PROTECTED AREAS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: FIRST RESULTS OF NATUR’ADAPT PROJECT

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NATUR’ADAPT IN A NUTSHELL

The effects of climate change are observed in most protected areas in France and in Europe. Locally, the managers of these natural areas are often powerless to deal with it. The **LIFE Natur’Adapt project** aims to help them adapt their practices to climate change. In France, six pilot reserves have experimented a new methodology and each produced a vulnerability assessment and an adaptation plan.

FIRST RESULTS AND PERSPECTIVES

Main outputs of the experimentation

The experimentation led from mid 2019 to the end of 2020 on the 6 pilot reserves helped to:
- **Enhance** the proposed methodology;
- **Launch** a local dynamic around climate change issues in each pilot site;
- **Clarify** what means adapting to climate change for a protected area.

What is adaptation for a protected area?

- **It is an iterative process** that aims to assess the evolution of the different components of the protected area and its surroundings under the influence of climate change.
- **It is an opportunity** to involve local stakeholders and to improve its anchoring.
- **It leads the manager to change his outlook** on his protected area and to put on “climate change glasses”.

What’s next?

The lessons learned fed into the development of a new version of a methodological guide. This guide has been given in June 2021 to fifteen new pilot sites, who will re-test the tools and methods during one year, before their national and European dissemination.

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- 4,2 M€
- 5 years (2018-2023)
- 10 partners
- 21 pilot sites

of French natural reserves take climate change into account and other protected areas are going the same way

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