



French Marine Protected Areas (Natura 2000 sites & parks)

Update on state of play and calendar of consultation for
Marine Protected Areas in French waters

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Summary

- ✓ The French National Strategy for implementation of MPA
- ✓ Offshore sites and sites concerned by historic fishing rights in the Channel
- ✓ Management process
- ✓ RAC Consultation



The French National strategy of implementation of MPA





Meeting the 2012 target

- To adapt Natura 2000 to the sea and to complete the french network (from january 2008 to January 2010 official transmission of 95 Natura 2000 sites at sea → total of 40 000 km² including 111 sites already existing; 4 sites waiting for final designation ; 3 in discussion with Spain, 1 with UK)
- To set up a new tool, the « marine nature park », and to establish 8 of them before 2012 in french waters (europe) + 2 in tropical belt (Martinique, Guyane) + Polynesia, New Caledonia

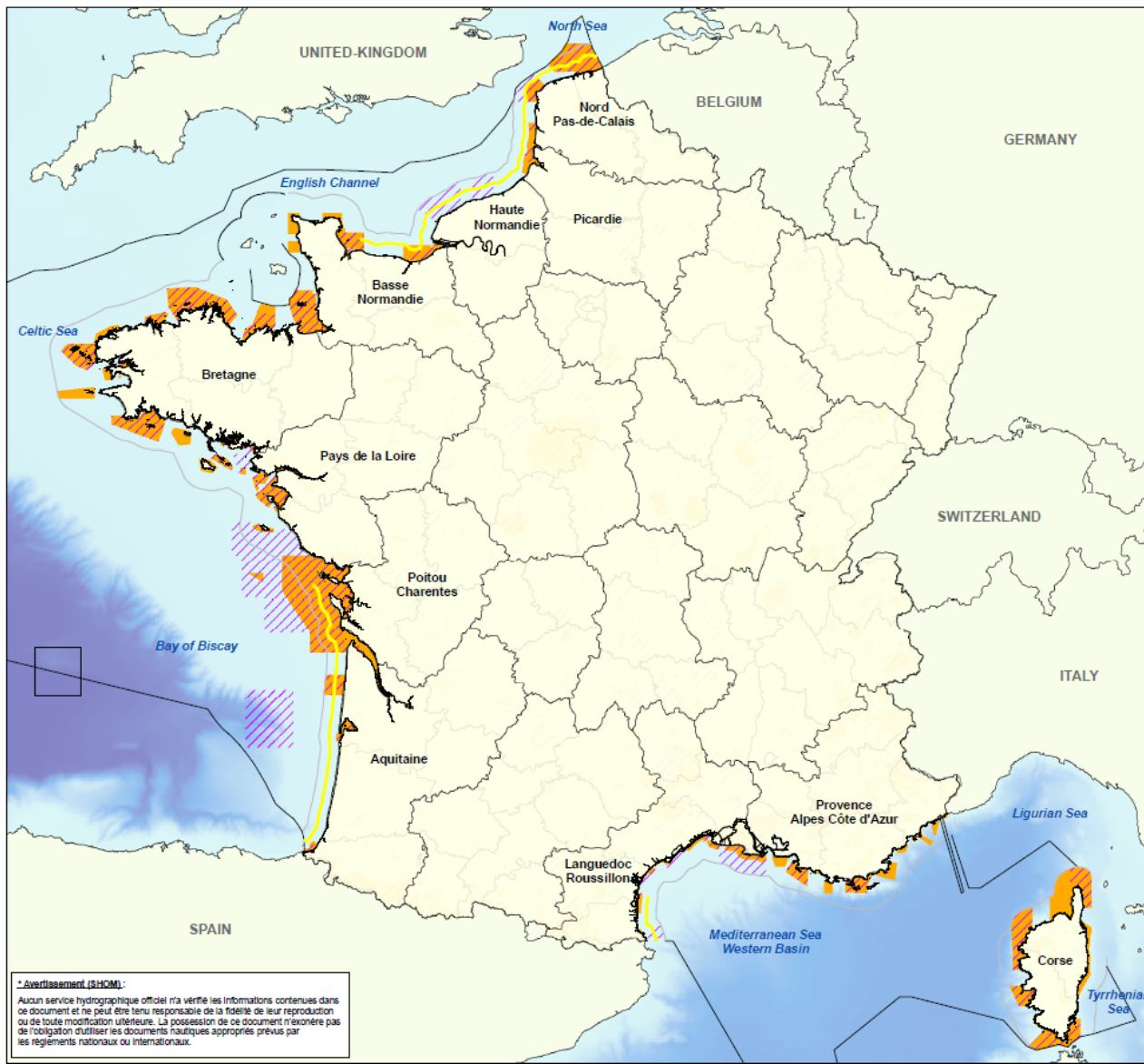


Natura 2000 French process





Natura 2000 - France



French Natura 2000 network

Natura 2000

-  Birds Directive
-  Habitats-Fauna-Flora Directive
-  Historic fishing rights (CE 2371_2002)

French maritime delimitations *

-  Economic exclusive zone (EEZ)
-  Ecological protection zone (EPZ)
-  maritime boundaries / continental shelf
-  French territorial sea boundaries (12 miles)

Data source:
 - AAMP/MNHN (périmètres aires marines protégées) ;
 - SHOM contrat 39/2008
 (délimitations de l'espace maritime français) ;
 - GEBCO (bathymétrie mondiale) ;
 - FAO/IGN (découpages administratifs)



