



# Météo-France's contribution to WP3 Upper-Air Data Rescue

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#### Introduction

## METFR is involved in Task D3.4: In situ data for reanalysis Delivery of upper-air data to Task 3.6 (QC of data from 3.4)

Pre-1960 Upper-Air delivery is a long process including several actions:

- Locating and inventorying the sources;
- Selecting the sources and defining priorities;
- Imaging of the documents (tables);
- Digitising and recovering metadata;
- QC'ing and reformatting data;
- Maintaining and updating the catalogue.

The process occured continously throughout the project. Last delivery of data and inventory: October 2017



## French territories and ex-colonies under the scope





# Holdings and sources for historical upper-wind records



#### Holdings for French upper-air data 1919-1957

#### France mainland

- Météo-France's climate archives: archives from 28 sites have been exploited
- Archives nationales (Fontainebleau)

#### Oversea territories

- Météo-France's climate archives: archives from 7 sites have been exploited
- Départemental Archives in French West Indies: Fort-de-France, Pointe-à-Pitre

#### Most important sources

- Compte Rendu Quotidien : Daily climatological report (1923-1960)
- Journal Officiel (Publication Polynésie)
- Daily climatological summaries (French overseas before 1949)
- Aerological sounding reports from the French Navy (mainland Fr 1919-1921)

#### METFR contribution to ERA-CLIM registry: 413 lines



## **METFR ERACLIM2 Inventory in Global Registry**

## 377 lines (version of July 2017)

http://eraclim-global-registry.fc.ul.pt

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210203	7510	10270	Meteo-France	Bordeaux-Mérignac	Р	-0.69	44.83	47	01/01/1945	31/12/1957	4	13072	Altitude	
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210210	78926	12470	Meteo-France	Fort de France-Desaix	P	-61.06	14.62	143	01/09/1946	31/12/1952	4	-9999	Altitude	
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210225	7690	12460	Meteo-France	Nice	Р	7.21	43.65	2	01/01/1943	31/12/1948	-99	-9999	Altitude	
210226	6607	10310	Meteo-France	Perpignan	Р	2.87	42.74	44	01/11/1924	30/04/1940	4	-9999	Altitude	
210227	6607	10310	Meteo-France	Perpignan	P	2.87	42.74	44	01/12/1944	31/12/1957	4	-9999	Altitude	
210228	-9999	10310	Meteo-France	Perpignan-Observatoire	Р	2.89	42.7	30	01/05/1923	30/11/1924	-99	-9999	Altitude	
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## **Imaging of original reports**



## Big effort of imaging until the end of the project

METFR ERA-CLIM2 inventory: 413 lines with 399 lines concerning historical hard-copy records.

155 lines out of these 399 lines were identified as high priority

99 % of the high priority historical hard-copy records were imaged

342 out of these 399 lines were imaged

1,029 million of image files generated (ERA-CLIM, ERA-CLIM2)

Countries: Algeria, France, Madagascar, Tunisia



## **Imaging of original reports**



#### **Progresses made in 2017**

- Daily climatological reports (CRQ) Madagascar 1947-1950
  - Diego-Suarez (Antsirane) 1947-1950/07
  - Fort-Dauphin(Taolagnaro) 1949-1950
  - Tananarive (Antananarivo) 1947-1950
  - Tulear (Tilolary) 1949-1950
- Daily climatological reports (CRQ) Mayotte 1949-1950
- Monthly climatological summaries from French Polynesia
  - Rapa Ahurei 1953-1962
- Aerological reports from the French Navy for 15 aerostations 1917-1920



## New sources imaged in 2017



- Daily climatological reports from Mayotte 1949-1950

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## New sources imaged in 2017



Aerological sounding reports from the French Navy France
 15 aerostations in France mainland, Alger and Tunis.

Outside dates: 1917-1921

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## **Digitising**



Digitisation is prepared by experts in historical meterological data rescue.

Keying is mainly outsourced, only 20 % is performed by METFR.

Basic QC before delivery to RIHMI (consistency, time, unit, thresholds).

