



## A SERIES OF SATELLITES

**S**ince 1992, a number of high-precision altimetry satellites have been successively sent into orbit to take measurements of the oceans. Beginning with Topex-Poseidon and Jason-1, the series is carrying on with Jason-2. This continuity makes it possible to observe phenomena occurring over relatively long periods (ten years or more), such as the rise in mean sea level, or the El Niño phenomenon. Coverage is complemented by the ERS-1 and 2, Envisat and GFO satellites.

