

Water policing and environmental policing in PACA

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Summary

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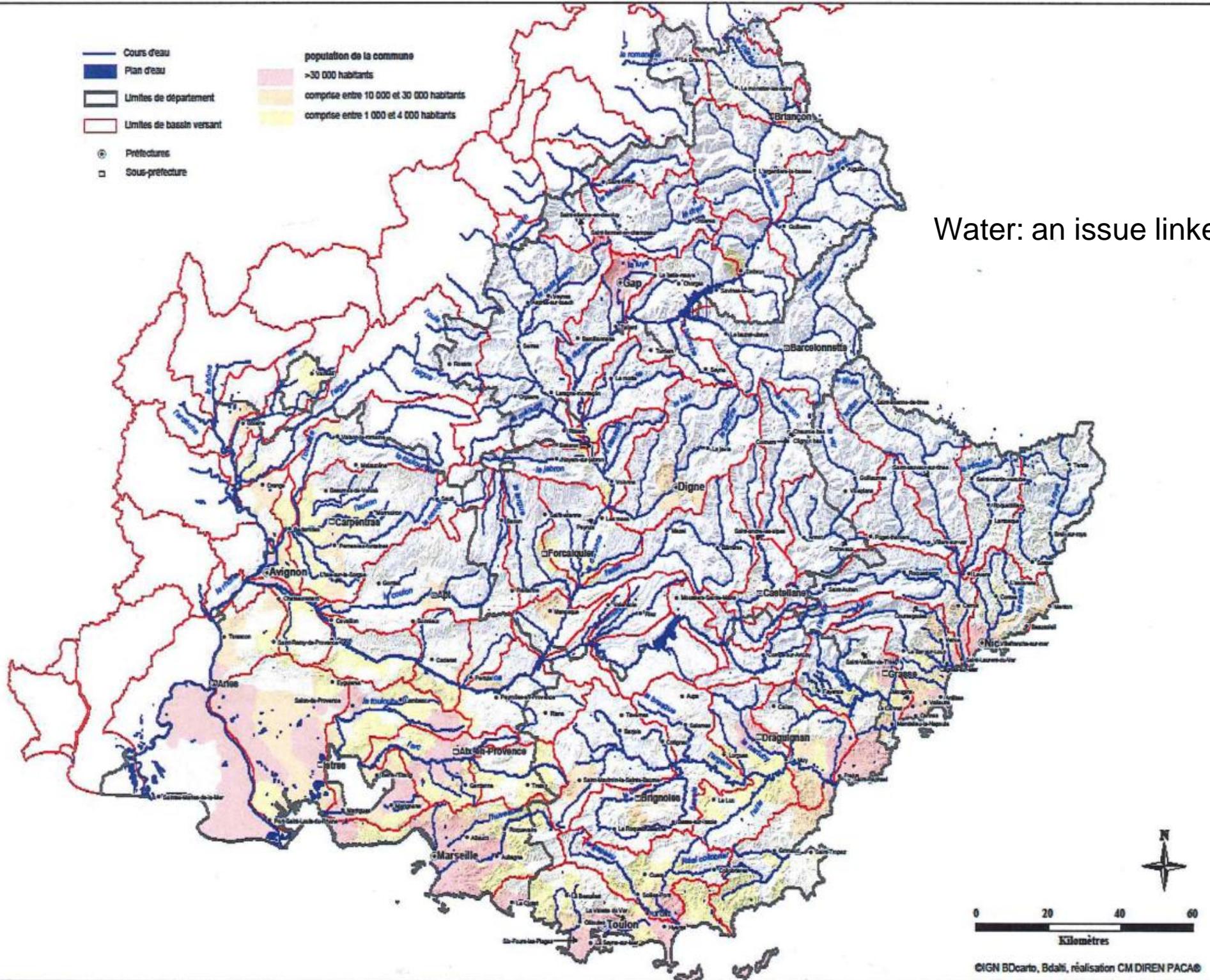
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Water - an issue in Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur (PACA)

