



Voiles Sans Frontières (Sailing Without Borders) *presentation*

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Who are we?

- French NGO founded in 1997
- Principle: to combine
 - The know-how of sailors and longdistance travellers
 - With the know how of french professionnals
- Goal: Help populations living in isolated maritime areas
- In cooperation with local professionnals
- Today: ≈350 members, all volunteers

Where are we?

- Previous projects in Haïti, Madagascar, Casamance (Senegal)
- Current field experience: Sine-Saloum (Senegal):
 - Delta of the saloum river
 - Population living on islands
 - Limited access (only by boat)
- In the future: development program (eg Caribbean islands...), but more ressources are needed



VSF fleet

- Yobalema, 42 ft trimaran own by VSF, operating in Senegal from november to may.
- Sailing boats of long distance travellers (eg: atlantic tour)
- Why do we use sailing boats?
 - Supervize local projects
 - Logistical support:
 - To accommodate VSF staff
 - To transport material
- > 100 sailing boats participated to VSF's missions

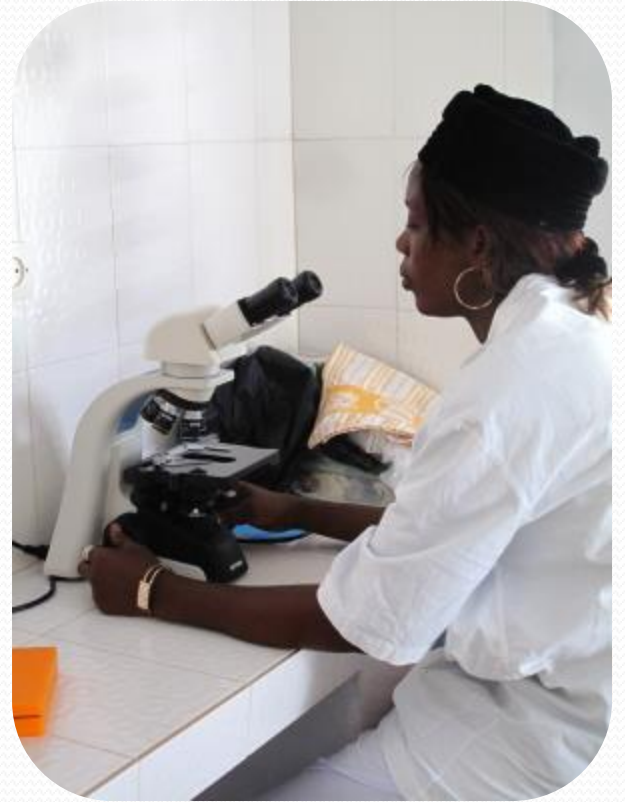


What do we do?

- Humanitarian projects:
 - Medical
 - Dental
 - School
- Projects are managed in cooperation with local correspondants
- Missions on the ground: 6-7 per year in Senegal

VSF medical projects

- Support and development of human resources and health facilities (eg: education of health workers, repair of clinics...)
- Organisation of prevention and screening, health education of the local population
- Creation of screening lab for tuberculosis
- Creation of an eye clinic
- Mother and child health project
- Support of the local albino population



VSF dental projects

- Travelling consultations in villages of Sine Saloum (5 to 6 / year)
- Creation of a dental clinic (opening november 2014)





VSF school projects

- Partnerships between french and senegalese schools to develop a spirit of solidarity and cultural exchange
- Improvement of working conditions
 - For students: building of classrooms
 - For teachers: creation of housing
 - Creation of computer rooms
- Improvement of health standards:
 - Construction of toilets
 - Access to safe drinking water
 - Construction of food storage





VSF project for access to drinking water

- Saloum is a maritime zone, water is salty
- Raining season between june and september (no water shortage, wells are full) however dry season between december and may.
- Solution: to set up rain water tanks program for:
 - Health facilities
 - Schools

