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Foresight and consultation. Scenario for marine protected areas

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Abstract: The creation of Natural Marine Parks in France, following the law of 2006, is being managed by the Agency for Protected Marine Areas, and for each park project, by a specific creation team. This projects aims at helping these park creation teams to face a double challenge : (1) being able to set ambitious long term environmental objectives, and (2) playing the role of dialogue facilitator among stakeholders on the concerned marine area, where interactions among users, property rights, and relations to ecosystems are largely different from experiences of dialogues for continental protected areas. This action-research project is built on the hypothesis that the ability to organise and give structure to a debate on long term objectives and evolutions constitutes an essential capacity for the park creation teams. It therefore relies on preparing a park creation team for such a debate by using foresight approaches.

This management science research project is based on the design and implementation of a foresight intervention for the park creation teams. It builds on concepts and theories from strategic analysis of environmental management, strategic management and foresight, negotiation theory.

Expected results from this intervention are the following : scenarios and foresight results that can be used by the park creation team, but also valorised more largely as illustration of the methodology followed. Important outputs of the intervention are also capacity building for the park creation team, and the organisation of a structured debate on future evolutions in the area. In terms of research, the project will also lead to research publications concerning participation and dialogue for environmental management, and concerning foresight.

Two Natural Marine Park projects will be covered by this research, one in Brittany and Normandy, and the second in Aquitaine.