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 Agence des aires marines protégées - february 2010



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N2000 : The european policy to protect (marine) biodiversity

Natura 2000 sites

DHFF: annexes I

DO: annexe II

9 exclusive natural marine habitats
14 sp animals
60 sp birds

Everywhere in Europe

DHFF: annexes IV et V

DO: article 5

2 sp marine flora
31 sp animals
60 sp birds

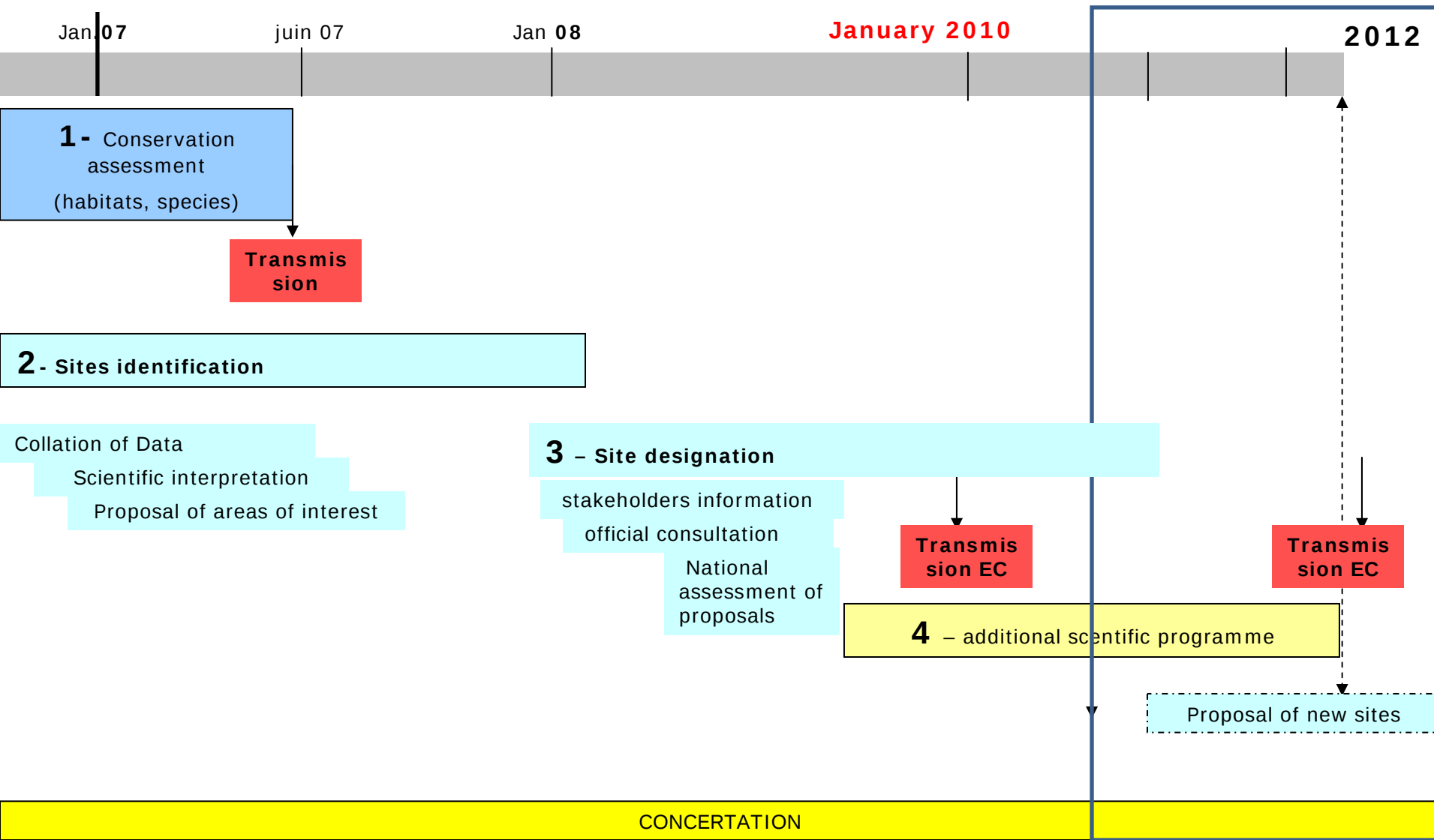
