



## *TWP1. The observation systems and databases*

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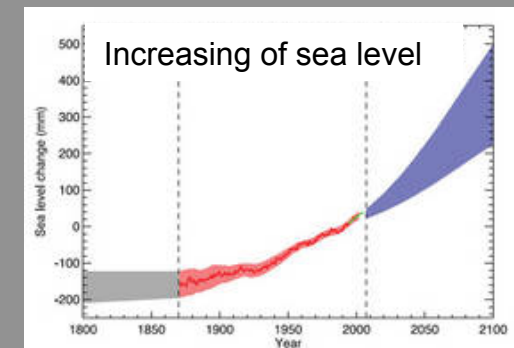
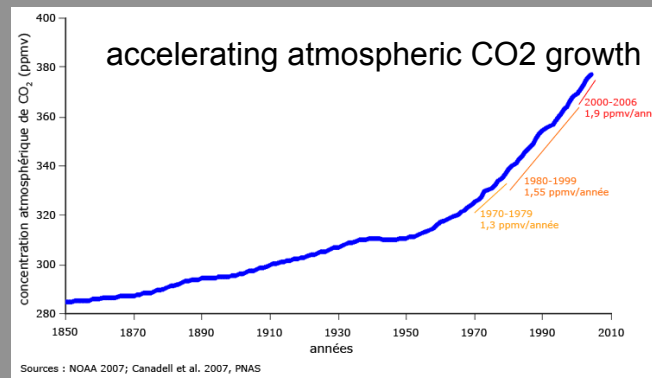
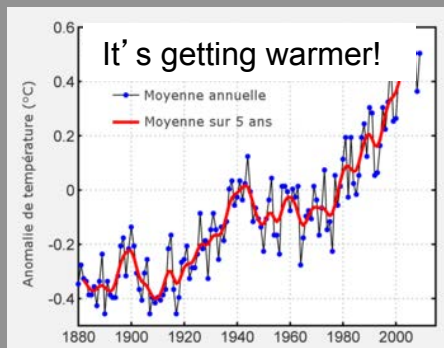


## TWP1. The observation systems and databases

### “OBSERVATION”

Long-term project in the context of the climate change and anthropogenic pressure (over 10 yrs) in order to be able to detect and identify environmental trend, anomalies of the global ecosystem and evolution of human society.

An interdisciplinary research effort to meet the public policies concerning resources and environment and to anticipate the evolution of societies.





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### “OBSERVATION SYSTEMS”

To collect regular, homogeneous and calibrated long-term time series of core variables available to the scientific community as a tool to observe changes.

In this context, many laboratories have built an integrate and multi-disciplinary observing systems, in relation to scientific programs.

#### Main goals and strategy

- Collaborate to national or international observatories network with multidisciplinary actions
- Upgrade observatories with autonomous sensors and real-time data transmission
- Offer background logistics for research programs = experimental sites
- Provide a huge data flow rate stored in database



Oak Observatory at OHP

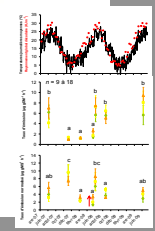
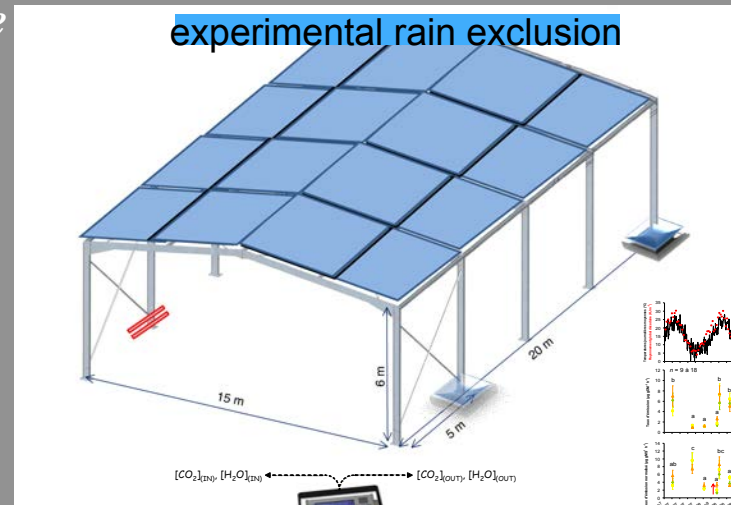
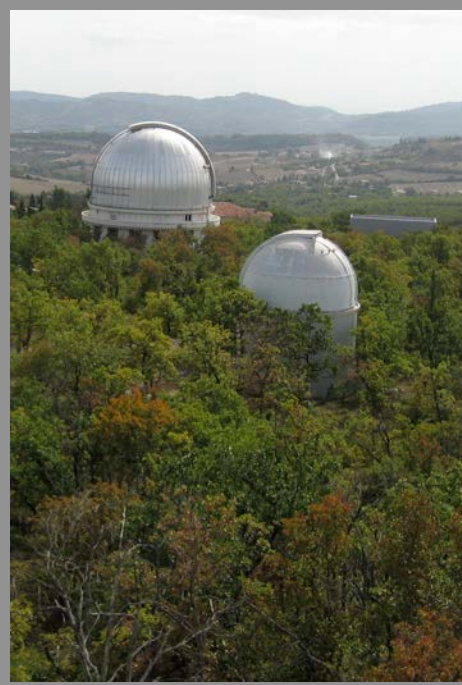
A platform dedicated to the observation of the phenology and physiology of the white oak

