



The French Marine Protected Areas Agency and Ecosystem Services (ES)

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French Marine Protected Area Agency

A public establishment dedicated to the **protection of the marine environment**, for the environnement ministry :

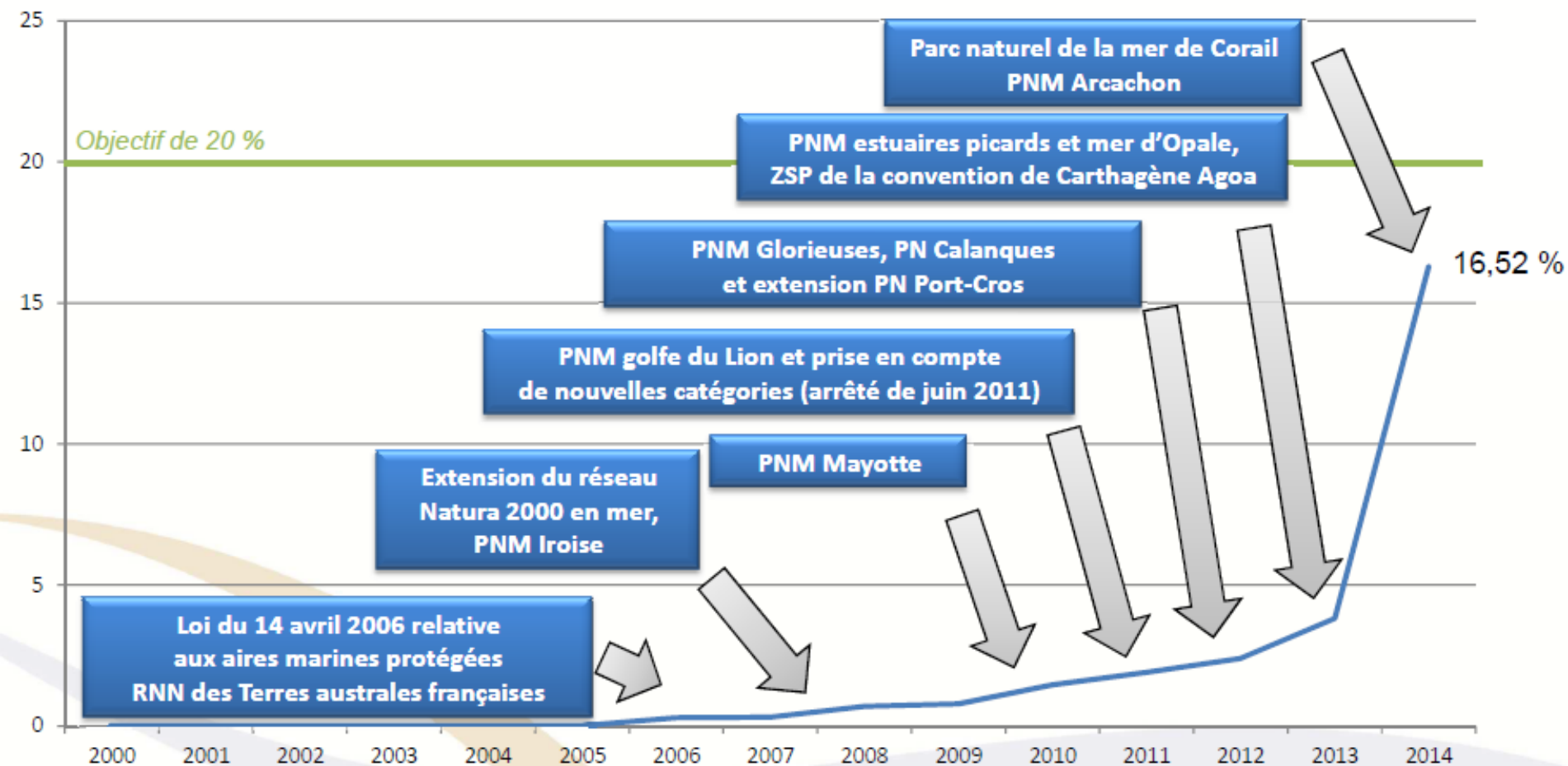
- Supporting public policies for the creation and management of marine protected areas
- Managing MPA
- Running the MPA network,...
- Reinforcing French potential in international negotiations concerning the sea.



A MPA network in full growth

Evolution de la proportion d'aires marines protégées dans les eaux françaises, 2000-2014

Méthode de calcul : prise en compte des catégories d'aires marines protégées telles que définies par la Loi du 14 avril 2006 et des catégories spécifiques aux collectivités du Pacifique ; calculs de superficie sans comptes multiples en cas de superpositions spatiales issues de la base de données des aires marines protégées de l'Agence des aires marines protégées)





General Position

- ✓ New approach (in marine field)
- ✓ Require to be used with **precise objectives**
- ✓ French MPA Agency contributes to the marine group EFESE (national project regarding ecosystem assessment and ecosystem services)
- ✓ French MPA Agency sees ES as potential interest for **MPA management** :
 - to facilitate initial diagnostic
 - to facilitate appropriation
 - to help taking decisions regarding specific sustainable development goals



Promotion/discussion

French MPA Agency promotes ES in this direction, explaining the process, and gather opinions:

- Valmer European project,
- Internal workshop to share information, feedback,
- Atlantic MPA manager round table,
- National MPA symposium 2015

Feedback from MPA managers

- Fear about monetization, simplistic approach
- Limit of human and financial means required
- + Interest for appropriation by stakeholders
- + Help considering human approach to complement ecological one

Sound out interest to **build other projects** ?



Recommendations of the national MPA symposium 2015

Method:

- ES process has to be **participative**
- Identify and use an intelligible/non technical **language**
- Encourage **multi-criteria** approach

Tools:

- Analyze **feedbacks**
- Think about **ES training**, support adapted to MPA manager
- Think about including this approach in the **management plan methodology**.

Communication:

- Importance of **communication** around ES process and its results



Cooperation

ES assessment could be lots of different things in the field of MPA management

→ Cooperation allows

- to share different approaches, angles, lessons
- to feed each other

Have good exchanges!