#### Two deliveries of digitised series in 2017 (June and October):

- Radiosounding in Martin-de Viviès (Ile Amsterdam, Indian Ocean), June 1951june 1957;
- Upper-wind in Rochambeau and Saint-Laurent-du-Maroni (French Guyana) 1948-1960;
- Upper-wind in Saint-Denis (Réunion Island, Indian Ocean) October 1947-November 1952
- Upper- wind in Bordeaux Mai 1923-september 1940, 1945-1949
- Upper-wind Perpignan observatory April 1922-november 1923



## Digitising of upper-wind (pilot)



- Pilot ballon data for the period 1919-1957 were digitised from handwritten reports: 52 French stations (31 France mainland and 21 overseas). 156016 station days worth within ERA-CLIM2.
- Creation of new long-term series of upper-air wind :7 for mainland France and 1 for Corsica longer than 25 years.

#### **Examples**:

- Bron airport (Lyon) 1920-1947: sources from 3 sites (Toulouse, Fontainebleau and Lyon)
- Ajaccio (Corsica) 1920-1949 : sources from 2 sites (Toulouse, Trappes)
- Mérignac airport (Bordeaux) : sources from 3 sites (Bordeaux, Toulouse and Fontainebleau)



## Digitisation of upper-air wind (pilot)



#### Creation of 17 long-term series in French overseas territories

#### Southern hemisphere:

3 in French Polynesia, outside dates: 1935-1957

3 in New Caledonia, outside dates: 1938-1957

2 in FSAL, outside dates: 1950-1957

3 in Reunion island, outside dates: 1949-1961

#### Northern Hemisphere

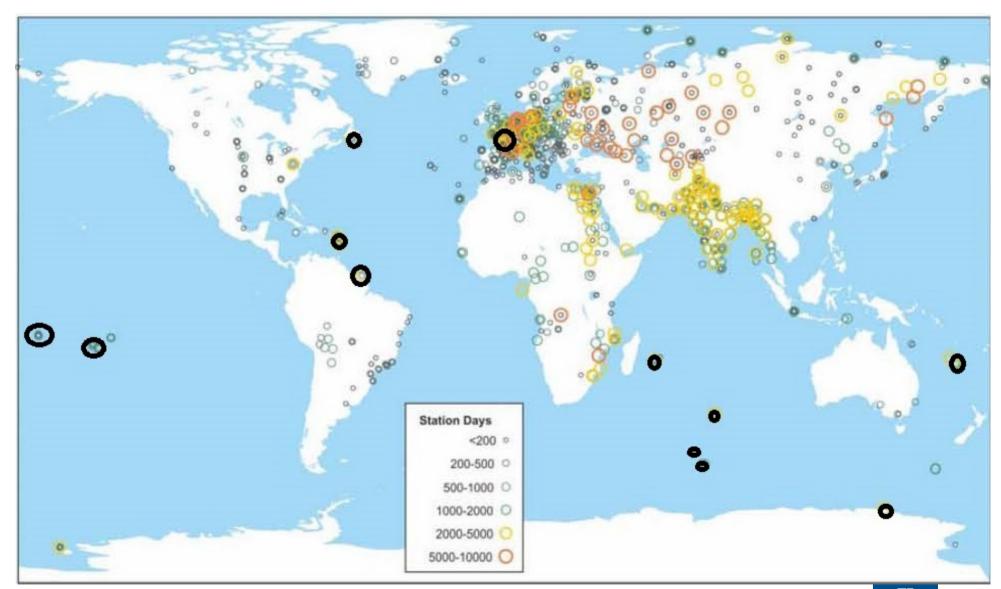
3 in French West Indies outside dates: 1946-1960

1 station in Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon outside dates: 1938-1957

2 in French Guyana, outside dates: 1948-1960



## METFR delivery of upper-air data 1921-1958





## **Perspectives**

French upper-air data rescue will continue within the Météo-France's Data Rescue Program. All the French recovered upper-air data are integrated to the Météo-France's Climate Database.

#### Infomation in the Global Climate Data registry

- Updating of global registry: information on upper-air data recovering with state of the process
- Delivery of a new updated inventory every semester

#### Access to Image files

- Delivery of Madagascar image files to WMO INDARE partners
- Digital library for Météo-France's climate archives under construction



## Thank you for attention

