



Blue Gabon

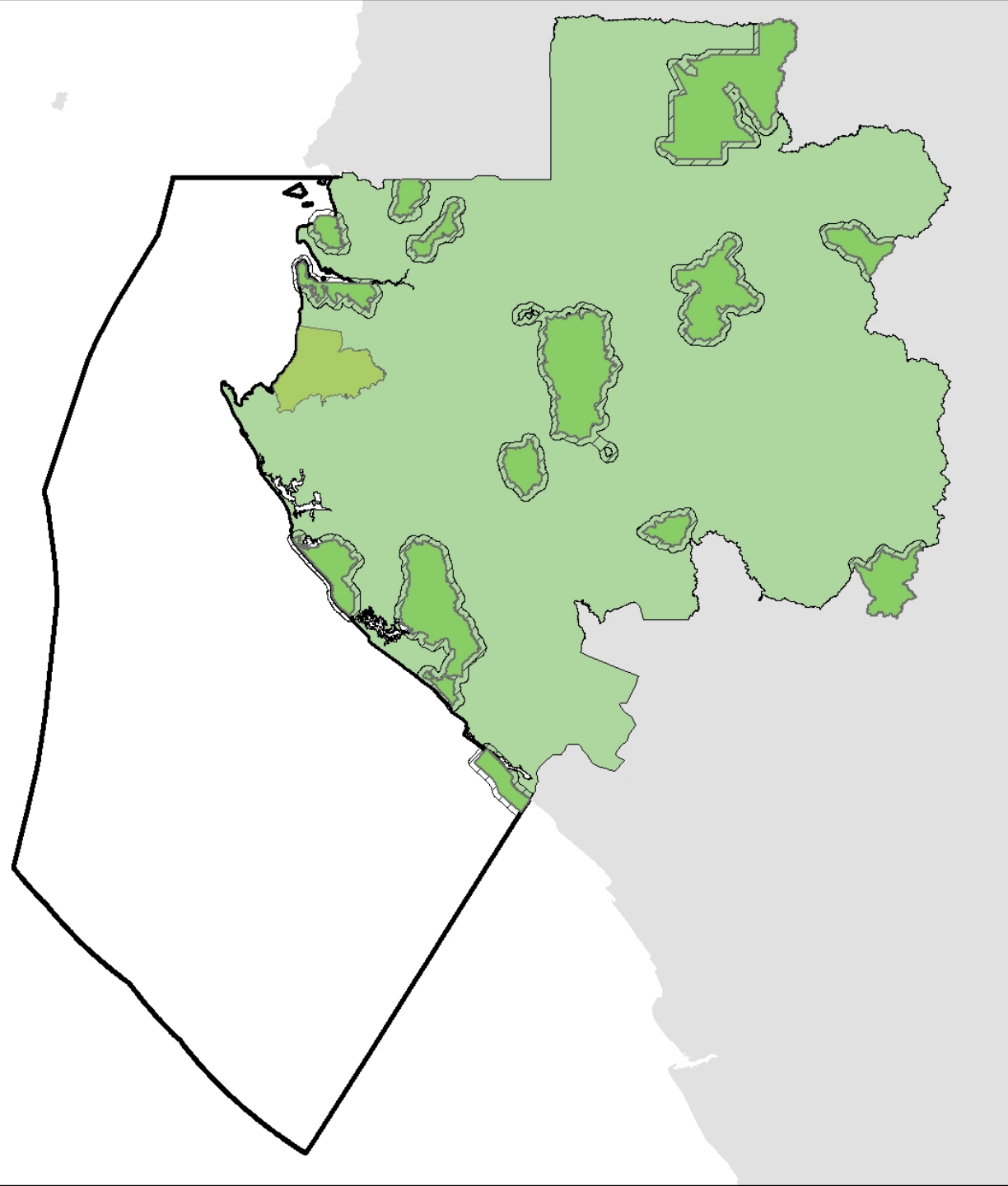
Marine Spatial Planning on the EEZ and setting up of a large national MPAs network



Present situation

Under protection :

