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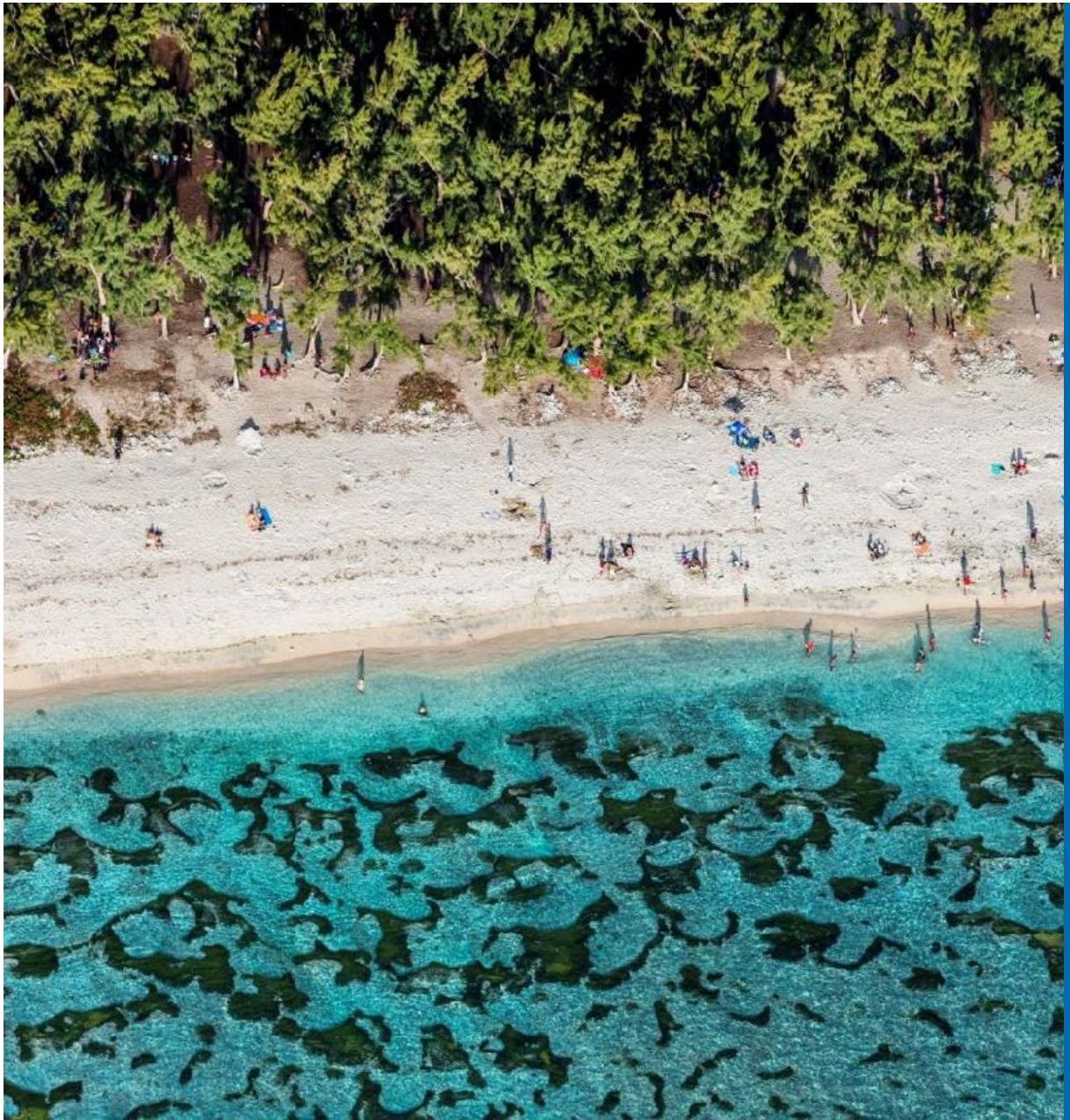

The Conservatoire du littoral, tool for coastal conservation

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SOME FIGURES ABOUT FRENCH COASTS

5.800 km of coastline
About 1,121 coastal municipalities
Divided on 22,000 km²
(4% of the whole territory surface)

12,000 km of coastline
About 91 coastal municipalities

FRECNH TOOLS FOR COASTAL PROTECTION

Land purchasing		Legal tools	Contractual tools
Conservatoire du littoral ownerships	Natural Sensitive Areas (ENS/ department), Public forests, Regional conservatoire of natural areas	Coastal Act (1986), National Nature Reserves, National Parks, Marine Parks, national classified sites, Biotope protection order, general laws on environment and nature protection…	Environmental easements, Natura 2000 contracts, agro-environmental measures, ...

