- Public oceanographic institute
- Created in 1984 by addition of the first national oceanographic Institut CNEXO (1967) + ISTPM (1918)
- Under the state supervision of two ministries in charge of:
  - Research and Education (MENESR)
  - Ecology, sustainable development and energy (MEDDE)
Ifremer’s activities

- Applied research, initiated by the societal demand or by scientific needs
- Monitoring and expertise for public interest
- Managing large facilities and developing technology

Delivered through 4 scientific departments:
- Biological resources and environment
- Physical resources and deep sea ecosystems
- Oceanography and ecosystem dynamics
- Marine and digital infrastructure
5 centres: Channel, Brittany, Atlantic coast, Mediterranean, Pacific

21 stations (Metropolitan and ultramarine)

88 research units

Headquarters near Paris
Budget

Minimum 200 millions d’euros

- 1,500+ permanent employees + 230 temporary e. short term contracts, doctoral and post-doctoral positions
- 375 employees for our ship manager Genavir
- 8 vessels, 1 submarine and 3 ROV and AUV
- Different marine experimental and rearing facilities
- 1 large pool with marine water max. 20 m deep
Ifremer manages a large part of the French ocean research fleet for the benefit of the French scientific community

4 blue ocean vessels

- L'Atalante (Commissioned in 1990 / Length : 84,6 m)
- Thalassa (1996 / 73,65 m)
- Le Suroît (1975 / modernization in 1999, 56,34 m)
- Pourquoi pas ? (2005 / 107 m)
Ifremer has an entire range of underwater systems operationnal for the scientific community

- **Nauteile** (manned submersible, commissioned in 1984)
- **Victor 6000** (remotely operated vehicle, commissioned in 1999)
- **Aster** (2 autonomous AUV, commissioned in 2004)
The Ifremer Center in Brest
Physical oceanography, remote sensing, in situ monitoring

Dynamics of coastal environment

Information technology and marine data
Physiology of marine organisms

Fisheries science and technology

Marine Economics
Marine Biotechnologies

Deep sea ecosystems

Marine geosciences
Exploration and exploitation of deep sea resources

Identifying new resources

Sustainable exploitation of energies

Renewable marine energies
Testing and technology research

Technology for instrumentation and monitoring systems

Research vessels, on board systems
Ifremer’s missions

Ifremer’s missions are to conduct and promote basic and applied research, make expert assessment reports and take action for technological and industrial development intended to:

- Identify, evaluate and enhance marine resources and enable their sustainable exploitation (One of the historical topics of Ifremer: fisheries and aquaculture)

- Improve methods of monitoring, forecasting trends, protecting and enhancing marine and coastal environments

- Encourage the economic development of maritime activities

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