



Connecting protected areas and outdoor sports, working together to face new challenges

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*French National Resource Center of Outdoor Sports
Structure of the sport ministry
National and european missions
Situating in the Ardeche (CREPS Vallon Pont d'Arc)
Created in 2003
Team of 14 employees*



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MISSIONS

THEMATICS

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to support the policy of developing outdoor sports

to provide advice and expertise for all the stakeholders

to drive the national network

to organize trainings

to make studies, publications, tools...

THEMATICS

Acces to the areas and sites

Education through outdoor sports

Territorial development

Employment, training, qualification

Safety of participants

Observation of practices and participants



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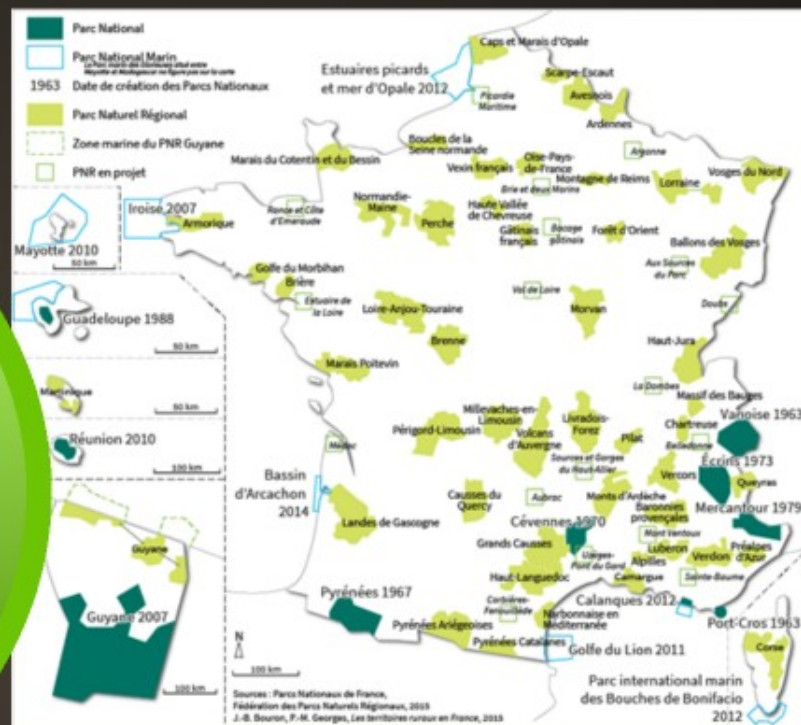
key numbers



PROTECTED
AREAS

OUTDOOR
SPORTS

PROTECTED AREAS



10 national parks
51 regional parks
8 natural marine parks
167 national reserves
136 regional reserves
1768 Natura 2000 sites

+ 20% of land territory in mainland

+ de 26% overseas land territory

KEY NUMBERS

25 millions of participants
 2.5 millions members of federations
 50 000 outdoor sports professionals
 5.6 billion euros of spending on outdoor sport and leisure equipment

25 MILLIONS DE PRATIQUANTS DE SPORTS DE NATURE

Source ministère chargé des sports - chiffres 2010



FEDERATION FRANÇAISE D'EQUITATION

689 043

PLUS DE 2,4 MILLIONS DE LICENCES SPÉCIFIQUES SPORTS DE NATURE

Source ministère chargé des sports - chiffres 2011



28 012 CLUBS SPORTS DE NATURE



Source ministère chargé des sports - chiffres 2011



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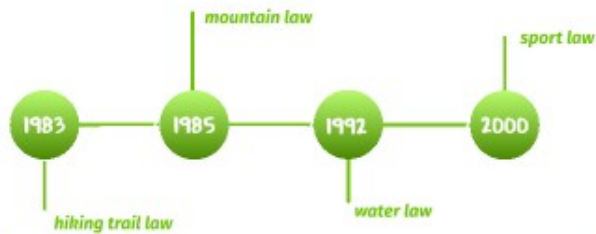
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SPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

a long history



*in 2000 and 2004
specific part for "outdoor
sports" in the sport law*



CONSULTATION

DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

COOPERATION

CONSULTATION

The law creates a consultation committee in each department grouping all the stakeholders concerned by outdoor sport and natural areas

local administration of sport

mayor of the commune

local administration of environment



actors of tourism

sport federations

farmers, foresters

land owners

outdoor sports professionals

park managers

environmental associations

DEVELOPMENT

The law recognizes the important role of outdoor sports for society: education, economy, tourism, health...