Complementary tools :

- Land purchasing : ensure long term conservation and sustainable projects
- Legal tools : plan, authorize or forbid
- Contractual tools : help to a good management by giving a frame to various uses

THE CONSERVATOIRE DU LITTORAL

A tool for coastal conservation in France

Public Agency under the surpervision of Ministry in charge of Ecology, created in 1975 (10 years before the “Coastal Act”)

ITS MISSION : ensure on the long term protection of the most sensitive territories by land acquisition in municipalities located on seashore and lakeshore (more than 1,000 ha)

5 MAJOR CRITERIA OF INTERVENTION

- Sites subject to an urban pressure defeating the existing regulation of protection
- Degraded sites requiring specific asset management to restore biodiversity and landscapes
- Sites with a risk of loss of traditional economic activities
- Sites deserving to be opened to the public
- Sites for preservation of people against natural risks (erosion, submersion, flooding..)

3 JURIDICAL MEANS

- Amicable acquisition (about 80% of acts, 90% of land acquired)
- Preemption
- Expropriation

OTHER MEANS

- Assignment of public or private domain of State and other local collectivities (and notably Public Maritim Domain)
- Donations
- « In lieu of payment »

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Our duties

- Preserve natural areas and remarkable landscapes and maintain the « land spirit » (memory…)
- Open the sites to the public (with the respect of site sensitivity)
- Ensure a sustainable development and balanced management, in link with local partners (agreement with managers, farmers,…)

Our lands are unbuildable and inalienable!

OUR MANAGERS

- 327 organisations are in charge of daily management of our sites

(285 municipalities or other public organisations -grouping of municipalities, departements, national parks…-and 52 associations)

=> Employment of 900 rangers called « gardes du littoral » (about 440 with police rights)

- 150 partner-organisations collaborating through local alliances/partnerships

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Owner but not manager

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS OWNER

- Implement the management process : management agreement, management plan, agreements for uses (ex : 1,100 farmers on 25,000 ha)
- Implement massive programs of rehabilitation and setting-up, either on natural areas and on built heritage

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Some figures after decades of intervention

TODAY

- 210,000 ha under the protection of the Conservatoire and its partners (with an average mean : +3,000 ha/yeat)
- 750 sites / 13% of coastline
- Target by2050 : 320,000 ha // 1,000 sites
- 40 millions of visitors per year
- 75 « maisons de site »
- 20 gites
- 52 historical monuments

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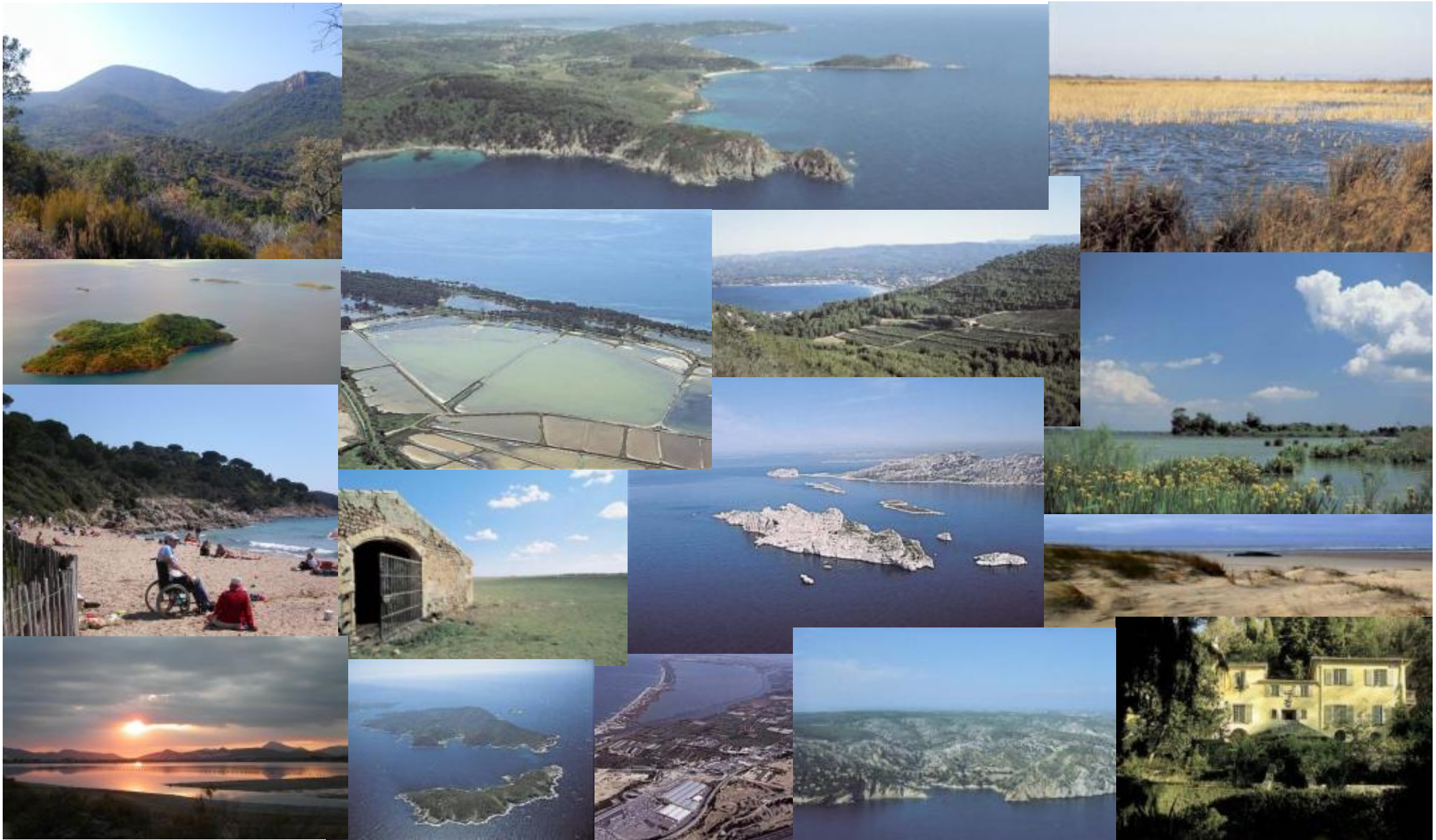
A great diversity of protected sites and landscapes



