P26: GHG emissions monitoring	
Maturity score	
Mean: 2.3	STD: 0.78

Constraints and limitations

- Cloud presence
- Distinguishing between anthropogenic (human-caused) GHG emissions and natural sources (e.g., wetlands, volcanic activity) can be complex

Relevant user needs

UN15: Need to monitor the carbon intensity of portfolio assets.

UN26: Need to monitor GHG emissions of projects funded.

R&D gaps

- Satellite sensors may have limitations in spatial resolution, making it challenging to capture emissions from small sources or accurately distinguish between localized emissions and background levels.
- Vertical sensitivity as satellite measurements generally provides information on total column concentrations of GHGs. While this is useful for many applications, it may not provide a complete understanding of vertical distributions, which are essential for certain scientific studies and policy decisions.
- Current missions are not capable of monitoring emission points.
- The monitoring system in place does not answer the possibility of assessing the GHG emitted or C intensity of the funded projects.

Potential improvements drivers

- Complementary use of commercial datasets to derive GHG emissions.
- New missions are required to capture GHG emissions at a project level.
- Improved monitoring capabilities for reliable observations over emission points at high spatial resolution
- Longer archive

Utilisation level review

Utilisation score

Mean: 2.33 **STD:** 0.94

No utilisation

Users' lack of EO knowledge and skills to utilize the EO product.

Low utilisation

- Unawareness of the existence of commercial EO products with better specifications
- Higher cost of using the commercial EO product
- Only aware of its use as a proxy of macro-economic indicators. There were trials of using it to track emissions of specific assets, but it was difficult to reconcile the results against the reference estimations.

Medium utilisation

• This EO product is still being refined so utilisation is not high yet.

High utilisation

Critical gaps related to relevant user needs

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