



## Citizen sciences for the management of natural resources in protected areas of French Guiana

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## **Protected areas of French Guiana**

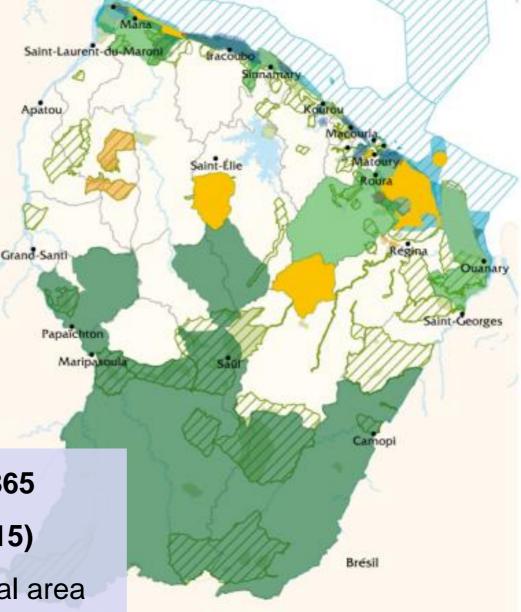
TOTAL INLAND SURFACE  $\Rightarrow$  83 034.5 km<sup>2</sup>

- TOTAL MARINE SURFACE  $\Rightarrow$  134 000 km<sup>2</sup>
- TOTAL COVERAGE OF P. AREAS (2018)
  - $\Rightarrow$  44 839.7 km<sup>2</sup>
- No. P. AREAS (2018): 37
  - ⇒ INLAND PA : 44 760.5 km<sup>2</sup> (33)
  - $\Rightarrow$  MARINE PA: 79.2 km<sup>2</sup> (4)

Population 259 865

inhabitants (2015)

 $\Rightarrow$  91% on the coastal area



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## **19 Participatory science projets**

#### **Participatory project aims**

- $\Rightarrow$  Collecting data (15)
- $\Rightarrow$  Collecting samples (1)
- $\Rightarrow$  Both (3)

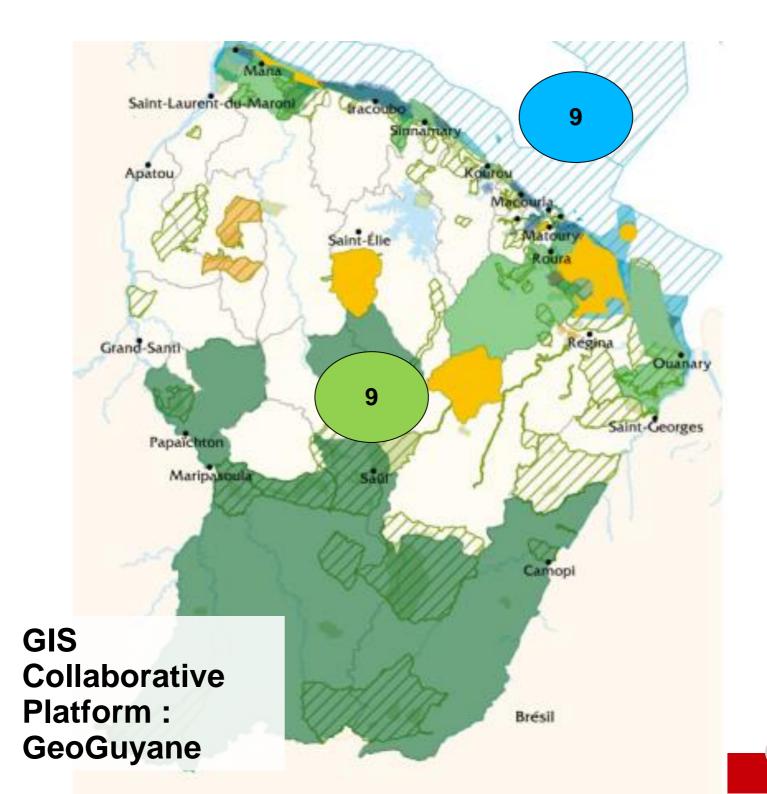
#### **Type of participants**

- $\Rightarrow$  Specialized : Volunteers / Professionals (9)
- ⇒ Non-specialized : General Public / Paid survey workers (10)

### **Type of projects**

- $\Rightarrow$  Database building (3)
- $\Rightarrow$  Ecology : Improve knowledge on species (12)
- ⇒ Improve knowledge on practices linked to natural resources (4)

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## **Participatory Database : Faune-Guyane**