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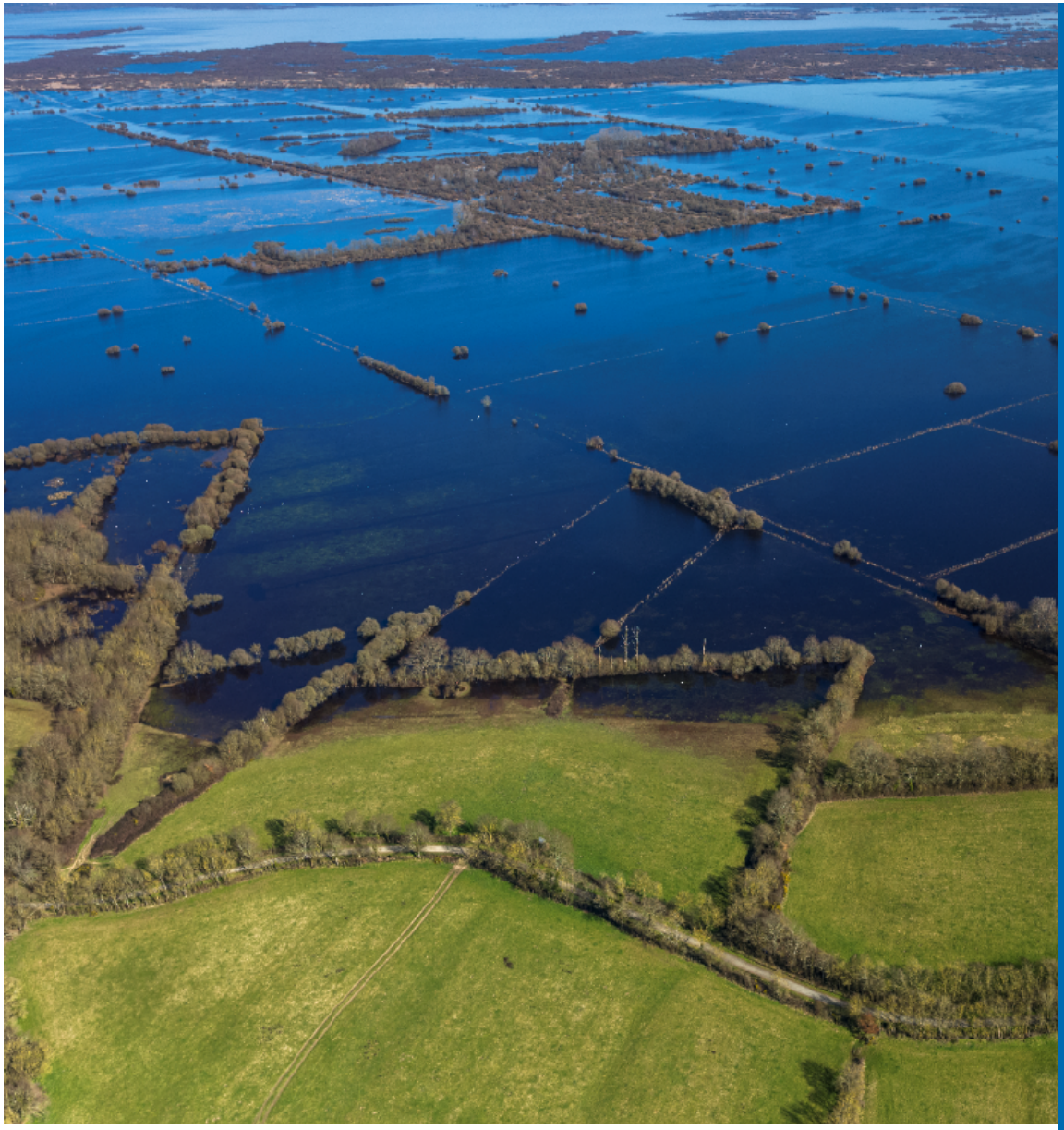

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