

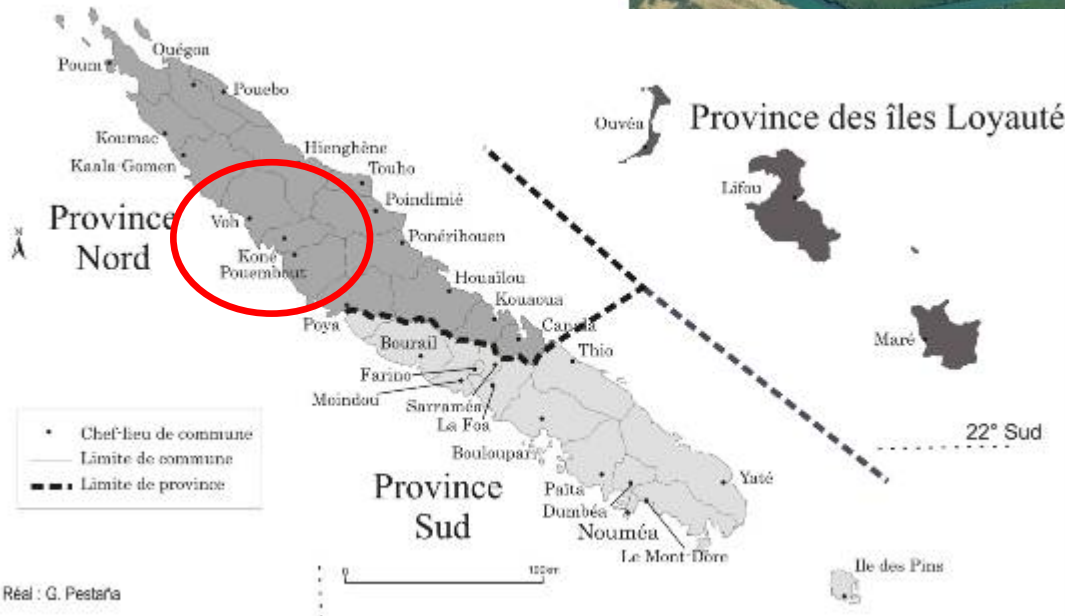


## Toward a co-management of the lagoon and coastal resources in New Caledonia?





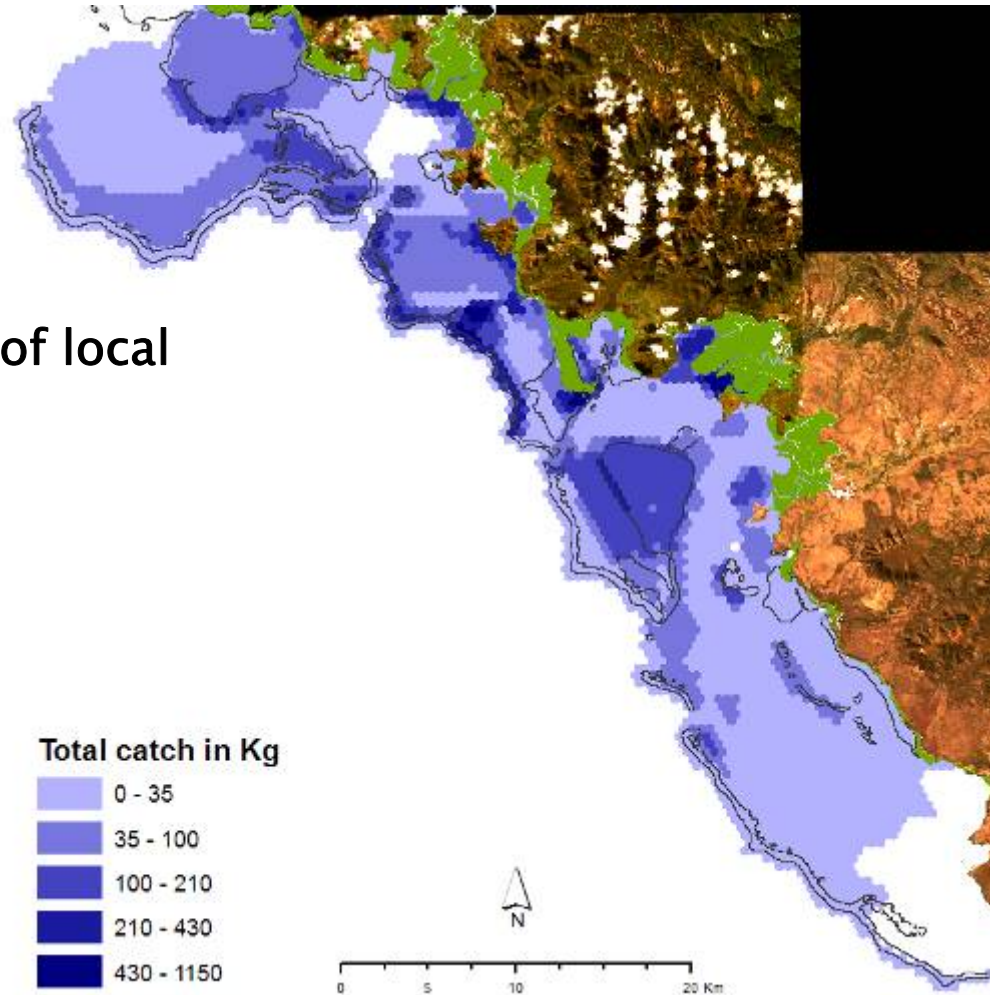
## Context, stakes and objectives



- An institutional and political transition
- A « strategic » area facing dramatic changes
- The governance issue