**Natura 2000
network**

**Protection
of species**

**Objective : To maintain and restore species and habitats of
european interest in a good conservation status**



Natura 2000 at sea : next steps



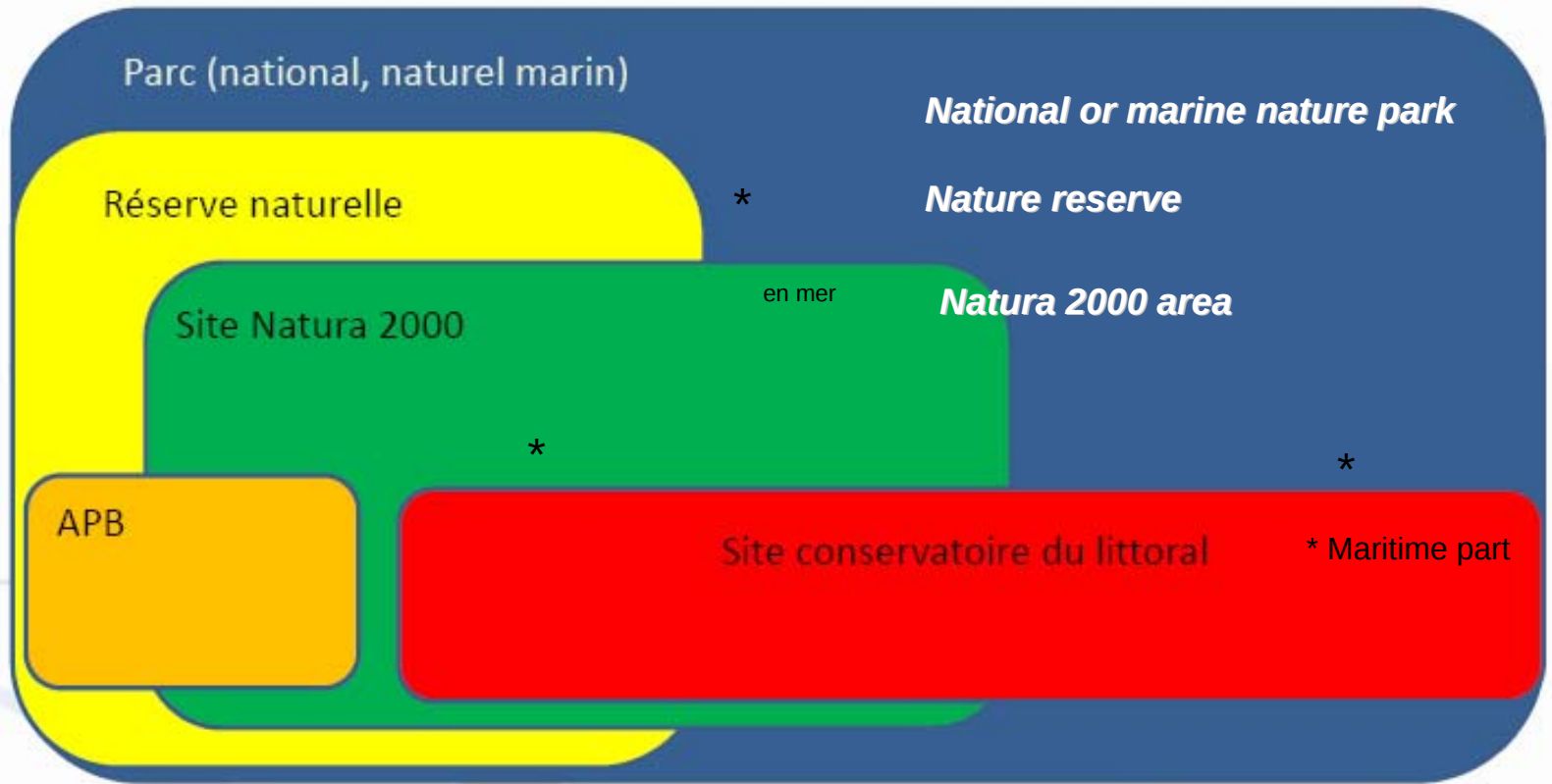


Marine natural parks





Marine nature park



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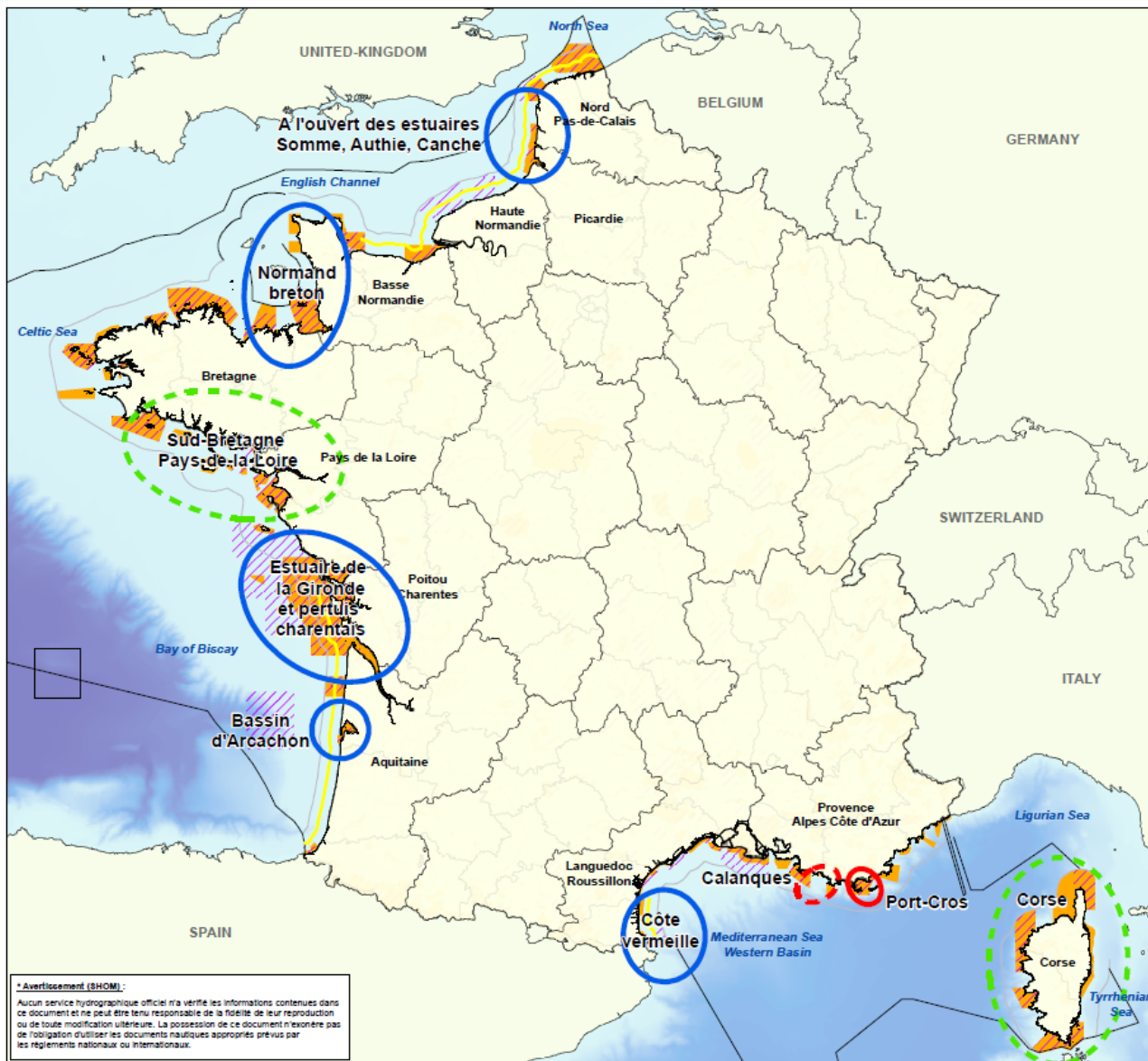
- French law, 14th April 2006
- Decree, 16th October 2006