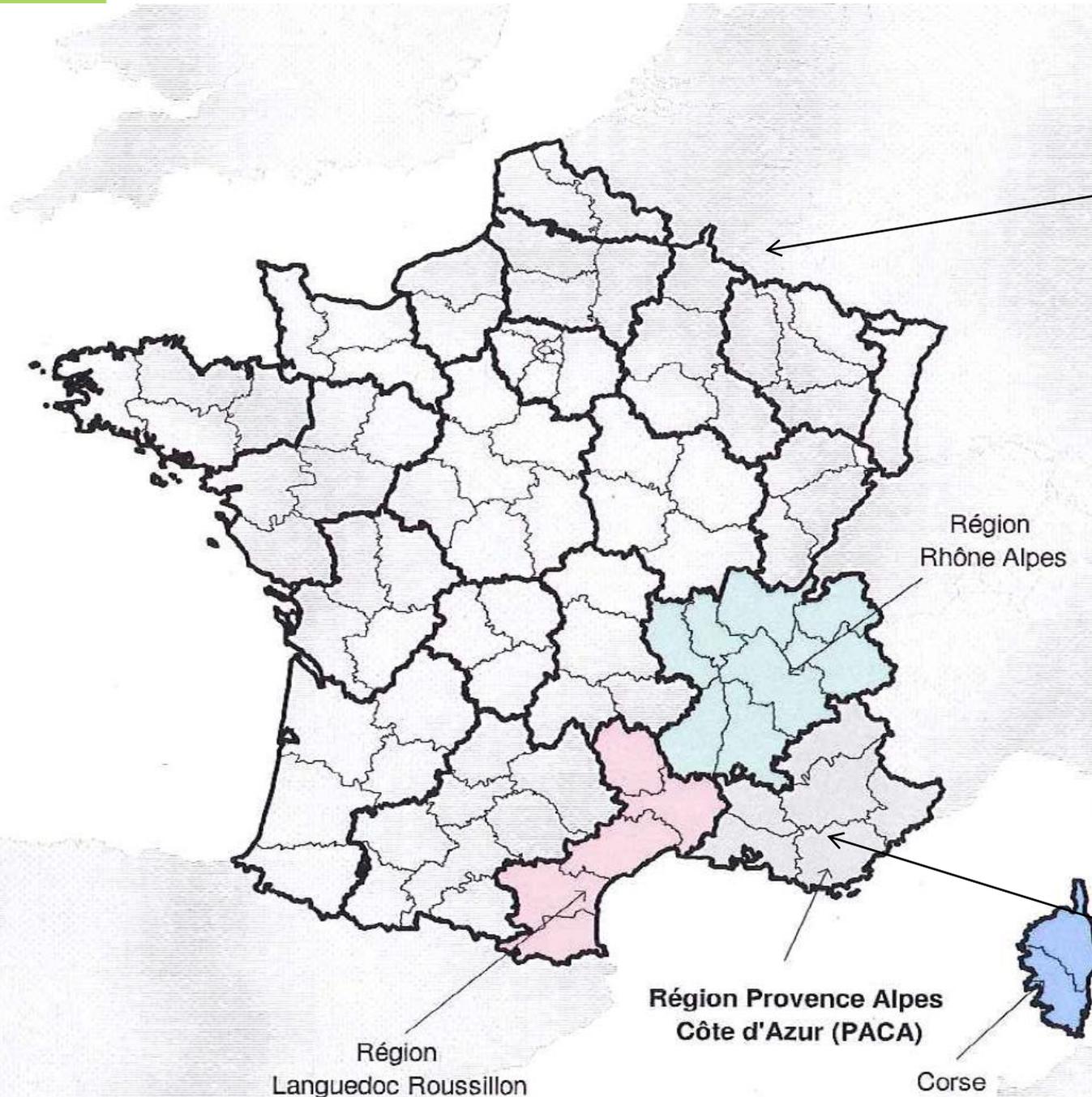
- **Mediterranean** climate progressing to **mountain** climate from 800m altitude
- Average annual rainfall of approx. 600 mm (= Paris) but **unevenly distributed** with summer drought, three times fewer rainy days
- **Hydrology contrast** between the coastline, the plains, the mountains, but also according to seasons and years.
- Summer drought and severe floods (June 2010 and November 2011 in Var) are the characteristic signs of hydrology in PACA



