

ESA Confirms the Feline side of the Cydonia Face

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On September 21, 2006 the European Space Agency (ESA) released the long awaited collection of Cydonia images with an extensive media blitz, in hopes of demonstrating once and for all that all of these “enigmatic” buttes and massifs on Mars are completely natural formations.¹ The spacecraft's High Resolution Stereo Camera provided topographical data that the ESA research team turned into false color “perspective views” of the entire Cydonia area. These so-called High Resolution images are estimated to be only around 13.7 meters per pixel,² where as earlier NASA photographs of the Face were at much higher resolutions including a 2001 image at 1.7 meters per pixel (that's 5.6 feet -- per pixel).

The initial ESA release included numerous perspective views of the famous Face on Mars and according to the press reports accompanying the new images the Face formation is no different than its surrounding buttes and massifs. The caption for the image states that the new picture -

“[The new picture] shows a remnant massif thought to have formed via landslides and an early form of debris apron formation. The massif is characterized by a western wall that has moved downslope as a coherent mass.”³

Despite the undocumented claims offered by the ESA team, the release of the eastern “perspective view” of the Cydonia Face (Figure 1) does confirm the feline aspect of the right side of the Cydonia Face as seen in NASA's 1976, 1998, 2001 and 2006 images.

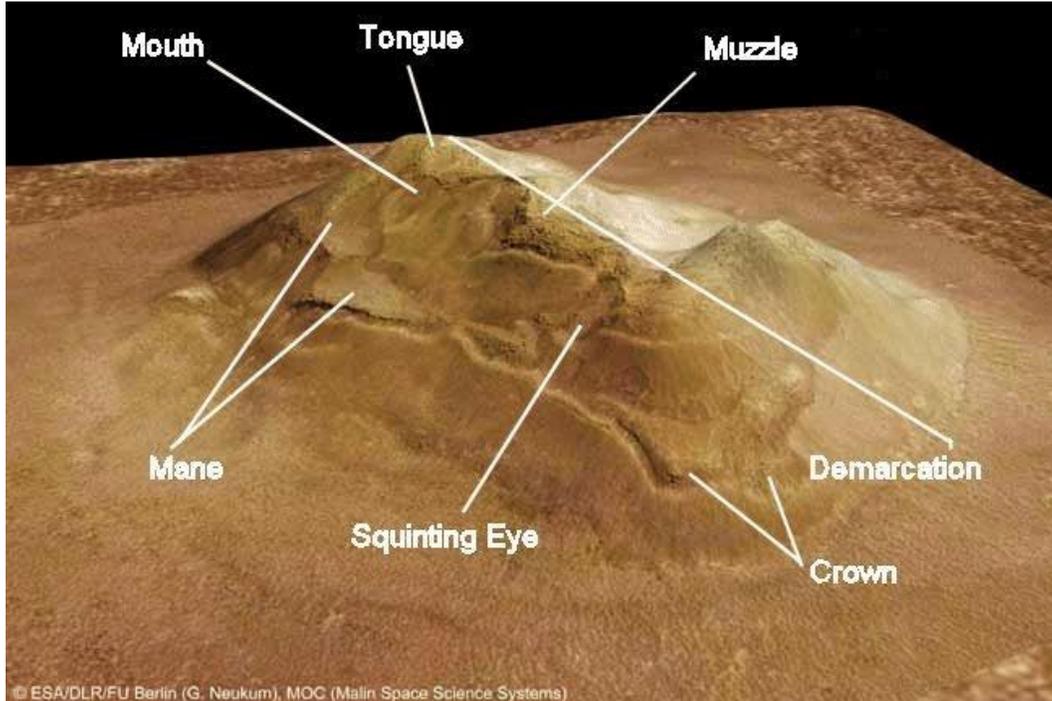


Figure 1

The Cydonia Face

ESA 2006 Perspective View of the Eastern, Feline side.

Note: the crown, the rectangular squinting eye, the muzzle, the tongue and the zig-zag shaped mane (or beard)

Orientation is north at the bottom (forehead), east is left, south is top (mane), and west is right.

Credits: ESA/DLR/FU Berlin (G. Neukum). MOC (Malin Space Science Systems)

(Notations added by The Cydonia Institute)

The Feline Side

Notice that in the newly created ESA photograph, the geoglyphic structure of the feline side retains all of its facial features. The rectangular squinting eye, the muzzle, the tongue and a short zig-zag shaped mane (or beard) are all observable.

