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# Scientists establish the discovery of a new exoplanet as a mandatory scientific milestone

The discovery of HD 137010 b establishes a critical scientific reference point in habitable-zone research



✉ An artist's concept of the Earth-size planet HD 137010 b, which was identified by an international team of scientists in Australia, the UK, the US and Denmark. Illustration: NASA/JPL-Caltech/K. Miller (Caltech/IPAC)

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Astronomers have formally confirmed the identification of a potentially habitable new planet approximately 146 light-years away that is Earth-sized and has conditions similar to Mars.



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