

# Actions for an adaptation of water resources management to climate change

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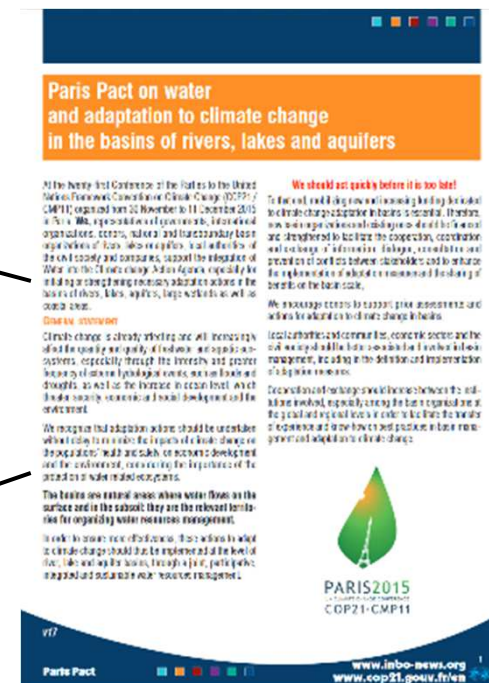
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## Context

- Paris pact on water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers  
 ➡ signed by 358 basins organizations all over the world.

### ② Adapt basin management planning to climate change:

- at the level of the basins, assess the impacts of climate change and the vulnerabilities and produce strategies for adapting water management to climate change,
- develop basin management plans and actions programs for the implementation of these strategies and measures for adaptation to climate change, and organize regular performance reviews based on suitable indicators,



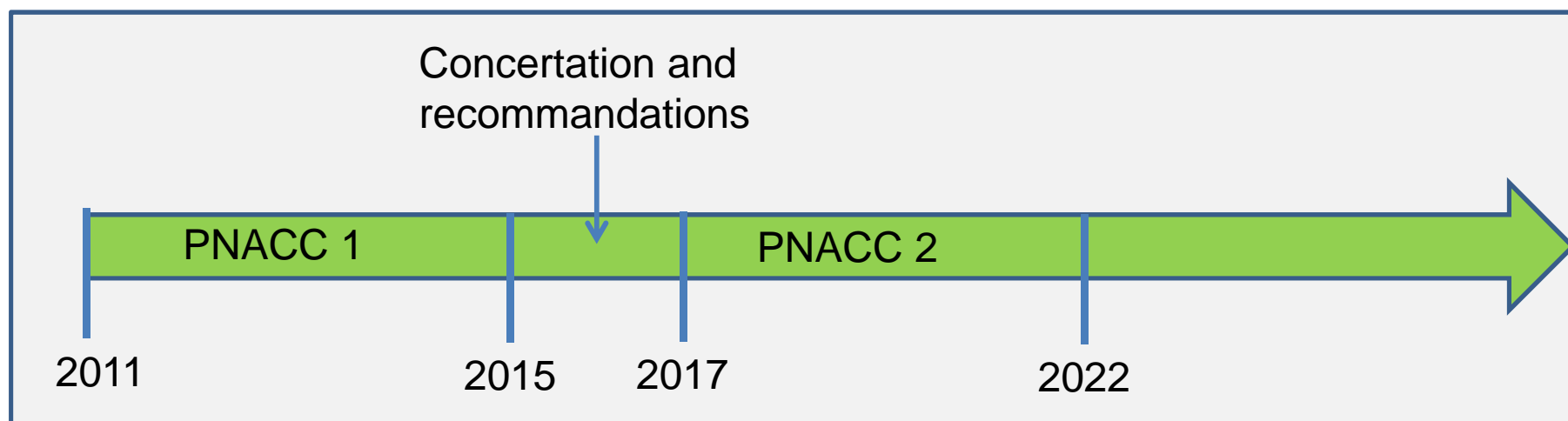
# Program

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- Introduction
  - Adaptating to climate change on Seine-Normandy basin (The Seine-Normandy water Agency)
  - Video on sharing of water resources in the Rhone-Mediterranean and Corsica Water Agency
  - Climate change and its impacts on risks management in the Seine Estuary (Community of Le Havre conurbation)
  - Adaptative management of coastline in littoral wetlands (Coastal conservation authority)
  - Discussion and debate
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## A national plan for adaptation to climate change

- A rolling 5-year plan to
  - ✓ protect people and goods
  - ✓ avoid risks inequities
  - ✓ preserve our natural heritage
- cross-sectoral, dealing with 20 topics : health, water, biodiversity, natural hazards, agriculture, forests, urban planning, research, funding, governance.... new version summarized in 6 activity fields



Not focused on water resources management !

## Why building a strategy by river basin?

- 6 water agencies in France for each big river basin and a water office for each ultramarine river basin
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- Water agencies have signed in the Paris Pact in 2015 on water and adaptation to climate change in the basins of rivers, lakes and aquifers



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# Progress on implementation of adaptation strategies

- Adoption in Dec. 2016 by the river basin committee
- Involvement of diverse and key actors (more than 200 people have signed the commitment declaration)
- Formations and informal meetings for intern staff

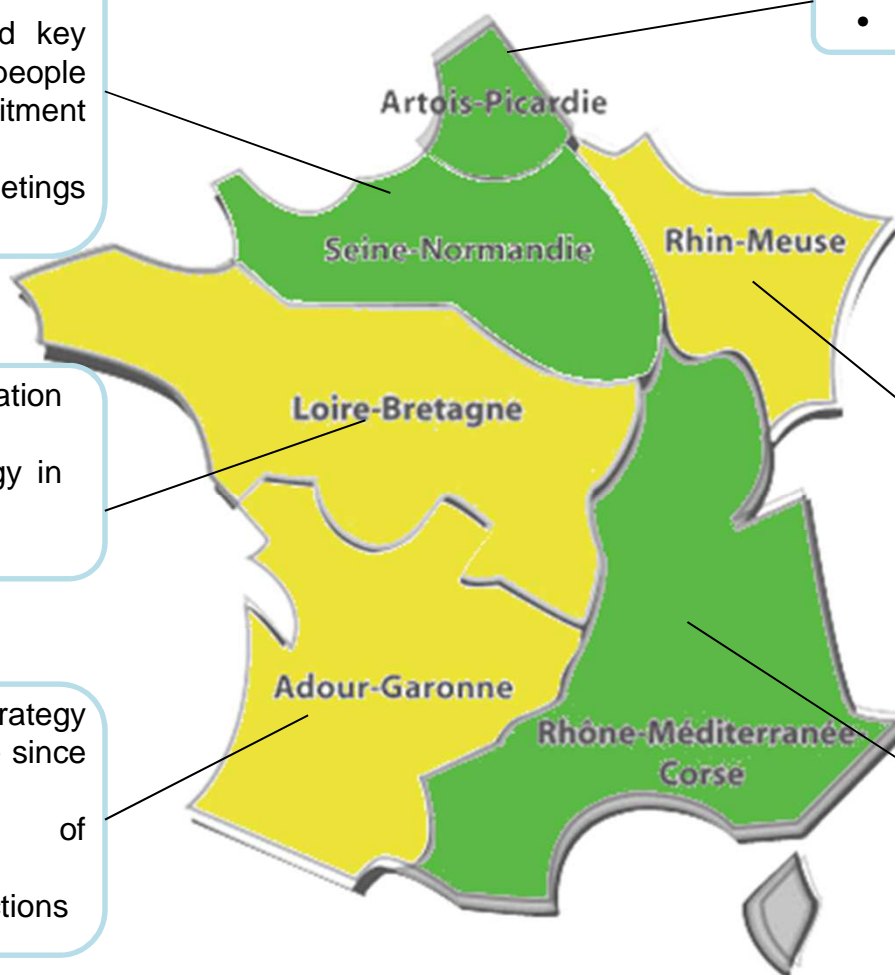
- Published Nov. 2016
- Public awareness

- Strategy out for consultation until vote in April 2018
- Presentation of the strategy in public forums
- Formations

- Presentation of a first version in Sept. 2017

- Co-construction of the strategy with the river basin committee since May 2016
- Elaboration of maps of vulnerability
- Definition of a typology of actions

- Adoption in 2014
- Use of maps of vulnerability for the operational implementation
- In progress for Corsica



## Implementation of adaptation strategies in watersheds

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- **Climate change adaptation plan** for water resources management are being developed **by watersheds**
  - **Different status** : 3 plans adopted / 3 plans in progress in metropolitan France
  - **Different methodologies** to implement these plans
  - **Debates exist concerning the vectors for action**
  - **Every agencies are considering adaptation of climate change as a criterion for their actions that can be subsidized in their multi-annual program but at different degree.**
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# WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Co-building of a strategy for climate  
change adaptation on Seine-  
Normandy river basin





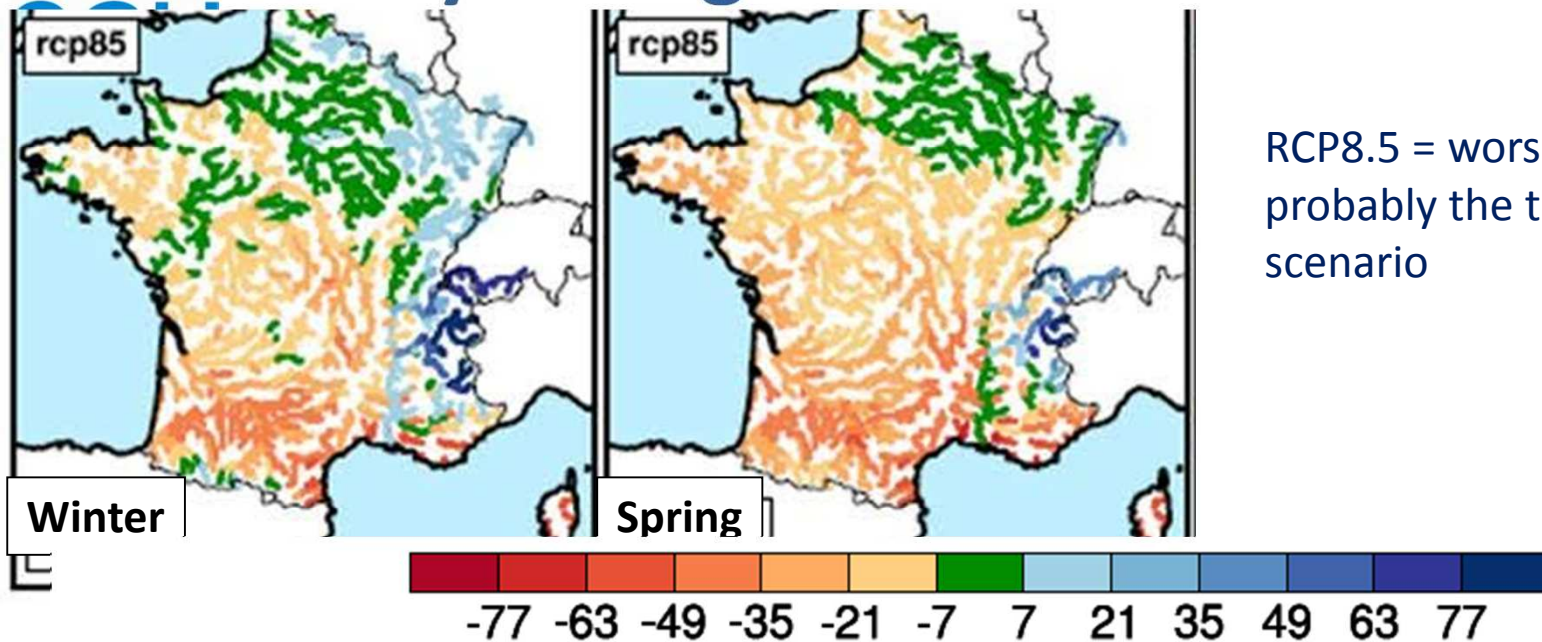
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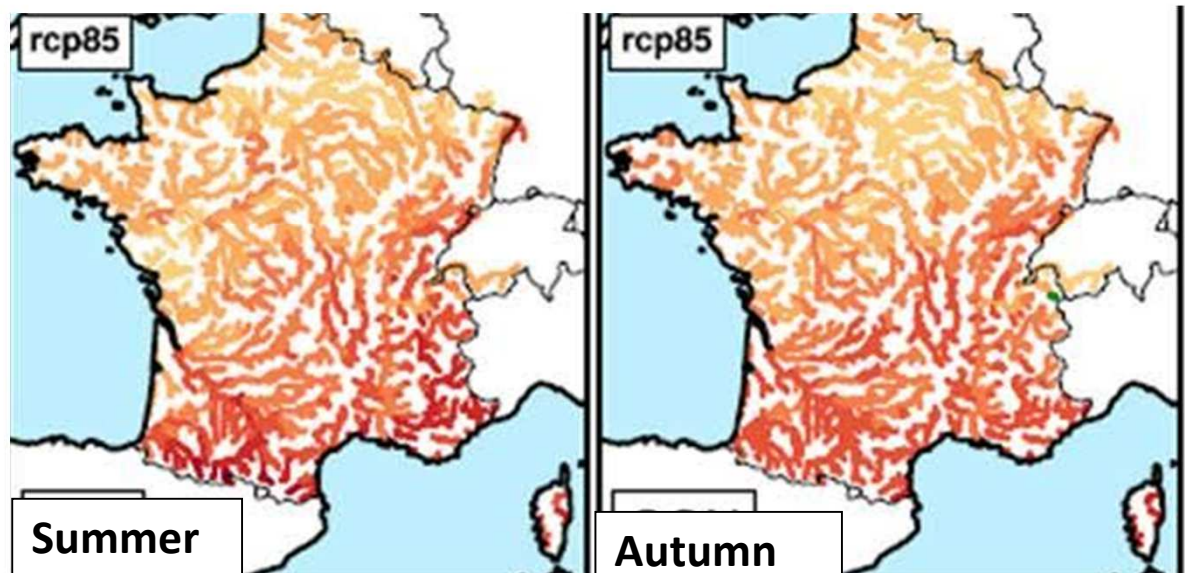