*An innovant experimental device*

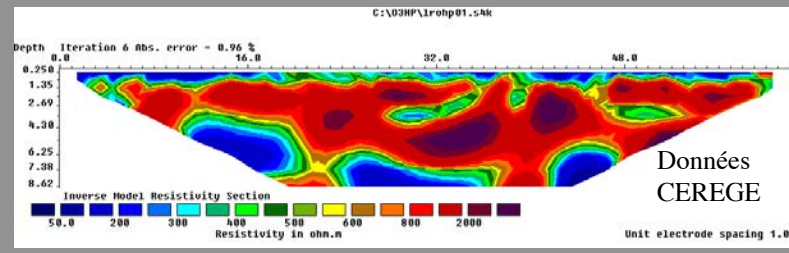
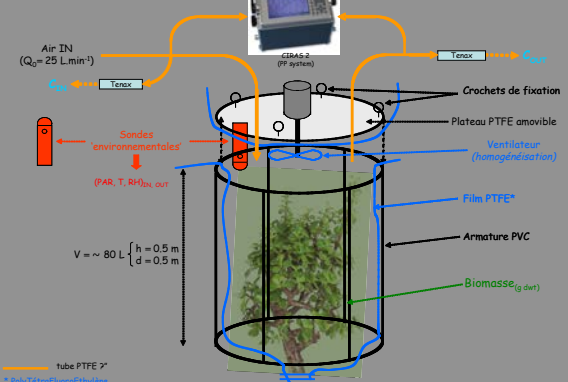
*A privileged site*

