

Marine Spatial Planning: the French case

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MSP: a binding law, the Directive 2014/89

Art. 15-1°: “Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 18 September 2016.”

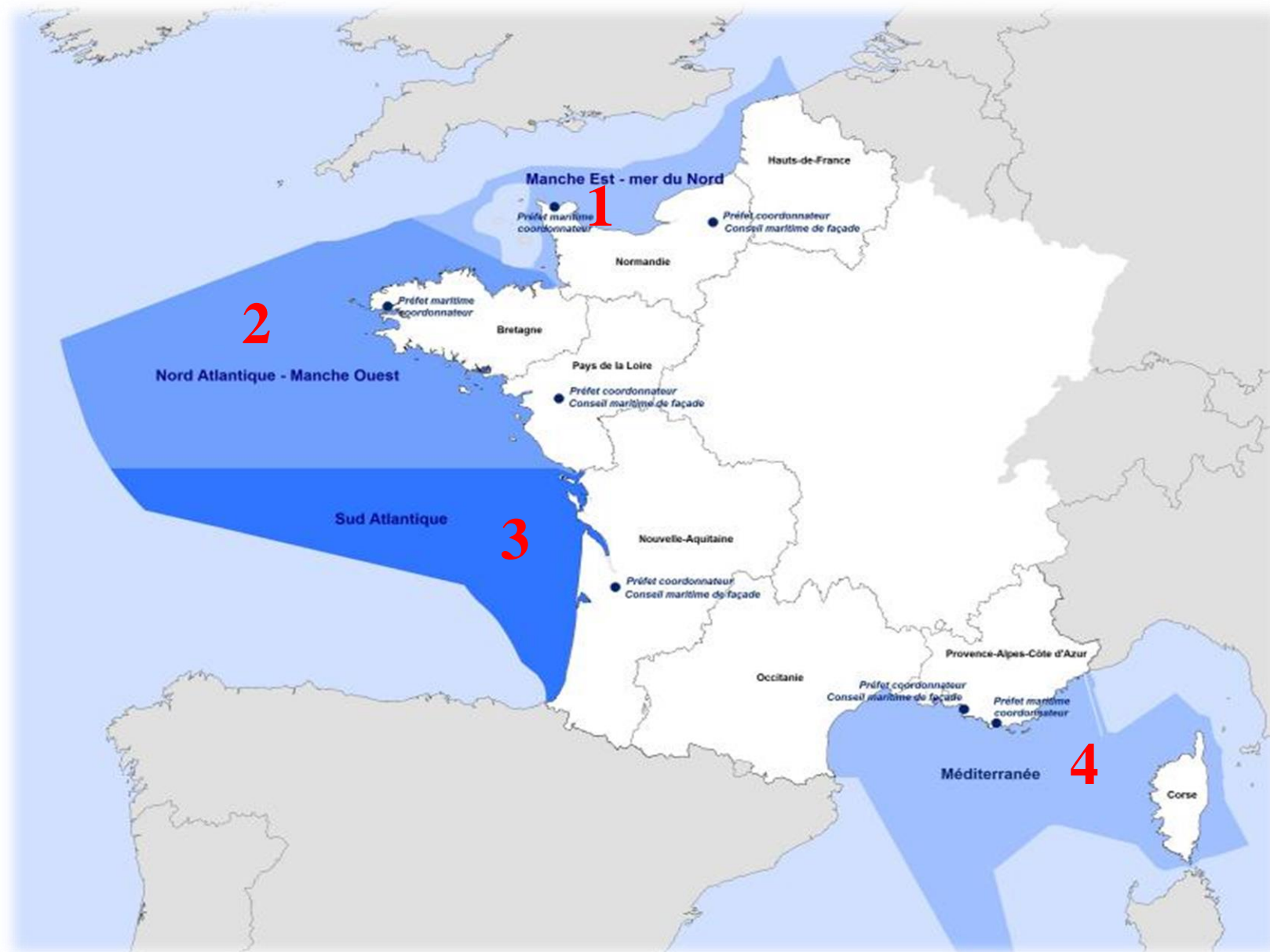
French transposition:

- Art. 123 Biodiversity Law n° 2016-1087 of 8th August 2016, Codified. **Art. L219-1 to L219-9** of Environmental Code
- Decree n° 2017-724 of 3rd May 2017 integrating MSP and the Marine Action Plan into the Strategic Document



Metropolitan France sea fronts:

- East Channel North Sea (1)
- North Atlantic-Western Channel (2)
- South Atlantic (3)
- Mediterranean (4)



Which foreplays to the adoption of the MSP in French law?



Two ways to consider



I- French MSP Before MSP

I.1- From SDAUM to SMVM

I.2- A process influenced by international and European incentives



II- A « French-touch » MSP

II.1- Alignment with the European requirements

II.2- Necessary adaptations to the French administrative structure



I.1- From SDAUM to SMVM

SDAUM (*Schémas d'Aptitude et d'Utilisation de la Mer*)

- Definition
 - a maritime component of territorial planning documents
 - A non binding text: Picard Report, 1973
- Functions:
 - To resolve problems of conflicts over coastal uses
 - To conserve Coastal ecosystems
- Limits:
 - Non-binding legal scope
 - 3/8 schemes have been approved
 - Most of schemes are limited to closed spaces (Rade, Bay)

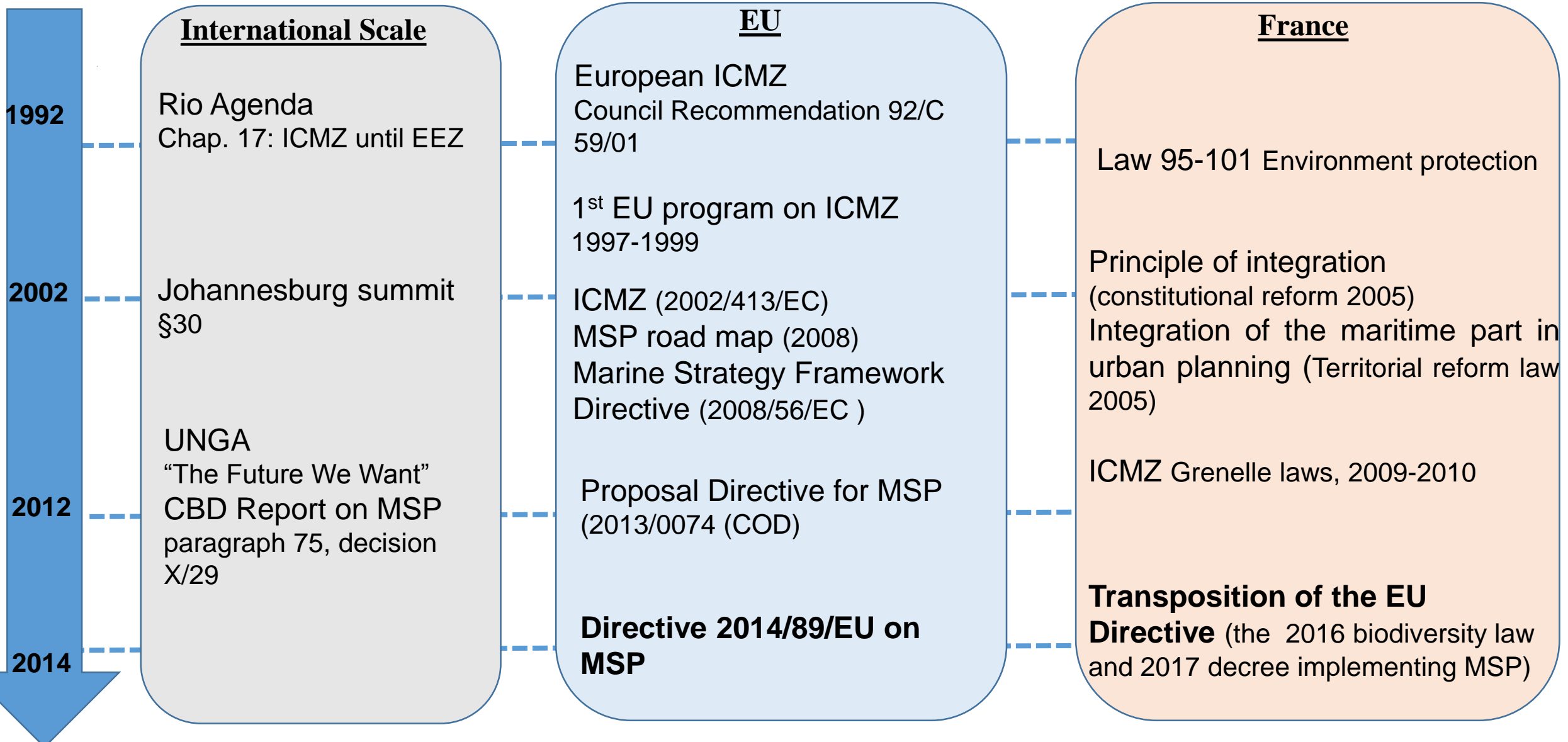


SMVM (*Schémas de Mise en Valeur de la mer*)

- Same objectives
- Binding legal scope : Law of 7 January 1983 (Art 57)

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I.2- A process influenced by international and European incentives rules



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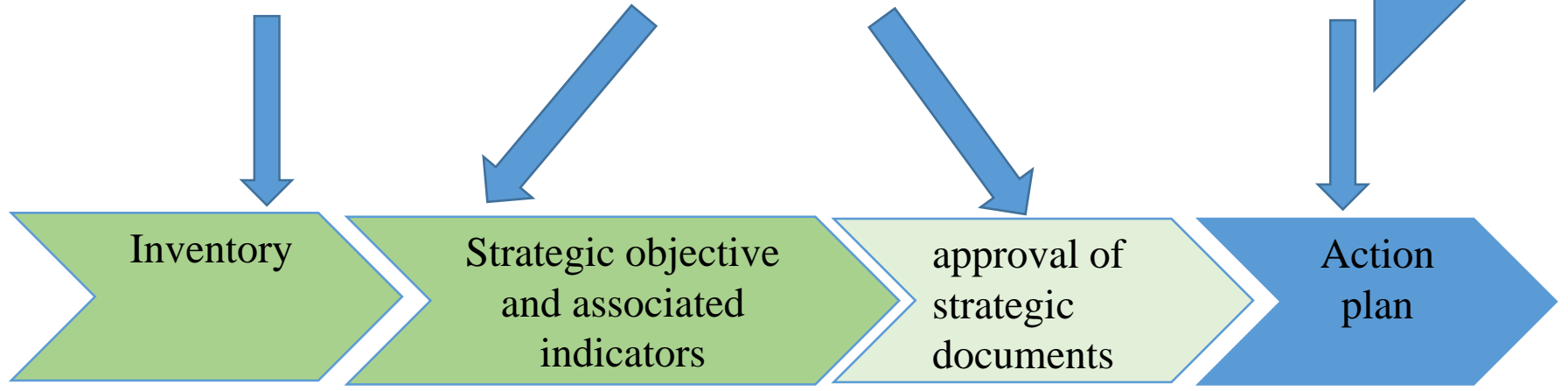
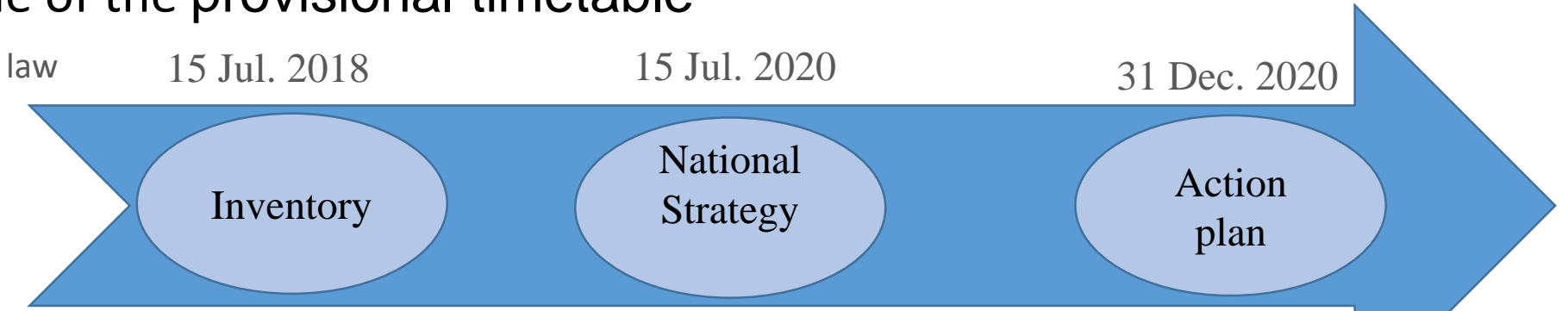
Exemple of the provisional timetable