# Why taking action on climate change?



RCP8.5 = worse scenario but probably the trend-based scenario

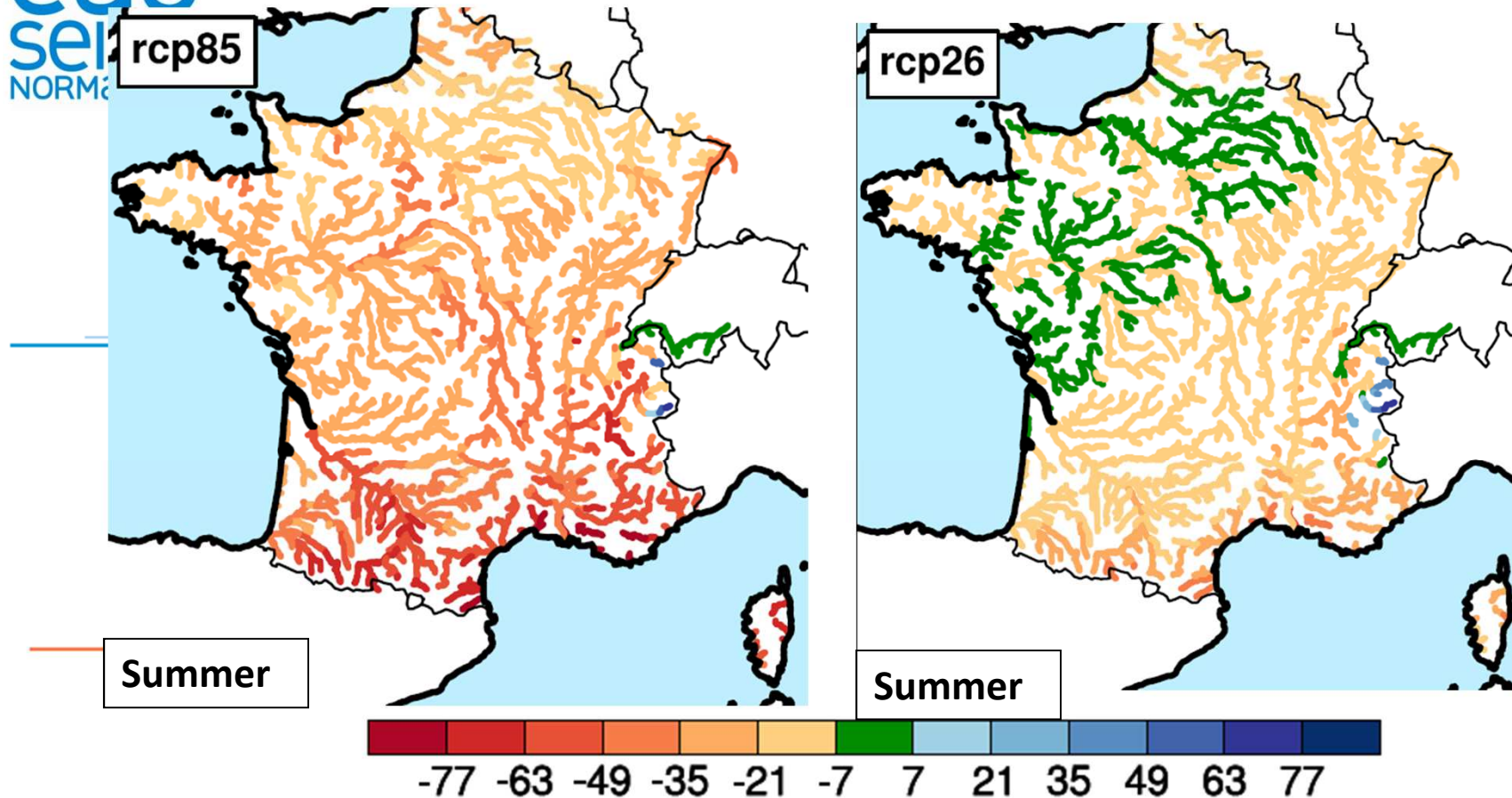
Evolution of the seasonal river flows in France around 2100:  
Decrease of 30% of the river flows on Seine-Normandy river basin





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# Why taking action on climate change?



Reducing global carbon emissions would substantially reduce the impacts of climate change on river flows



# Impacts of climate change on Seine-Normandy river basin

- ↑ Around 80cm of sea level rise
- ↑ Increase of around 2°C of surface water by 2100
- ↓ Reduction of rainsfalls by around 12% by 2100
- ↑ Increase of evapotranspiration around 23% by 2100
- ↓ Reduction of groundwater recharge by 30% by 2100

# A strategy for climate change adaptation, what for?

- ✓ Disseminating information on climate change effects
- ✓ Mobilising water stakeholders by repositioning water policy into long term and global issues
- ✓ Inspiring planning documents with concrete actions



# What objectives?

- 1- Reducing water dependency
- 2- Preserving water quality
- 3- Anticipating the consequences of coastal erosion and sea level rise
- 4- Preserving biodiversity and ecosystems services
- 5- Increasing infiltration to limit runoffs

# What method?

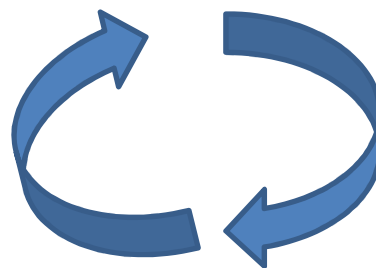
A collaborative strategy...

+ than 30 local  
and thematic  
meetings in  
2016

Water agency  
guidances

17 experts from  
multiple fields

Projects and feedbacks from  
local representatives and  
stakeholders



Debates during river basin  
committees, working groups  
and local meetings

The expertise of the  
scientific community

...adopted unanimously by the river basin committee (185 members)  
in december 2016

# Guidelines of the strategy for climate change adaptation

Guidelines for adaptation measures :

- ✓ Non regrettable measures, inexpensive, using few resources
- ✓ Multifunctional for environment
- ✓ Mitigating for climate
- ✓ Seeking for solidarity among different territories and actors

**The cost of preventive measures is lower than the price of inaction**



## Strategic responses for river basin stakeholders

Declined in 46 actions and sub-actions and highlighting good practices already implemented on the river basin

**A : Facilitate infiltration into the ground and revegetate cities**

**B : Restore the connectivity and the morphology of watercourses and littoral environments**

**C : Co-produce local knowledge on climate**

**D : Develop sustainable agricultural and forestry systems**

**E : Reduce pollutions at its source**

**F : Decrease water consumption and optimize water withdrawal**

**G : Ensure the supply of drinking water**

**H : Deal with rising sea levels**

**I : Adapt the management of navigation**

**J : Enhance management and governance around the resource**

**K : Develop the follow-up and the knowledge**



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NORMANDIE



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vie à l'eau

Agence de l'eau

## Experts committee opinion

- ✓ Increase the infiltration into the ground in urban and rural zones to better manage water quality, runoffs and low-flows
- ✓ Replanting riparian forest and arrange expanding floods areas
- ✓ Enhance the co-production of hydrologic and climatic knowledge
- ✓ Accompagny agriculture to resilient, diversify and water-saving systems
- ✓ Reducing pollutions directly at its source to limit risks on water quality

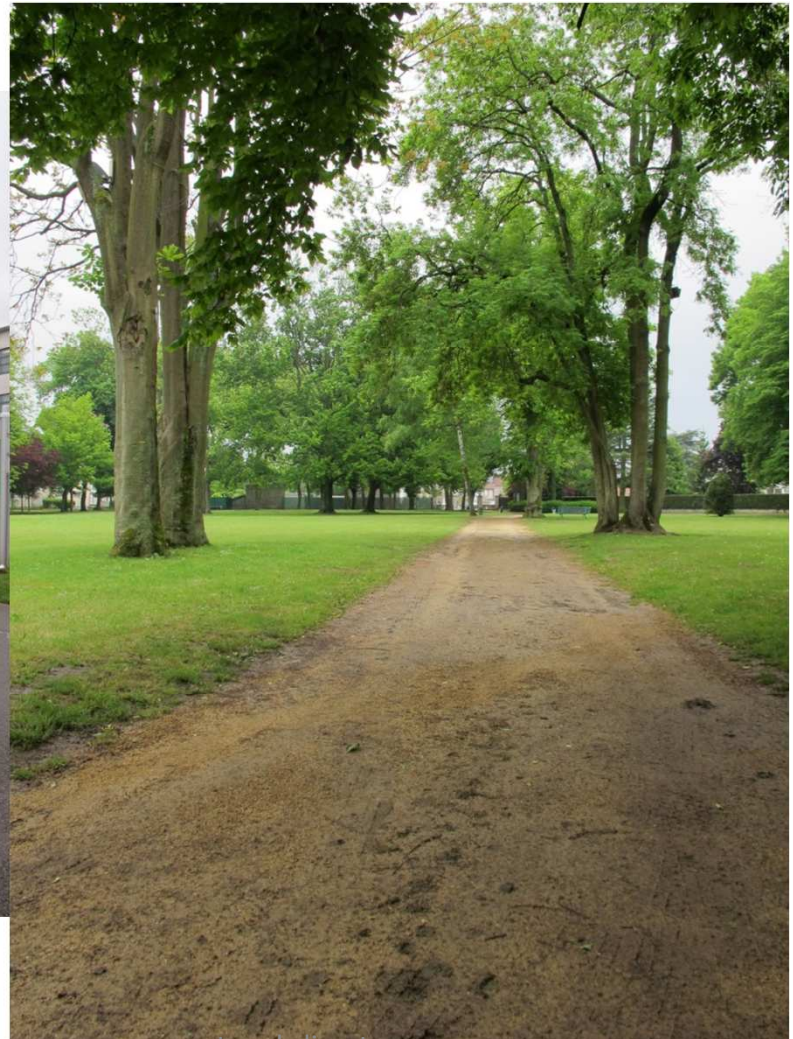
Some actions should remain as « last resort » :

- ▲ Malaptation
- ▲ Non mitigating

## Structure of strategic responses

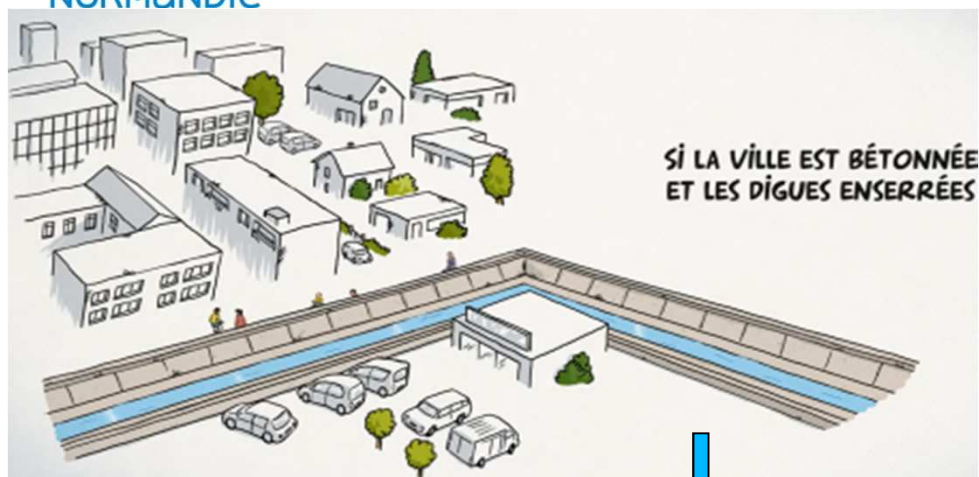
- **Made of local contributions**
- Key actor(s) : Local authority/industry/farmers etc
- Objective: quantity/quality/biodiversity/floods/coast/all
- Territory : urban/rural/coastal/all
- Links with mitigation
- Links with SDAGE and PGRI (planning document)
- Other legislation
- Indicative cost: From 1 to 3 (with examples)
- How to implement this action? : financial supports, tax incentives, law evolution, study, training etc
- Co-benefits : health, landscape, social,..
- Local examples