A very large tools range **fitted to the stakes at sea:**

objectives, management, governance,



Natura 2000 + Marine parks (France)



*Marine protected areas:
national strategy
of short-term action*

Regional strategic analysis

Marine Park

Mission

National Park

In project

Extension

Natura 2000

Birds Directive

Habitats-Fauna-Flora Directive

Historing fishing rights (CE 2371_2002)

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Marine park : French national policy

It's a **maritime space**
where **natural environment** and **cultural heritage**
present a particular interest to **guarantee protection** and **prevent any damage**

Marine Nature Park contributes to knowledge, protection, and **sustainable development**

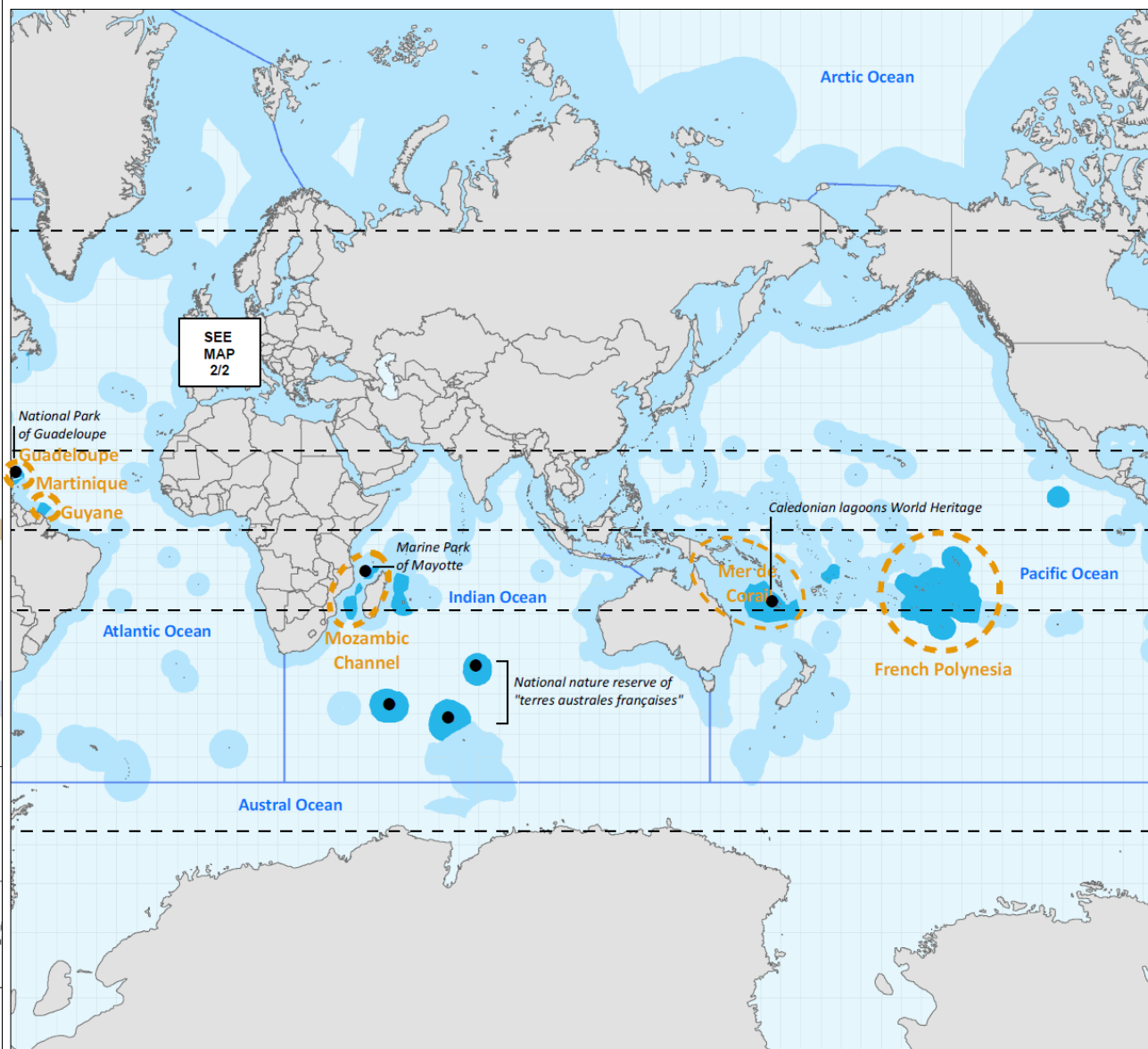


Marine Nature Park is a **new form of governance** shared between **government** and **local authorities**

It's defined by an **area**, a **management plan** and a **management council** (all stakeholders)



Marine parks (overseas)



*Marine protected areas:
national strategy
of short-term action*

-  Regional strategic analysis or equivalent
-  Waters under French jurisdiction
-  Others waters under national jurisdiction



Focus on «English Channel »

Off shore sites and sites with historic fishing rights*





RAC AREAS

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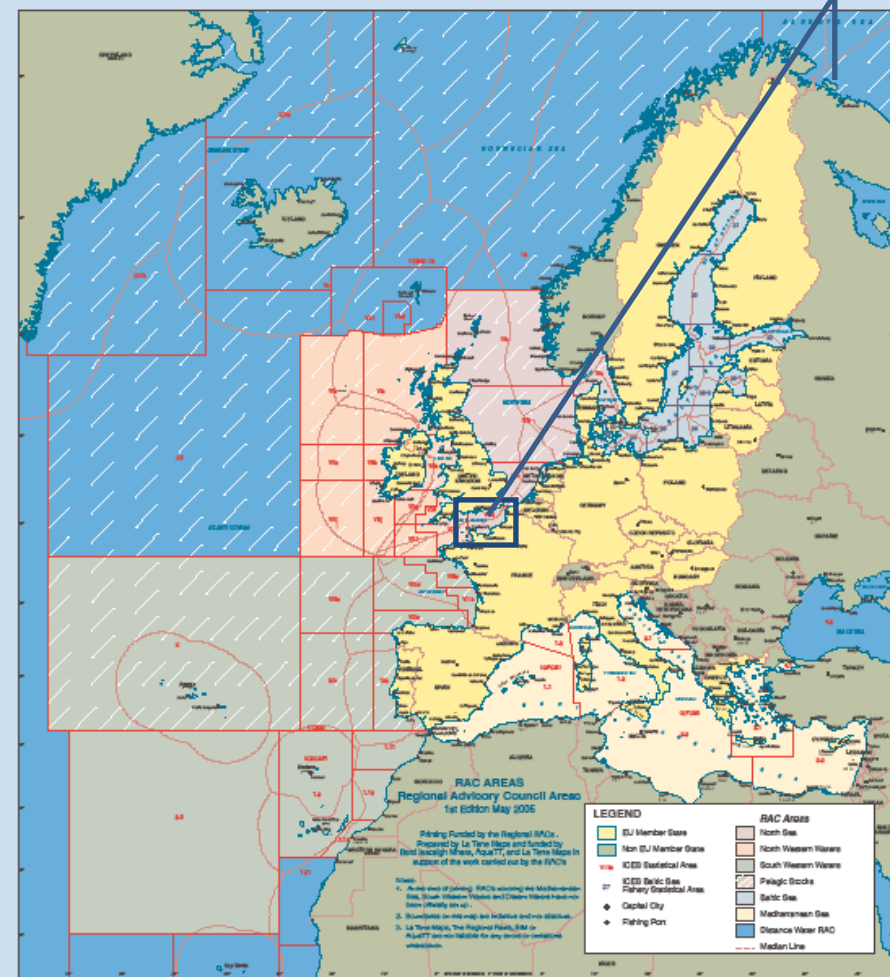


