WOAH workshop on Response Plan Development for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction

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Introduction

Project of French plan training, intervention emergency for the rescue of animals natural disasters victims

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General Direction for Food (DGAL) - Animal Welfare Office (BBEA)

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The climate change is intensifying extreme weather events
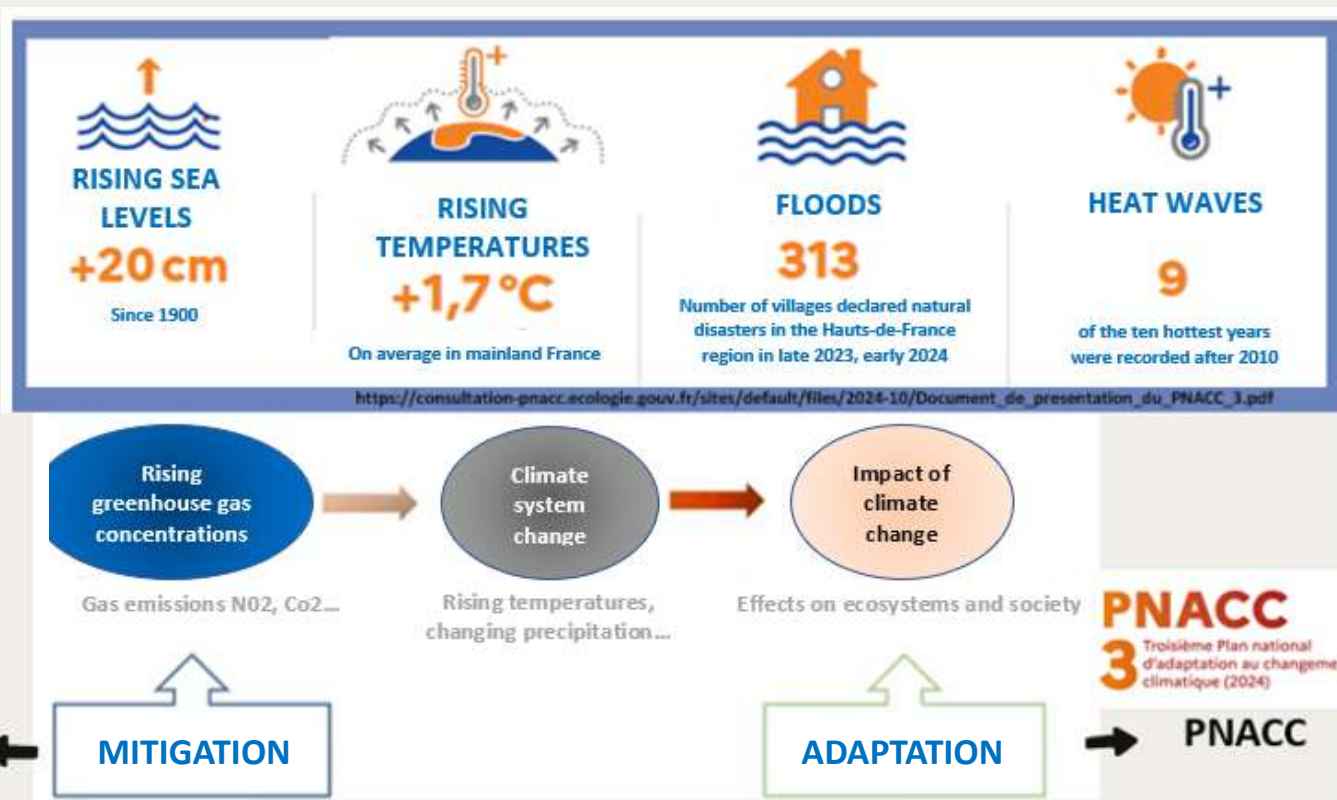
The animals have a new place in the society and the family

Need to adopt a climate change mitigation and adaptation policy

The national low carbon strategy

RISING SEA LEVELS +20 cm Since 1900

RISING TEMPERATURES +1,7 °C On average in mainland France

FLOODS 313 Number of villages declared natural disasters in the Hauts-de-France region in late 2023, early 2024

HEAT WAVES 9 of the ten hottest years were recorded after 2010

https://consultation-pnacc.ecologie.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/2024-10/Document_de_presentation_du_PNACC_3.pdf

Rising greenhouse gas concentrations — Gas emissions N02, Co2...

