

From Farm to Fork in Regional National Parks

Bridging the gap between agriculture and
biodiversity in EU policies



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Agriculture & Biodiversity

Many studies have pointed out the impacts of agriculture on biodiversity



IPBES Global Assessment report (2019)



Studies on bird decline linked to agricultural intensification in France (2018)

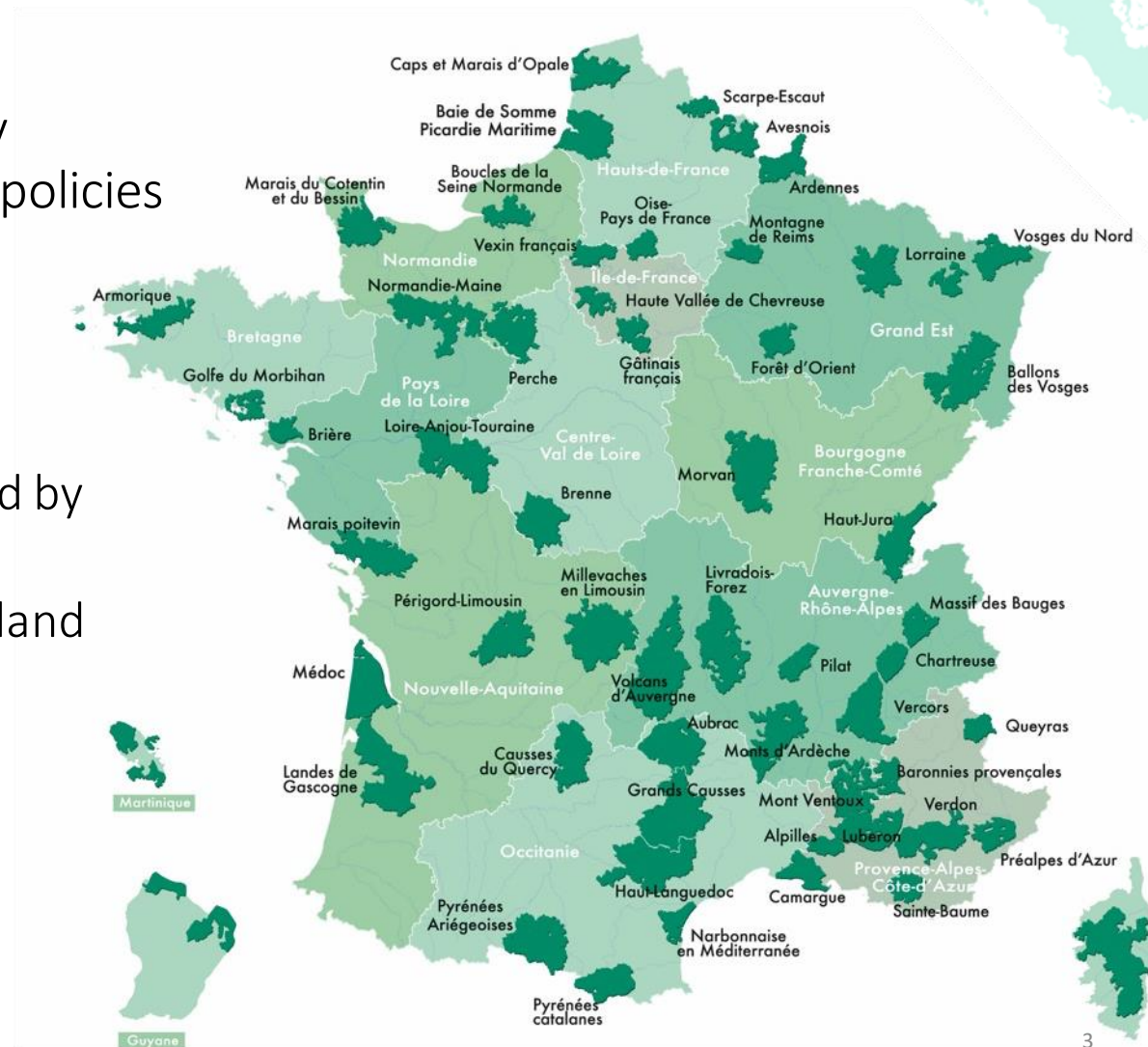
Agriculture, a key sector for addressing environmental degradation

What role for NRPs in Agriculture ?

