



**Bilan des travaux phytosociologiques et
présentation des cartes des systèmes de végétation des îles Éparses
(Europa, Juan de Nova, Les Glorieuses & Tromelin)**



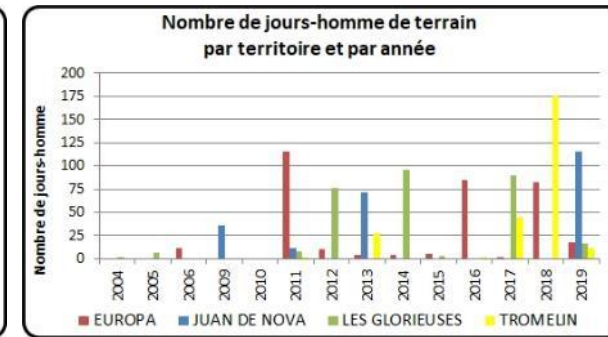
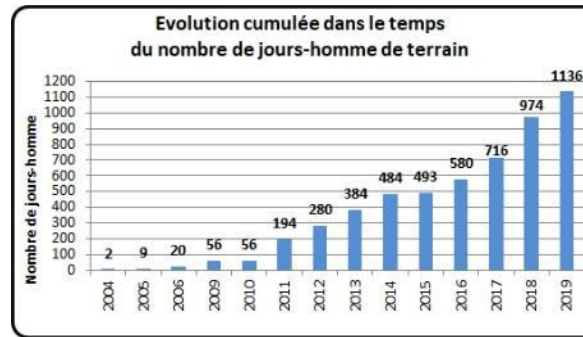
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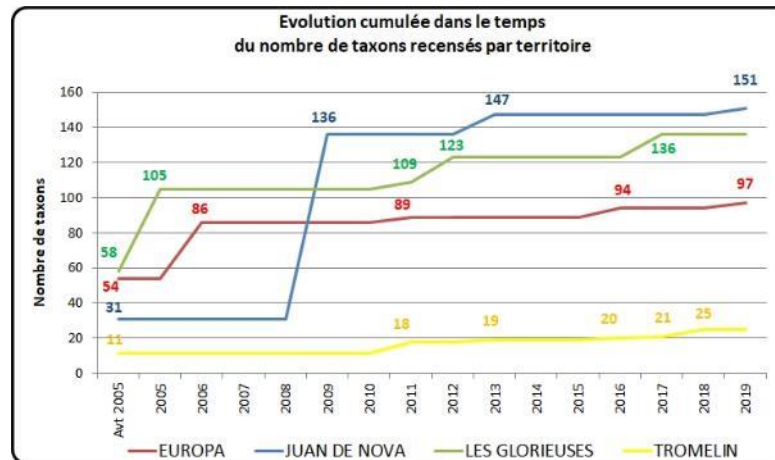
Préambule

➤ Missions terrain (2004 – 2019) :

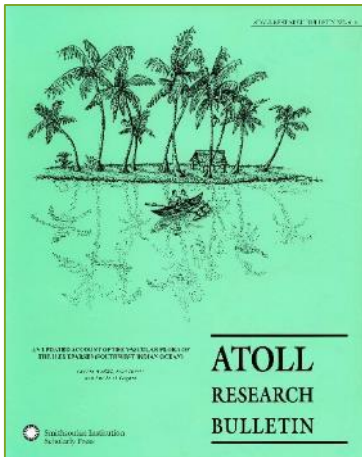
- 39 missions
- 1136 jours-hommes
- 17 personnels CBNM