## Facilitate infiltration into the ground and revegetate cities





## Restore the connectivity and the morphology of watercourses : arranging expanding floods areas





## And now, what is happening on Seine-Normandy river basin?

- We have sent the commitment for adaptation to climate change to the 8300 elected representatives
- We organized events on climate change (international, national, local) to share views and questions
- We train our own services and fund special education actions
- We fund pilot projects to develop research and know-how
- We integrate a trend-based scenario for 2030 into our inventory report 2019
- We increased our support for the actions that the strategy recognized as more important and we seek for a better incentive
- We elaborate common action plan with some impacting actors
- We will integrate climate change into agreements with local authorities

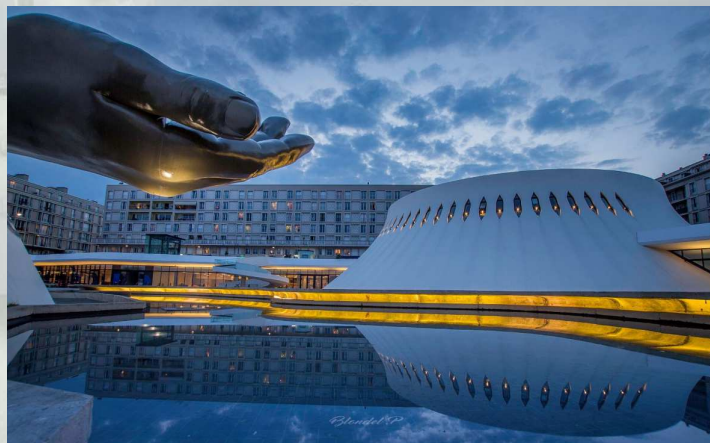
***L'efficacité de l'adaptation de tous  
dépendra du niveau d'ambition de  
chacun***

***The effective adaptation of all will  
depend on the level of ambition of  
each***





# Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre





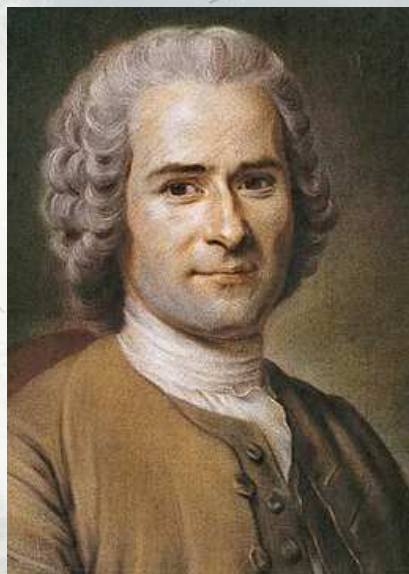
*D'après la légende de Knut le Grand (roi de Danemark , de la Norvège et de l'Angleterre) :*

*Quoique le Roi décide, quoiqu'il exige,  
la mer et la marée fluent et refluent sans son consentement !*



*To be rational and realist !*

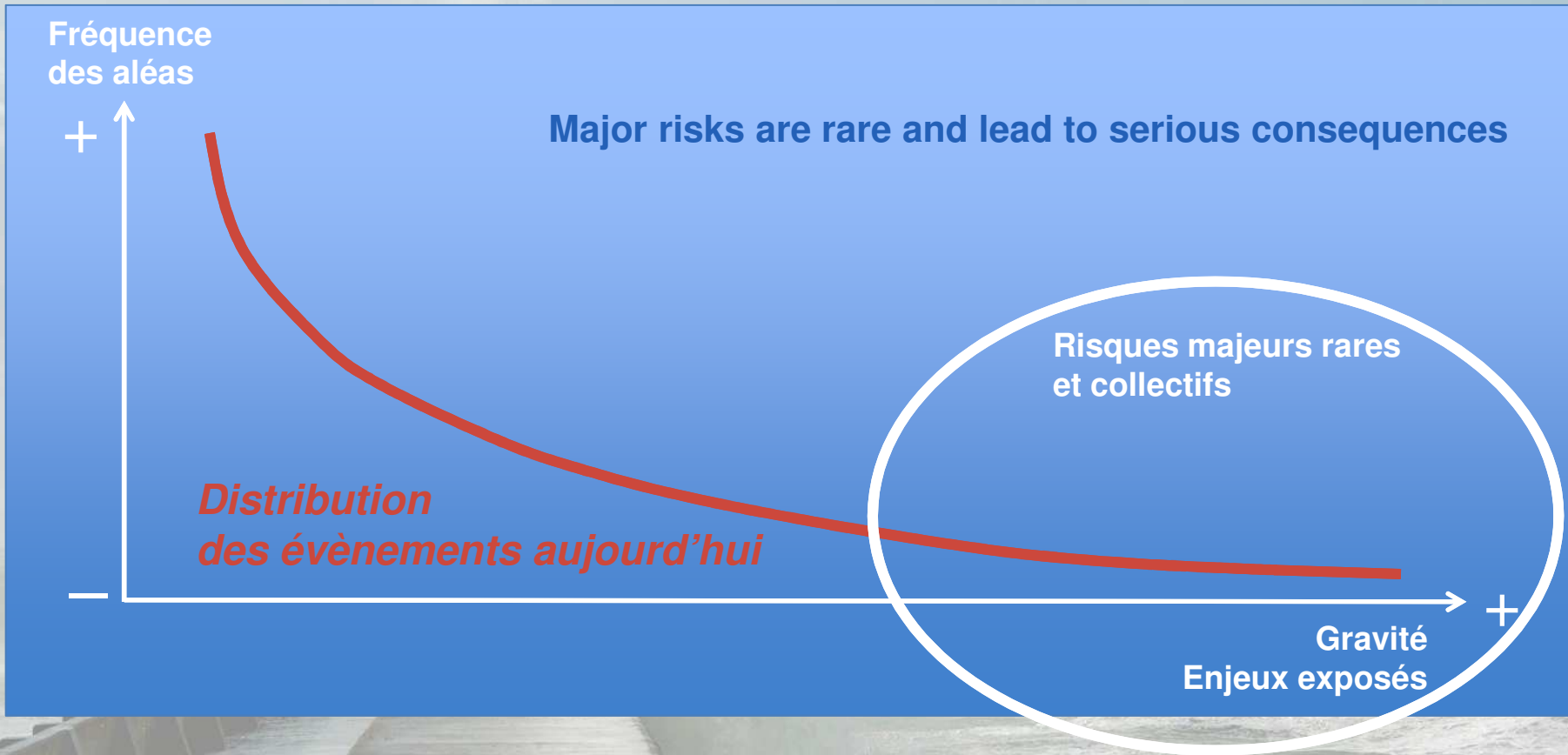
*Depuis Jean Jacques Rousseau (XVIIIème s.),  
les catastrophes naturelles  
relèvent aussi de la responsabilité humaine*



*To be responsible !*

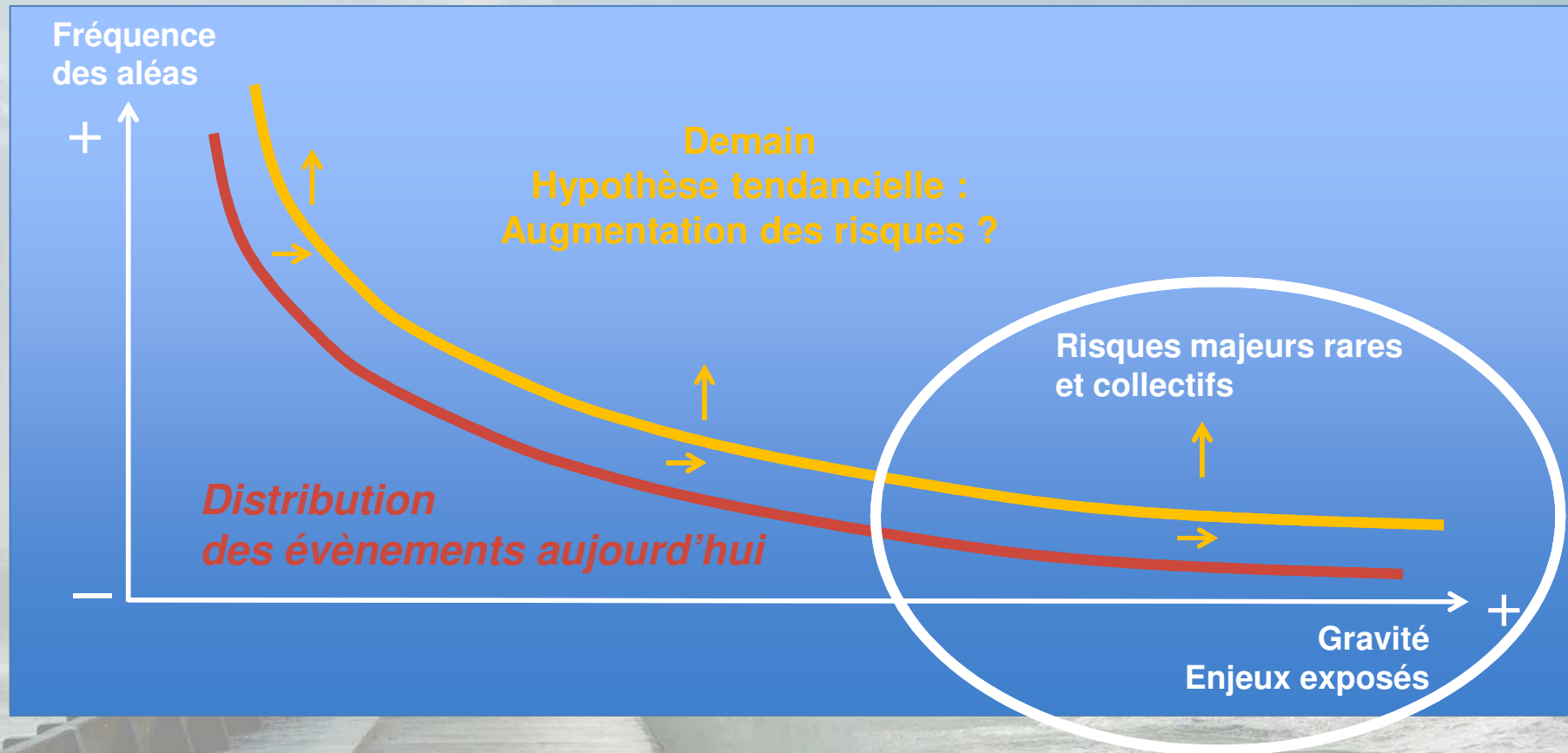
# Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

What are major risks ?



## Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

What are major risks and how to deal with them in the future ?



Two management approaches : issues or/and hazards ?

- 1) action on existing and future issues ?
- 2) action on evolution of natural hazards ?



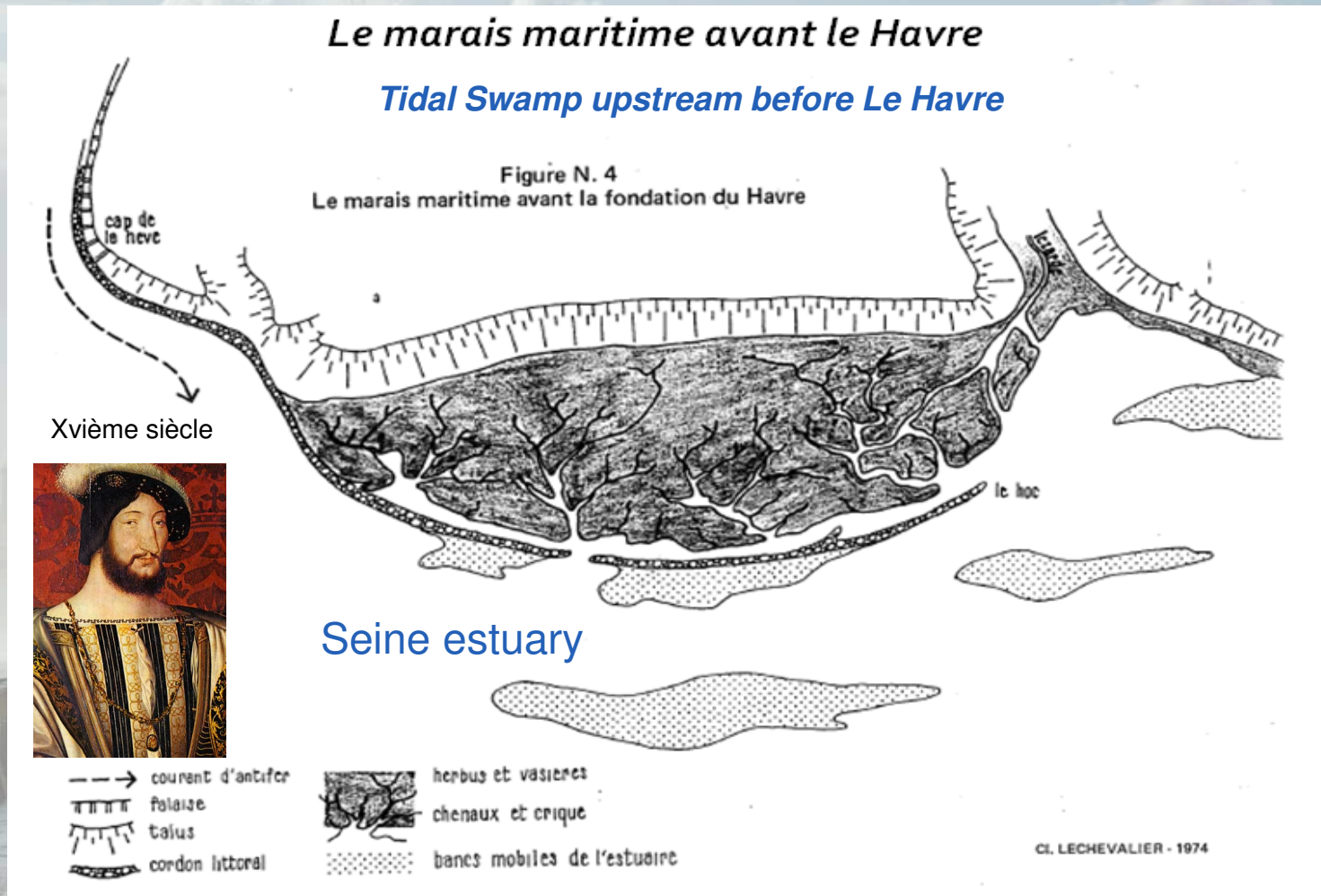
# **Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre**

## **1 - What issues ? Land management, its consequences and stakeholders**



# Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

Seine estuary : a territory highly modified by human activities for the 500 past years ?