*interdisciplinary collaboration*

*The white oak grove*



database



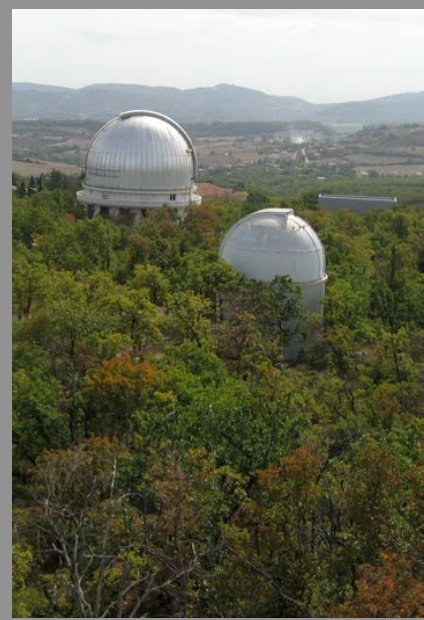




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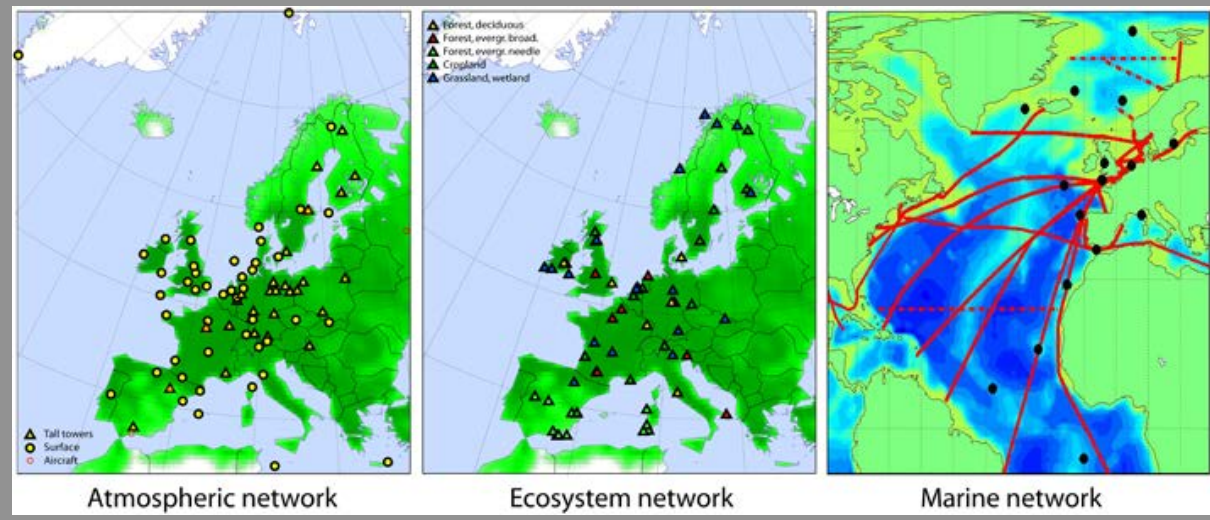
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*Interdisciplinary collaboration*

*ICOS network provides the long-term observations required to understand the present state and predict future behaviour of climate, the global carbon cycle and greenhouse gases emissions.*



*A new research infrastructure to decipher the greenhouse gas balance of Europe and adjacent regions*

## Climed Observatory : Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning in the Mediterranean

Objective :

To link predicted climate change scenarios (climate change, and decreasing precipitation) in particular to biodiversity loss, and to quantify the direct and indirect effects on carbon and nutrient cycling in the garrigue ecosystem.

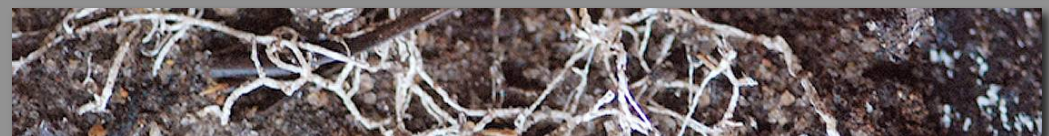
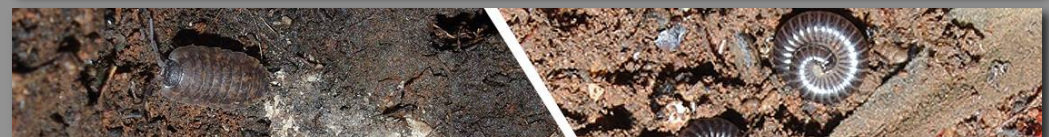
The model system is the Mediterranean garrigue ecosystem



