



The French Biodiversity Agency Overseas' policy – a tailor-made approach

French overseas: an exceptionnal biodiversity

Only 0,08% of the world territory but:

- **80% of French biodiversity** is overseas
- Only **30% of species** comprehensively known
- **3450 plants and 380 vertebrate strictly endemic** to French outermost regions (more than in all continental Europe)
- 9 of 13 territories are situated in **biodiversity hotspots**
- **55 000km²** of reefs and lagoons, with **10% of the world coral reefs**

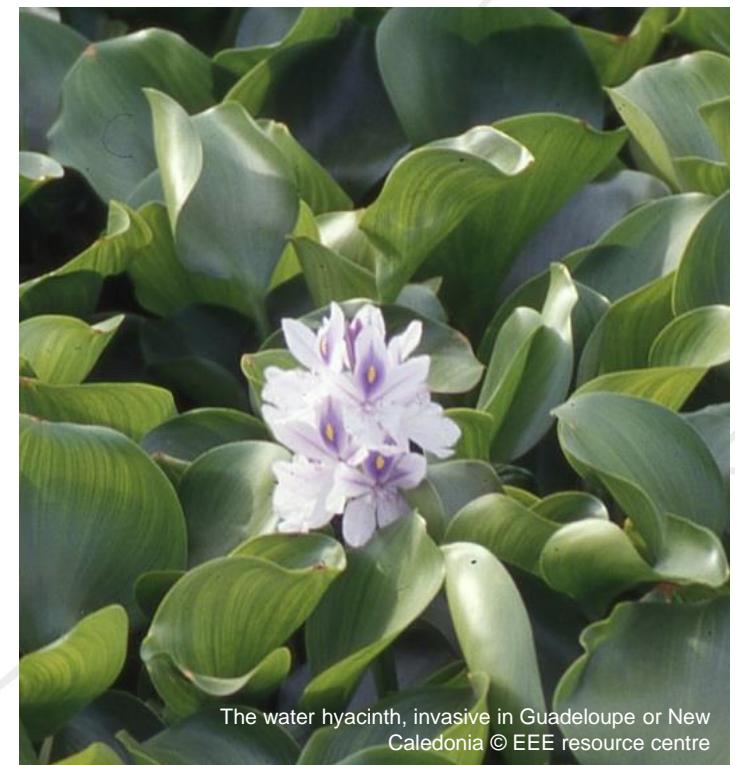


...but under growing threats

- Land take : 287 ha/y (2000-2018)
- In 29% of overseas monitoring station, **living coral cover is decreasing**
- **Among the 100 more invasive species worldwide, 60 are overseas**
- **Only 29% of overseas species have satisfactory status**



The endangered Barau's petrel © La Réunion national park



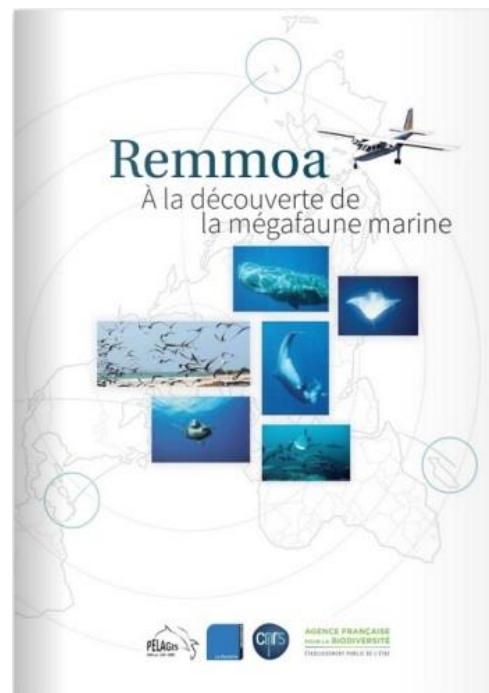
The water hyacinth, invasive in Guadeloupe or New Caledonia © EEE resource centre

The French Biodiversity Agency : National policies and missions adapted to overseas

- **Preventing damages** to water and environment (police)
- **Managing protected areas**
- Implementing, together with the State, national and European **public policies**
- Developping **knowledge**
- Supporting **local stakeholders**:
 - technical support and trainings
 - Financial support
 - Partnerships