# Le Havre, nowadays : a sea port open to the world

North  
atlantic  
ocean

North  
Sea

London

The Channel

Thanks to  
Thomas  
Pesquet

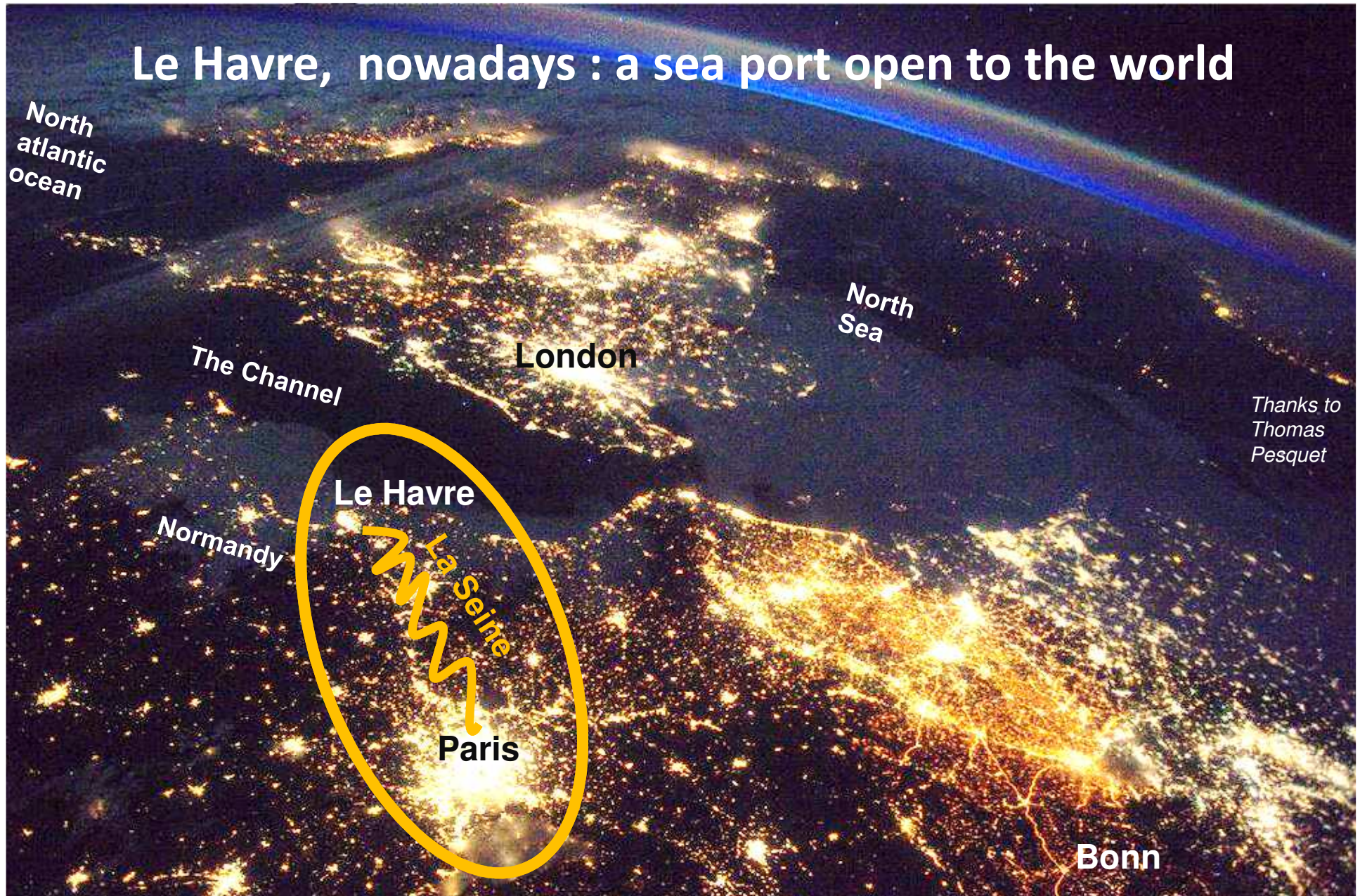
Le Havre

Normandy

Paris

La Seine

Bonn



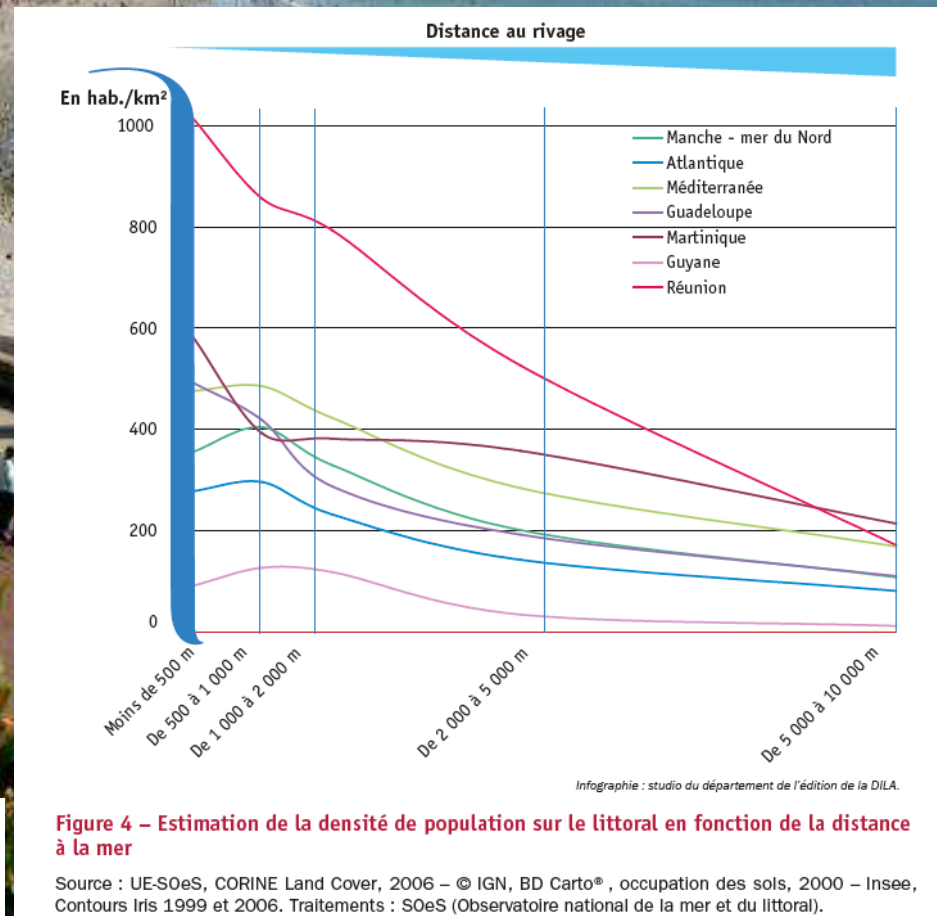


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An important population growth along the coast of Le Havre and France



Le littoral dans le contexte du changement climatique - Rapport au Premier ministre et au Parlement - ONERC 2015  
La documentation Française





# Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

MAIN ECONOMIC SECTORS IN LE HAVRE & ITS REGION

## A major industrial hub



- 1<sup>st</sup> French chemical platform
  - More than 5,275 kilotons of products / year
- 1<sup>st</sup> French petrochemical complex
  - 24.3 tons of crude oil processed / year
  - The 2 largest refineries in France

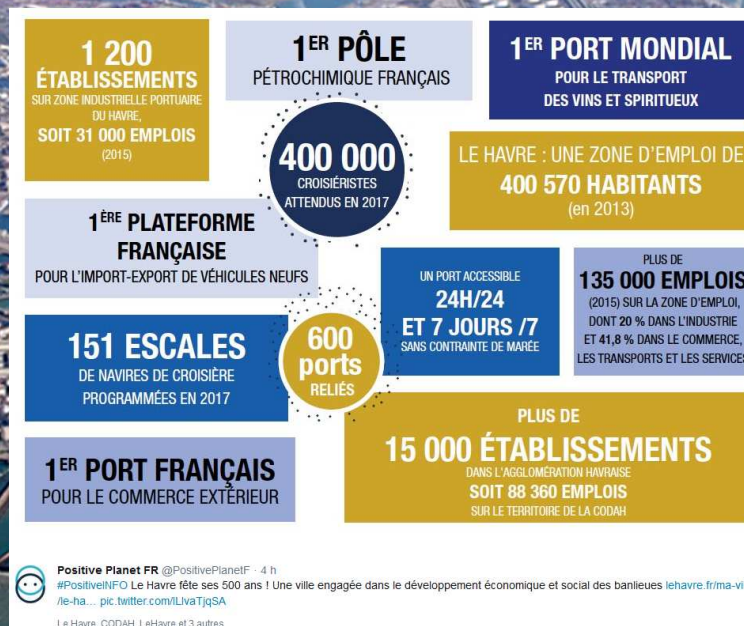
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## A leading logistics hub



- 1.4 million sqm of warehouses, 350,000 sqm planned
- 600 companies – 17,000 professionals
- Customs clearance in less than 5 min
- Postponed TVA payment procedure

## How to protect 400,000 inhabitants and develop economics activities



MAIN ECONOMIC SECTORS IN LE HAVRE & ITS REGION

## A dynamic services sector



- 70,000 jobs, more than 42% of the working population
- Know-how in international trade, engineering, insurance, customer relationship management