Climate system change — Rising temperatures, changing precipitation...

Impact of climate change — Effects on ecosystems and society

SNBC ← MITIGATION

ADAPTATION → PNACC

PNACC 3 Troisième Plan national d'adaptation au changement climatique (2024)

Climate change adaptation plan 3th version

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Introduction

- **Implementation of the National Climate Change Adaptation Plan (PNACC) in 2011**

- **New PNACC-3 in 2024 published in 10 March 2025**

- **Reference warming trajectory +4°C by 2100**

- **Consequences : droughts, falling snow cover, increased number of forest fires, etc. Need to adapt in all sectors of activity**

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3 Troisième Plan national
d'adaptation au changement
climatique (2024)

5 MEAN AREAS

Ensuring the resilience of territories, infrastructure and essential services

Protect the population

Adapting human activities

Protecting our natural and cultural heritage

Mobilizing the Nation's forces to successfully adapt

51 measures for all sectors of activity

+ 200 actions including 16 carried out by the DGAL

Develop a disaster animal rescue training and response plan (PFISAS)

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Develop a network of rescuers and a training and intervention plan to help land animals that would be endangered by the occurrence of a major climatic accident

Meeting with the Oise Departmental Fire and Rescue Service (SDIS60), presentation of the plan currently being developed and presentation of their Animal Risk Unit (URAN)

Research for information at European level to have their management plan :
Spain, Greece, Norway, Italy, Ireland

Meeting with various partners within government departments to rally their support for the project

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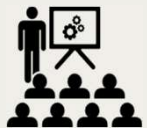
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Bringing together all stakeholders

administration, education, firefighters, emergency workers, veterinarians, livestock farmers, etc.

Finding financial resources to equip departmental response services : to develop the mapping tool, deploy training, and purchase new URANs

Implementing a communication plan

Creating awareness/prevention sheets for pet owners so they can prepare to evacuate with their pets if necessary – Share the

Create a training program

For firefighters designated as AW referents in fire and rescue services, then offering it to agricultural education and veterinary schools...

Join the 'ORSEC' Plan

Link this emergency plan for animals to the existing one for people and thus benefit from the same chain of command for activate the intervention

Create a tool map of available resources

first aid partners - shelters - means of transport adapted to the animal species to be rescue

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Ideas for the program of training on animal management during natural disasters

Objectives : Preventive training for first responders and animal welfare officers designated by the Departmental Fire and Rescue Services, animal knowledge, and proper procedures to follow in the event of a disaster.
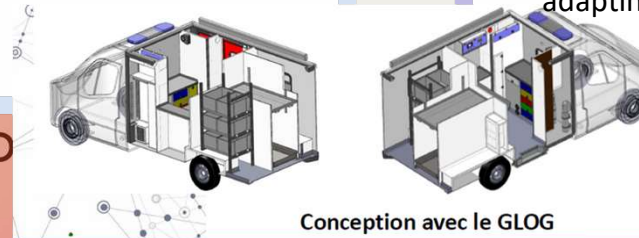**Duration : 7h / 1 day**

Introduction 1h30

- Definition of the BEA
- Issues of the animal rescue component (evolution of the human-animal relationship)
- Existing regulations (Matras Law and 2015 Law)
- Figures for interventions involving animals (e.g., 1,445 interventions in 2021 in France))

Section on emergency services 2h

- Rescue Organizations
- Organization of the **Animal Risk Unit** (URAN)
- Limitations of the exercise (eg: of killing)
- Networks...

Conception avec le GLOG

Section on Animals 3h

- Concept of stress, possible reactions of the animal, emergency handling, evacuation
- Ensuring care and vital needs
- Knowing how to recognize a dangerous animal and adapting accordingly