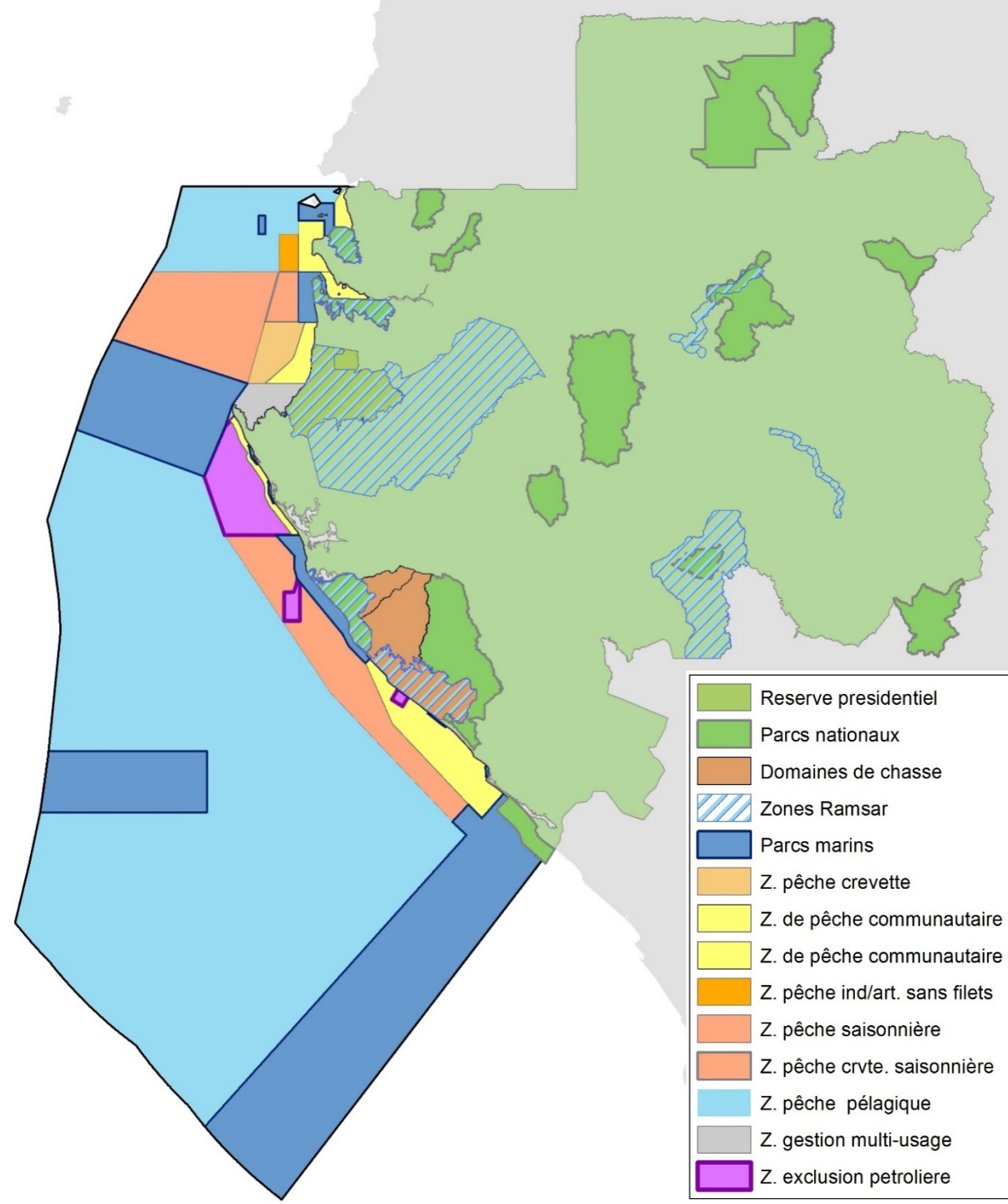
- Over 20 % of land, and 1/3 of the coast
- Less than 1% of the EEZ



