



Polynesia



ERA-CLIM 2

Activities of Météo-France related to Task 3.1

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Introduction

Historical upper air data rescue

Domain : France and ex- French territories

Data rescue activities started in ERA-CLIM have been continued and expanded under ERA-CLIM 2

Results of ERA-CLIM: inventory with 370 lines, 300 000 images of climate reports, delivery of 4 millions of radiosonde data, 2 millions of upper wind data keyed but not delivered (QC in process)

ERA-CLIM2 Results

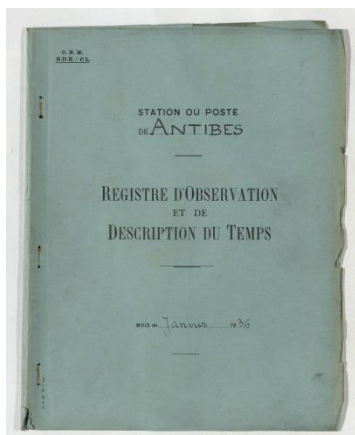
ERACLIM2 Météo-France inventory: Upper-air data in France and French ex-colonies

More data were identified, cataloged and imaged than could be digitised within the project ERA-CLIM2

375 lines with 170 lines of high priorities (France mainland, oversea, austral and antartic territories): large amount of long series from original archives 1900-1957 over the world

Selection of high priorities according to location, length of series, accessibility of the sources and quality of original sources)

France mainland pilot balloons long series 1923-1948



**14 long series
pilot balloons
f daily reports
completely
imaged**

6 series keyed and QC

Stations	Period	Data keyed (DD/FF)
Le Bourget	1923-1948	236 357
Argentan	1923-1935	125 797
Angoulême	1923-1932	55 586
Toulouse	1923-1947	425 831
Nîmes	1923-1940	297 309
Antibes	1923-1942	24 8991
Nice	1943-1948	31 657
Total		1 421 528

- keyed
- partially keyed + QC
- keyed + QC



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France mainland radiosondes : long series from 1937

7 long series radiosondes from 1937

● partially keyed + QC

12 JANVIER 1937

Sondages de température et d'humidité aux altitudes de 11 mètres au-dessus du niveau de la mer

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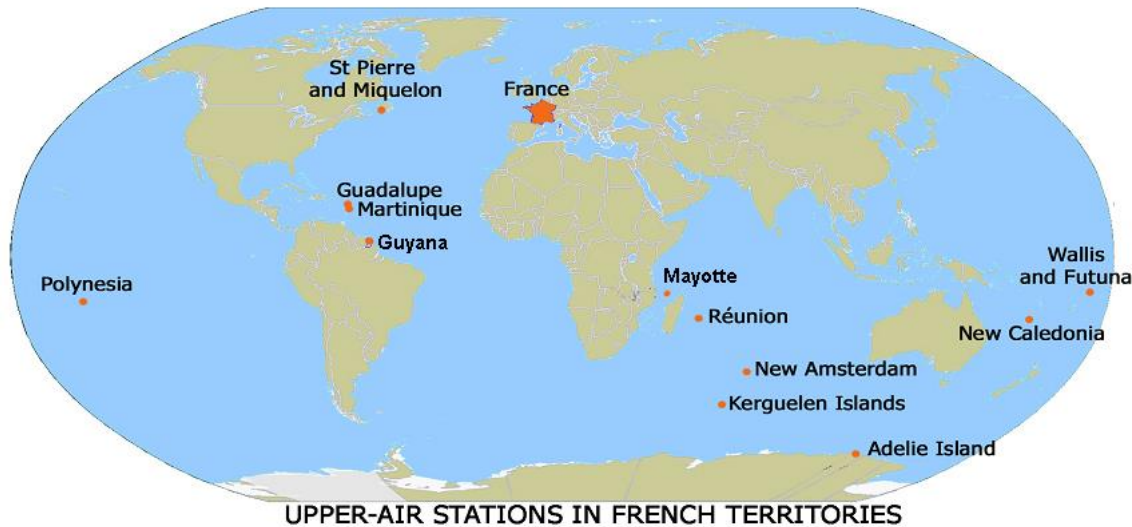
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Bulletin quotidien d'observation
1937-1939

Upper Air stations in French Territories



First pilot balloons in 1939 in Martinique and New-Caledonia (after France mainland but during 2nd World War)