#### From 2015 to 2019

- $\Rightarrow$  613 400 contributions
- $\Rightarrow$  1006 contributors
- $\Rightarrow$  Birds (>87 %), Amphibians, Reptiles, Fishes, Mammals (incl. Bats and Marine Mammals), Insects (dragonflies, stick insects)

**Contributes to the** Landscapes and Nature Information System (SINP) Building of the regional red lists **General public, but mostly** 

specialists (volunteers or professionals)





# Participatory Database + Collecting data on species : Sobsomer

Since 2018, a network of volunteers and sea professionals collects data on marine fauna using the tool OBSenMER (collaborative platform)

- $\Rightarrow$  300 contributions from ~30 persons
- ⇒ Accompanied by the guards or trained and independent
- ⇒ Sevral protocols : Sotalia guianensis, strandings, opportunistic observations ...
- $\Rightarrow$  Involvement of the volunteers on photo identifications

A network in formation – Need a coordination Contributes to the SINP Volunteers and sea users (fishermen)





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## **Collecting data on species : STOC-EPS**

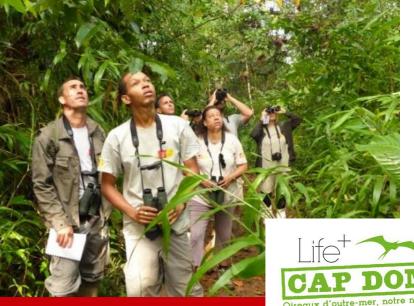


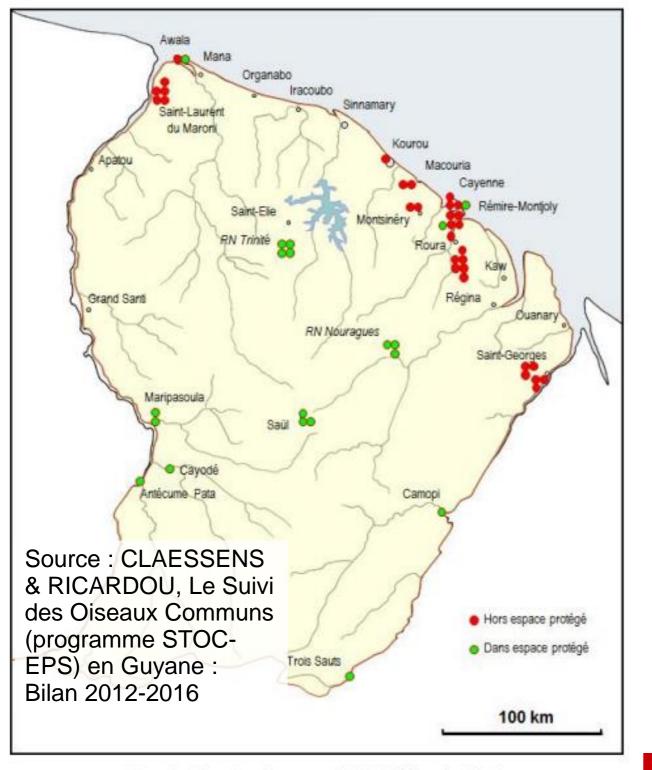
Since 2012, the GEPOG coordinates the implementation of a national long-term bird survey protocole

- ⇒ Evaluate the trend of common birds populations in inhabited or natural areas, using point counts
- $\Rightarrow$  A network of ~20 trained observers (volunteers and nature conservation professionals)
- $\Rightarrow$  A network of 50 trails (500 points) chosen by the observers
- $\Rightarrow$  2012 2015 : 19 463 data ie. 30 737 birds on 44 trails



Volunteers and nature/conservation professionals





Inside a PA (1/3)Outside a PA (2/3)

Figure 3 : Répartition des parcours STOC-EPS (décembre 2015).

## **Collecting data on pratices : Hunting program**

- From 2010 to 2012 (in the National Park) 2000 to 2018 in French Guiana
  - $\Rightarrow$  10 trained local investigators
  - $\Rightarrow$  655 hunters
  - $\Rightarrow$  ~30 000 catches documented samples collected

Hunting practices described and qualified (territories, frequency...)

**DNA Bank constituted** 

Datas used in land planning programmes, for the red lists

Adapted management rules (Terra Maka'andi progam)



### **Feedback - Conclusions**

1/ Coordination is the corner-stone of a dispositive of participatory sciences program (funds, human resources)

2/ Participants need to be trained (volunteers or professionals)

3/ Data collected have to be used and returned back to the collecters

4/ Protected areas are a good playground for these protocoles : They are made to last

#### **Unexpected results**

• Data serve for all kind of uses (collectivities, research institutions...)

 Good way to stimulate the observation of nature or to value the skills of the rangers



## When do we start a participatory program at the scale of the Guiana Shield ?