➤ Bilan floristique actualisé



➤ Publication de référence

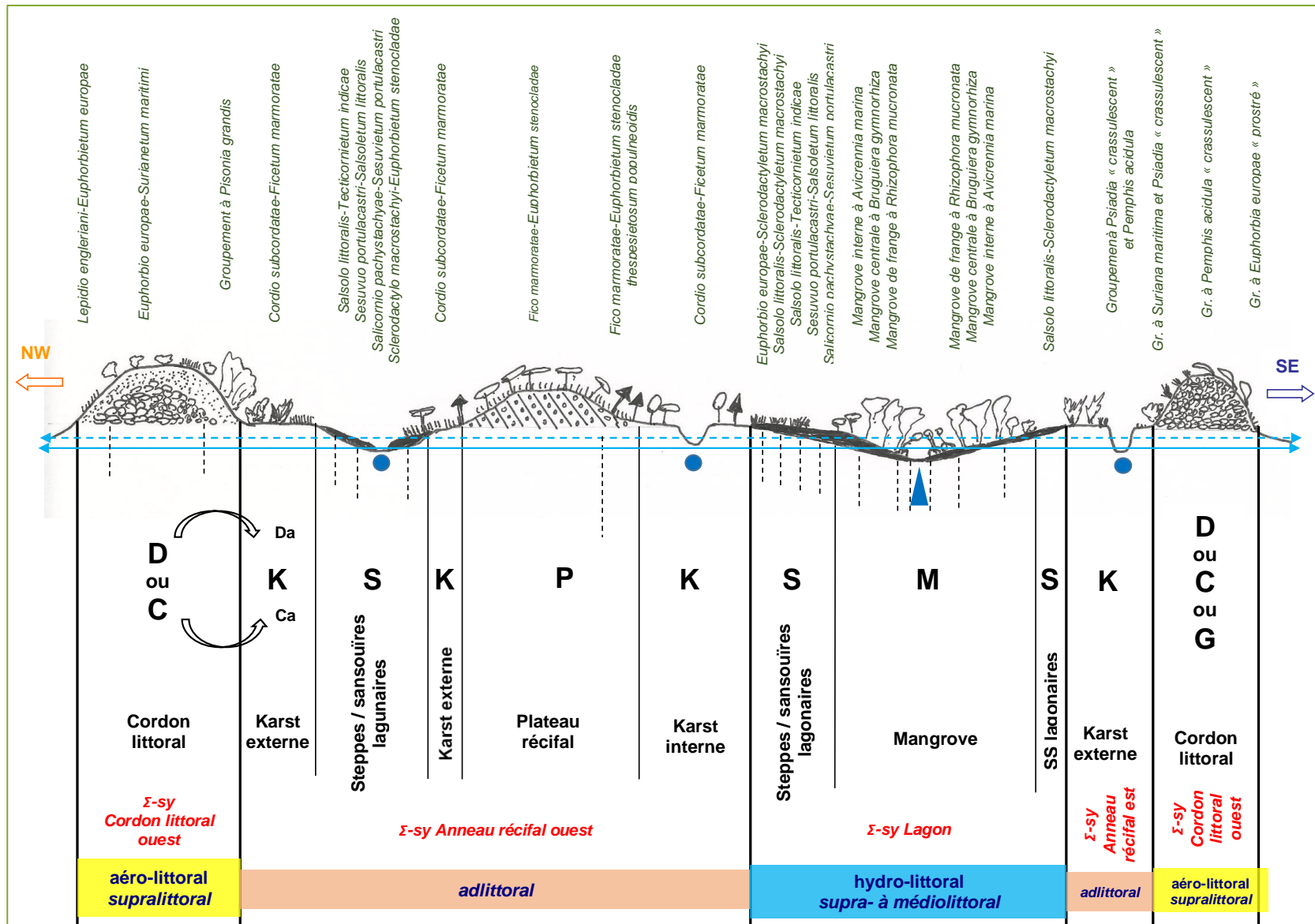


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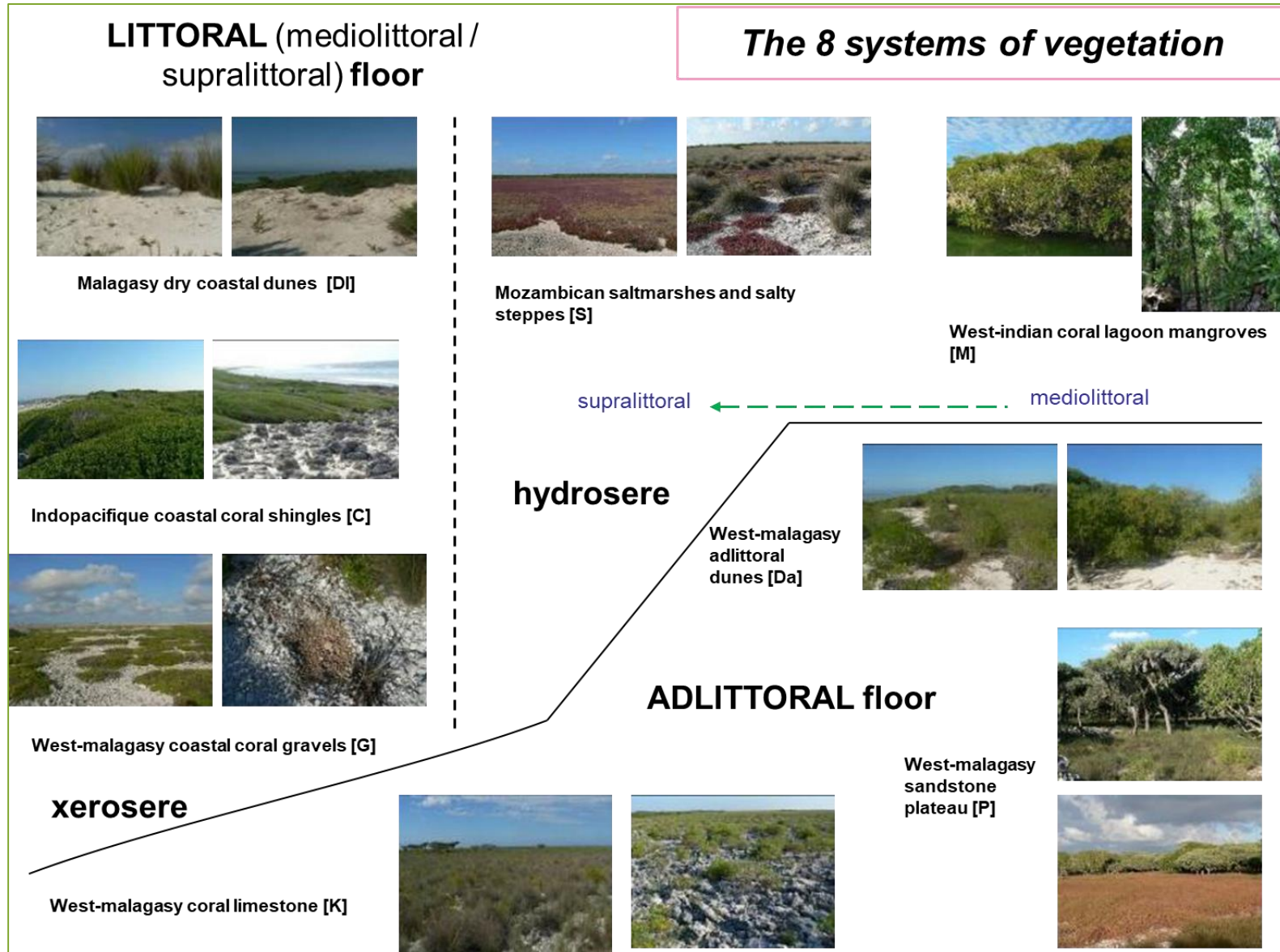