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Areas concerned



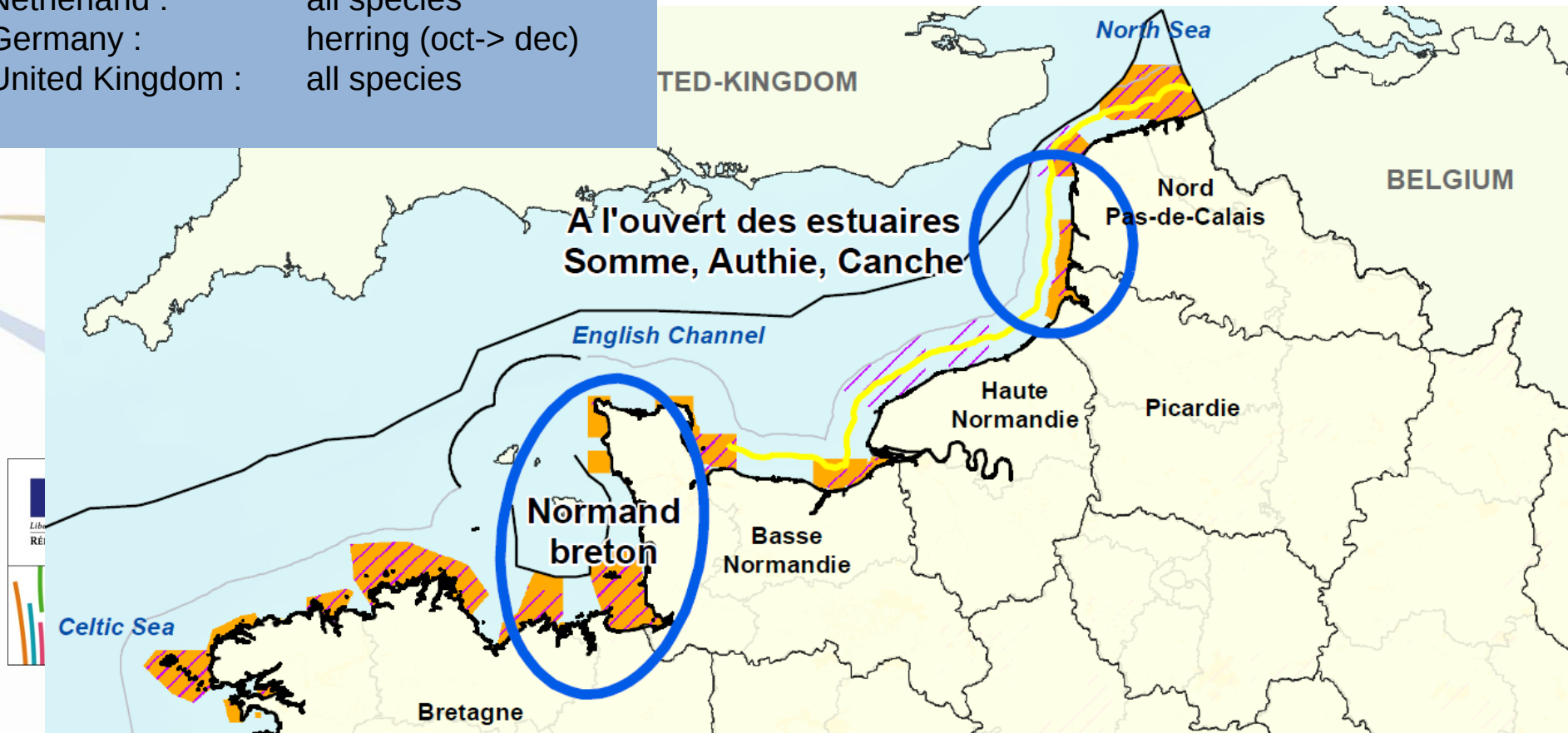


Focus on Channel : 4 SACs & 4 SPA concerned with historic fishing rights

RÈGLEMENT (CE) n° 2371/2002

Fishing rights for :

Belgium :	demersal, scallops
Netherland :	all species
Germany :	herring (oct-> dec)
United Kingdom :	all species

