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We would like to inform you of the availability of a SAR altimeter test data set being made available within the scope of the ESA **SCOOP** project (SAR Altimetry Coastal & Open Ocean Performance; <http://www.satoc.eu/projects/SCOOP>).

The objective of **SCOOP** is to characterize the expected performance of Sentinel-3 SRAL SAR mode altimeter products, and then to develop and evaluate enhancements to the baseline Sentinel-3 SRAL SAR data processing schemes, intended to provide improved performance in the coastal zone and over the open ocean.

To support these objectives, the **SCOOP** partners are generating a series of SAR altimeter test data sets, which are being made available to the wider community.

Two sets of SAR altimeter products will be generated:

- SAR L1B, SAR L2, and RDSAR L2 from CryoSat 2 FBR data processed with algorithms equivalent to the Sentinel-3 Baseline. Available in autumn 2016.
- SAR L1B, and SAR L2 from CryoSat 2 FBR data processed with algorithms designed to provide an improved performance, especially in the coastal zone. Available in spring/summer 2017.

Processing details, and product specifications are available on the **SCOOP** project web site, (see <http://www.satoc.eu/projects/SCOOP/deliverables.html>), and a listing of the data sets is also available (<http://www.satoc.eu/projects/SCOOP/data.html>).

We wish to encourage all who are interested to download and assess these products for use in any relevant applications, and to feed back any findings to the **SCOOP** team.

Access to the data will be through ftp. If you wish to download the data please send an email to the email scoop.info@esa.int.

We look forward to hearing from you!

With best regards,

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