Chaîne de l' Etoile, Marseille

*Similar approaches*

*Puechabon – Font Blanche*

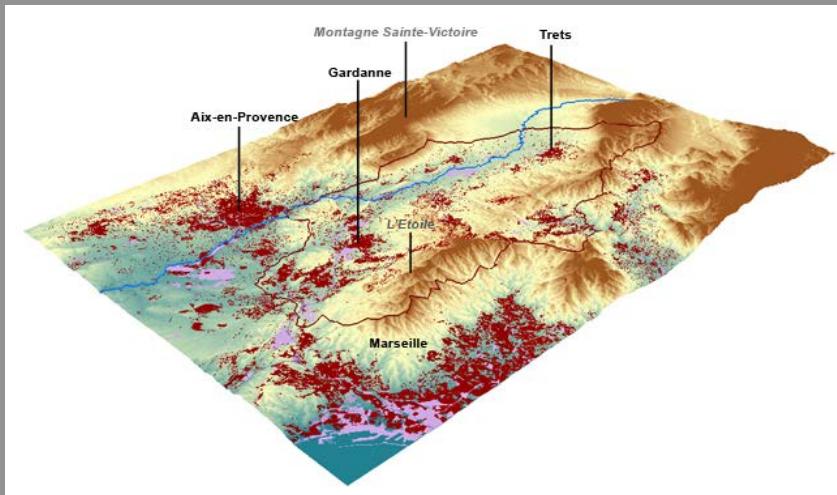






## Human-Environment Observatory

### OHM-Bassin minier de Provence



Under the initiative of the CNRS/INEE

Environmental and human impacts following the reconversion of the mining basin after its closure.

Each of the disciplines that make up OT-Med is involved: biology, economics, history, sociology, environment, health, geography, ecology and law.

Observation and research are primarily dealing with soil use in urban fringes, atmospheric pollution, slag-heap biodiversity and risk as perceived by the population.



## Human-Environment Observatory

### OHM-Vallée du Rhône



- Impacts of floods
- Dam and Power plants
- Protection against erosion
- New management of the river



**A new one! OHM Littoral méditerranéen**





# The Rhône river: from land towards the sea





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## Quantification of solid and liquid fluxes towards the marine environment



A sampling station (SORA) is located at Arles 45 km upstream the River mouth.



Close to the mouth: A ferry is equipped with an Acoustic doppler: current and turbidity.



« Quantification » of flood events



At sea close to the mouth: marker buoy equipped with oceanographic sensors





# Marine Observation Systems



Influence of Rhone plume



Artificial reefs



Hydrology- biology  
Optics

Frioul  
Atmospheric  
measurements



## The bay off Marseille

An « ideal » site to follow the antropogenic impact at land/sea and atmosphere/sea interfaces

Actions are undertaken in connection with local partners (GIP Calanques, Ville de Marseille, Conseil Régional PACA, ATMOPACA, Monaco Gouvernement, local MPAs ) and with the Marine Protected Areas Agency (AAMP).