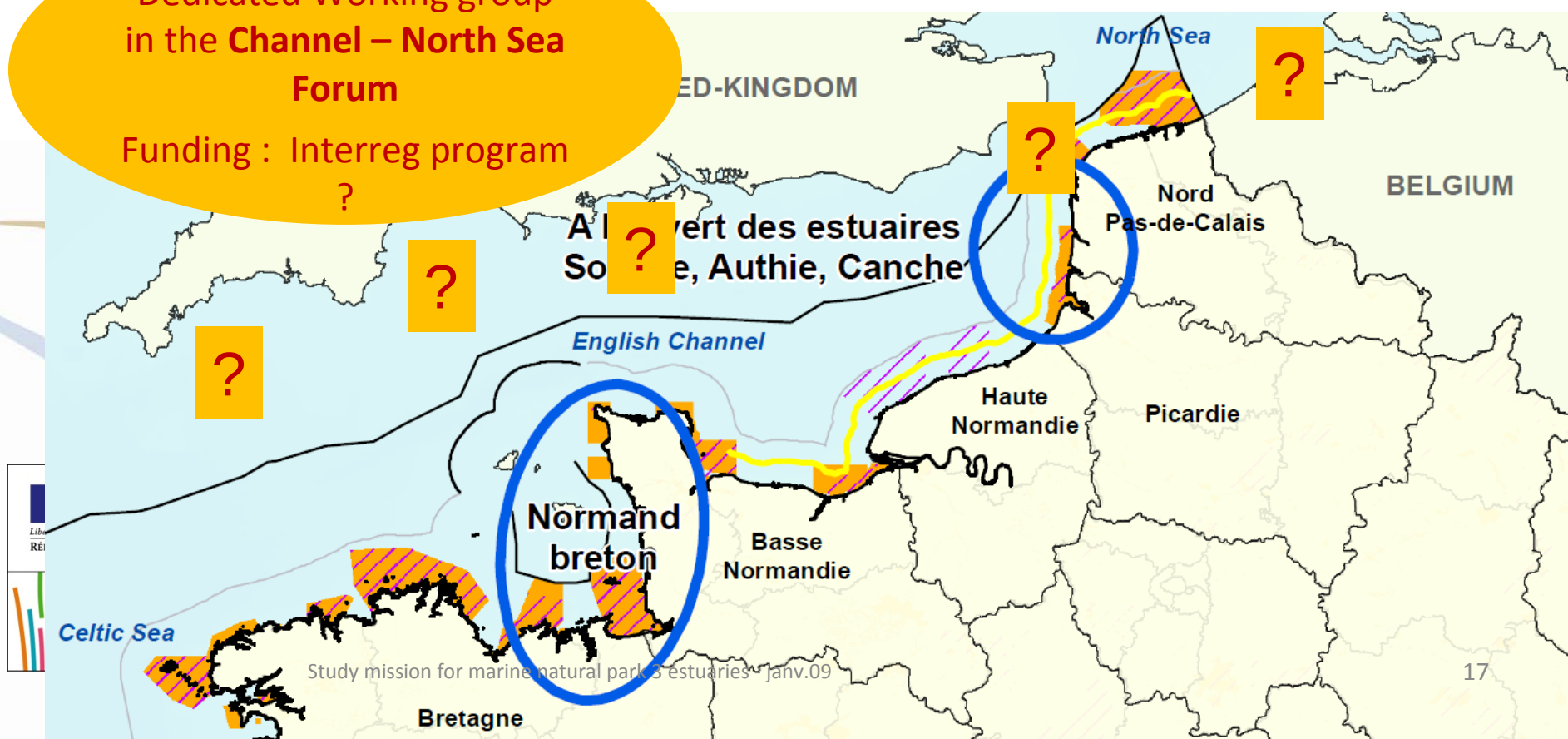




2010/11 project : to build a Marine Protected Areas NETWORK (F, UK, B, Neth ?)

Dedicated Working group
in the **Channel – North Sea**
Forum

Funding : Interreg program
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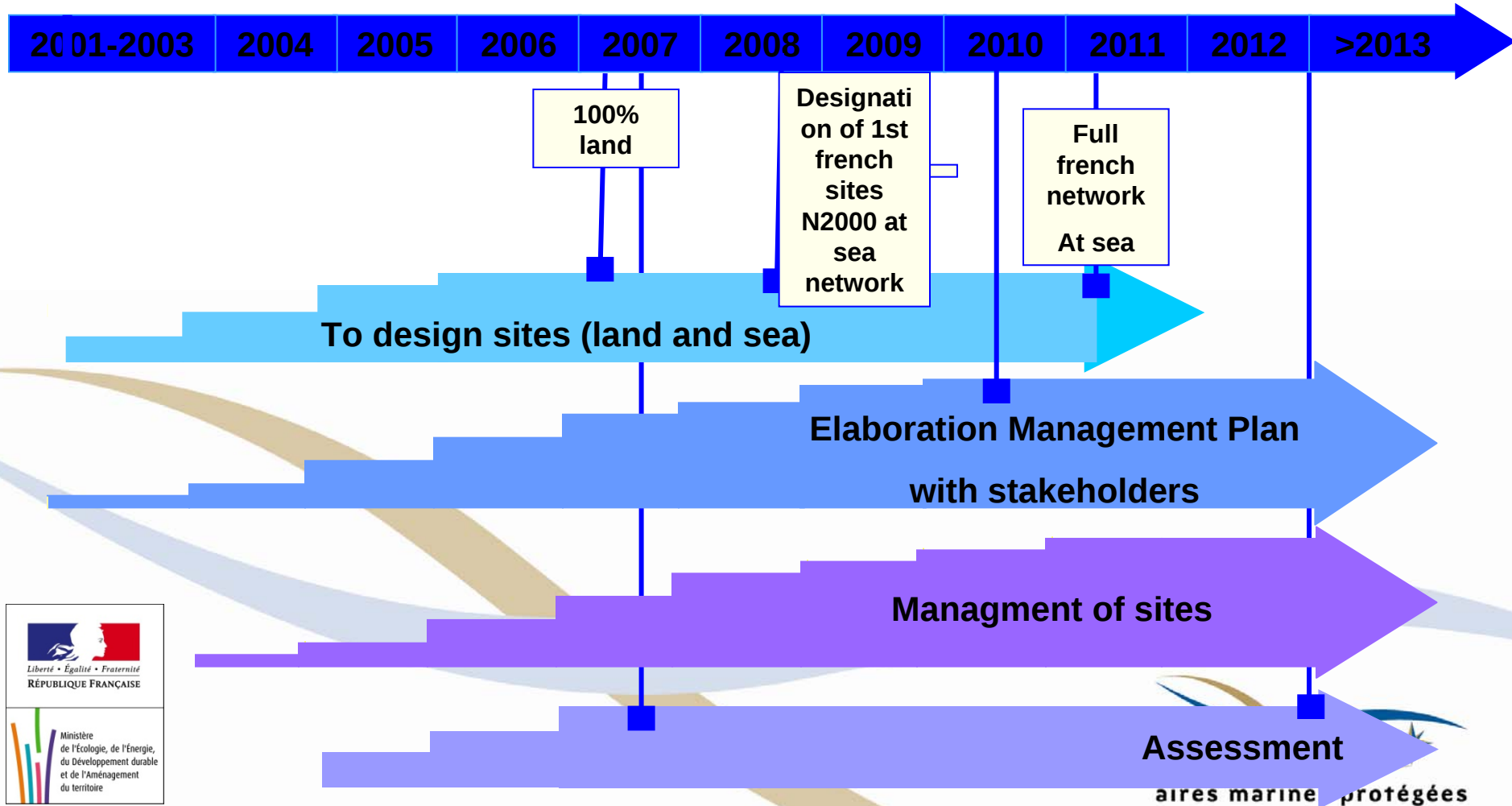


French Approach in managing fishing activities in Natura 2000 sites at sea

Off shore sites and sites with historic fishing rights*



Main steps of Natura 2000 implementation





Management process

**The bet of France :
Management measures decided with stakeholders.**

- ✓ **Transparency and dialogue**
- ✓ **Incentive or voluntary-based approach**
- ✓ **Integration of Natura 2000 in economic sector and into sectoral policies**



What is going to happen in France in next months/years...