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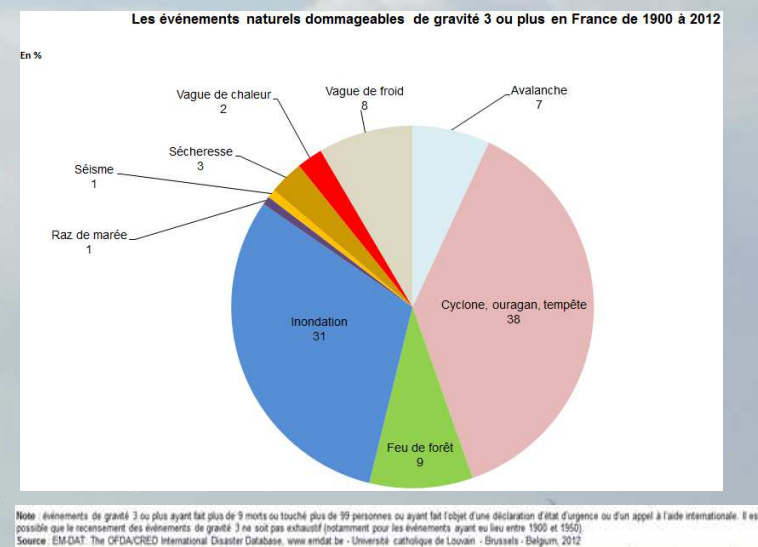
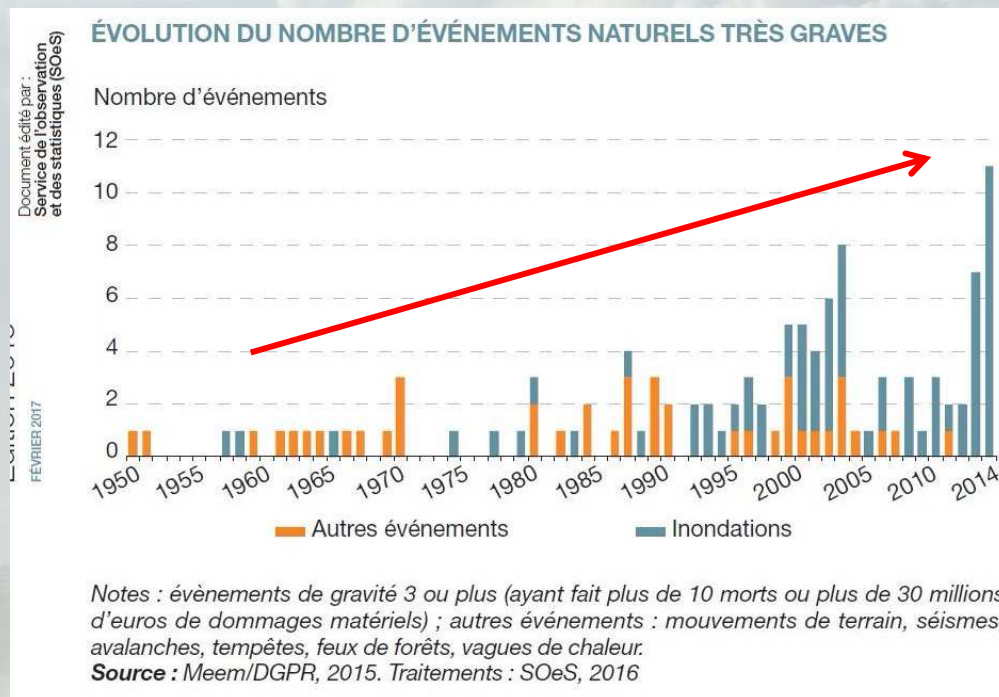
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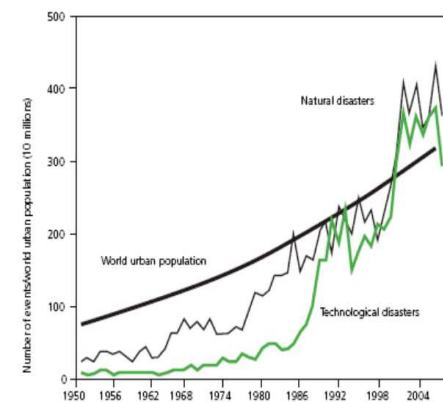
- 1<sup>st</sup> French port for international trade, containers traffic
- More than 66 million tons of good handled in 2016
- Connected to more than 600 ports (75 regular lines)
- Able to berth the biggest ships 24-7

# Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

Past observation show an aggravation of natural risks in France and all over the world



## ÉVOLUTION DE LA POPULATION ET MONDIALE ET NOMBRE DE CATASTROPHES NATURELLES OU TECHNOLOGIQUES



Source : UN Habitat

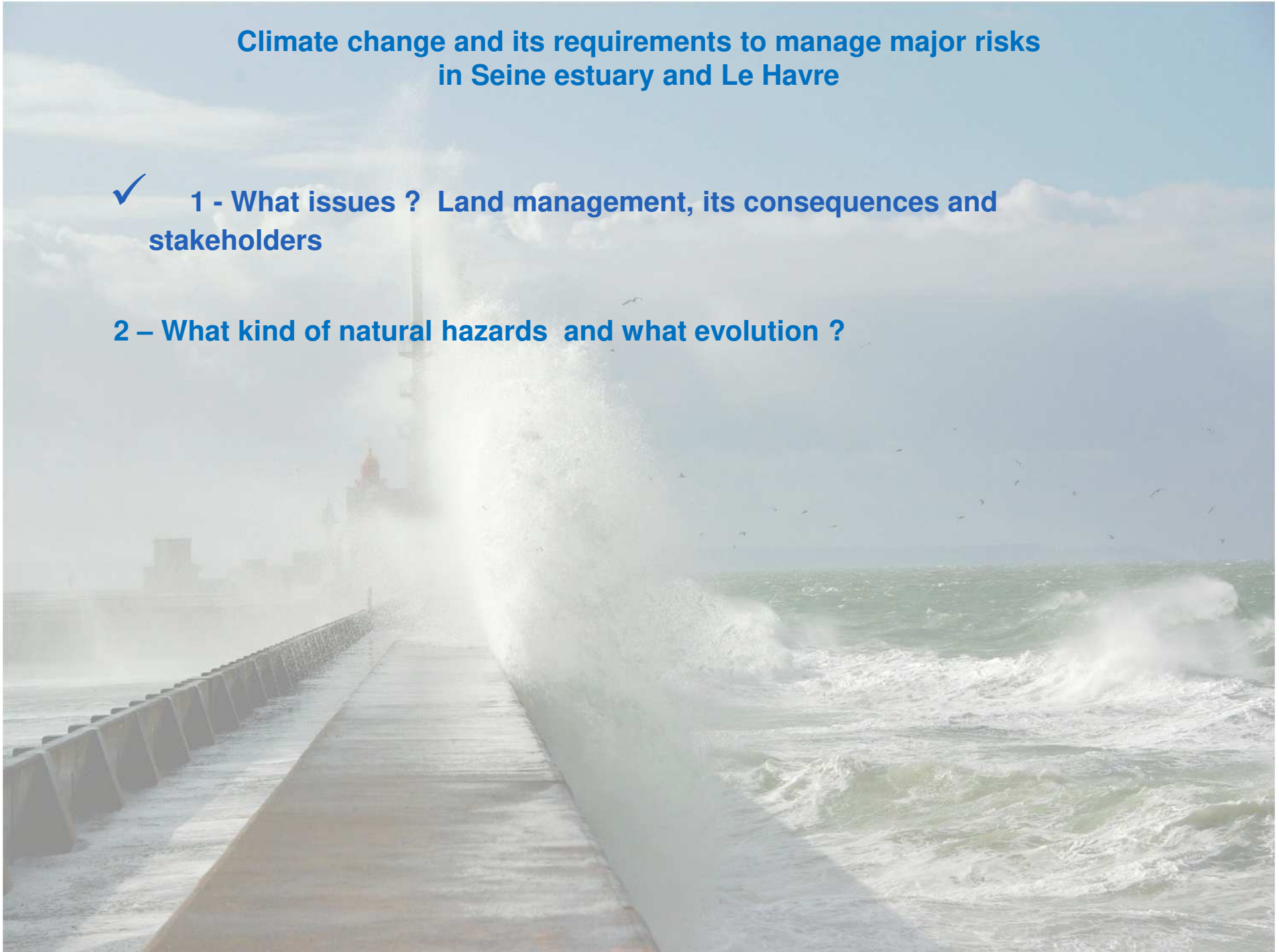
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## Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

✓ 1 - What issues ? Land management, its consequences and stakeholders

2 – What kind of natural hazards and what evolution ?



# Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

## Modification of climate conditions and its consequences on meteorological events

Natural hazard ? ++ runoff + + floods ++ heat waves

### Spécification of estuaries :

#### ++ marine subversions

+ marine storms (waves, maritime surge levels )

+ mean sea level rise =

▪ less safety of coastland

+ coastline retreat

+ saltwater intrusion (impact water withdrawals)

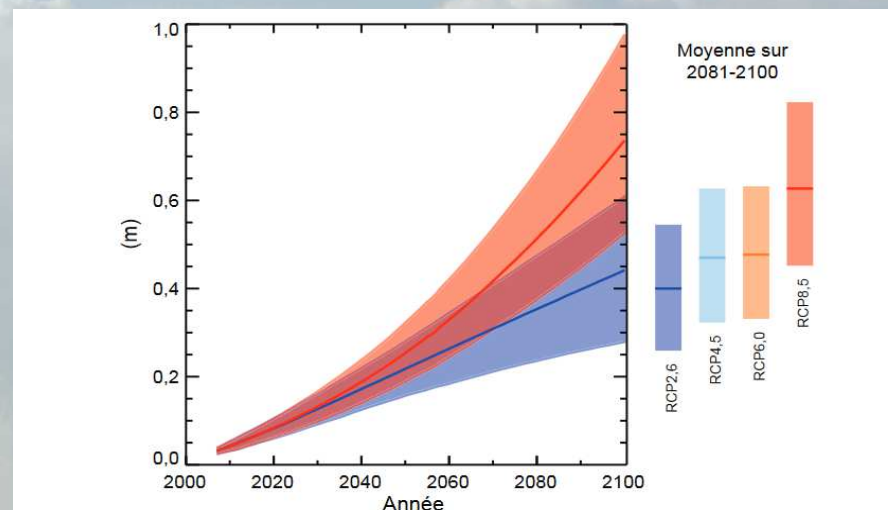


Figure B6 – Projections de l'élévation du niveau moyen global de la mer au xxi<sup>e</sup> siècle relativement à 1986-2005 pour les deux scénarios d'émission RCP2.6 et RCP8.5. Les plages de couleur autour des courbes correspondent à l'intervalle d'un changement « probable » (67 % de chance). Les barres verticales correspondent à un changement « probable » de la moyenne de la période 2081-2100 pour tous les scénarios RCP, et les barres horizontales aux valeurs médianes associées.

Source : IPCC (2013), Figure SPM.9.

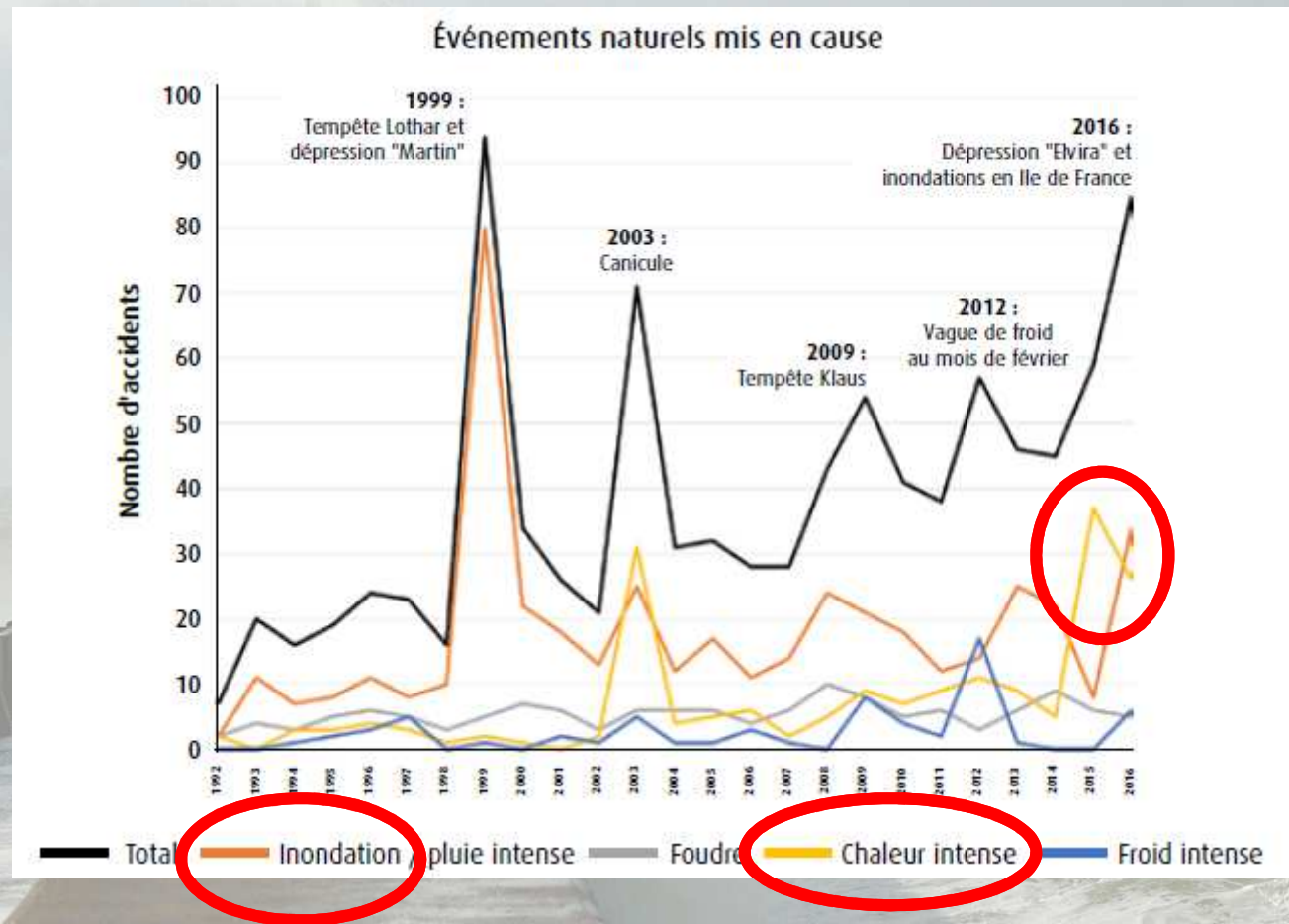
### Hypothèse d'évolutions globales en cm du niveau de la mer (ONERC, 2010)

Hypothèse	2030	2050	2100
Optimiste	10	17	40
Pessimiste	14	25	60
Extrême	22	41	100