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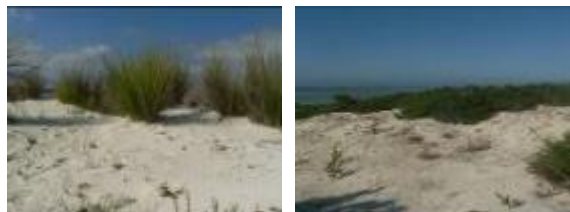
Séries



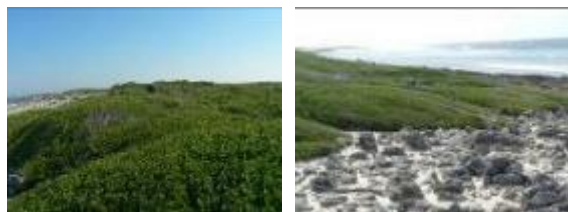
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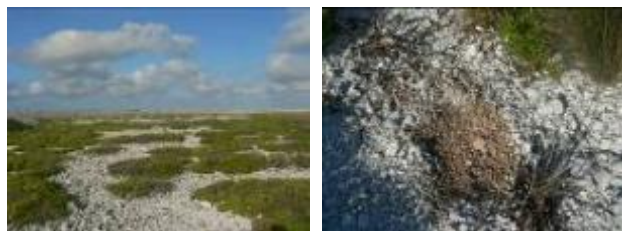