Conclusion of the day 30 min
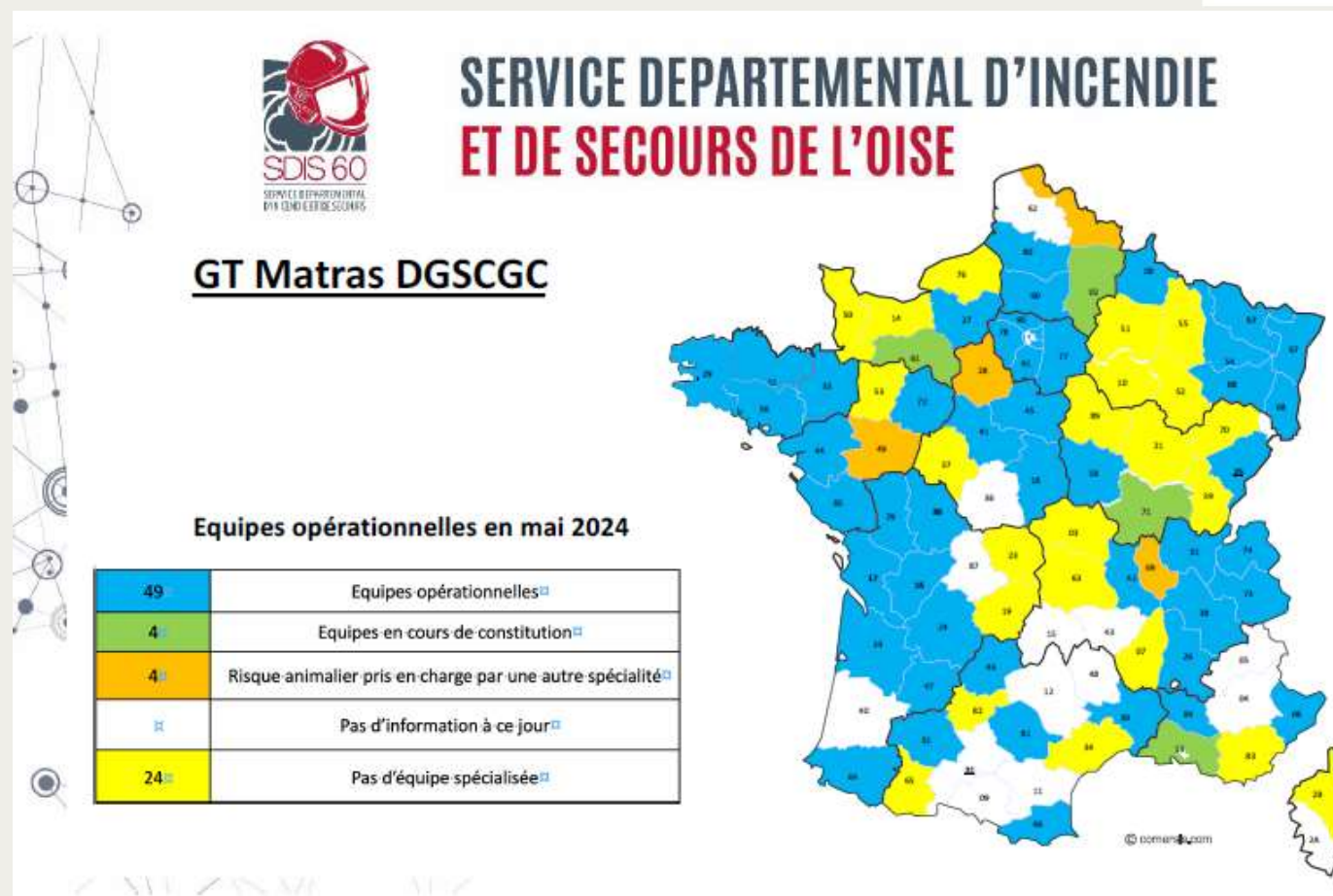
- Discussion between participants on site

Picture of SDIS 60 during the training period on the URAN

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We have **49 operational teams** for animals representing half of France's departments and **24 not specialized teams**

SERVICE DEPARTEMENTAL D'INCENDIE ET DE SECOURS DE L'OISE

GT Matras DGSCGC

Equipes opérationnelles en mai 2024

49	Equipes opérationnelles
4	Equipes en cours de constitution
4	Risque animalier pris en charge par une autre spécialité
	Pas d'information à ce jour
24	Pas d'équipe spécialisée

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Create a computer layer to locate farms in risk areas (to be added to the geo-risk software)

information on potential risks
in the selected area

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Action Plan : Content of the plan

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Livestock farms affected by disaster