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**++ emerging topic : NaTech Risk (domino effects), natural and technological risks**

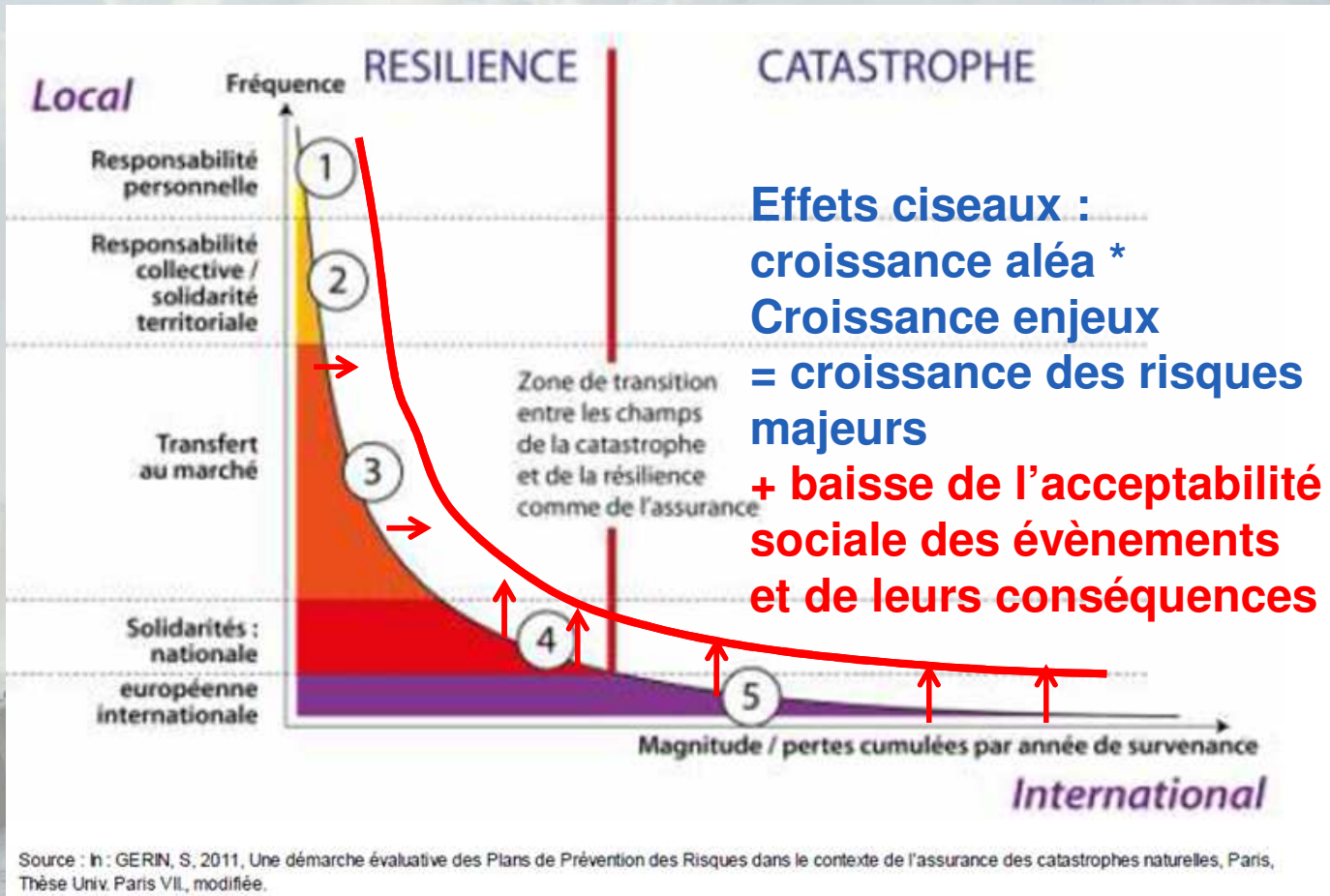
Technological accidents in France linked to natural events  
« installations classées »





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The rise of hazards combined with the rise of issues is verified and become the challenge for the future



# Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

A population that become aware  
of an aggravation of major risks  
and that launches collectively actions  
to a better adaptation

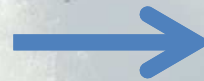


# Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

1st step : a local approach of co-constructing a knowledge base on marine submersion  
thanks to an association dedicated to  
major risks management of Seine estuary « **ORMES** »



Local round-table  
of stakeholders



Commission « maritime surge  
levels » (CTeeSMES)

Interdisciplinary working group  
of local stakeholders and researchers

Integration of local  
knowledge  
with additional  
scientific  
and technical  
knowledge  
can improve  
disaster  
risk reduction and  
climate  
change adaptation  
(*high agreement,  
robust evidence*)

Les partenaires de la démarche  
autour de l'amélioration des connaissances

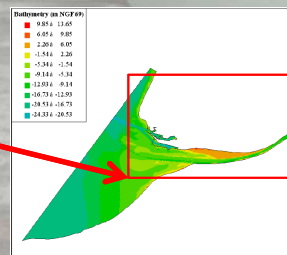


**For a better knowledge of :**

- water levels and wave heights near the coast;
- to determine the location of water entrance in inlands and to calculate the volumes of waters inside harbour basins, at the mouth of the Seine Estuary and in storage areas of the floodplain;
- to get a better knowledge of the exposure of elements at stake to submersion hazard.



**Example : improve accurate knowledge on topography :  
coproducing a lidar over estuary**



## + bathymetry

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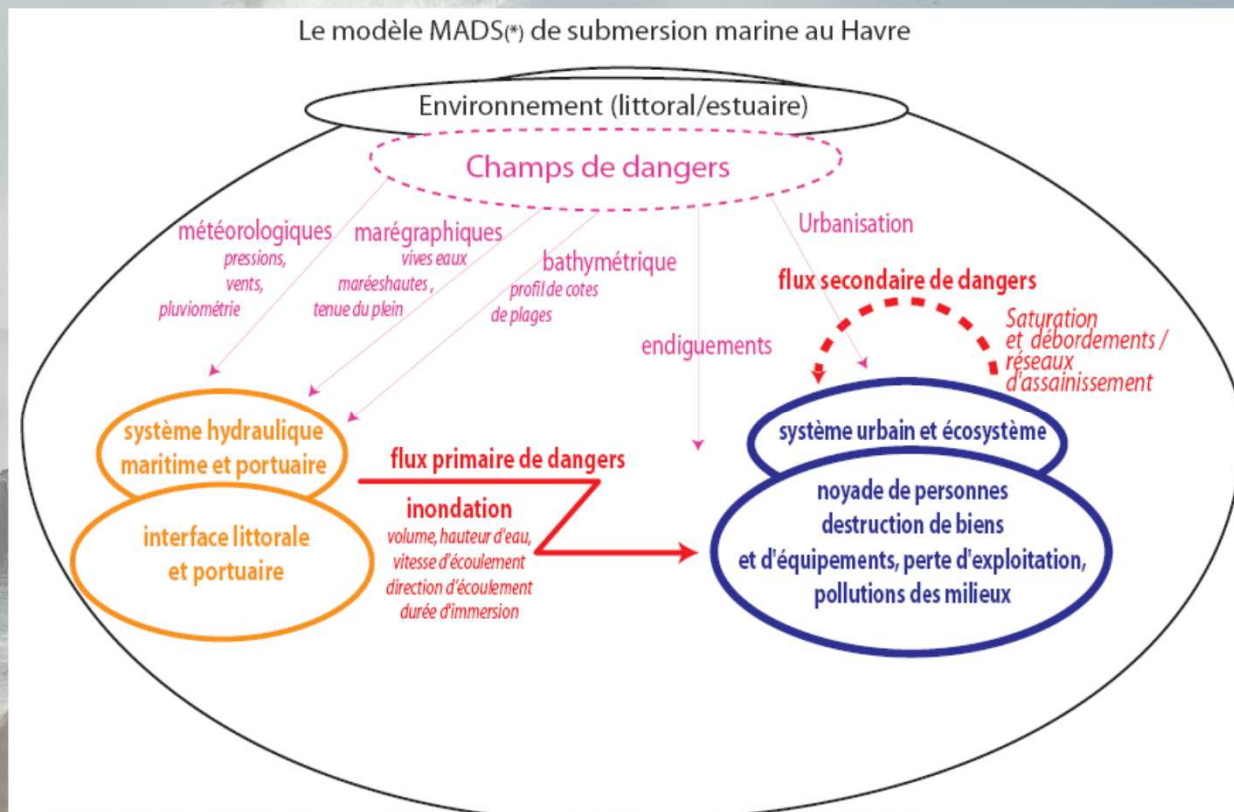
Simple but essential question :

Where would sea flood expand ?

Cindyniques conceptual model

CODAH-DIRM

Le modèle MADS(\*) de submersion marine au Havre



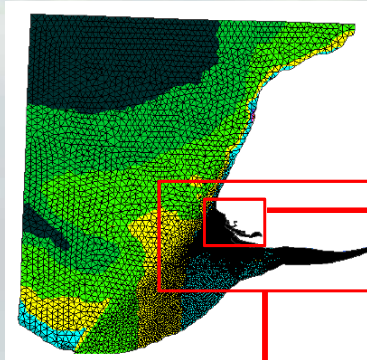


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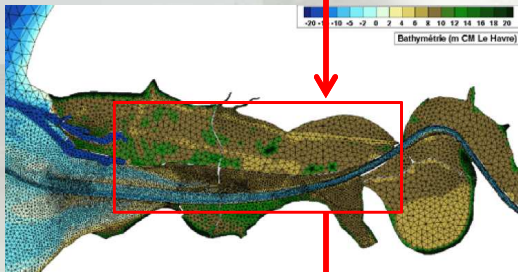
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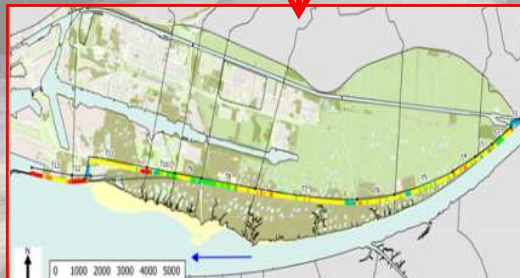
Model « SEA »  
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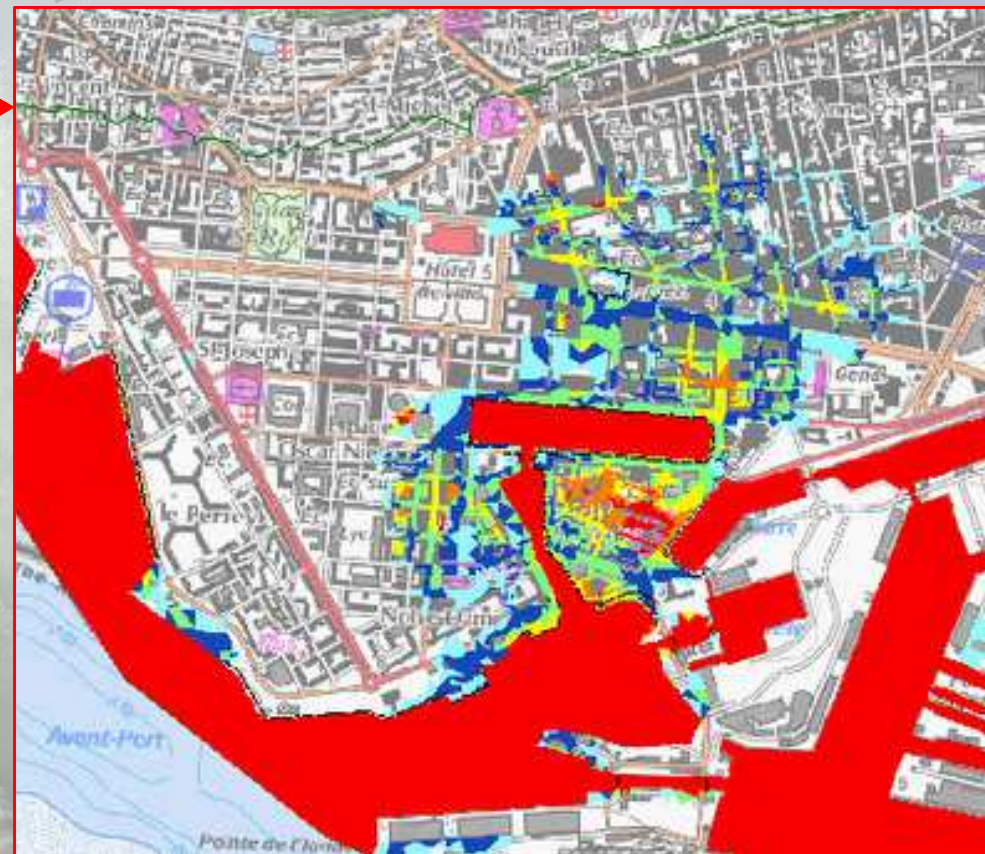
Modele  
«SEINE  
RIVER »  
GIP SEINE AVAL