- ✓ Elaboration of national guidelines (elaboration of Management plan, Proposals of methodology for fishing impacts assessment,)
- ✓ Creation of local committee for each site.
- ✓ Scientific data acquisition continuation (inshore and offshore)
- ✓ Elaboration of management plans (DOCOB)
- ✓ Consultation of all stakeholders (local and foreign) of management measures decided for each site
- ✓ Experimentations with stakeholders (MAIA project)

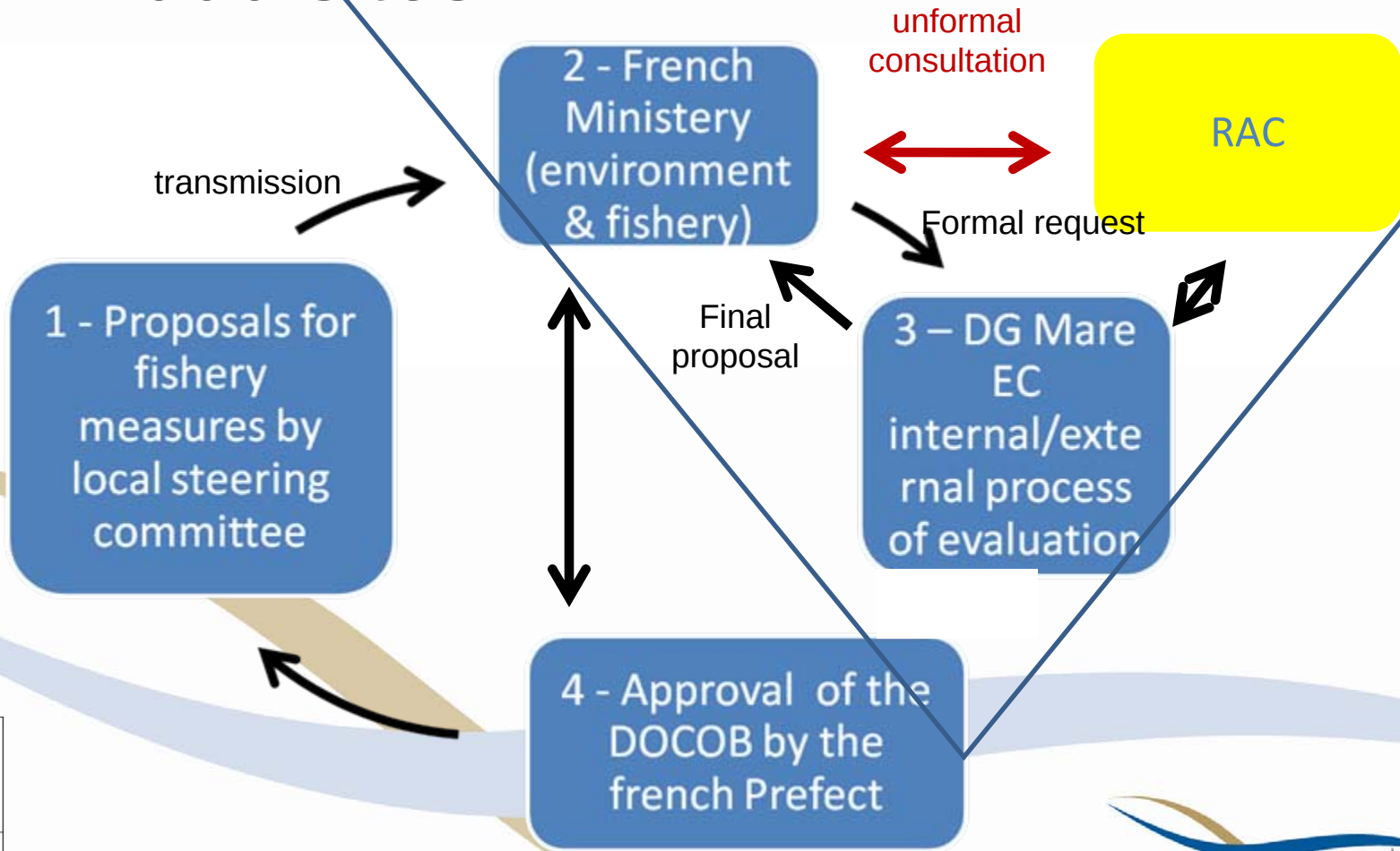


RAC consultation





RAC/UE consultation for fisheries management measures in Natura 2000 sites





Implementation of measures (for fisheries) in sites within 6-12 miles with historic fishing rights and outside 12 miles

- ref : EU guidelines : « Fisheries measures for marine Natura 2000 sites – a consistent approach to requests for fisheries management measures under the common fisheries policy »
- french observations :
 - Necessity of harmonisation of management measures
 - Very limited buffer zones
 - Control with existing means
 - Adoption of regulation on several Natura 2000 sites at the same time
 - Decision for long time period



Conclusion



French designation of natura sites almost finished

Management measures will be discussed with stakeholders

Necessity of european harmonisation for fishing impact assessment methodology

Thank you for attention