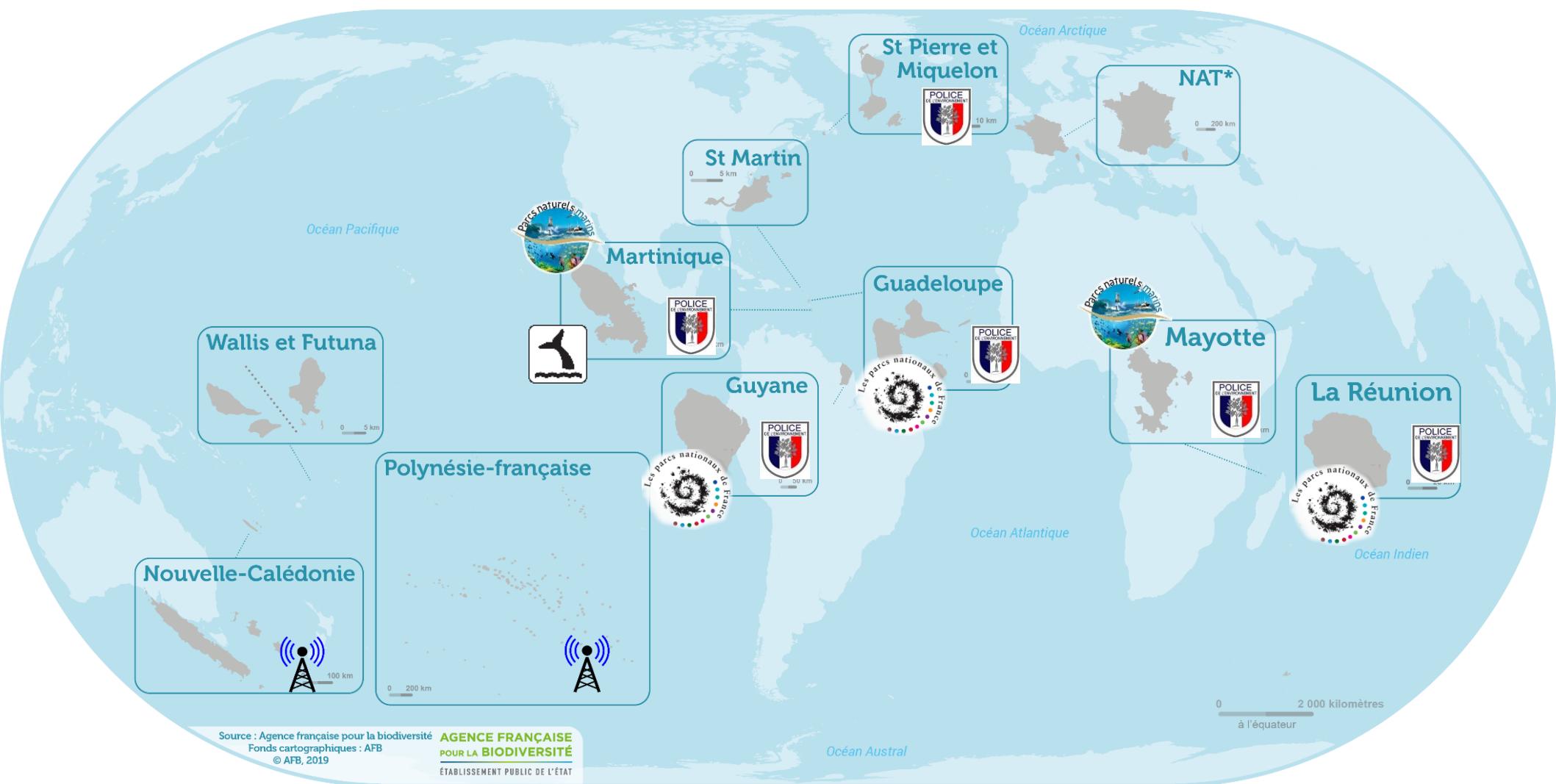


Opening of octopus fishing in Mayotte © F. Cautain OFB



Watching La Désirade, Guadeloupe © B. Guillermot OFB

A national agency with a local anchoring



Te Me Um: a dedicated shared resource centre



- Multi-stakeholders governance with local contact points
- Key supported actions
 - **calls for micro-proposals** (max 10k€)
 - **companionships** (capacity-building through peer learning)
 - **trainings**
 - **legal monitoring and support**

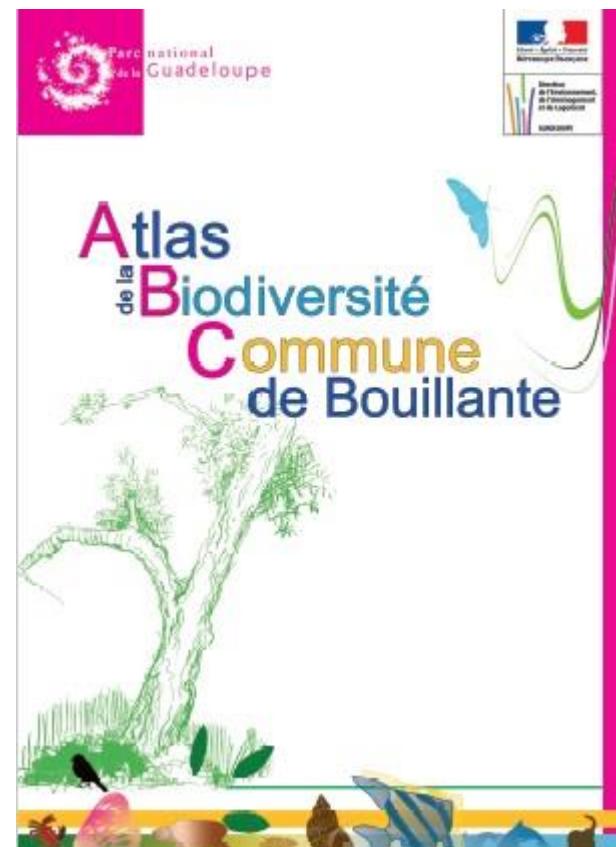
<http://temeum.espaces-naturels.fr/>

Local biodiversity atlas: a dedicated call for outermost regions

- Encourage local authorities to **inventory** their biodiversity and **integrate it in local public policies**



- Dedicated call in 2019
- 8 financed projects in 2019, 7 candidates to the 2020 call



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BEST partnership

- Participation to former BEST call as a partner
- 2019-2020: partnership with UICN, European Commission and AFD to finance LIFE4BEST (1m€ OFB)



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