Pig farms

Cows farms

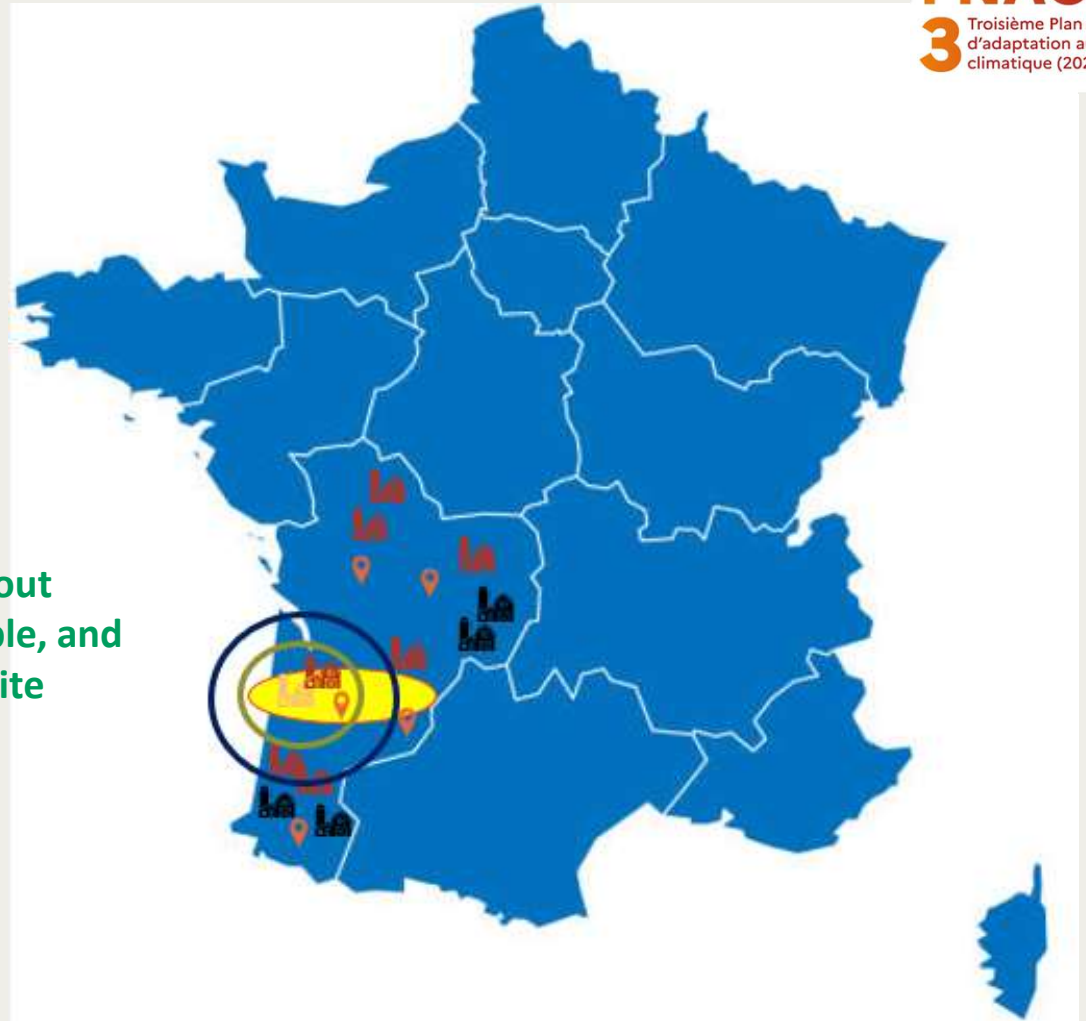Surface area : 50 km

Surface area : 100 km

Surface affected

Partners : SDIS, transporters...

Share knowledge about risks, locations, people, and animals present on site

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What natural disasters occur in France ?