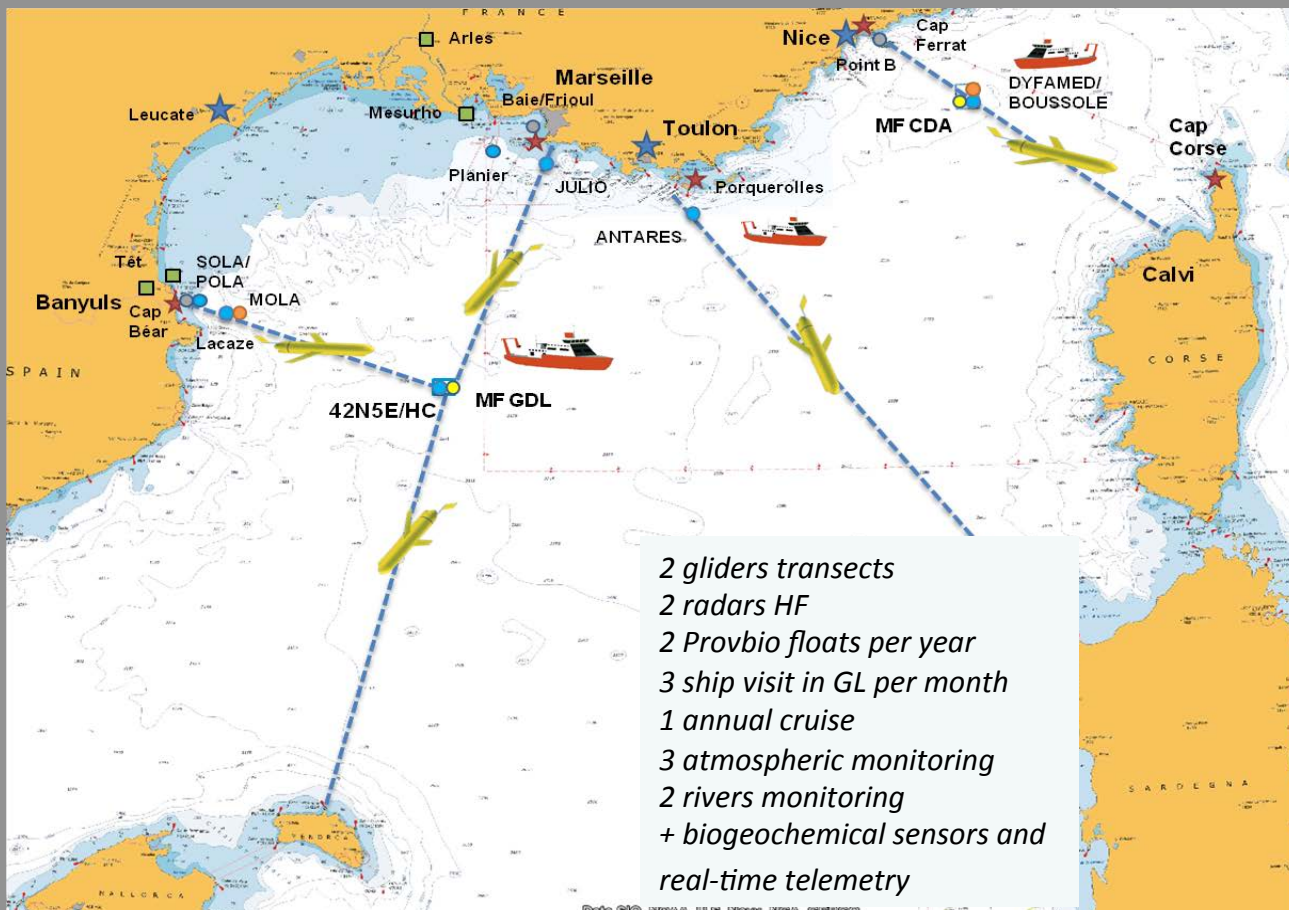
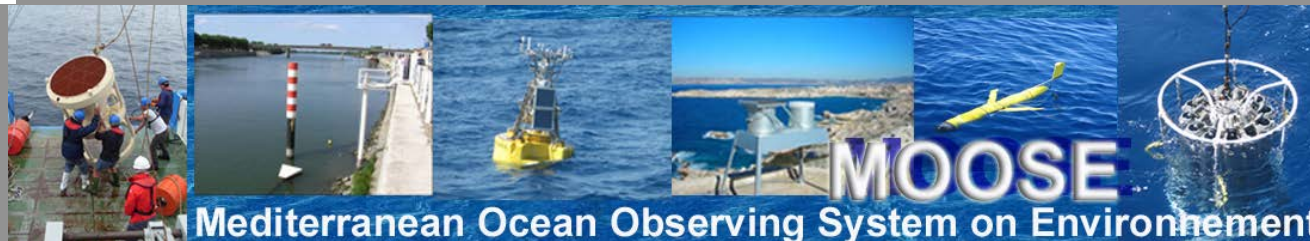
Collaboration with MERMEX-CJARMEX





