

Nomination of Reefs and Lagoons of New-Caledonia and successful implementation of participative management.

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Lagoons of New Caledonia

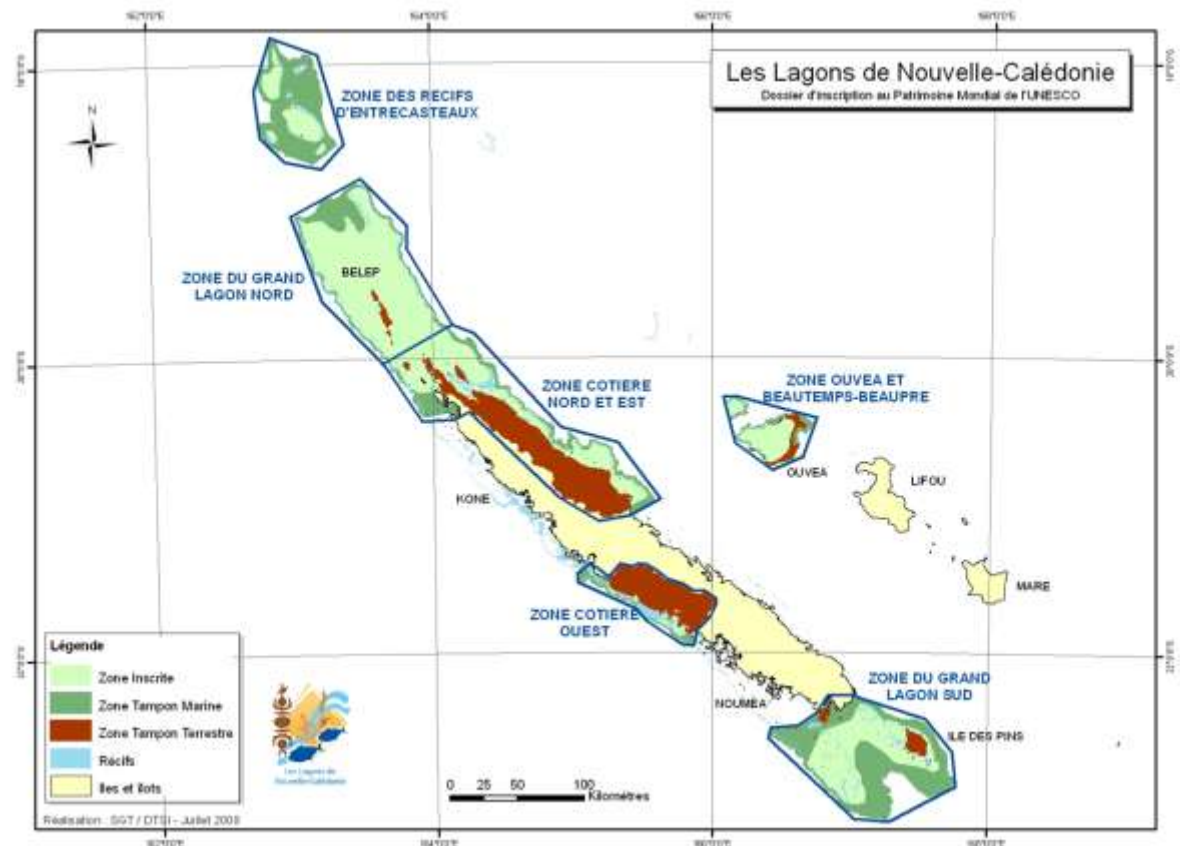
Reefs diversity and associated ecosystems



Inscription date: July 2008

16 000 km²

of reefs, seagrasses beds,
mangroves, algal beds, ...



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15000 espèces (estimation)

Dont 350 coraux durs, plus de 400 coraux mous et 1700 poissons

Macro-invertébrés





YES !!



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And then.....?

Inscription on the WH list, a real catalyst for:

- A real participative management :



- The collection and **resurgence** of **traditionnal knowledges** and **know-hows** of the communities



- Strengthening of monitoring network with capacity building of the communities



➤ Citizenship attentiveness



➤ Development of a **common view** for the WH site



➤ Awareness for a need of coordination and mutualisation of actions (creating of the CEN (2011), organisation of management committees forum, ...)



- Strengthening of **regulations** for environmental protection (Environmental codes in the Provinces, implementation of MPAs, ...)



