

NEW CALEDONIA

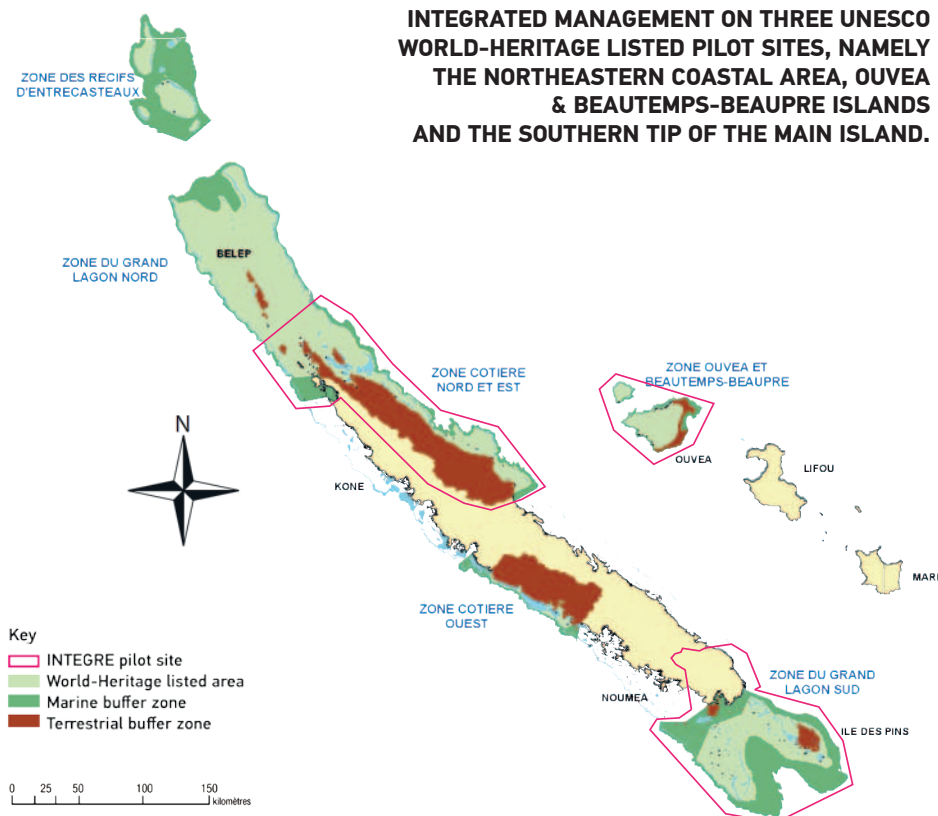
IN NEW CALEDONIA, THE INTEGRE ACTION PLAN IS DRIVEN BY ALL THREE PROVINCES AND THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT AND SUPPORTS INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT ON THREE UNESCO WORLD-HERITAGE LISTED PILOT SITES, NAMELY THE NORTHEASTERN COASTAL AREA, OUEVA & BEAUTEMPS-BEAUPRE ISLANDS AND THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE MAIN ISLAND.



OBJECTIVES

Give a fresh impetus to the participatory management process and involve local stakeholders.

Help both sustainably develop the sites and control human-induced hazards.



CAPITAL	Noumea
POPULATION	268,767, some 66% of whom live in the Greater Noumea area (50,487 in the Northern, 199,983 in the Southern and 18,297 in the Loyalty Islands Provinces).
SURFACE AREA	18,575.5 km ²
STATUS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS	A French sui generis "collectivité" (partly self-governing entity or area) instituted by the Noumea Accord granting the territory broad self-determination. It is divided into three provinces with broad-ranging powers, including economic development and the environment.
ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY	The island group's outstanding biodiversity, whether land or marine, is a major international concern, as it has been eroded by invasive species, fire, human activity development and mining.
ECONOMY	Based on nickel mining and processing with three metal-processing complexes. Other industries include services, building and infrastructure, trade, processing, agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture, and tourism. A large part of the rural population lives a subsistence lifestyle.