Model  
« coastal  
defence  
structures »  
GPMH



hydrodynamic model « LE HAVRE CITY »  
CODAH-DCE

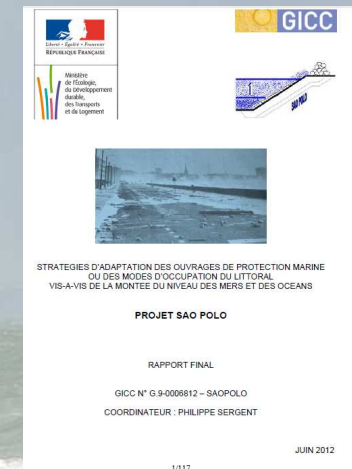
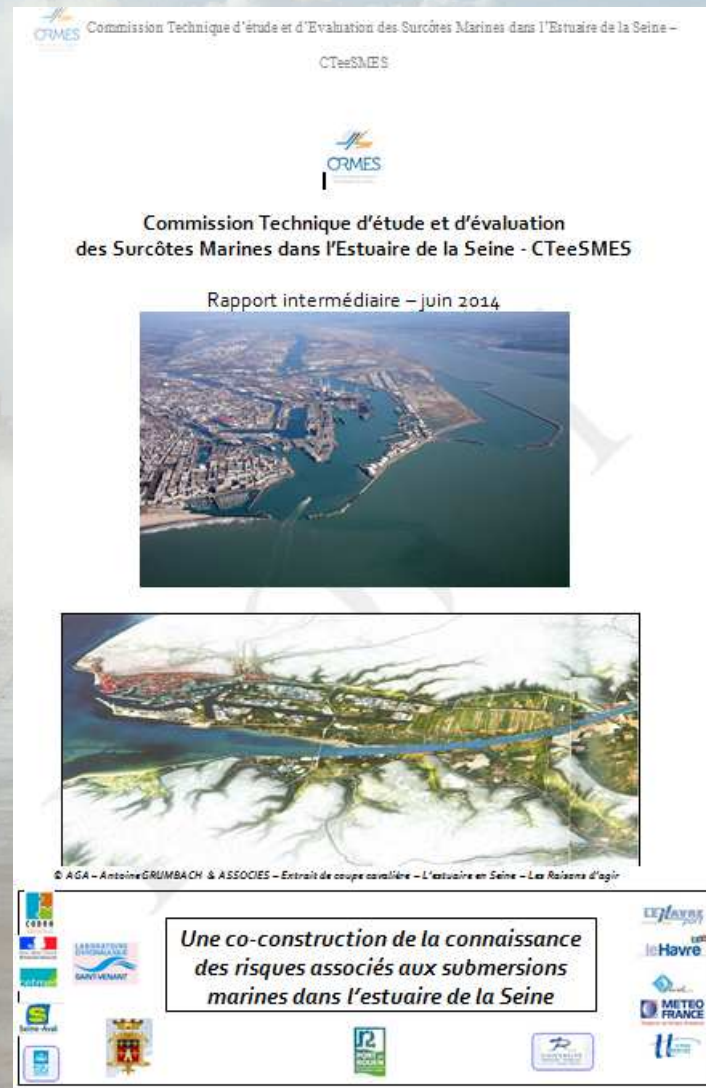
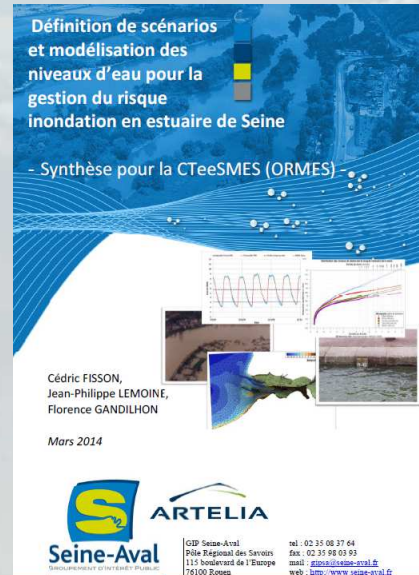


Coupling of four hydrodynamic models to get a integrated picture of major risks



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## Sharing research results by publications



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## 2nd step : emergence of potential collective actions



### **AXIS 1 – get organized !**

Early warning, warning, assistance, safeguard, business continuity, recovery process, etc.



### **AXIS 2 – Dynamic flow management**

Floodgates, etc.



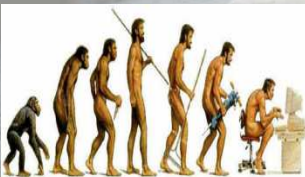
### **AXIS 3 : Prevention, land and urban management, architecture, landscape design**

Innovation & résilient urban conception (Build better and Build back better).



### **AXIS 4 : Civil engineering protections**

Technological systems, networks, building protection, coastal defence structures

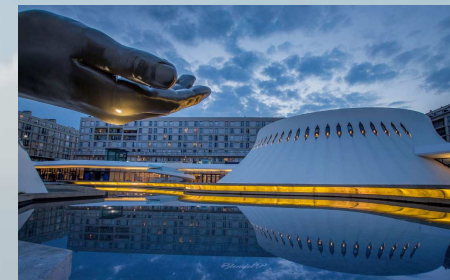


### **AXIS 5 : Develop and take advantage of our knowledge, our risk culture : =>> formation and communication**



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*Any questions  
and see you in Le Havre*



LE HAVRE - NORMANDY

### Live in Le Havre

- **Live by the seaside**
  - ▲ A 2-km long beach in the town centre
  - ▲ All the watersports available: sailing, paddle, kitesurf, rowing, canoe-kayak...
  - ▲ Near famous seaside towns such as Deauville, Trouville, Etretat, Honfleur...
- **Easy moves: one of the shortest average commuting time in France** (19 min vs 26 min for comparable conurbations and 36 min for Paris region)
- **One of the greenest cities in France** with 750 ha of gardens and parks into the city, more than 40 m<sup>2</sup> per resident





## Climate change and its requirements to manage major risks in Seine estuary and Le Havre

### ANNEXE : L'adaption, une réponse adaptée...?

Scenario	Inondations fluviales et côtières		Inondations urbaines		Sécheresses géotechniques	
Actuel	1,8		0,6		0,6	
Scenario d'émission	Augmentation des inondations fluviales et côtières		Augmentation des inondations urbaines		Augmentation des sécheresses géotechniques	
	Sans adaptation	Avec adaptation	Sans adaptation	Avec adaptation	Sans adaptation	Avec adaptation
Elevé	26,5	1,8	12,8	5,5	0,9	N/A
Bas	7,5	5,5	3,7	0,6	0,4	N/A

Tableau 18 : Estimation de l'évolution du coût annuel moyen des dommages en fonction de la mise en œuvre de mesures d'adaptation pour les pouvoirs publics (source : ABI, 2006)

Sarah Gérin 2011: inondations fluviales et côtières, les inondations urbaines et la sécheresse géotechnique, sur l'ensemble du territoire du Royaume-Uni à l'horizon 2080. **L'étude (ABI, 2006) prévoit une forte augmentation des coûts, en l'absence de mesures de mitigation et d'adaptation.** Cette augmentation pourrait atteindre 20 fois les coûts actuels pour les inondations urbaines. Cette étude met également l'accent sur l'importance des facteurs socio-économiques qui peuvent conduire à des effets inattendus. Ainsi, elle met en évidence que dans un contexte de forte croissance économique, de hauts scénarios d'émissions pourraient conduire à un plus grand intérêt des mesures adaptatives, en produisant une réponse plus efficace que les conditions économiques le permettraient sous un scénario d'émission bas. »



# Le **Conservatoire du littoral**

Coastal wetlands management  
and Climate Change

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# What is Conservatoire du littoral ?

- The Conservatoire du littoral is a land trust organisation defending on the long term the protection of the most sensitive areas on French coasts. It is a public agency created in 1975, aiming at protecting the coastal shores, respecting natural sites and the ecological balance, by land acquisition.
- The acquired lands become inconstructibles and inalienables.
- After 40 years of actions, 700 natural sites are protected, open to all, covering 195,000 Ha and 1,500 Km of banks : 15 % of the french coastline. The sites of the Conservatoire welcome more than 30 millions of visits per year.
- The Conservatoire doesn't ensure direct daily management but owner's obligations as coverage of management plans, duties of rehabilitation or heavy developments and duties of upgrading security.
- Sites owned by the Conservatoire are directed by a local dynamic management. The management is realized by agreements with local authorities, publics institutions or NGOs.

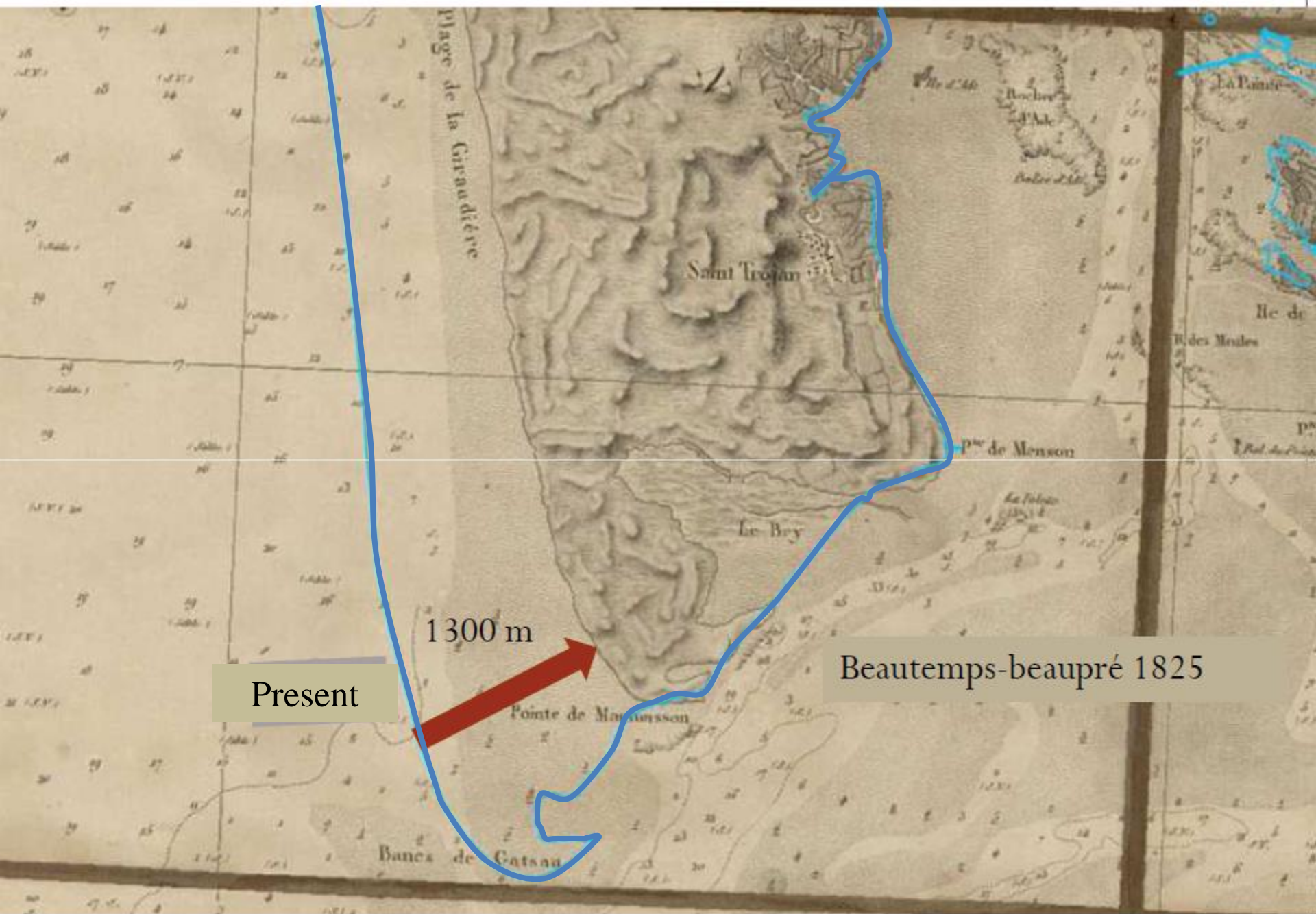


A satellite image of a coastal region, likely a bay or estuary, with a blue line tracing the shoreline. The land area is a mix of green vegetation and brownish urban or developed areas. The water is a deep blue-green. The text is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