### An applied research program aiming at

- ➔ identifying management stakes for local actors
- ➔ building and implementing social and ecological monitoring
- ➔ identifying and discussing different management strategies
- ➔ analyzing the legal implications of identified strategies

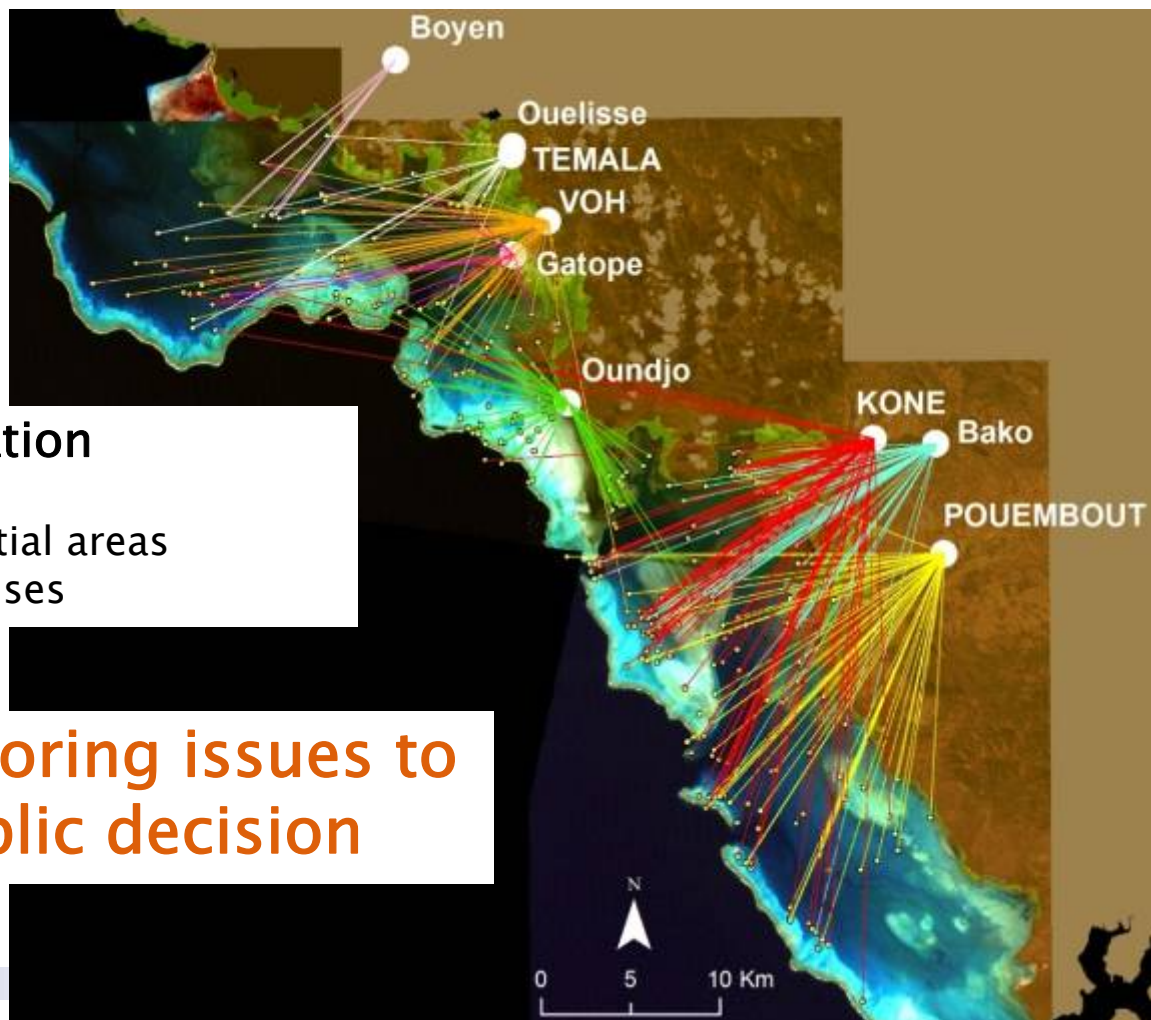


## ➔ Quantitative approximations of local fishery pressure

- Active fleet: 312 boats
- 8000 fishing days per year
- Total production: 170 tons a year



## Local fishery spatial organization



### ➔ Fishing spatial organization

- fishing areas linked to residential areas
- heterogeneous practices and uses

A sample of monitoring issues to be used for public decision



## Co-management stakes: Local actors perceptions

### ➔ Efficient management rules

- localized territorial appropriations
- informal rules at different scales, shared normative and cognitive patterns
- informal but shared watching rules and sanctions

### ➔ Management stake: anticipating the arrival of new populations

- a stronger fishing pressure
- new environmental treats
- impacts on marine products commodity chains
- a wider and uncontrolled lagoon access

**A major issue:  
The weakening of historically-built management  
arrangements**



## A political perspective for natural resources governance

### ➔ Local powers and governance

- focusing on (expected) demographic changes, not on the resource
- lagoon access and commercial circuits control as a local power issue
- the risks of a strict conservationist approach

### ➔ What conditions for implementing natural resource ‘good governance’?

- adjusting local participation to demographic trends and their impacts
- taking account of local power relations and normative rules
- linking ecological monitoring to different time frames

**Bringing the political context back in :  
New Caledonia is a decolonization hotspot as well...**



## Research prospects

### ➔ Four (applied) research tracks

- Pursuing the ecological monitoring
- An anthropological approach of local arenas and of the local appropriation, access and control over coastal resources
- A study on co-management legal translation
- Participatory workshops on local management and governance issues

**Deepening the political approach of the natural resource local governance**