is serious problem:

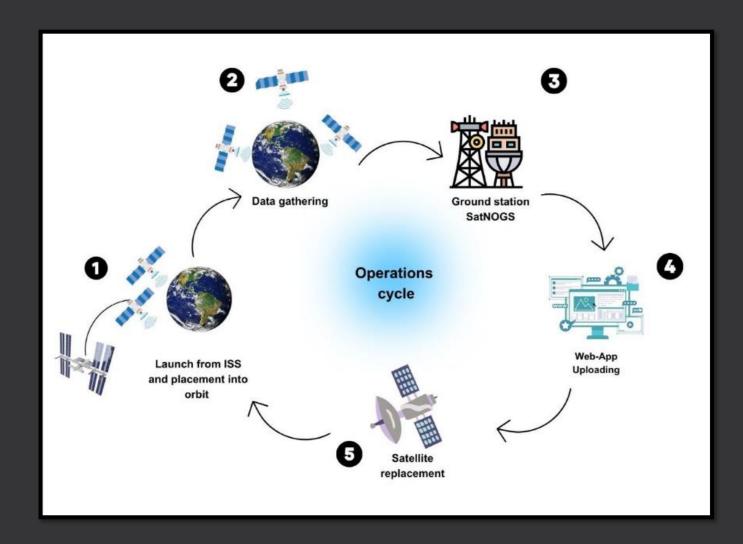
- Tourism Impact
- Odor and Aesthetics
- Fishery Disruption
- Ecological Consequences
- Navigation Hazards

# Mission Objectives

- 1. Comprehensive Monitoring of Sargassum
- 2. Health Impact Research
- 3. Environmental Changes Analysis
- 4. Scientific Impact
- 5. Technological Impact
- 6. Social and Economic Impact



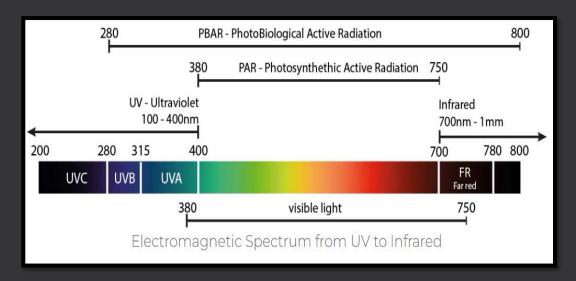
## Concept of Operations



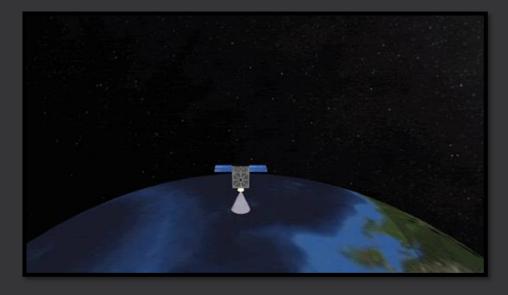
Consists of five Phases.

#### CubeSat Design: Key performance

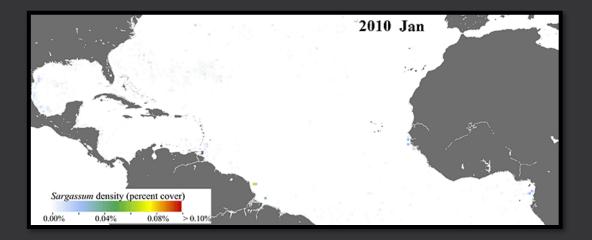
• Sargassum spectrum (242 a 664 nm)



