

The French action plan for the conservation of dragonflies: situation and prospects after two years of implementation

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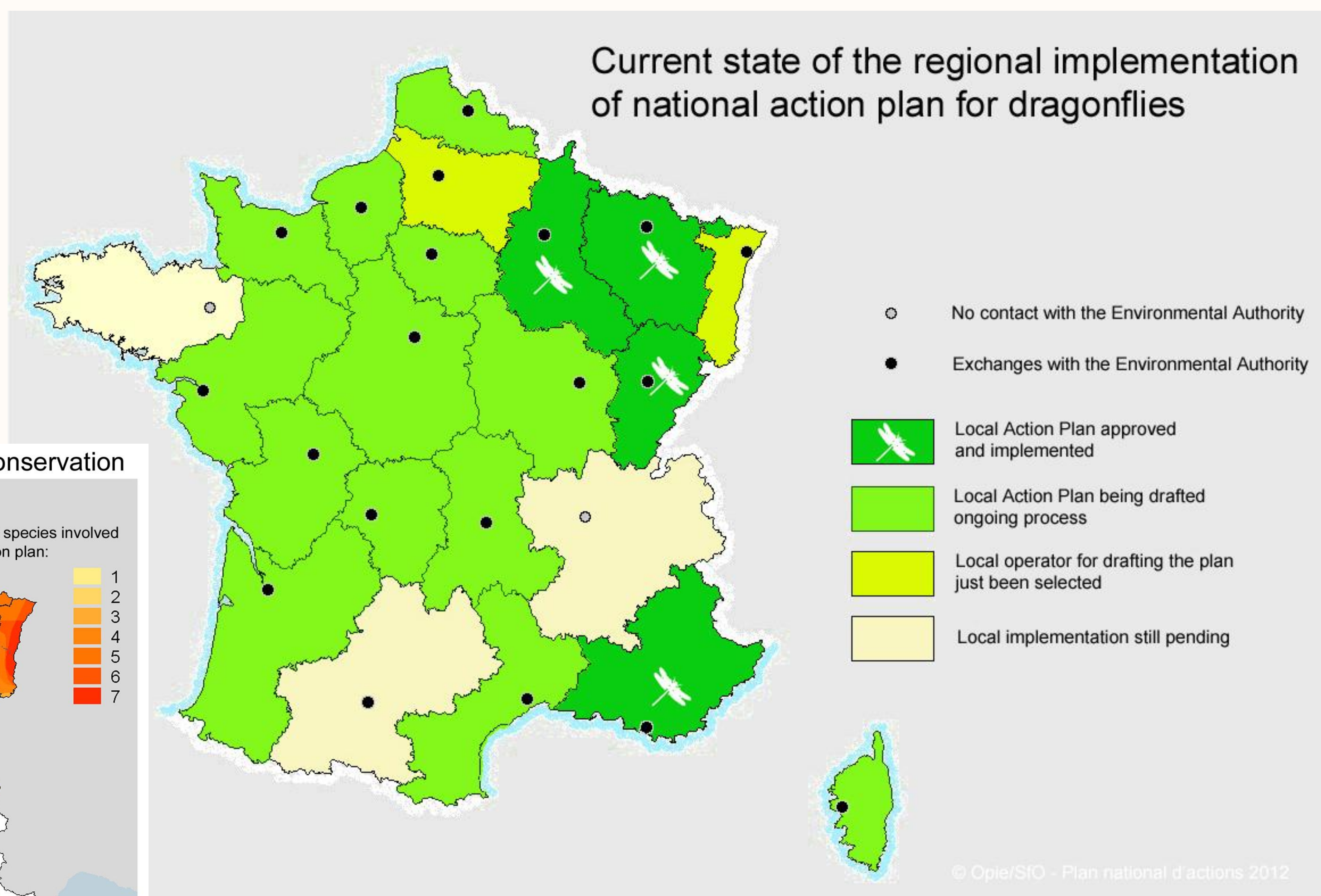
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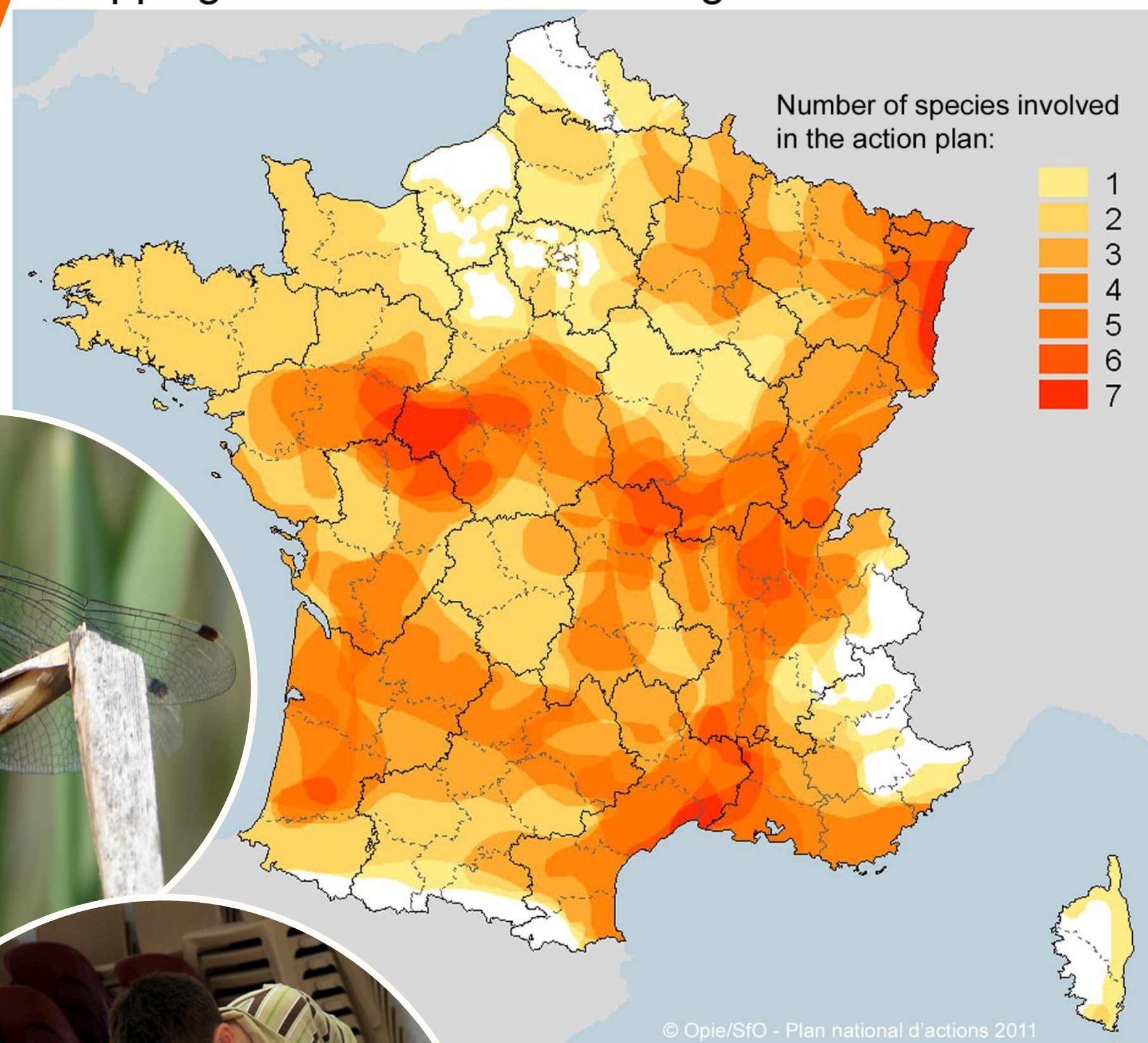