CROSS-SECTOR ACTIVITIES

1

Capacity building for World-Heritage management committees by the New Caledonia Wilderness Conservation Agency (CEN) which holds training and experience-sharing sessions. The Management Committee Forums held in 2015 and 2017 received INTEGRE support.

2

Support to the New Caledonian Government for **setting up a climate-change adaptation strategy**.

3

Setting up a pilot-farm network at Houailou, where organic-farming trials are conducted with the Do-Neva Agricultural Senior Secondary School, Biocalédonia Association and New Caledonia Chamber of Agriculture.

➤ FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES ON PILOT SITES



NORTH-EASTERN COASTAL AREA

SUPPORT FOR THE LAGOON PARTICIPATORY-MANAGEMENT PROCESS

A northeastern coastal area co-ordinator based in the Northern Province has been hired to provide technical support to the management committees and associations. She helps them network and organise cross-sector activities such as monitoring yearly turtle spawning in the warm season with volunteers from all the management committees.

FOREST PROTECTION AND RESTORATION IN THE MAIN TOUHO DRINKING-WATER CATCHMENT AREA

Regular hunting operations are organised with ONF International (a wing of the French National Forestry Bureau) and the Tipwoto tribal hunting association to reduce damage caused by deer and wild pigs, two invasive species that have damaged the forest cover and caused erosion. At the same time, plant-cover restoration activities have been carried out.

IN ADDITION:

Disposal of long-standing stocks of disused vehicles – support to Popwadene Association for implementing the Poindimie integrated-management plan.



OUEVA & BEAUTEMPS -BEAUPRE

POSITION CREATED FOR A CO-ORDINATOR FOR BOMENE TAPU GDPL (LOCAL SPECIAL-LAW GROUP)

The group represents Ouvea's traditional leaders and jointly manages the lagoon with the Loyalty Islands Province. The co-ordinator was hired for two years to organise the GDPL and help it implement management-plan activities.

BEAUTEMPS-BEAUPRE ATOLL RAT ERADICATION

The atoll is a major seabird and marine-turtle nesting site. Work to eradicate introduced rodents by ASBO (Ouvea Biodiversity Conservation Association), which involves the island's fishers and young people, will have positive spinoffs for the atoll's biodiversity and encourage Ouvea islanders to own their natural heritage.

BUILDING ECOTOURIST FACILITIES

An underwater trail and trekking path will be built in Mouli District by the Loyalty Islands Province to support ecotourism and publicly showcase Ouvea's natural and cultural heritage.

IN ADDITION:

Create a park ranger position; develop a biosecurity plan for Ouvea; coastal erosion monitoring; and environmental-issue awareness.



SOUTHERN TIP OF THE MAIN ISLAND

CARIBBEAN-PINE ERADICATION ON OUEAN ISLAND

The trees were planted in the 1980s, but have proven unmarketable, invasive and very prone to fire.

Eradication has been planned and started at the management committee's request and a nursery set up to grow local species for replanting on land where the pine trees have been logged.

AWARENESS ON THE ISLE OF PINES

The Southern Province Department of the Environment has hired a facilitator based on the Isle of Pines. She acts as the link between the department and local management committee and carries out awareness activities based on local demand, such as a science festival with Symbiose Association, awareness sessions in the tribal areas on invasive plant species and training in organic farming methods, etc.

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN FOR THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE MAIN ISLAND

There are many initiatives and officially recognized areas in New Caledonia's southern tip including land and marine protected areas, World Heritage sites, mining offsets and ecotourism development. The Province is looking to develop an environmental strategic vision and rationalise both their land and marine environmental policies.

IN ADDITION:

Setting up a fisheries observatory; seabird monitoring with the New Caledonian Birdwatching Society (SCO); and a social, economic and environmental review of tourism on the Isle of Pines, etc.

TECHNICAL PARTNERS FOR OPERATIONS



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