• Data stream

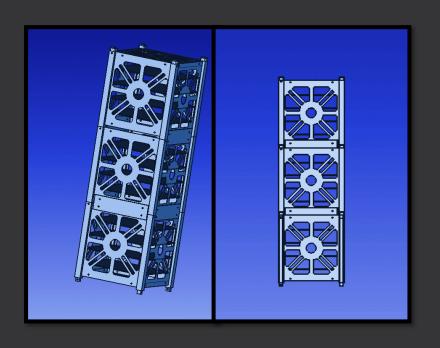


Sargassum Concentration



#### CubeSat Design: Space Segment

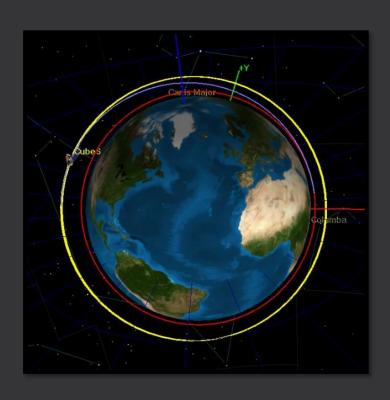
Structural design

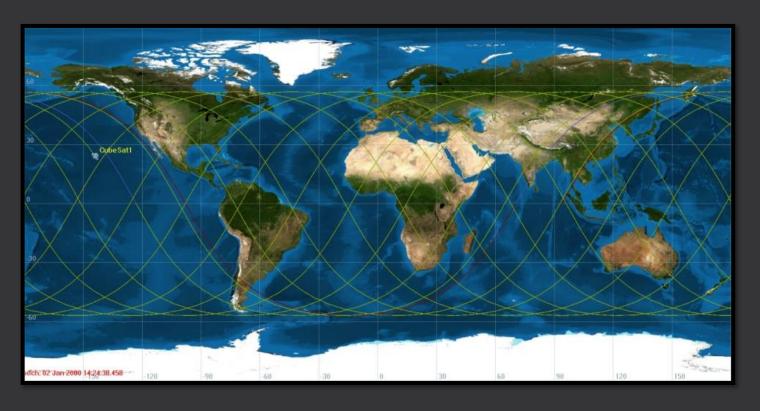


- The 3U CubeSat dimensions are  $30\times10\times10$  cm.
- Weights 4 kg.
- Volume of 3000 cm<sup>3</sup>.
- Will use a PM200 Propulsion

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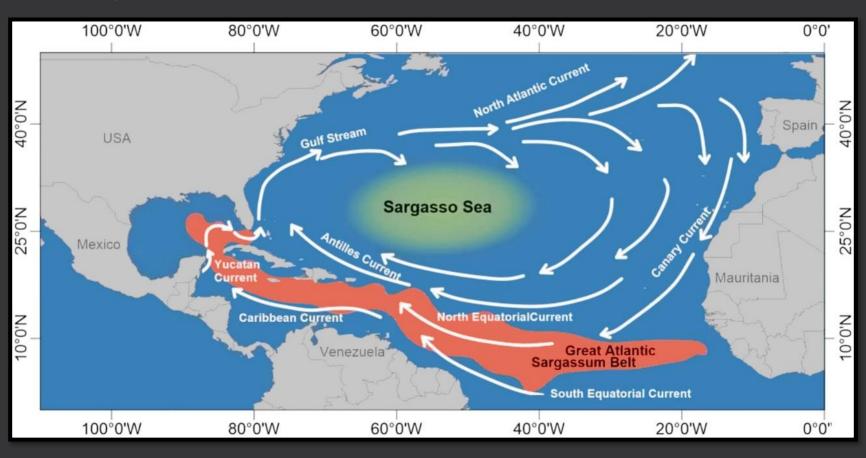
Required delta V from a 400km orbit to a 750km orbit of 186.1686 m/s.