# Foreword

## A brief demonstration about coastal dynamics



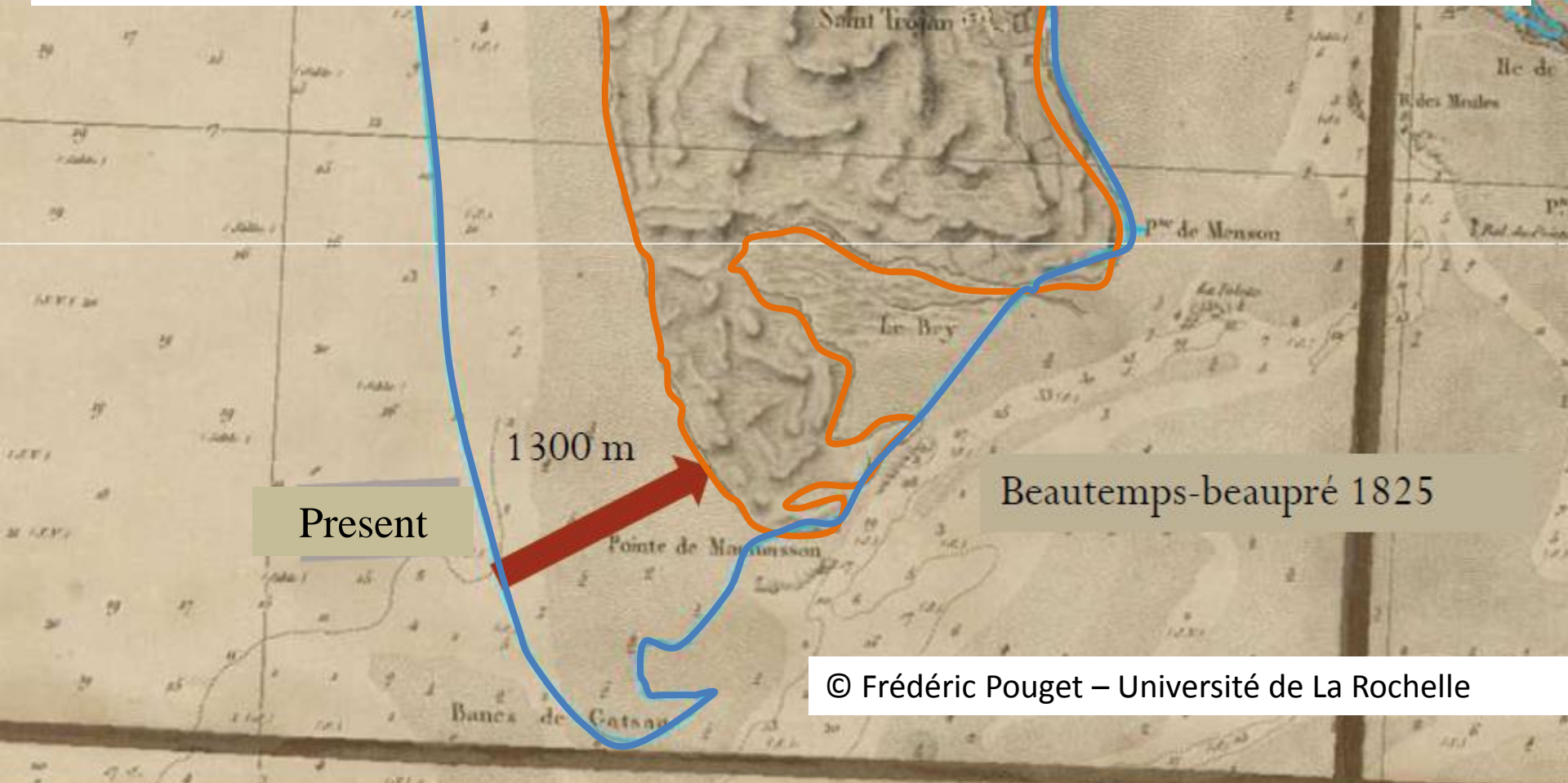


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1300 m

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Dunes, mudflats, salt, brackish and freshwater marsches are constantly shaped by marine and sediment movements



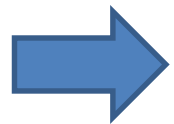
Changing coast

Sea level rise



Fixed coastline

Vulnerable goods



Change engineering and change minds



# The adapto project

*With the adapto project, the Conservatoire attempts to demonstrate that natural areas, if they are healthy and wide enough, can be efficient to protect against coastal risks and therefore contribute to adaptation to climate change. These nature based solutions are **efficient**, can **save public funds** and allow ecosystemic services to provide **benefits**.*



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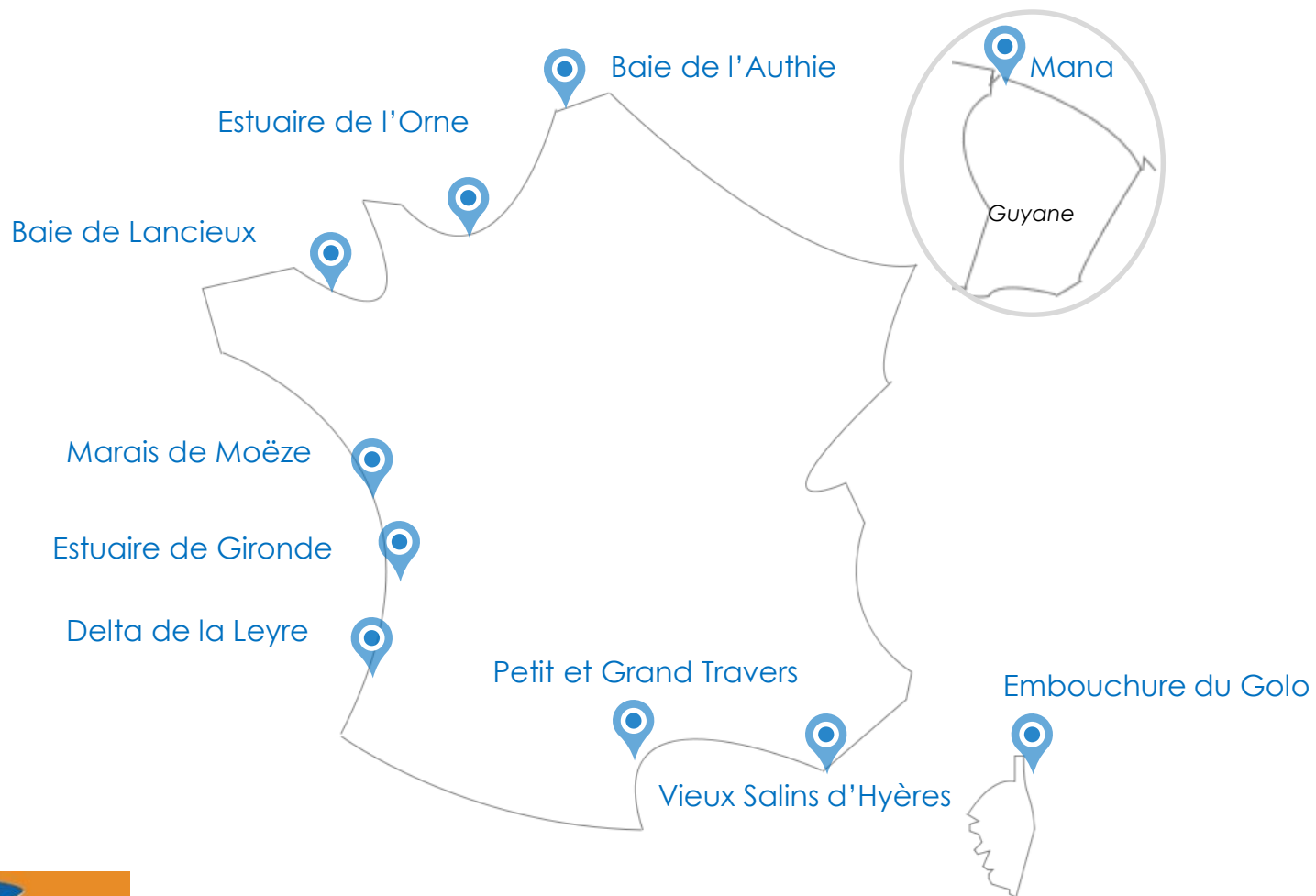


# The adapto project

*Ten sites experiences (with diverse ecosystem and landscapes profiles and economical, social and risk management issues) will constitute laboratories. On each site, demonstrative activities will be planned (opening of polders, dyke restoration, relocation of infrastructures, ...). The objectives will be to implement a real project of territory, with a shared vision among local stakeholders.*

*The 10 examples will offer a set of solutions regarding local context, with potential replication in European countries (as Adapto sites are located in Channel/North Sea, Atlantic and Mediterranean shores, as well as on tropical coasts). The exchanges with other European initiatives for flexible coastal management will enhance sharing of experiences and networking on these topics.*

# Adapto Location of the 10 sites





## Case study : L'Île Nouvelle, Gironde estuary

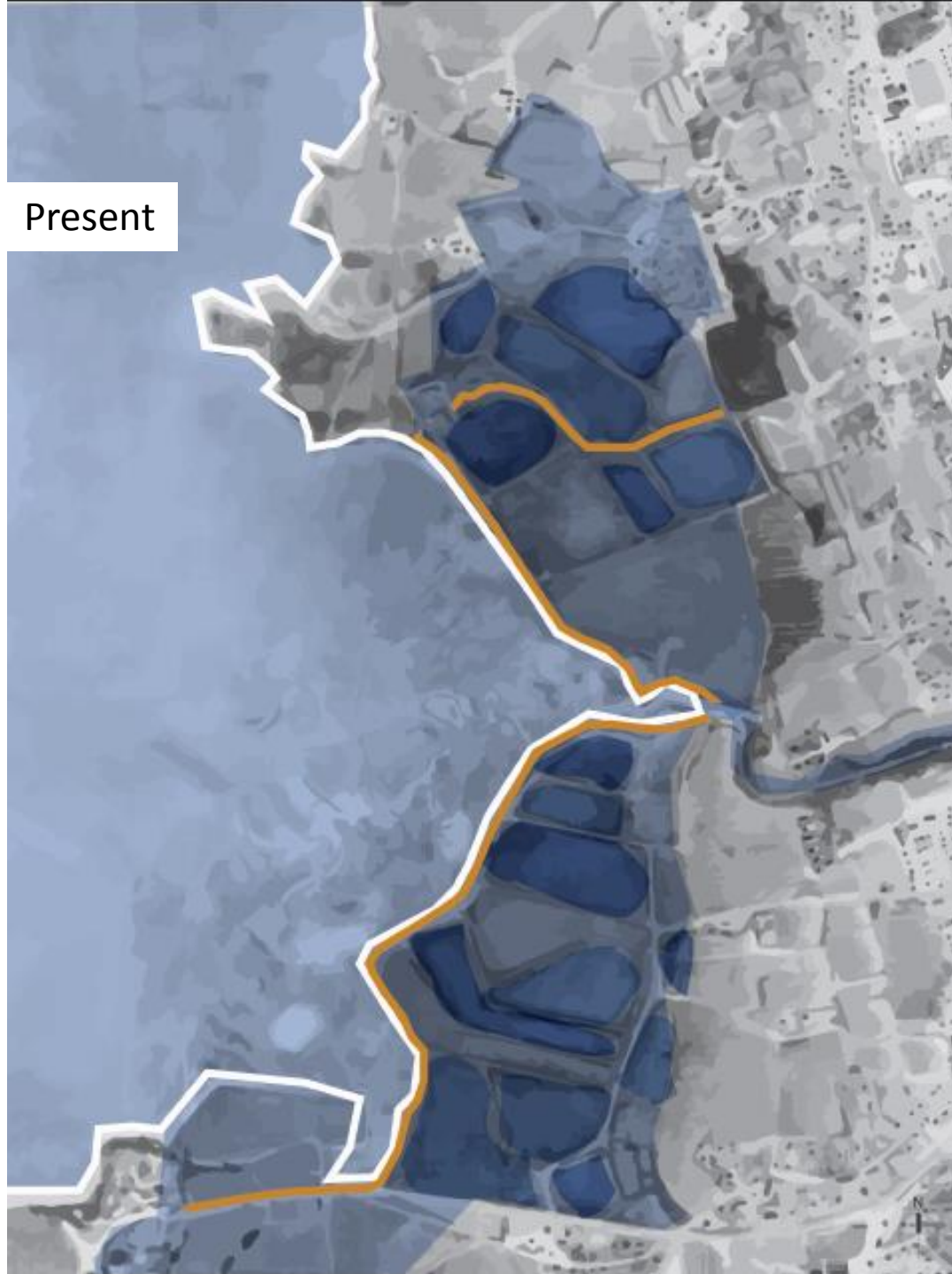


## Case study : Mortagne, Gironde estuary





Present





*Tomorrow :  
an interface  
where land and  
sea can merge*



# Adapto methodology

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***Coastal risks  
management***

***Social  
perception***



***Economy of engineering  
Territorial economy***

***Quality of  
landscape and biodiversity***



Thank you for your  
attention





# Climate change and water resources management

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## French feedbacks



## Conclusions

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- **Collecting data at national scale allow to identify vulnerable hydrogeosystems and understand their general functions**
- **Actions of adaptation to climate change need to be taken at :**
  - ✓ **basin scale to ensure solidarity within the territory, from upstream to downstream**
  - ✓ **local scale to address specific issues related to their aquatic environment (marine submersion in estuaries and biodiversity in coastal wetland)**



**to involve water stakeholders and citizens for the preservation of water resources and aquatic biodiversity.**

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