They must be developed but controlled to respect environment, properties and others users of nature

PLANNING

Each local committed (CDESI) must develop a specific plan (PDESI) for outdoor sport.



Each site is subject to an environmental assessment

*About 100 departments
there are 61 CDESI*

COOPERATION

Over the last 15 years there has been collaboration between sport and environment institutions (local and national) with:

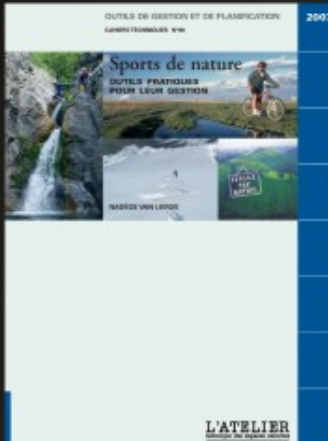
- Production of guidebooks*
- Common seminars*
- Common professional training*
- Local and national meetings*

GUIDEBOOKS

SEMINARS

TRAINING

TOOLS



GUIDEBOOKS

There are many local and national productions build in cooperation between sports and environmental stakeholders.

- good practices
- experiences
- advice
- tools

...



Journée d'échanges techniques

Evaluation d'incidences Natura 2000 et sports de nature



4 décembre 2012 - Paris



Atelier technique des
ESPACES NATURELS

Le réseau des professionnels de la nature

SEMINARS

To create a common culture
To break the misconceptions
To share experiences
To find solutions



TRAINING

*specific training courses for
sport and environment
officers*

TOOLS

There are several tools built together (charters, evaluation grids, maps...)

One of them is SURICATE.

SURICATE allows you to report problems encountered during outdoor sport: a mistake with trail markings, a broken sign, pollution, security needs, conflicts with land owners or other participants...



REPORT A PROBLEM

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SURICATE

**OBSERVE
CONNECT
REPORT**

3 SIMPLE STEPS TO BECOME
AN OUTDOOR SPORTS SENTINEL

MINISTÈRE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS

INSTITUT NATIONAL DES SPORTS DE NATURE



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SPORTING EVENTS

We have made progress in the organization of events to address negative impacts and measure positive impacts.

But the sum of events with little or no impact can ultimately have negative effects.

This is the question of carrying capacity of natural areas.



NEGATIVE
IMPACTS

POSITIVE
IMPACTS

CARRYING
CAPACITY

NEGATIVE IMPACTS

Several stages make it possible to limit the negative impacts of the events on the environment. The organizer must:

- respect the reglementation*
- validate his course with the manager of the protected area*
- have the authorization from the authorities*

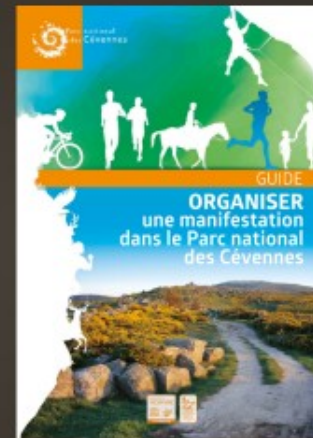
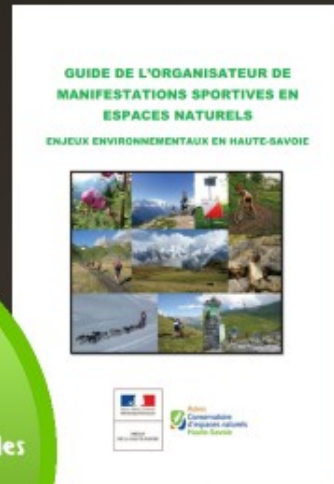
There are lots of tools to help organizers to reduce negative impacts

GUIDE BOOKS

DIGITAL TOOLS

GUIDE BOOKS

Many territories, parks, reserves have produced guides for the organizers



DIGITAL TOOLS

Digital technology facilitates the work of organizers and instructor services. The GPS track can be overlaid with environmental areas.