Travaux phytosociologiques**LITTORAL** (mediolittoral /
supralittoral) **floor**

Malagasy dry coastal dunes [DI]



Indopacifique coastal coral shingles [C]



West-malagasy coastal coral gravels [G]

xerosere

West-malagasy coral limestone [K]

**The 8 systems of vegetation**

Mozambican saltmarshes and salty steppes [S]








West-indian coral lagoon mangroves [M]



supralittoral ←

mediolittoral

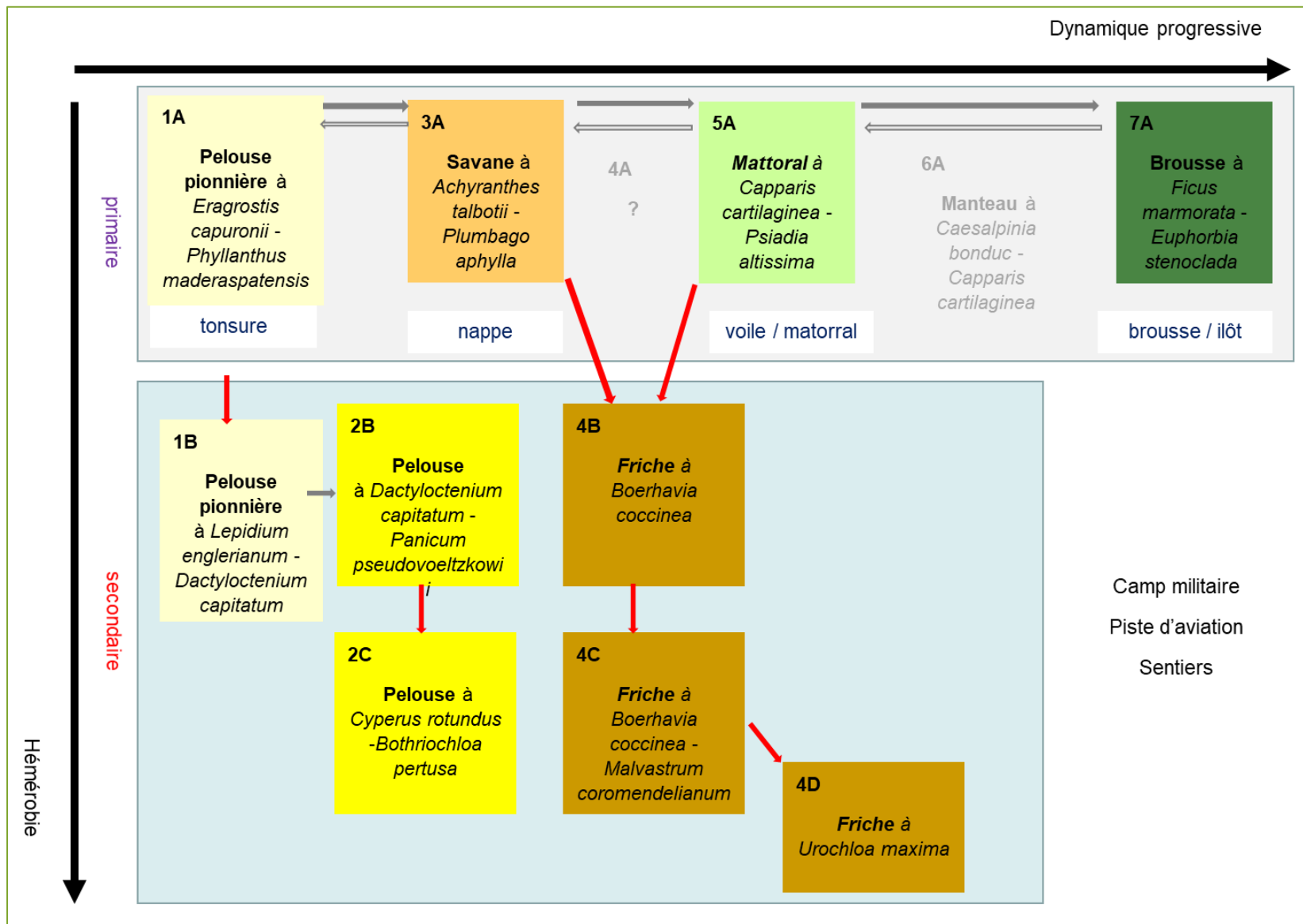
hydrosereWest-malagasy
adlittoral
dunes [Da]**ADLITTORAL floor**West-malagasy
sandstone
plateau [P]