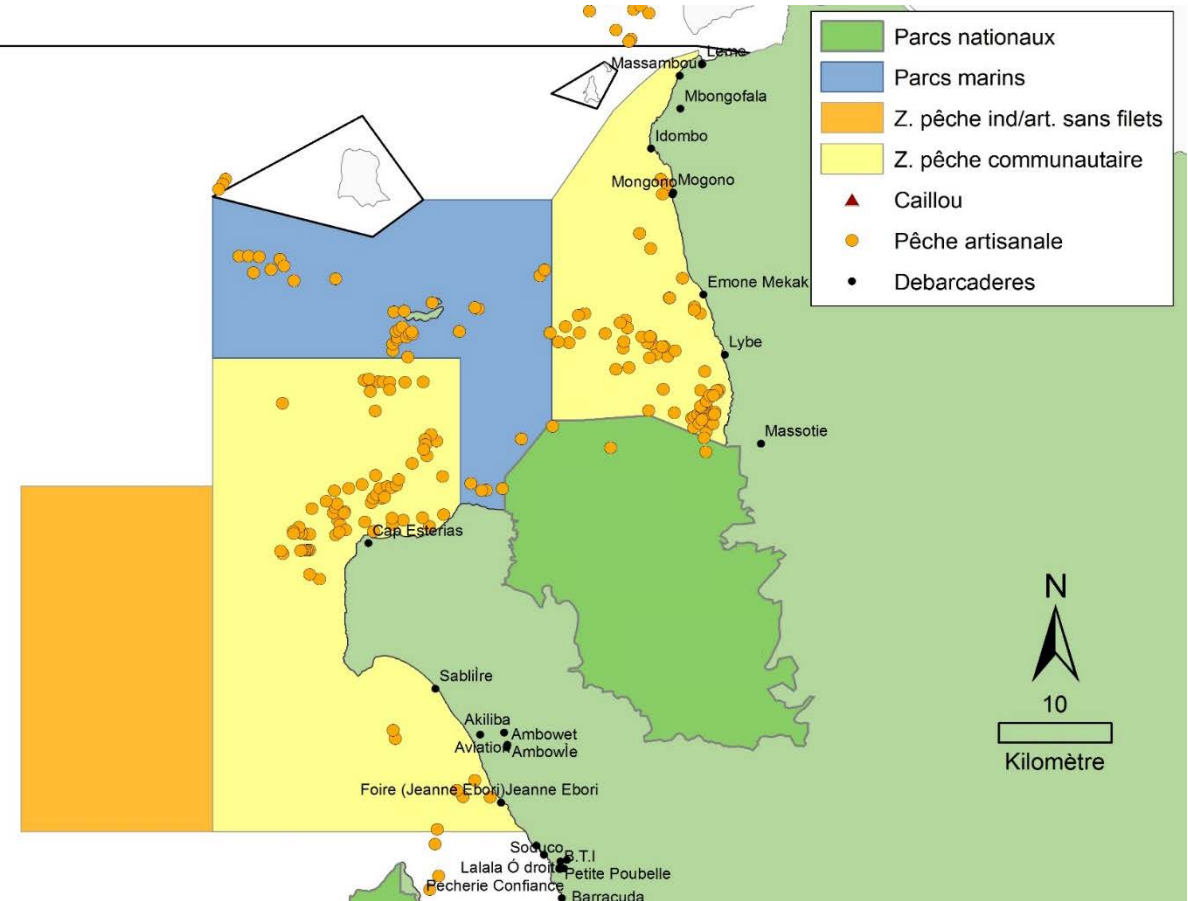
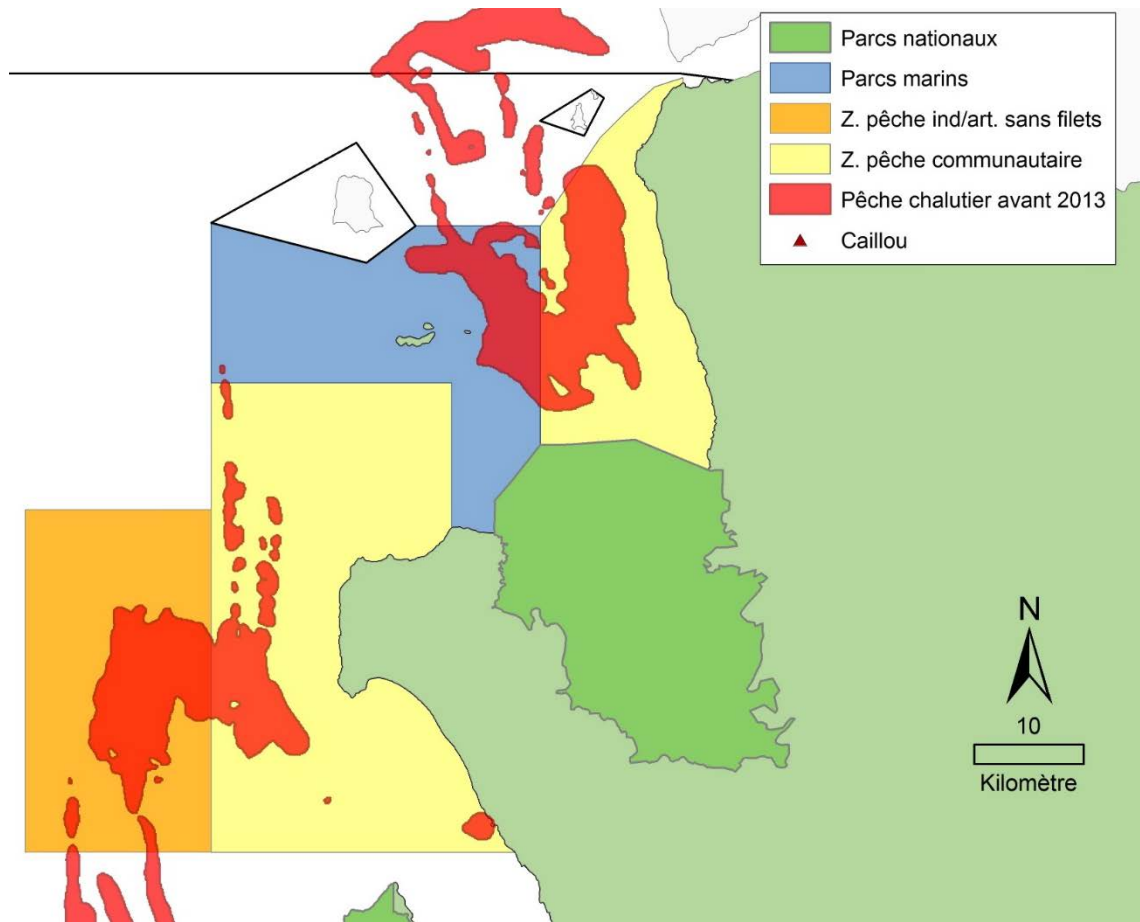
The planed zoning

