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# The planned management project with 15 objectives



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## Protected natural and cultural heritage

### OBJECTIVE 1

Carefully **protect** the ecosystems of the nature park with unique features and maintain their exchanges in order to perpetuate the entire life cycle of the various species.



Reef, Pristine mission 2012, Jean-Michel Borel, IRD



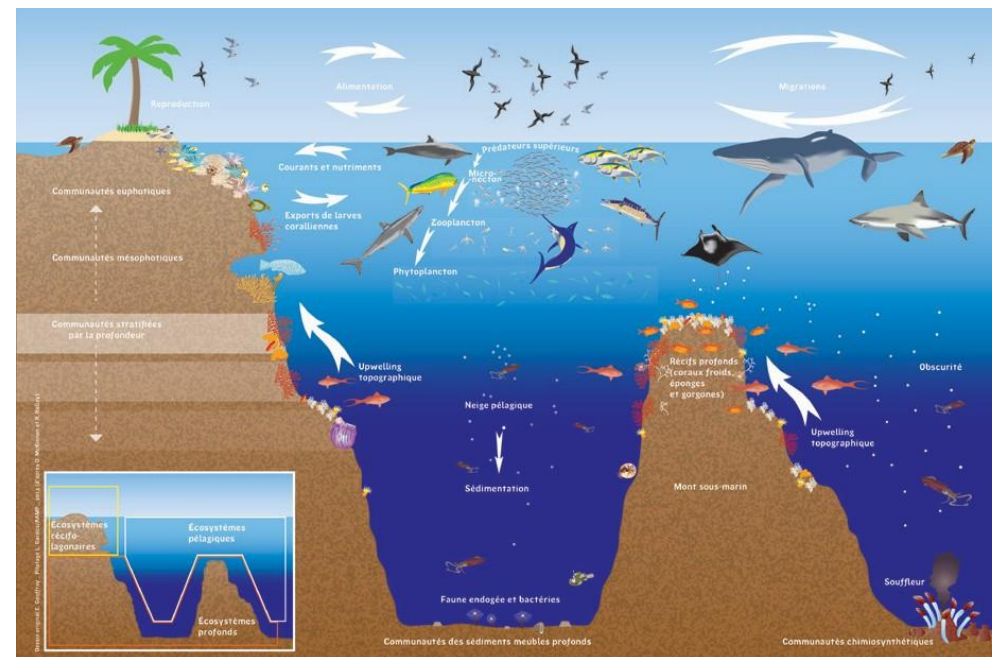
Sternes on one of the small Chesterfield islands, Pierre Bachy, SIO

### OBJECTIVE 2

Maintain ecosystems and indigenous, rare, in danger and migratory species which represent significant interest for both ecology and our cultural heritage.



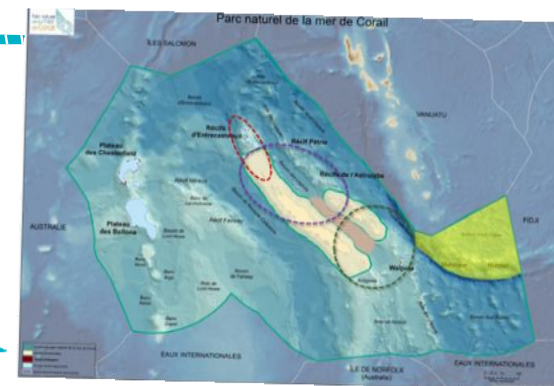
Humpback whale,  
Operation cetacean green  
tortoise, Nicolas Petit  
Grey shark, L. Vigliola, IRD



Relationships between pelagic, deep and coral reef ecosystems, Agency for Protected Marine Areas

### OBJECTIVE 3

**Survey** and learn more about the existing cultural heritage existing within the park in order to allow residents to rediscover.



Historical and cultural links in the nature park



### OBJECTIVE 4

**Learn more** and appreciate our cultural heritage by protecting it and encouraging

development projects: guano industry in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, shipwrecks and whaling in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, toponymy, tales and myths, ancient traditions...



Harvest on Walpole Island, DAM SPE

## Durable and responsible usages recognised

### OBJECTIVE 5

**Support** development of responsible tourism for individuals and professionals.



*Catamaran in the nature park, DAM SPE*

*Cruise ship, Jean-Michel Boné, IRD*

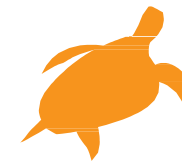
### OBJECTIVE 6

**Ensure** a fishing model which is ever more respectful of the environment by assisting professionals and establishing fishing practices.



*Anau ship, long line fishing, DAM SPE*

*La Renaissance ship, storage of fishing stock, DAM SPE*



### OBJECTIVE 7

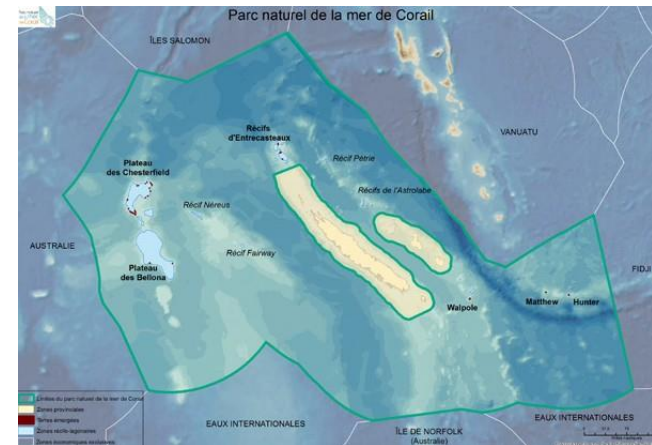
Try to **limit** the impact of maritime transport on the ocean environment in terms of maritime traffic and pollution risk.