Méthodes	Europa	Juan de Nova	Les Glorieuses	Tromelin
Travaux phytosociologiques		salinity gradient		
<i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i> mediolittoral saltmarsh	<i>Sesuvium portulacastrum</i> - <i>Salsola littoralis</i> very lower supralittoral saltmarsh	<i>Salsola littoralis</i> - <i>Halosarcia indica</i> lower supralittoral saltmarsh	<i>Salsola littoralis</i> - <i>Sclerodactylon</i> <i>macrostachyum</i> middle supralittoral steppe / saltmarsh	<i>Sclerodactylon</i> <i>macrostachyum</i> upper supralittoral subsalty steppes
				
				< 1 m
médiolittoral	lower	supralittoral		upper
		topographic gradient		
serie 1	serie 2	serie 3	serie 4	serie 5-6

Topographic and salinity gradient of saltmarshes and salty steppes system

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➤ Notion de 'dynamique'



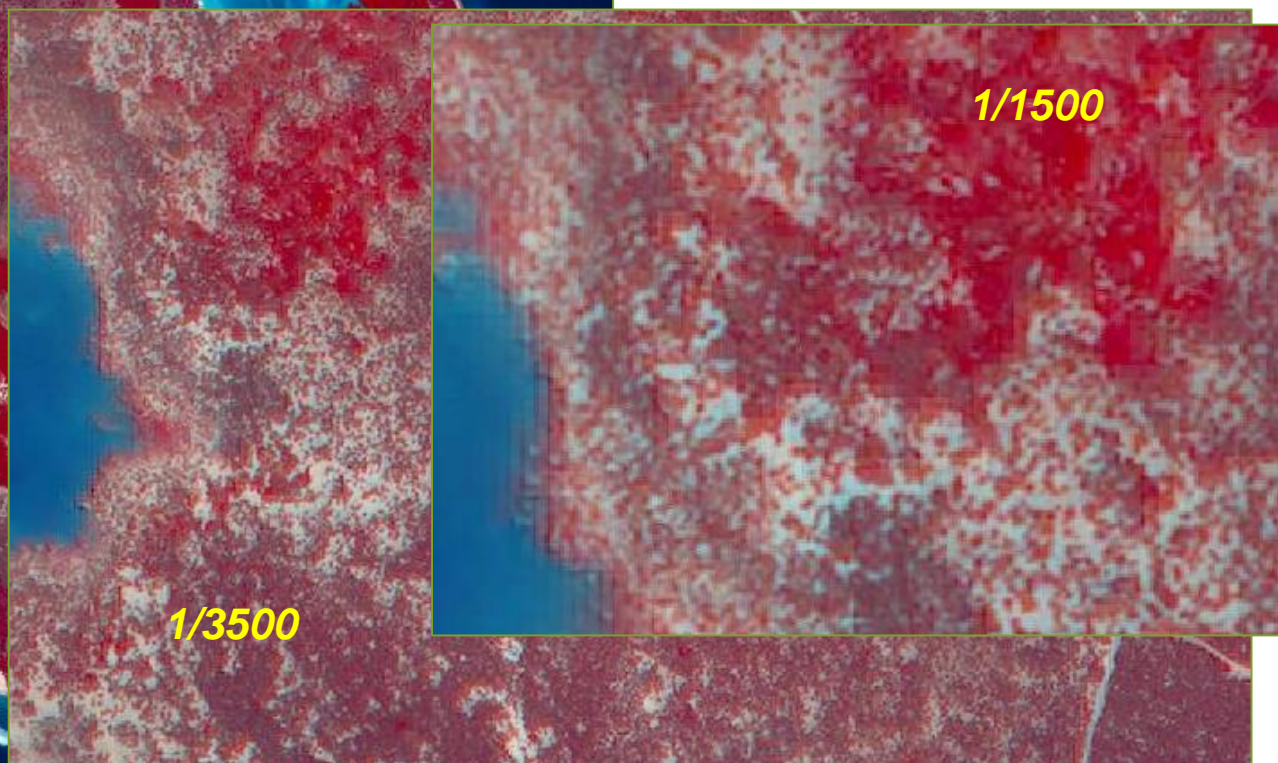
Segmentation (L. Commagnac & G. Liegard ; IGN)