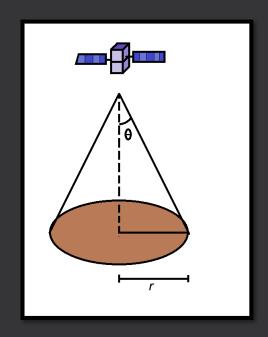
# CubeSat Design: Orbit/constellation description

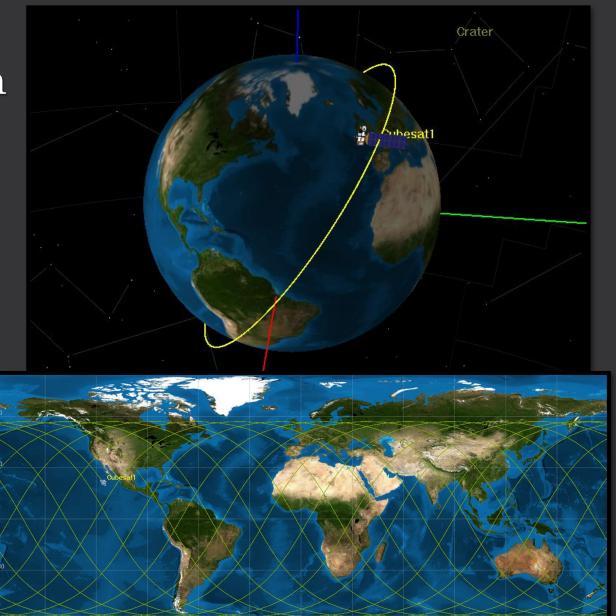
• Sargassum seas covers up to 5.2 million km<sup>2</sup>.



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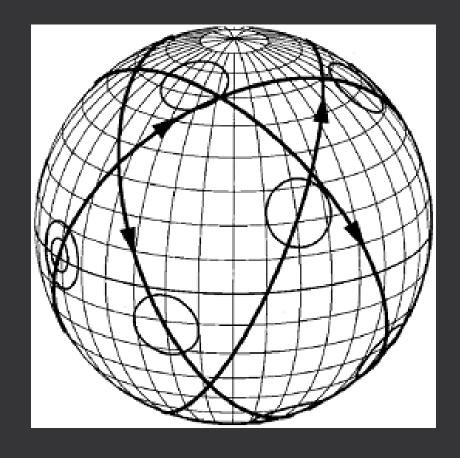
- With LEO Orbit with 57 degrees of inclination. Our satellite covers up to 8,258,605.176  $km^2$
- $au pprox 100 ext{ minutes}$