In 2010, the French government decided to launch a national action plan in order to activate and to coordinate the conservation of threatened dragonflies. It aims at deploying the plan in each metropolitan region of France and concerns 18 of the most endangered species.

This plan is coordinated by the Ministry in charge of Ecology (DREAL Nord-Pas de Calais) and implemented by the Office for insects and their environment (Opie) with technical support from the French Society of Odonatology (SfO).



Mapping of french issues for dragonflies conservation



After two years of project implementation, 86% of the administrative regions are actually engaged in the drafting phase of their local plan of action for the preservation of dragonflies and their habitats. Some of them have already implemented their plan and are leading some field operations:

- Prospecting and checking localities for priority species,
- Data management of regional atlas projects,
- Legal protection of functional sites under a protected areas strategy,
- Integrating the needs of ecological continuity of dragonflies habitats in urban policy developments,
- Strengthening links with the Natura 2000 network,
- Collecting trends on dragonflies with a coordinated monitoring scheme (STELI),
- Promoting local training for professionals and volunteers.

In 2012, two major projects are in progress:

- the assessment of the conservation status of species of community interest by geographical area in accordance with Article 17 of the Habitats Directive. This work is lead in collaboration with the French National Museum of Natural History (MNHN).
- the conclusion of the red list of dragonflies of France with the support of the French Society of Odonatology and the assistance of the French committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN France).

We are looking forward to welcome you in France, for the third European Congress of Odonatology in 2014, in order to present you the first concretes results of the national action plan.

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