- A large marine parks network
- Combined with industrial activities

Nom	Superficie (km ²)	% de ZEE
Parc marin zone Akanda	574	0.3%
Parc marin zone Loango	1 215	0.6%
Parc marin zone Mayumba	27 497	13.6%
Parc marin zone Canyons Ogooué	9 763	4.8%
Parc marin zone Pongara	654	0.3%
Parc marin zone Abysses Bleu	7 035	3.5%
Parcs marins embouchures	128	0.1%
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>46 866</i>	<i>23.2%</i>
Parcs nationaux avec emprises marines actuelles	1 147	0.6%
Parcs nationaux actuels et parcs marins proposés	48 013	23.8%



Local arrangements for better participation



Key messages

- Blue Gabon is an ambitious interinstitutional initiative, planning a **national MPAs network on 24% of the EEZ**;
- The conception of the national MPAs network is **part of a marine spatial planning of the whole EEZ** and adaptation of the legal framework, with oil & gaz production areas (no go areas for fisheries and transport), fishing zones and large parts of the coastal natural green infrastructures protected;
- Even if Gabon has means, the Gabon Blue Plan can be implemented only with the **effective participation of industry and coastal communities**;
- An individual **fishery management plan** is being prepared for each zone, including coastal areas, where **fisheries co-management systems** are being developed with respect to traditional community fishing grounds

Gabon is about to give a serious jump, isn't it ?