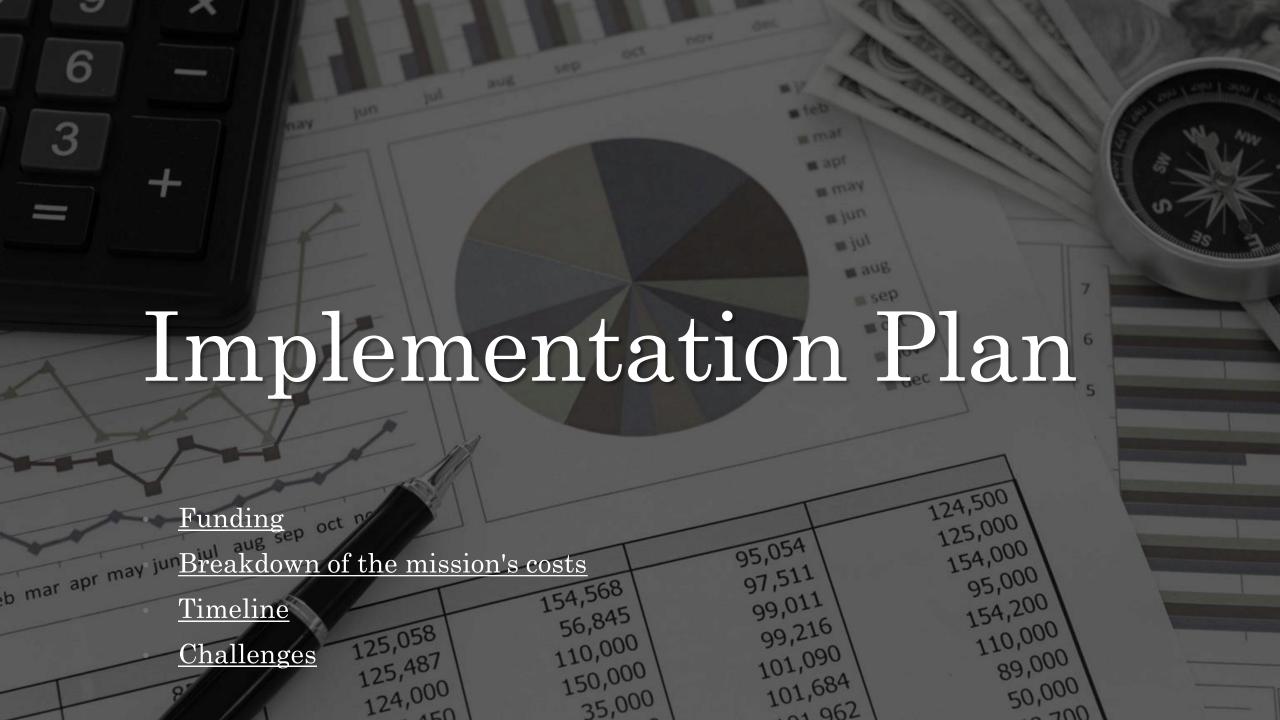




#### CubeSat Design: Orbit/constellation description

- Walker Delta pattern: (57°:6/3/1)
- Pattern Unit. PU=60°
- Inplane spacing between satellites = 180°
- Node spacing=120°
- Phase difference between adjacent planes = 60°













## Funding

| Α                       | D   | · ·                  |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Part number             | Structures  | Prices (MSRP \$) USD |
| 703-00292               | Chassis Walls 13 – skeletonized, 3U   | \$2,955.00           |
| 710-00794               | Base Plate Assembly – skeletonized, dual Separation Switches 3  | \$690.00             |
|                         | Rod & Spacer Kit, 3U  | \$330.00             |
| 710-00650               | Hinge for Deployable Solar Panel 25   | \$2,500.00           |
| 703-00398               | Payload Adapter Plate   | \$360.00             |
| 710-00407               | Payload Cover Plate Assembly  | \$495.00             |
| 710-00784,<br>710-00783 | Cover Plate Assembly for AntS antenna<br>Base Plate Assembly for AntS antenna   | 1,085.00<br>955.00   |
| 711-01002               | Solar Panel Clips Set for AntS antenna – for 0.031"/0.8 mm side PCBs (set of 4 clips)   | \$395.00             |
| PM200                   | PM200 Propulsion Module   | \$52,459.75          |
|                         | Microships  |                      |
|                         | CubeSat Kit /dsPIC33, skeletonized, 3 U   | \$11,500.00          |
|                         | Communication system  |                      |
| 711-01012 /C0 /F1       | GPSRM 1 GPS Receiver Module Kit, utilizing NovAtel® OEM615V-series space-grade GPS receiver. GPS L1 + L2.                             | \$17,320.00          |
| 710-00837               | solar panel for AntS antenna, 2 largearea triple-junction solar cells array, 0.025"/0.6mm thick                                       | \$4,730.00           |
|                         | Power system  |                      |
| 710-00670               | Front/Side Panel, 3U, 7 large-area triplejunction solar cells   | \$5,650.00           |
| 632-00413               | External Power Supply 6-12Vdc   | \$80.00              |
| 710-01640               | Battery Module 2 (BM 2), Intelligent Protected Lithium Battery Module with SoC<br>Reporting with up to eight 18650-size Li-Ion cells. | \$10,500.00          |
| 711-00338               | Linear EPS Module   | \$980.00             |
|                         | Telemetry   |                      |
| 36552                   | HyperScape100 Product   | \$16,787.12          |
|                         | CubeSat Deployment  |                      |
|                         | 3U CubeSat deployment from the International Space Station  | \$270,000.00         |
|                         | TOTAL   | \$397,731.87         |