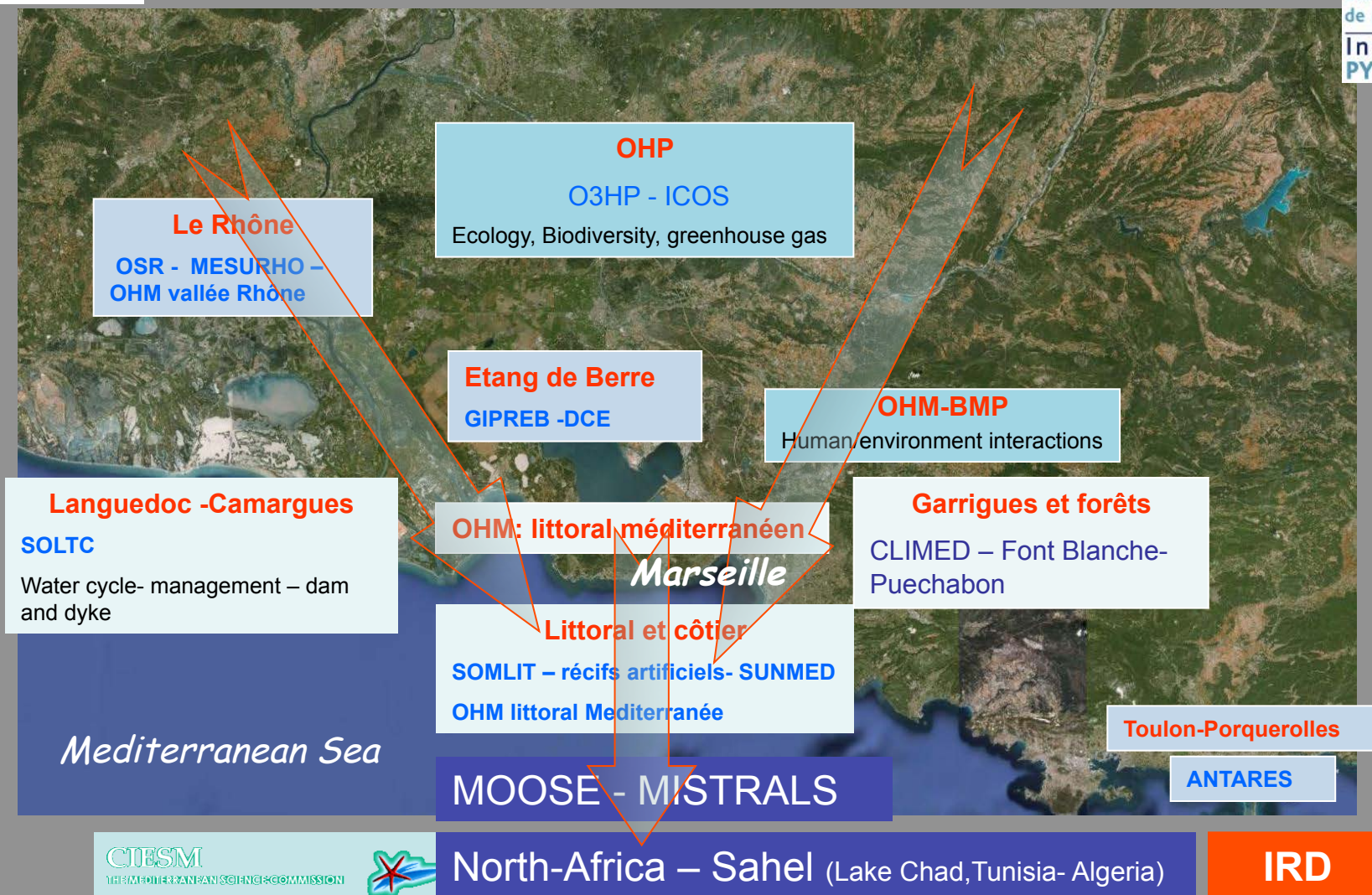


# Marine Observation Systems



Support scientific programs (MISTRALS) and operational oceanography





This map shows that most of the problematics developed are crystallized in most of the big city of Marseille and surroundings.

This city will be considered as a case study where an important part of our strengths will be focussed.



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## “DATABASES”

Main objectives: Storage, accessibility, durability, safety of data  
for scientists and end-users

### **Land data:**

National database for dam and dyke (bardigue) ; European Pollen Database - DendroDB OHM et SIGeO

Doc BMP (in progress), Air BMP (in progress), BDD sensors, BDD Phénology (in progress), Photo BMP (in progress)– BDD geophysical – BDD géochemical...

Database BBEEES (Biodiversity, Ecology, environment and society)

OHM data base

### **Atmospheric data:** ICOS

**Sea data:** CORIOLIS - SOMLIT - QUADRIGE 2 – SISMER – MISTRALS - RESOMAR,  
OceanSites, Eurosites, ESONET -MEDSEACAN

CNRS: A national network « Databases »





## *TWP1. The observation systems and databases*

### **OBSERVATION = LONG-TIME SCALES**

An aide for the detection of medium- or long term evolution in response to climate change and human impacts

Observations are currently undertaken in the partner laboratories  
Many labels (S.O., SOERE, OHM) + OSU Pytheas Institute

### **LABEX OT-MED: MAIN OBJECTIVES**

**Create synergy between disciplinaries**

**Share technological know-how and observing sites**

**Improve observing system and organize local/regional network**

**Link between environmental monitoring and societal evolution**

**Link with scientists and end-users**

**An interesting case: Marseille city and surroundings**

Urban harbor, industrial zones, large populations, numerous hot spots of diverse perturbations in natural areas

**DATABASE !**