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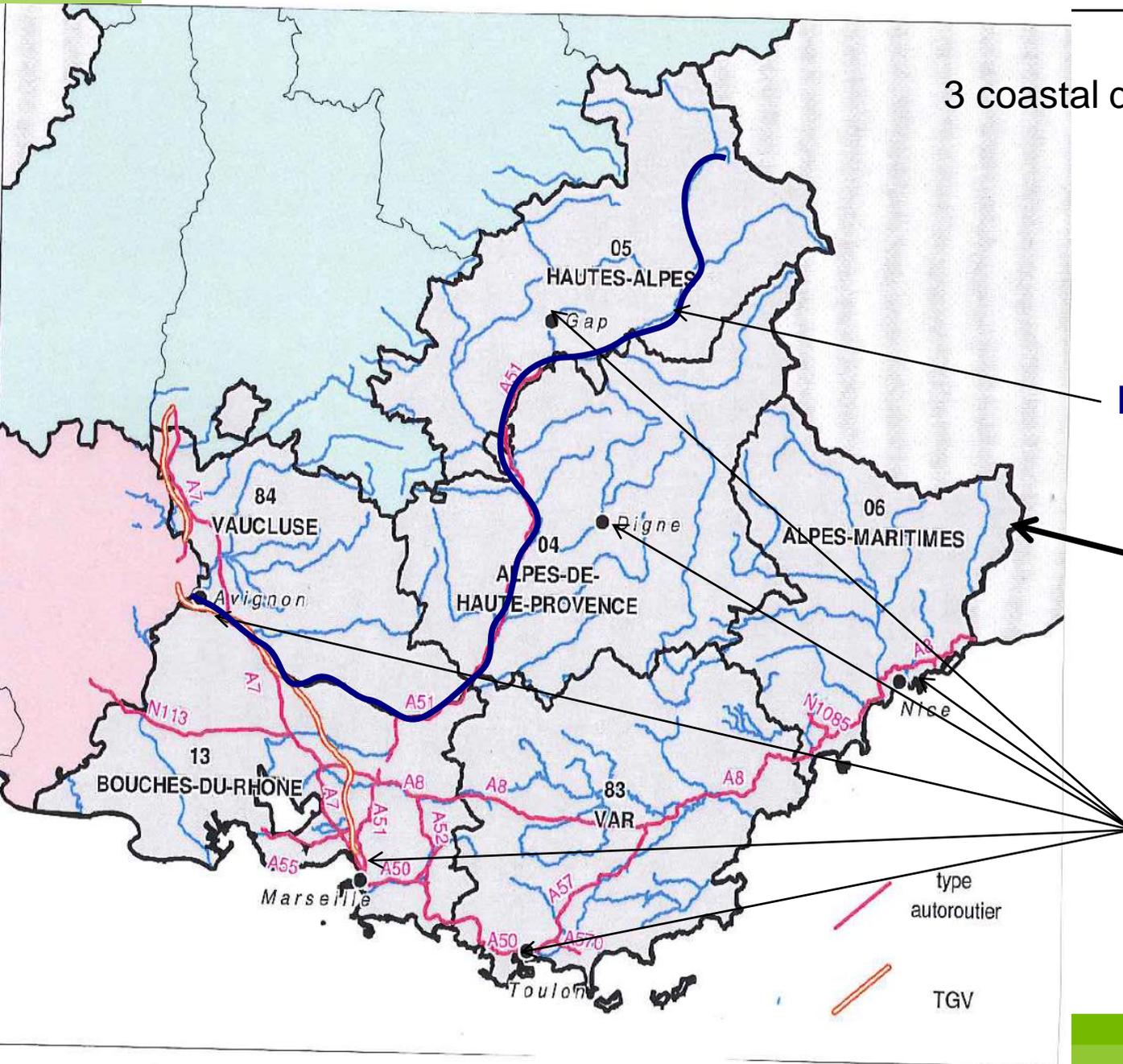


At the national level: the **Minist**

The Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur
•1 of 22 French regions
•About 5 million inhabitants
•6 departments

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Water policing: who does what

DREAL: Regional Directorate for the Environment, Planning and Housing:
.Operational missions: hydrometry, hydrobiology

In the 6 departments and at national level:

- .Mobilization and steering to implement national policy
- .Participates in planning (SDAGE)
- .Expert missions

DDT (M): Departmental Directorate of Territories (and the Sea), head of **MISE** (Inter-S

- .Processing "water police" files
- .Operational implementation of water policy guidelines
- .Inspections and their administrative and criminal follow-up

From water police to environmental police

Methods of organization and operation established since late 1990s: MISE (Inter-Service

Better action coordination and exchanges facilitated on files in issue = successful.