- Image satellite Pleiade (29/07/2013, CNES (2013) Distribution AIRBUS DS)



Résolution :

- 0,7 m (panchromatic mode)
- 2,8 m (multiband mode, RGB channels)
- ré-échantillonnée à 0,5 cm



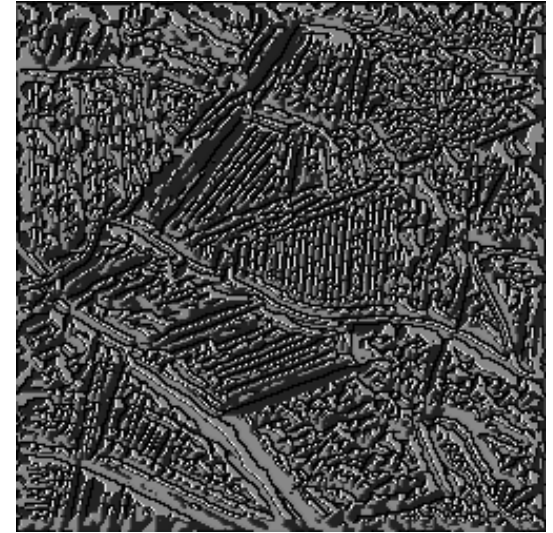
HOW DOES THE SEGMENTATION SOFTWARE WORK ?



False color IRG image (Infrared displayed as red, red displayed as green, green displayed as blue)



Grayscale gradient magnitude image (image band with maximum change (slope) is retained)



Watershed transformation: the image is treated like a topographic map, with the brightness of each point representing its height. The algorithm simulates the flooding of the image

Pyram → see Guigues, L., Cocquerez, J.P., and Le Men, H. (2006). Scale-Sets Image Analysis. *Int. J. Comput. Vis.* 68, 289–317

Image segmentation by « Pyram » developed by IGN for CarHAB (french national program of habitat's mapping)