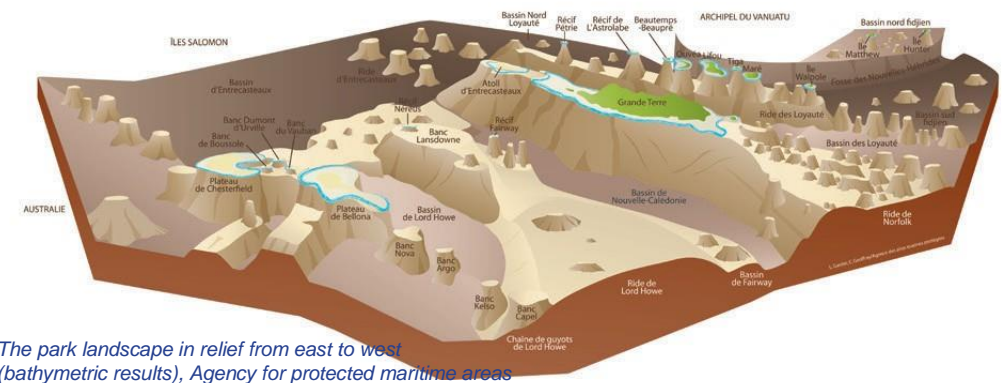
*Container ship, Jean-Michel Boné, IRD*

### OBJECTIVE 8

**Prepare** for the future by reflecting on some ways use will change in future due to climate change, exploration for biological or mineral resources and hydrocarbons.



*The perimeter of the park*



*The park landscape in relief from east to west (bathymetric results), Agency for protected maritime areas*

## Good governance

### OBJECTIVE 9

**Ensure** the good functioning of the park and its management committee, and encourage its members to be involved for the long term.

*The president, Philippe Germain, co-chairs  
The management committee with the high commissioner, DAM SPE*



### OBJECTIVE 10

**Raise awareness** among all the Caledonians and collect their proposals regarding the proposed measures of protection and preservation.



*Information meeting with the Gatope tribe,  
Voh, in December 2016, DAM SPE*

### OBJECTIVE 11

**Monitor and evaluate** the management plan in order to optimise its effectiveness and implementation.



### OBJECTIVE 12



**Encourage, reinforce and improve** the technical, human and financial resources available in order to monitor the park and permanently improve knowledge of the park.

*Pristine mission in 2012, J.M.Boré, IRD*

## A park integrated at local, regional and international levels

### OBJECTIVE 13

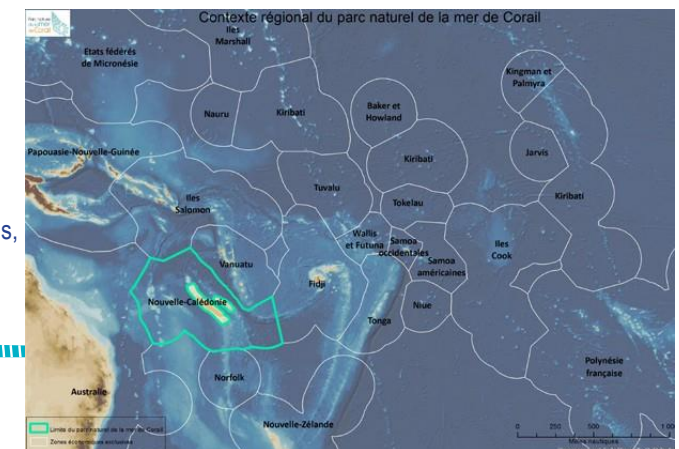
**Harmonise** measures for the management, monitoring and evaluation of the park with the decisions taken at provincial level to regulate provincial waters. Cooperate with the provinces, municipalities, committee for management of world heritage sites (UNESCO), law making structures and all bodies involved with protected maritime areas.



*Team mission in Entrecasteaux, DAM SPE*

### OBJECTIVE 14

**Develop** privileged partnerships with neighbouring countries in the Coral Sea (Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Australia and Papua-New Guinea).



### OBJECTIVE 15

**Integrate** several regional and international networks in order to make the voice of New Caledonia heard in international forums. The Coral Sea nature park should be the reflection of a voluntary initiative for the preservation of the oceans and cooperation in the usage of good practice, for the entire Pacific region



*Visit of a delegation from the Cook Islands in Touho, May 2016, DAM SPE*

**L** the draft management plan for the Coral Sea nature park is a document Strategy within the context of the park's management. Prepared with the consensus of several participants: institutions, law makers, ocean professionals and environmental associations. Now, it is time for the Caledonians to comment. They are invited to give their opinions and make proposals.

Public meetings will be organised in the three provinces, questionnaires will be circulated and we will study the contributions posted on the facebook page and online. A summary will then be drawn up and included in the draft management plan which will be submitted to the government at the end of April 2017.

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