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## Drought management in France

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### DROUGHT MANAGEMENT IN FRANCE

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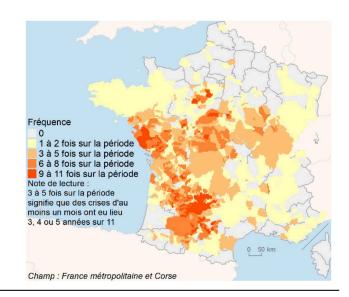


## Recurrent and intense drought crises

The year 2022 was marked by a prolonged, intense and widespread drought. The beginning of 2023 was marked by a winter drought with 32 days without precipitation...

**+1000** communes have had their drinking water supply disrupted.

93 départements were subject to water restrictions



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# Strong political impetus to promote water-saving practices – An axis of the "Plan Eau"

The first ecological planning project, revealed on March 30, 2023, is aimed at sober management of the resource in order to guarantee quality water for all and preserve ecosystems.



#### In concrete terms, the first Axis aims to:

- Reduce water consumption by 10% by 2030, by economic sector.
- Improve water metering
- Increase user awareness and better communicate on drought restrictions

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## A national drought management framework with departmental variations

#### Management at different scales:

At national level: A national circular and a guide published in 2023, defining the entire drought management system at each governance level, allowing a first level of harmonization



At basin level: "l'arrêté d'orientation"

At departmental/interdepartmental level : "l'arrêté cadre"

In times of drought : " l'arrêté de restriction temporaire des usages de l'eau "

Bodies for monitoring and consulting user representatives:



Hydrological anticipation and monitoring committee (CASH)





**River Basin Committee** 





Water Resources
Committee



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### Water restrictions adapted to drought conditions



Departments monitor the state of water resources and hydroclimatic forecasts





Departments define the severity of the drought, the perimeter concerned and the restrictive measures in force to guarantee priority water uses (health, safety, hygiene, etc.).

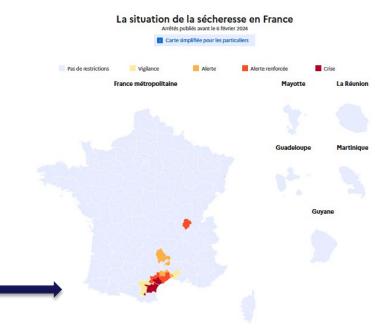




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VigiEau

https://vigieau.gouv.fr



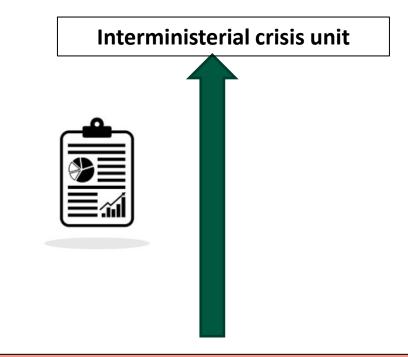
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#### How are impacts of drought monitored?

 Weekly, concerted monitoring of the impact of drought episodes

44 indicators



**Economic, ecological and social impacts** 

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# VigiEau: the national website to communicate better about drought?

#### VigiEau:

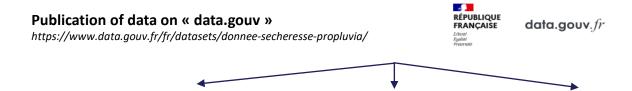
- Provides simple, easy-to-read information that reflects the reality of water restriction orders.
- Enables users to measure their water consumption.
- Shares eco-gestures that can be adopted to promote more economical water consumption.



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## Open data enabled their valorization within thirdparty services



Reuse in :The national weather application



MétéoFrance App

#### National press, for instance Franceinfo and LeMonde



https://www.francetvinfo.fr



https://www.lemonde.fr/les-decodeurs/

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# National communication campaign « Préservons l'eau »















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