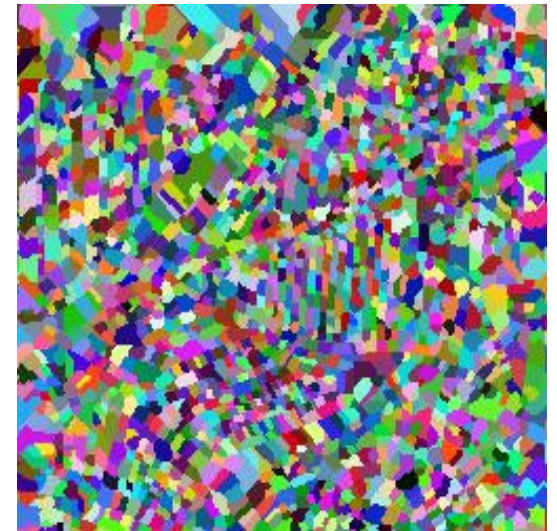
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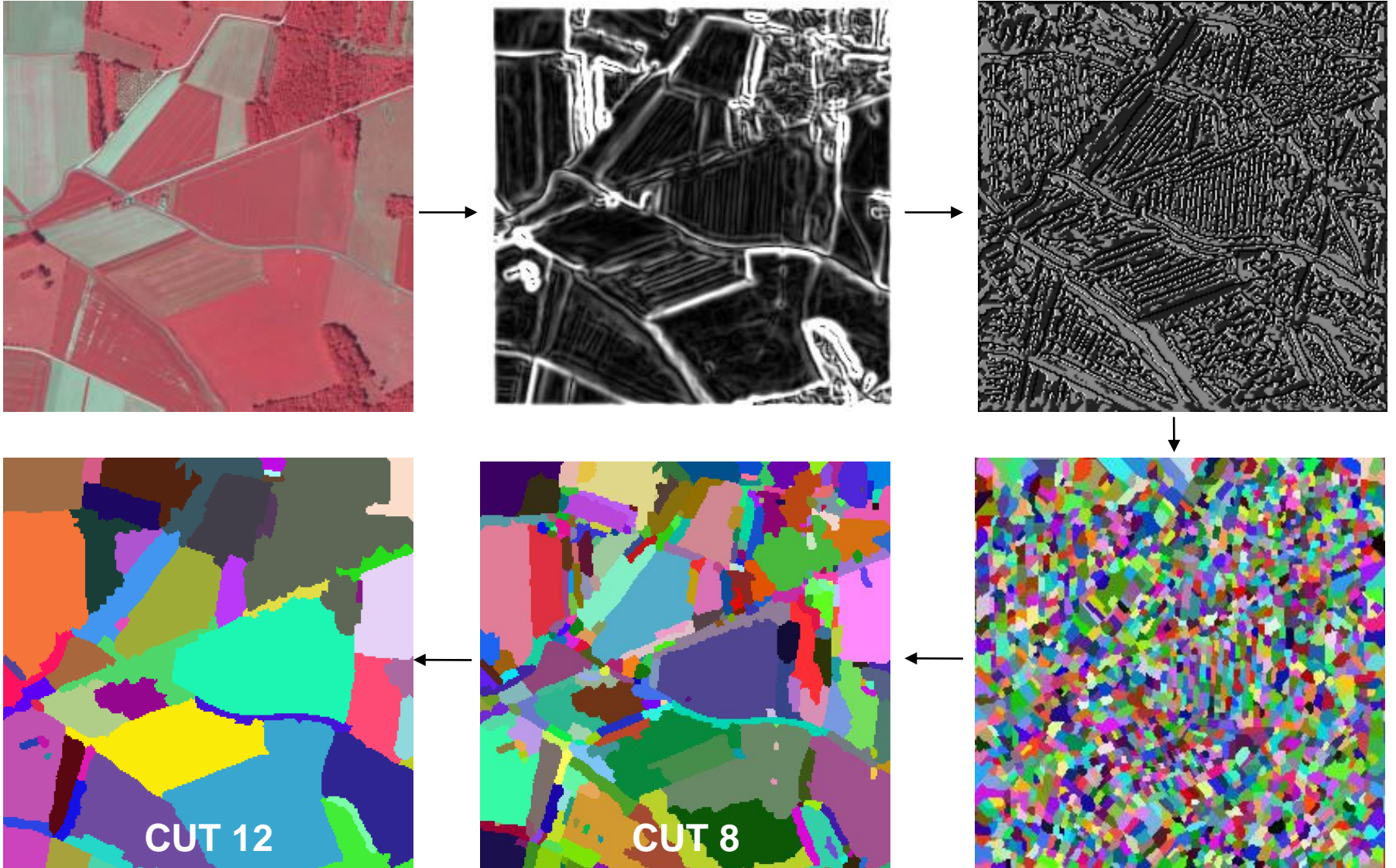
This leads to an over-segmented image to which a “scale climbing” algorithm is applied to produce a pyramid of images, where regions are merged with varying intensity.

In order to find the regions to merge, for each small region and for all its neighbours, a degree of similarity is computed (based on colors) as well as a value of complexity of the polygon resulting from the merging of candidate regions.