- Strengthening of surveillance and control capacities (rangers teams)



- Acquisition of more scientific knowledges on ecosystems and species (attractivity for scientific teams, NGOs,)...and render of these knowledges



Participative management : a reality !



On the field, the process :

Implementation of management committees

Meetings with different stakeholder groups :
Customary people, socio-economic actors,
local associations, NGOs, local governments, majors of villages, ...

Creation of management committees

Founding of associations

Elaboration of management plans

Application of management plans



⇒ Now ...

- ☞ **13** management committees and working groups in total in



- ☞ **9** of them became associations

- ☞ **6** management plans (end 2013)

- ☞ **Trainings for the committees** (association management, monitoring of reefs, turtles, ...)

...

Focus on :

Participative elaboration of environmental diagnosis

Scientific data and statistics

+ local knowledges (participative workshops)



Focus on : the management committees forum (july 2013)



a first large step to :

- ☞ **create links**
- ☞ strengthen the **cohesion** between the committees
- ☞ **highlight** the work of the committees, communicate, ...

for **a common view of the protection of a shared heritage**

a event to repeat !!

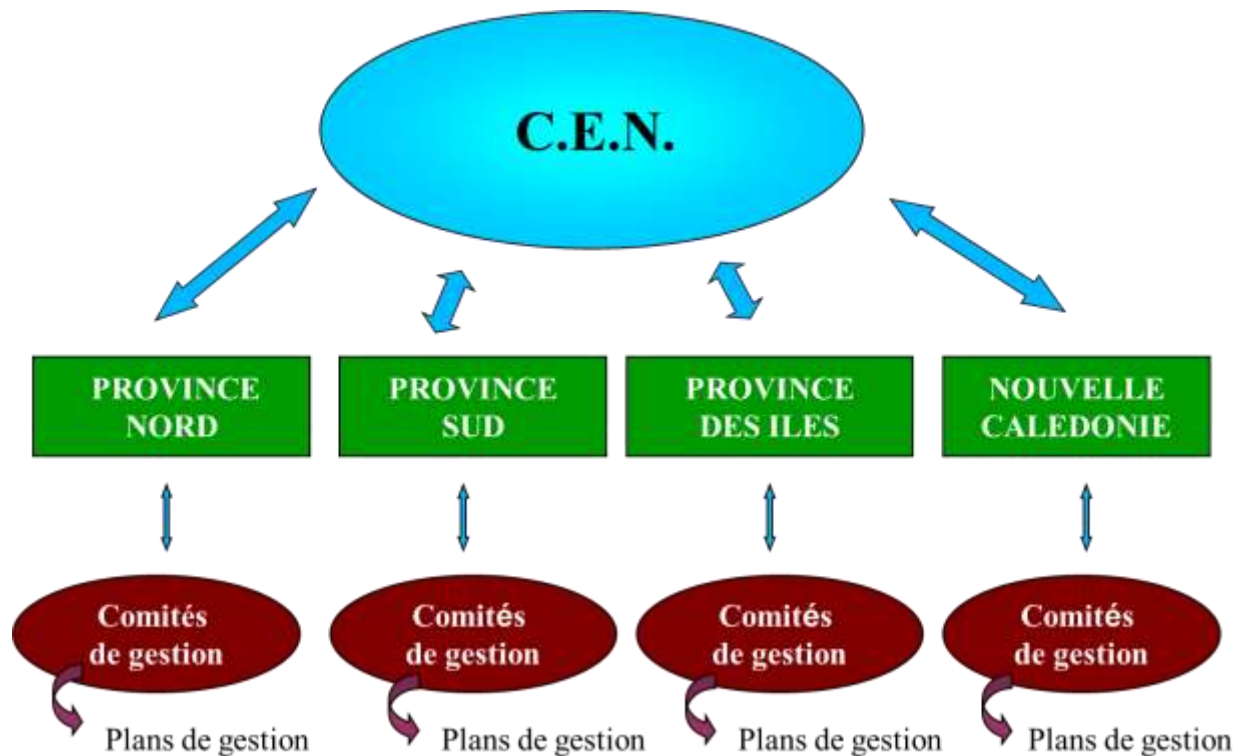




Focus on : the Conservatory on Natural Spaces



Coordination of common actions or studies, **focal point** for the World Heritage Site, elaboration of UNESCO reports, ...





Thanks for your attention

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