Risks : floods, storms, landslides, forest fires, avalanches, cyclones (in the French overseas islands), rockfall, Heatwaves and droughts
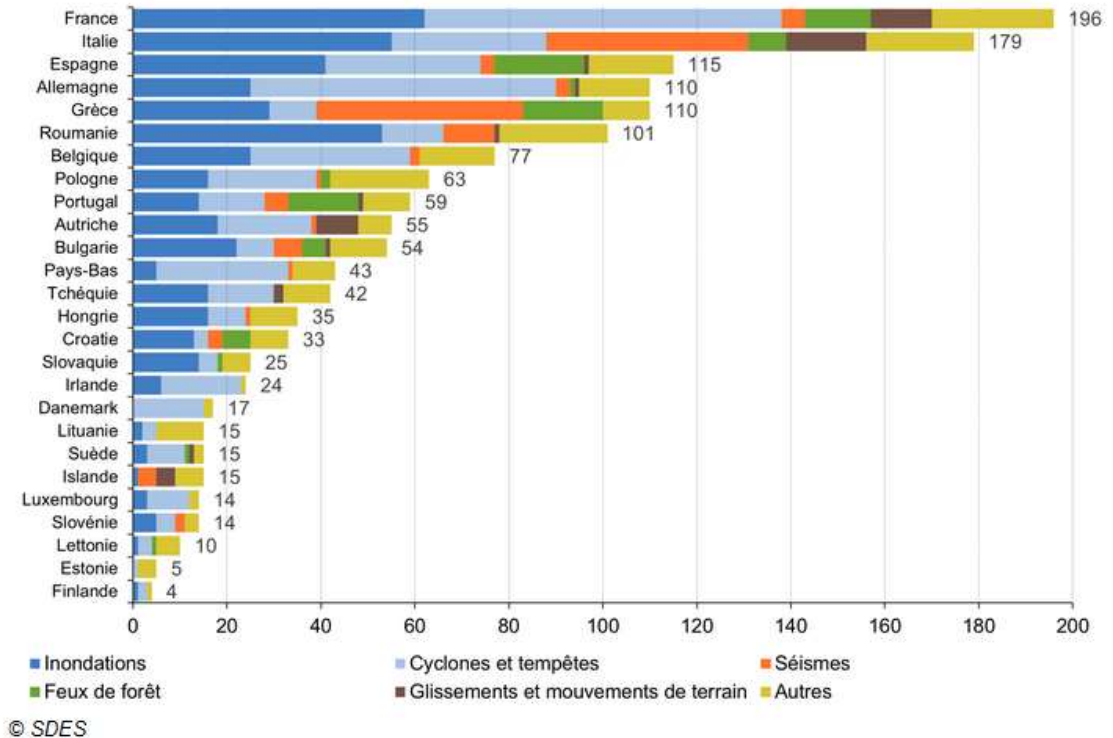
Meteorological phenomena: 49.7%

Climatic causes (fires, drought, heatwaves): 30.2%

Hydrological causes (floods): 13.7%

Geological causes (earthquakes, eruptions): 6.3%

Nombre de catastrophes naturelles survenues en Europe entre 1900 et 2023
En nombre de catastrophes par type

France 196
Italie 179
Espagne 115
Allemagne 110
Grèce 110
Roumanie 101
Belgique 77
Pologne 63
Portugal 59
Autriche 55
Bulgarie 54
Pays-Bas 43
Tchéquie 42
Hongrie 35
Croatie 33
Slovaquie 25
Irlande 24
Danemark 17
Lituanie 15
Suède 15
Islande 15
Luxembourg 14
Slovénie 14
Lettonie 10
Estonie 5
Finlande 4

Legend:
- Inondations
- Cyclones et tempêtes
- Séismes
- Feux de forêt
- Glissements et mouvements de terrain
- Autres

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QUESTIONS ?

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1. Tell us about the current status of your contingency/response plan. (*Is there a national or regional plan? Who led its development? Has it been tested or activated recently?*)

2. What frameworks, law, or national/international policies are influencing how your plan is developed and activated? (*This might include disaster risk reduction strategies, veterinary legislation, biosecurity and incursion response frameworks, or international guidelines such as the Sendai Framework or WOAH standards*)

3. What are the main hazards or risks involving animals in your country, and how do these inform your planning? (*Are these natural hazards, disease incursions, or something else. Which species or animal-related industries are typically affected or involved?*)

4. Can you share any recent experiences your country has had with disasters involving animals, and what lessons those experience have revealed? (*Were these responses multi-agency. What role did technology play, if any?*)

5. How is your organisation preparing its workforce for animal-related emergency response? (*Think about training, exercise, resourcing, coordination readiness and use of tools or technology*)

6. How do you reflect and learn from emergencies? What processes are in place for reviewing and updating plans after events?

7. What expectations do people in your country, such as animal owners, farmers, NGO's, veterinary professionals, or community groups have of your organisation during emergencies? (*Are there tensions between legal roles and public expectations?*)

8. What role do public/private partnerships play in your disaster planning and response? (*Who do you currently work with, and who else would strengthen your capability?*)

9. In what ways is recovery planning considered or integrated into your response approach? (*Is recovery activated early, Arre animal welfare and livelihoods considered long-term?*)

10. Looking ahead, what strengths can your country contribute to others, and what specific challenges are you hoping this workshop will help you address?