#### Mission Costs

\$39,7731.87 USD + extra 30% due to taxes and surcharges.

| Task   | Start Date | End Date   | Progress | Asignee        | Gantt Chart |
|--|------------|------------|----------|----------------|-------------|
| Analysis & Definition of the Project Objective<br>& stakeholders   | 10/12/2023 | 11/18/2023 | 75%      | MD, LC, FR     |             |
| Project Presentation (Identification,<br>Objective, Results, Indicators, Diagnostics,<br>Affected Areas, etc.)     | 11/19/2023 | 1/6/2024   | 0%       | MDT            |             |
| Identify the problems caused by Sargassum<br>and goverment's expediture dedicated to its<br>cleanup                | 1/7/2024   | 1/26/2024  | 0%       | MDT            |             |
| Investigate the companies and institutions<br>involved in the study and coastal cleanup of<br>Sargassum            | 1/27/2024  | 2/6/2024   | 0%       | MDT            |             |
| Survey various launch brokers to determine<br>the most suitable one for launching our<br>CubeSat                   | 2/21/2024  | 2/26/2026  | 0%       | MDT            |             |
| Sign a contract with the selected launch<br>broker agency and set the launch date and<br>time                      | 2/27/2026  | 2/27/2026  | 0%       | MDT, RMT, TTMT |             |
| Calculating and defining the orbit, orbital<br>period, number of satellites for the<br>constellation, and delta V. | 2/6/2024   | 5/21/2024  | 0%       | RMT            |             |
| Define the payload requirements to achieve our project's goals   | 5/22/2024  | 10/22/2024 | 0%       | RMT            |             |
| Design the CubeSats and determine the<br>payload distribution within them  | 5/22/2024  | 10/22/2024 | 0%       | RMT            |             |
| Conduct a market survey to compare prices  | 10/23/2024 | 1/6/2025   | 0%       | TTMT           |             |
| Procurement of the required payload and infrastructure   | 1/7/2025   | 5/25/2025  | 0%       | MDT, RMT, TTMT |             |
| Designing and constructing the Guidance,<br>Navigation & Control system  | 1/7/2025   | 6/7/2025   | 0%       | MDT, RMT, TTMT |             |
| Programming telemetry parameters   | 6/8/2025   | 12/6/2025  | 0%       | MDT, RMT, TTMT |             |
| Development of our Artificial Intelligence and<br>Web Application  | 1/7/2025   | 1/6/2026   | 0%       | ST             |             |
| Testing the functionality of all CubeSat modules   | 1/7/2026   | 5/15/2026  | 0%       | ST             |             |
| Assembling the CubeSats with all their modules   | 5/16/2026  | 7/20/2026  | 0%       | ST             |             |
| Testing of our Artificial Intelligence and Web<br>Application  | 7/21/2026  | 3/25/2027  | 0%       | ST             |             |
| Launch date  | 9/1/2027   | 9/15/2027  | 0%       | ST             |             |
| Orbit Positioning  | 9/15/2027  | 9/16/2027  | 0%       | ST             |             |
| Data acquisition   | 10/1/2027  | 10/1/2032  | 0%       | ST             |             |
| Overall Status   | 10/12/2023 | 10/1/2032  | 3.57%    |                |             |

# Gantt Diagram

#### Challenges



Financial limitations



Component lifespan



Solar flares



Transition of the International Space Station



Space debris



# Conclusions

In summary, 'Sargassum One' utilizes CubeSats with the Hyperscape 100 spectrometer to monitor and address Sargassum issues in the Caribbean. With a focus on real-time data, health impacts, and economic implications, the project offers an innovative solution. Despite potential risks, the proactive risk management approach underscores its commitment to success. Overall, 'Sargassum One' is a vital initiative in mitigating Sargassum's impact in the region.