Since 2009, seeking to expand this organization to the topic of Nature:

- MISEN (inter-service water and nature mission): chaired by the prefect, validation of issues
- MIPE (inter-service mission of environmental **police units**): prefect + public prosecutors

Originality in PACA: Environmental Policy Committees (COPOLLEN) since 2009 in some

DREAL:

.Regional Directorate for the Environment, Planning and Housing: *coordination of water policing* but involved in other **environmental policing**

- **560 agents approximately**
- **6 services**
 - General Secretariat
 - Transport and infrastructures
 - **Water, biodiversity, landscape: policing of water, nature, sites, publicity**
 - **Energy, construction, air, dam: hydroelectricity, dams**
 - **Prevention of natural and technological risks: ICPE**
 - Territories, evaluation, knowledge, development, housing
- **6 territorial units (one per department)**
- **The Director is territorial delegate for the Nuclear Security Authority (ASN)**

Environmental police units

Numerous stakeholders:

- **State services:**DREAL, DDT(M), DDPP, ARS, Customs, DIRM.
- **Public institutions:** ONEMA, ONCFS, ONF, National Parks, Agency of marine protected areas, for conservation of the coastline.
- **Investigation services:** police and gendarmerie

Under multiple authorities:

- **prefect of region, maritime prefect, prefects of departments, public prosecutors**

Under several administrations:

- **Ministries of the environment and agriculture**

In implementation of numerous laws:

- **Codes of environment, forestry, rural, public health**

Improve the effectiveness of environmental policing

DREAL has implemented **regional coordination of environmental policing** in collaboration with State departmental services and public institutions in order to:

- .Increase synergies between actors
- .Foster operational coordination
- .Improve links with public prosecutors
- .Share experience
- .Professionalize agents
- .Provide judicial experience
- .Communicate, exchange

Coordination in PACA

.Since 2009:

- **Creation of a committee (or commission) for environmental police (COPOLEN)**
- **Operation of State / public prosecutor:**
 - **Annual strategic meeting chaired by the prefects and co-chaired by public prosecutors: issues, objectives, strategic priorities**
 - **Biannual operational meetings chaired by public prosecutors: current issues, organizational arrangements.**
- **Progress:**
 - **COPOLLEN in Var**
 - **COPOLEN integrated in MISEN in Vaucluse**
 - **MISEN and COLAEN in Bouches-du-Rhône**
 - **COPOLEN in Alpes-Maritimes, MISEN**
 - **MISEN and MIPE underway in Hautes Alpes and Alpes de Haute Provence**

Coordination in PACA

.Benefit:

- **Sharing control strategy with public prosecutors**
- **Inter-service exchanges, with public prosecutors, on files with multiple challenges**
- **Developing strategies to complete significant cases and/or significant environmental impacts**
- **Identification of key contacts**
- **Sharing good practices**

Some examples

→ **Operation of inter-service monitoring in the National Nature Reserve of the Plaine des Maures on April 8, 2012**

- **Led by the Public Prosecutor of Draguignan**
- **at the request of the custodian**
- **the operation assembled the services of the Gendarmerie, ONF, ONCFS, Coastline Conservation, General Council of Var, manager of RNN**



Briefing of the start of mission

Some examples

Arrest of a vehicle within the wild habitat area NATURA 2000

"Papa Charly" inter-service team



Group photo at the end of patrol

The link with town planning

.The powers of pure town planning:

- **Departmental Directorates of Territories (and the Sea) - DDT (M)**
- **Bodies, links between local authorities, villages**

.Town planning and environmental issues may be linked:

- **Construction in a classified site without authorization**
- **Clearing, deforestation, unauthorized**
- **Storage of materials**
- **Urban development/ wastewater treatment plant, drinking water catchment.**

.COPOLLEN type structures are a way to connect "environmental" and "town planning" issues.

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