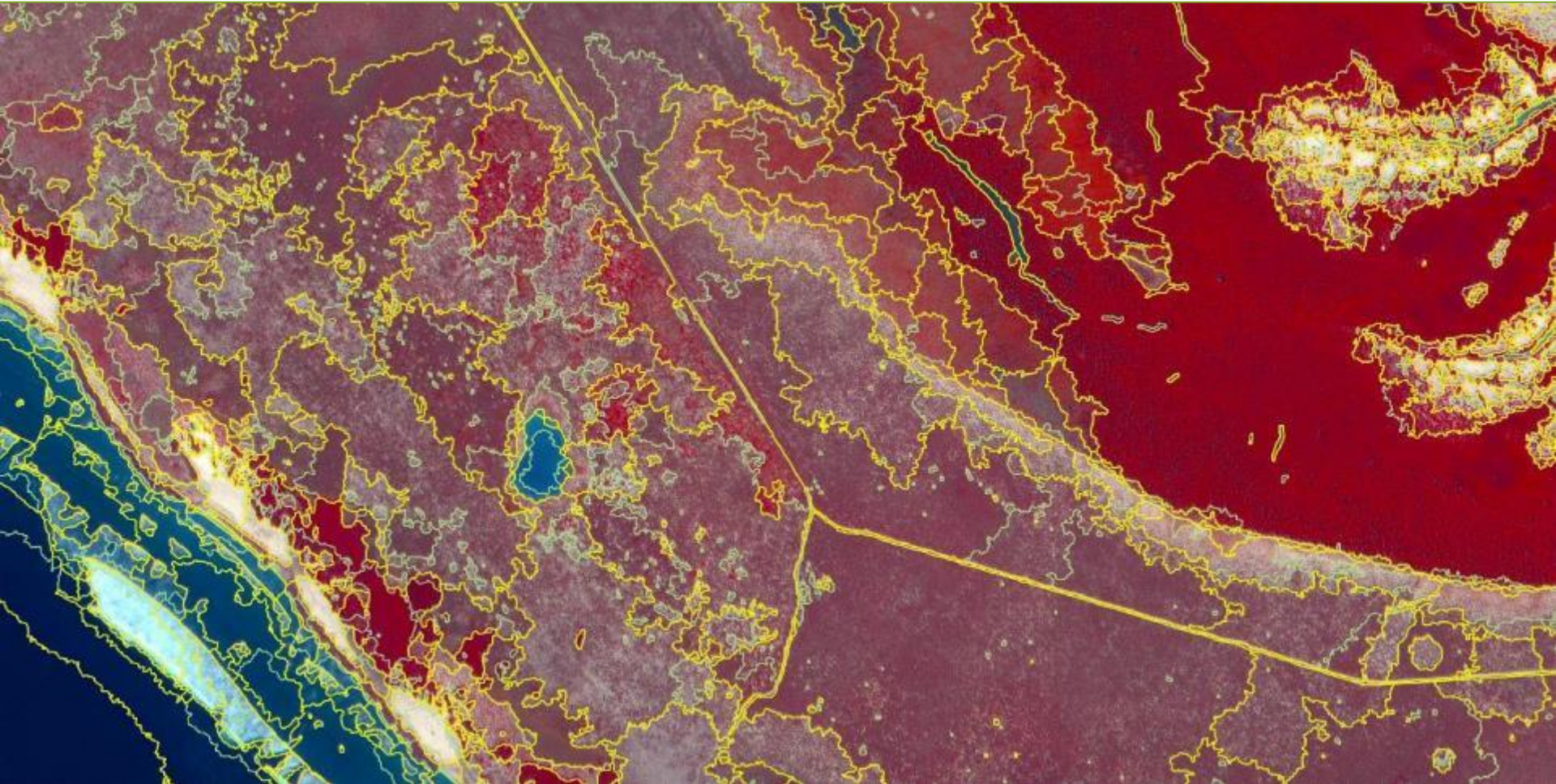
It is then possible to choose the desired merge level (cut) in the pyramid that best fit the intended use.



HOW DOES THE SEGMENTATION SOFTWARE WORK ?



Segmentation at low level cut (C12) shows a good match with the series of vegetation, but less with elementary units of vegetation, because polygons most often correspond to dynamic mosaics of vegetation. More detailed level cut (C8) appears sometimes complementary, but usually most irrelevant.



Purpose of mapping was a map of series and gesoseries (systems) of vegetation. For this purpose, several types of vegetation are easily identifiable by photo-interpretation. Also each unambiguous C12 (or C8) polygon was directly informed by photo-interpretation in terms of series and systems. All other polygons and system boundaries have been field verified and system boundaries modified as necessary.

Segmentation and pre-map of Europa at low level cup (C1) and more fine level (C2)