MANIFESTATION SPORTIVE.FR

Connexion

DÉMARCHES EN LIGNE DE DÉCLARATIONS ET AUTORISATION D'ÉVÉNEMENTS SPORTIFS

EN SAVOIR PLUS

MANIFESTATIONS SPORTIVES
PLATEFORME NATIONALE

MINISTÈRE DE LA VILLE, DE LA
JEUNESSE ET DES SPORTS

INSCRIPTION
Organisateurs d'événements sportifs, inscrivez-vous !

AIDE & INFOS
Espace dédié aux organisateurs, fédérations et services instructeurs

PLATEFORME WEB SIMPLIFIANT CONSIDÉRABLEMENT LES DÉMARCHES ENTRE LES ORGANISATEURS D'ÉVÉNEMENTS SPORTIFS, L'ÉTAT ET L'ENSEMBLE DES SERVICES CONSULTÉS POUR AVIS.

As of this year there is a national platform for sporting events. All services (security, environment, mayor, park, federation...) can consult online and give opinions and recommendations. At the end the authorization is granted or not.

POSITIVE IMPACTS



- *social*
- *economic*
- *health*
- *culture, education*
- ...

We can not only see the negative impacts

economic and
social effects

Health

Culture,
education

economic and social effects

PRNSN modeled an evaluation methodology

- *To make an assessment of the economic impact of an event*
- *To quantify financial flows*
- *To establish a common methodology in order to obtain comparable and appropriate results by the actors*

outdoors sports events take an active part in the life of the territories



Health

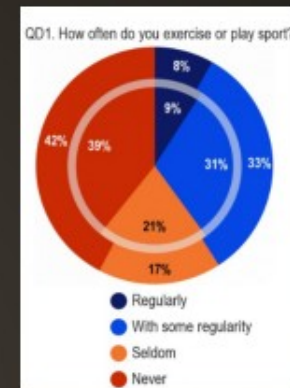
WHO recommendations:

Adults aged 18–64 should do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity during the week or do at least 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity throughout the week or an equivalent combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity activity.

Outdoor sport events contribute to put people on the move.

How Protected Areas are having an active role in promoting the use of green spaces

Eurobarometer on Sport and Physical Activity



QD8. Why do you engage in sport or physical activity?



An Experience for Health, nature and well-being

An experience after the "Ambassadors" training

Budget : by Ministry of sport

2 approaches : sport/Health/Well-being + Nature/Biodiversity/Environment

A small group of vulnerable people

Exercise to move in protected areas
Exercise to discover nature

From April to June

One lesson a week



Culture, education

We need outdoor sport and outdoor sport events for:

- *to improve social sharing and social inclusion*
- *to save our children from nature-deficit disorder*
- *to promote nature education*
- *to improve well-being*
- *to promote a nature lifestyle*



Les SPORTS DE NATURE,
des émotions à faire partager !



Animateurs, enseignants, éducateurs...
Vous disposez d'un réseau et d'outils pour monter votre projet.
Informations, réglementation, formations et expériences sur :
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Les principales motivations

n=3007



4. L'amusement – 5. le plaisir d'être avec ses proches – 6. La dépense physique – 7. La passion ...

L'VIS

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CARRYING CAPACITY



There are three dimensions to the carrying capacity (Jean-Pierre Thibault)

- Economic: the number of participants beyond which the emotion of each person will decrease; and whit it the quality of the tourism economy.*
- Social: the number of visitors from which the inhabitants will feel invaded, will change their behavior*
- Environmental: the number of visitors from which nature loses diversity and landscape loses singularity.*

The increasing number of events in the same area could have impact

This question of carrying capacity or welcoming capacity suppose to have a global vision of the activities in the areas. It's difficult to target only the outdoor sports event. We have to consider tourism, traditional activities... a new challenge?

CARRYING CAPACITY

There are examples of limitations of events in parks.

Example of the strict regulation of the national park of Ecrins (limitation to 5 sport competitions per year)

What solutions can we find together?

- Defining quotas (which criteria)
- Defining periods
- Limit the capacity or the number of participants

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Limit the negative impacts of outdoor sport

Find a respectful balance for the nature and life of the territories

Fight against increasing sedentarity in Europe

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work together





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