



2023 Master internship at UBO



LAB & PEOPLE

- **Name of the hosting lab:** GIS HomMER (gathering of scientific interest on the man and the sea, hosted by AMURE lab, IUEM, UBO)
- **General activities of the lab:** The GIS HomMer gathers around 250 people: they are either researchers in social studies or marine protected areas' managers. The aim is to get a better knowledge of uses and governance in these MPAs.
- **Website:** <https://www.gis-hommer.org/fr>
- **Number of staff / PhD:** 1 full-time + 10 members of the steering committee + 240 researchers/MPAS managers in France (mainland and overseas departments)
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TOPIC OF THE INTERNSHIP

- **Scientific context of the internship (max 20 lines)**

Insular territories along the European coastline present two conflicting stakes: it is often considered a hotspot for biodiversity and is therefore subject to many forms of protection (such as Natura 2000, National Marine Parks, Nature Reserve etc...); but it is also a very attractive space for leisure, concentrating many visitors. This is an upward trend, especially since the Covid crisis, and the growing will to spend time in nature.

The preserved natural areas on island as well as the island territory itself might suffer from this increasing frequentation, through impacts on biodiversity (trampling, pollution, increasing waste to manage etc.) as well as consequences on the visitors' experience (congestion, bottleneck phenomena) and the local population (overwhelming feeling etc.). French islands, of which the Ponant Islands along the coastline of French Brittany, are no exceptions. The recent 3DS law in France intends to give more room to manoeuvre for local elected officials, which might reshuffle the cards of frequentation management in protected areas.

The aim of this internship is to produce an overview of the frequentation (based on available data) and legal situation for a dozen islands in France. According to the origin of the intern student, a comparison could be made with islands from his/her country. This information will be used as discussion material in an exchange seminar with islanders, protected areas' managers and researchers (yet to be planned during the winter 2023-24).

This internship will also enable the expansion of partnerships already established around island issues with European colleagues (University of Malta and University of the Aegean Sea), in particular within the framework of the ILES2019 conference co-sponsored by the UBO and the Fondation de France.



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- **Keywords:** island, frequentation, restraint, tourism, conflicts, naturel protected area

- **Bibliography:**

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- **Tasks and duties entrusted to the student:**

The student would first have to gather recent information about touristic frequentation on island territories in France, through the appropriate partners (maritime transport company, local elected officials, tourism observatories).

The point of view of protected areas' managers and local representatives will also be collected, requiring some fieldwork (or distance meeting), in order to investigate concrete measures to face this increasing frequentation (implementation conditions, duration, specific managements devices such as documents or local think tanks...) as well as their perception of the phenomenon (extent, resulting issues, regulation's opportunities and efficiency etc.).

The expected deliverables would be a datasheet for each studied island with all the above information, in order to give a clear overview of the local situation.

- **Skills to be acquired or developed:**

- * Expertise on environmental management and coastal & maritime issues
- * Knowledge of public policy on conservation of marine biodiversity
- * Comparative knowledge of island territories
- * French conducted interviews

PROFILE OF THE DESIRED STUDENT

- **Minimum level of study required:** Master 2

- **Field(s) of study:** social sciences (especially geography, economics, sociology...)

- **Scientific skills:**

- * Interviewing methods and skills
- * Good writing and summarising skills



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- **Language skills required:** French is a must in order to exchange with French islanders and to understand documents that will be in French.

THE INTERNSHIP ASSIGNMENT:

Desired duration of the internship (in months): 5 months

Desired starting date of the mission: between February 13th and march 13th, 2022

Indicative weekly schedule: 35h / week

Remuneration: 600€/month, paid on national SEA-EU funds for a maximum of 5 months; additional Erasmus grant could be asked to your own university.

Internship agreement: an internship agreement will be signed.

To SEA-EU students:

If you're interested please send your CV and letter of motivation to the scientist in charge at gis.hommer@univ-brest.fr before the 20/01/2023.