SERVICE MÉTÉOROLOGIQUE DE LA MARTINIQUE **Résumé des observations quotidiennes** Station principale de Fort-de-France

Année: 1939
Mois: Janvier

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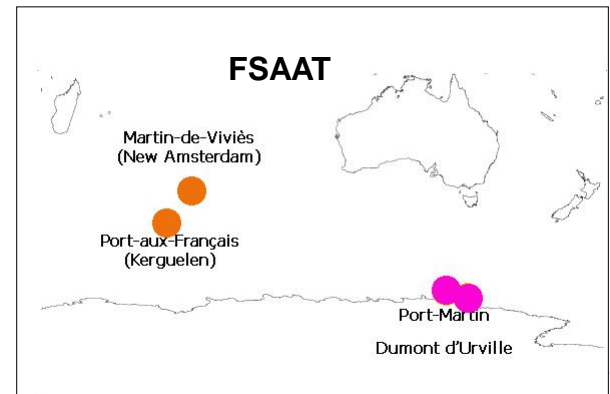
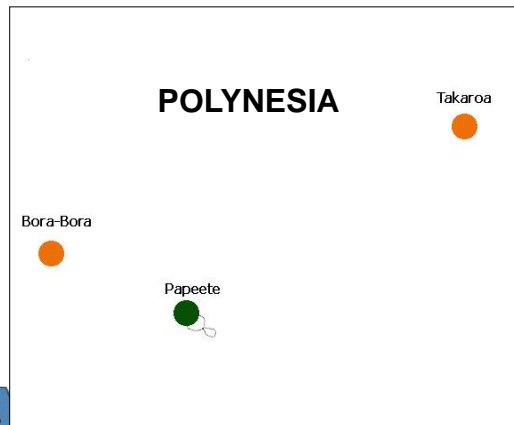
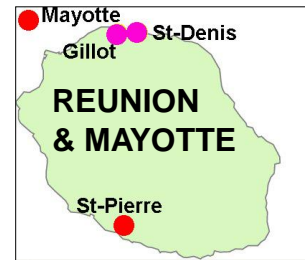
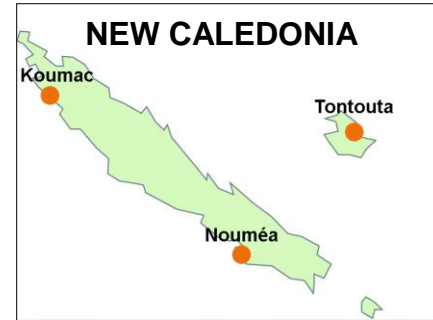
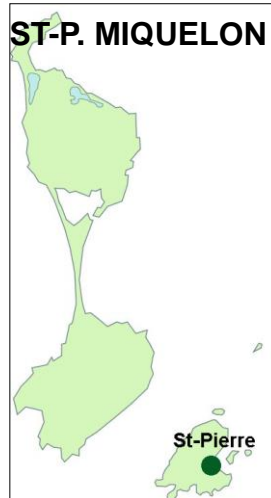
Pilot balloons in Martinique, January 1939

Main difficulties :

- Archives are stored in the territories far from Toulouse. Some reports are locally imaged and some are sent to Toulouse (we are waiting for Dumont Durville reports !)
- Documents are different from France mainland and specific for each territory



Overseas and FSAAT



- inventorié
- imagé
- clé
- clé + QC

METFR Results

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Results after 9 months of ERA-CLIM2 and ERA-CLIM

Few new sources (Comores, West Indies, New Caledonia)

Imaging: 90% of high priorities

Reunion island, Polynesia and New Caledonia reports have been imaged in 2014

Digitisation: 50% of high priorities have been keyed

Quality Check: 20% of high priorities have been digitised

Development of new quality check procedures

Météo-France Work Plan in 2015

Outlook for 2015

1. **Imaging** reports : French Guyana, Reunion Island, FSAAT
2. **Digitising** pilot balloons data and radiosonde data in France mainland, overseas and FSAAT:

First semester will be dedicated to Reunion island and French Guyana upper air wind (pilot) and early radiosounding in France mainland before 1945

Second semester will be dedicated to International Ascents (1900-1912) : Trappes, Strasbourg and FSAAT pilot balloons

3. **Quality Check** : Ongoing process of QC, development of QC procedures and conversion to common format/unit of keyed long series

Delivery of 20 long series of upper wind in January 2015

Delivery of 10 long series of upper air data in November 2015