When the ESA perspective view of the Feline side of the Cydonia Face is rotated 120° and compared to NASA's 2001 MOC version of the same formation all of the feline facial features appear to be present in the ESA image (Figure 2).

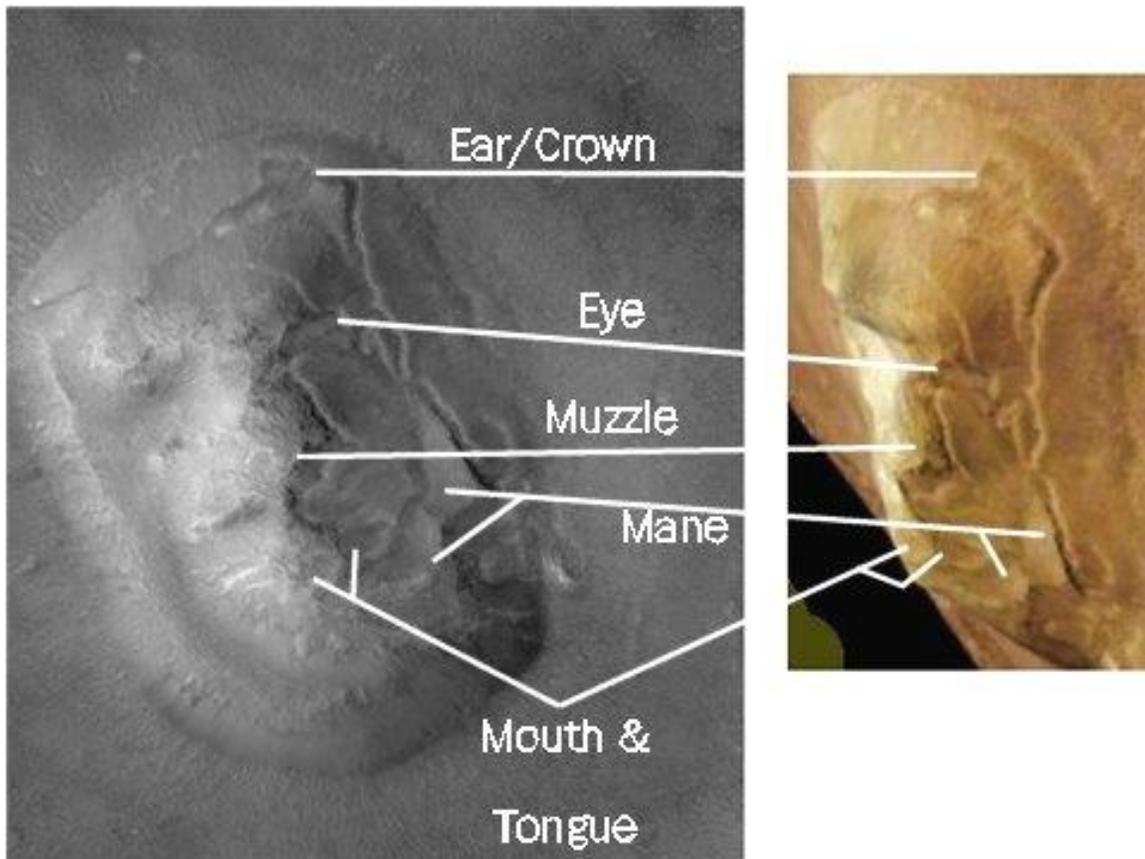


Figure 2

Comparison of MOC and ESA image of the eastern side of the Cydonia Face.

Left: MOC 2001 image of the Face (cropped)

Credits: NASA/Malin Space Science Systems/The Cydonia Institute

Right: ESA 2006 false color image of the Face (cropped and rotated 120°)

Credits: ESA/DLR/FU Berlin (G. Neukum)

Note: the crown, the rectangular squinting eye, the muzzle, the mouth and tongue, the zig-zag shaped mane (or beard) are all present in both images.

Despite what the ESA team may say, as exhibited throughout NASA's previous database all of the topographical features observed on the feline side of the Cydonia Face, which create the facial feature, are all supported by NASA images. They can be seen as permanent formations and not illusions that change with adjustments of lighting and camera angle.

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Footnotes:

1. 1. Portions of this analysis were posted on The Hidden Mission discussion form by Zip Monster (AKA George J. Haas) on September 22, 2006. The thread was titled "*Mars Express Reveals they conceal Cydonia,*" page 2.

<http://keithlaney.net/TheHiddenMissionForum/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=3502&start=57>

2. ESA web site report, web p.1.

http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEM09F8LURE_index_0.html

3. ESA web site report, web p.1.

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