Mainly rural areas, directly concerned by agricultural policies

French NRPs :

- 58 000 farmers
- 43% of total area covered by arable land
- High proportion of grassland areas (60%)



What role for NRPs in Agriculture ?

- Specific **natural & agricultural identities** that must be preserved
- No regulatory constraints...
... But **territorial coordination** between local actors
→ Local government, farmers organizations, local companies, consumer-citizens...
- **Technical know-how** at the service of rural development



NRPs : a local approach to sustainable food

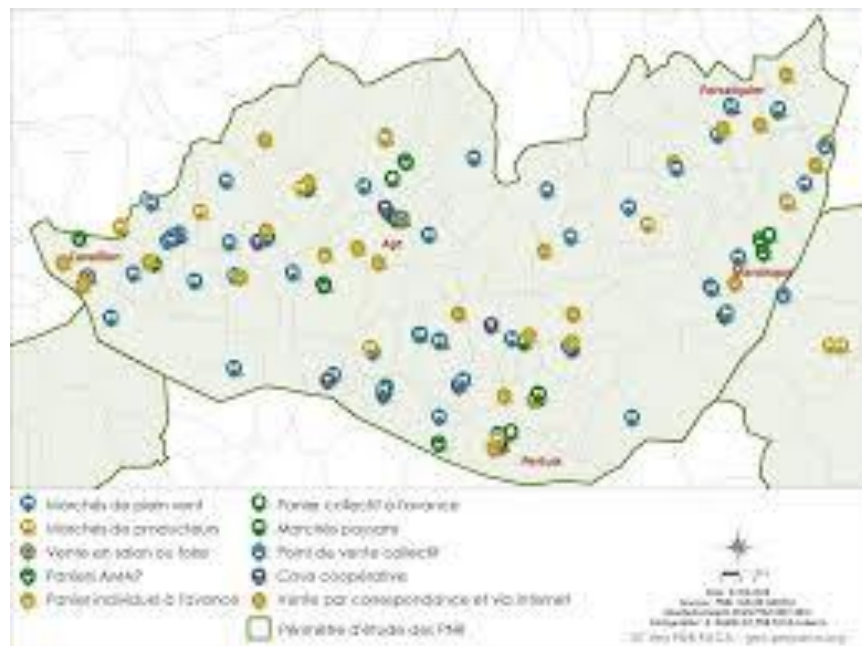


- Supporting farmers in the agroecological transition
- Facilitating installation of new farmers
- Promoting quality/origin labels
- Developing local food circuits
- Fighting against food insecurity & food waste
- Educating youth on food & agriculture

Luberon : an example of a local food project

Since 2009, the Luberon NRP has developed several initiatives in relation with sustainable food systems.

In 2017, these initiatives received official recognition with the label « Plan Alimentaire Territorial » (Territorial Food Project).



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- Building local food systems
 - Promoting local & organic supply for school canteens
 - Structuring local food circuits via farmers' markets, local food transformation & regional products
 - Educating on local food via school field trips

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2020 : territorial diagnostic on food production and consumption in Luberon



Positive effects of the local food project...

...BUT not enough to counteract current trends in the area :

- Decrease of agricultural lands (-11 %)
- Increase in non-food production and de-localization of food production
- Little to no improvements for the environment

NRPs foster positive dynamics to reconcile agriculture and the environment, that must be massively encouraged by EU policies

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Future CAP

Lack of ambition to match Green deal objectives

- Proposed measures insufficient to incentivize and support farmers in this transition
- Link with food sector barely taken into account
- What agriculture do we want in protected areas ?



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