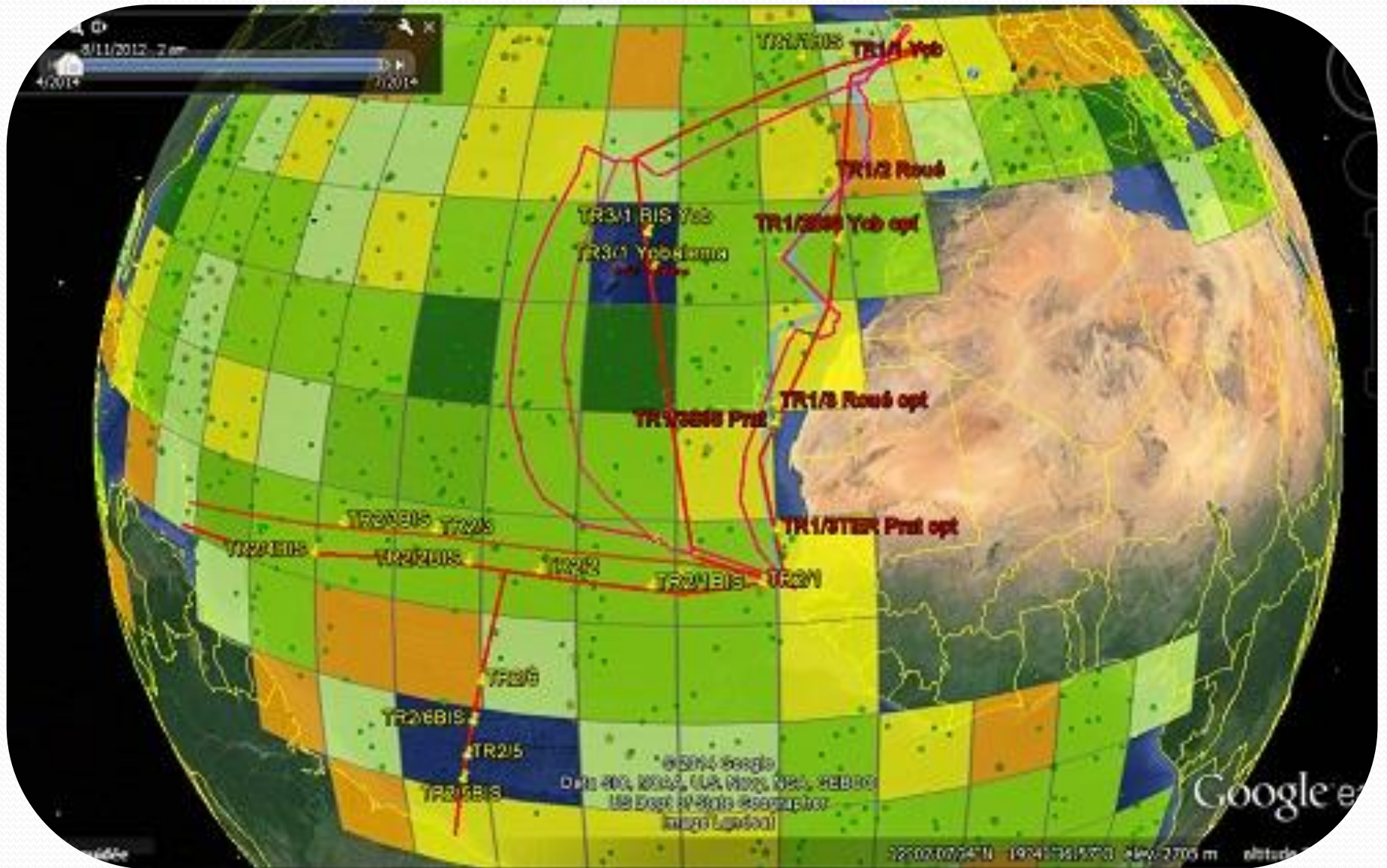






VSF contribution to Argo project

- Since 2012
- 19 Argo Floats deployed
- 2014/2015: the deployment of 10 further Argo Floats is planned
- Why do we participate? To contribute to a scientific program which helps understanding climate changes affecting island populations





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