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# Aires de conservation et multi- fonctionnalité des espaces ruraux

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**Conservation areas and  
Multi-functionality of rural areas**

Ou

**Public environmental action  
and**

**Management of « ordinary  
spaces »**



# Beyond this title And within the next 30 min...

- Because of the contexte, there is a need for reviewing public action within the perspective of modifying the links between
  - society and environment
  - agriculture and environment
- Research has to develop a critical posture vis-à-vis conservation institutional arrangements,  
... far beyond the sole design and implementation of innovation



To achieve this :

1. Renewed analytical frameworks for management in a context of « multi »
2. The example of multi-functionality
3. Public action and the exemplar dimension of conservation area
4. Conclusion : The need for a critical posture and the role of research



# Multi-functionnality to handle complexity ?

La brebis multi-fonctionnelle qui donne naissance à des agneaux, les alimente, produit de la laine, et finit comme viande de mauvaise qualité, représente aussi une touche de mobilité dans le paysage, une machine à stimuler la repousse de l'herbe, une icône de l'identité locale et un point de contact avec la nature pour les promeneurs urbains du dimanche. (H. Buller)



Which research  
questions ?

Practices

Effects

Policy implications, etc

How research deals  
with society concerns?



# The need for a critical posture: what role for research ?

- Management of biodiversity and indicators !
  - Which transformations to measure and how?
  - reflexivity, analysis, intelligence, design
- External intervention and project : research objet and not only an involvement obligation
  - project engineering(ex : 6 years = long term ?)
  - Induced effects
- Participation to be analysed
  - « Decided » participation and power relationships
  - Sensation of participation and *empowerment*
- Localism ?
  - Take into account processes and management at different scales : norms and local and global practices
  - Transform innovation into reference
  - Design « broader » projects supported by references

Comparative  
arrangements



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