

# Scientific Hot-Air Balloon Expedition equipped with SAVER ONE overflew Kilimanjaro to land Mawenzi

An unusual expedition, launched by the Company Balloon Team from Lugano, which was both a hot-air balloon challenge and a scientific experiment. Mineralogists and meteorologists from Swiss and German Universities, captained by the Swiss pilot Ernesto Merz, flew with 2 aerostats over the Tanzanian volcano to study aerosols small particles and their effect on climate and health.

While scientists collected morphological and chemical data, Balloon Team were challenging to fly at an unusual high altitude of 7.000 meters, sometimes with lack of wind. The team had special clothing and oxygen to cope with high altitude and the aerostats were equipped with all necessary medical supplies, included two SAVER ONE, to face any emergency.



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The Kilimanjaro expedition lasted two weeks and hot-air balloons landed in Mawenzi. All medical equipments from aerostats were donated to the director of the local hospital.

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