Maximum time limit set by the law

15 Jul. 2018

15 Jul. 2020

31 Dec. 2020



Already done

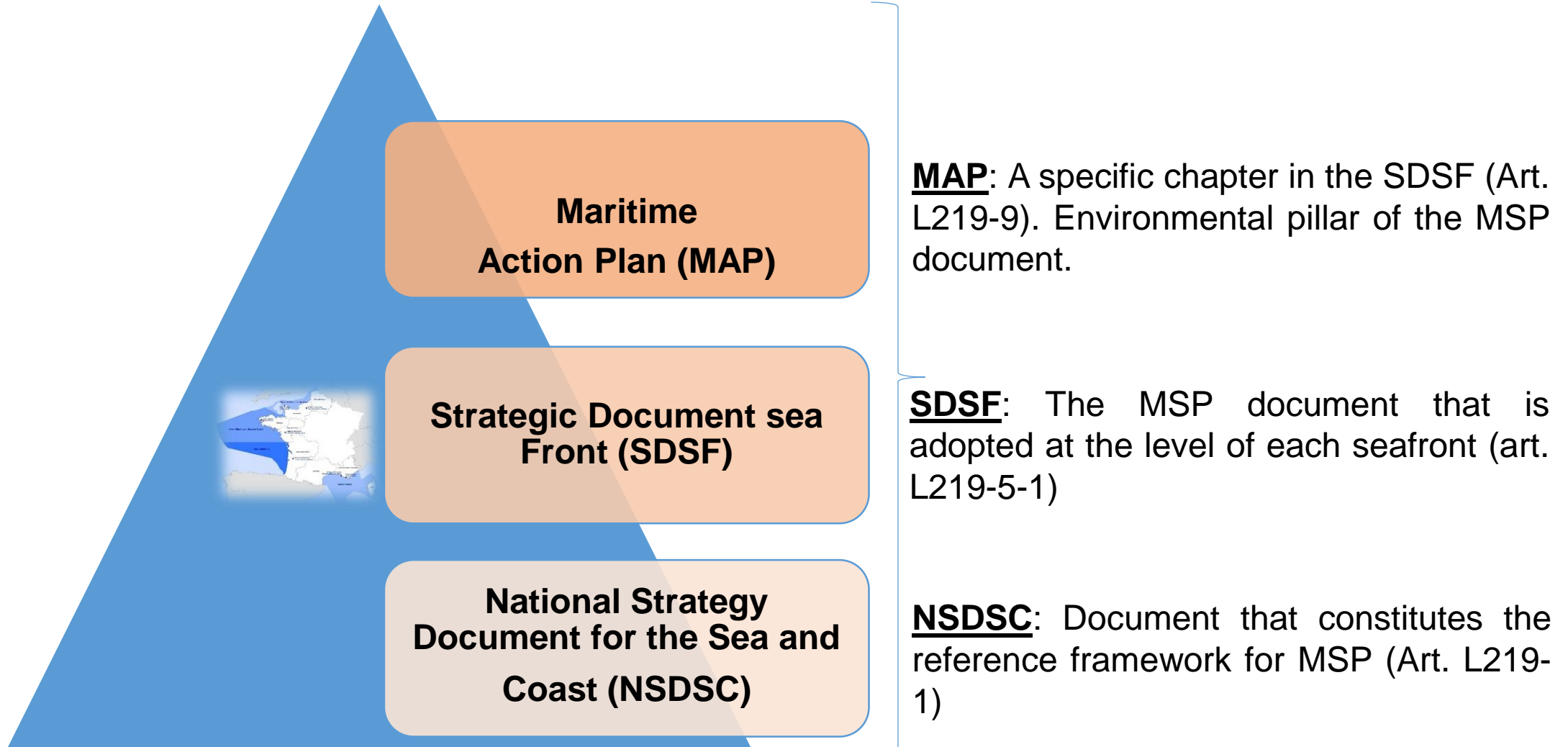
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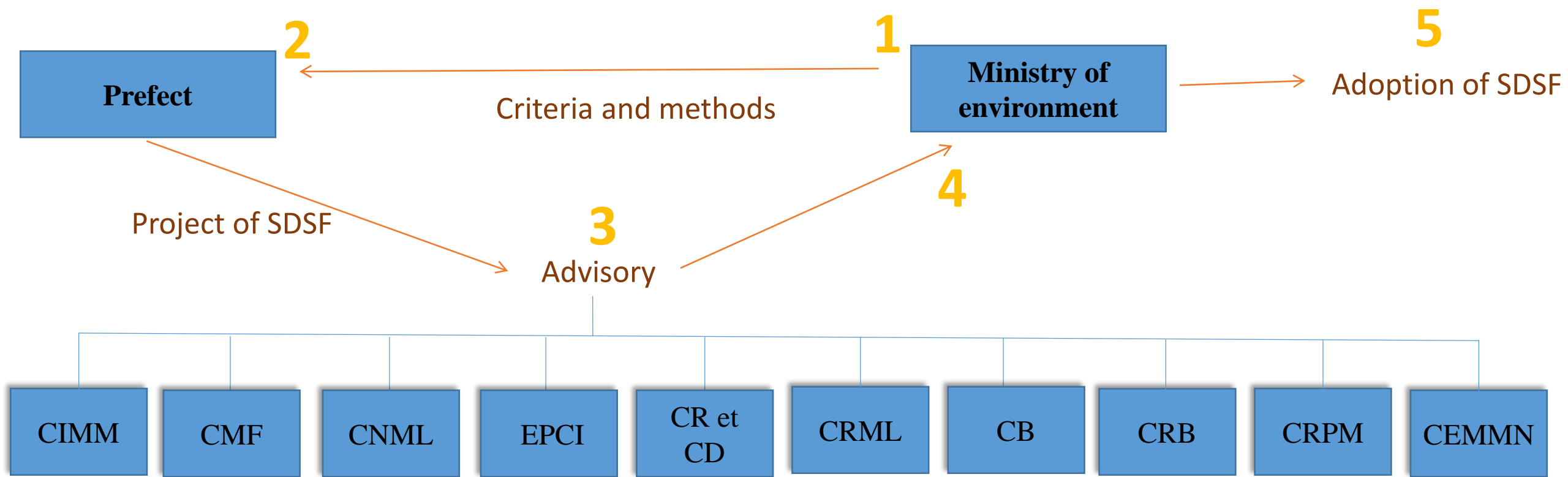
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What are the documents of MSP?



II.2- Administratives institutions implementing MSP

Huge variety of Coordinating authorities at municipal to sea front scale



- MSP is a long process
- The complexity of the French procedure is linked to its administrative structure
- Hope this short overview could contribute to a constructive comparison

Are several planning documents useful ?

How to manage a diversity of administrative structure ?