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# Presentation of CETOP: www.cetop.upf.pf

- Created in 2018 with the support of the Ministry of Tourism of FP
- Objective: research program and scientific expertise on tourism development in FP
  - studies, data, tools on tourism in French Polynesia and Oceania
  - annual symposium on the theme of Tourism in Polynesia
  - accompaniment of Polynesian students towards the tourism professions ("Licence Pro MTL", "Master MCI tourisme"), CMQ, ...
  - participation of researchers from the UPF and experts from other universities (Polynesian triangle, ...)
  - multidisciplinary approach (economics, management sciences, law, sociology, geography, etc.)
  - 3 axes: attractiveness, competitiveness, sustainability of tourism in FP





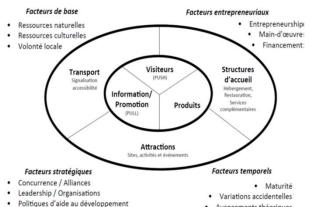
# **CETOP: studies and international exchanges**





Diagnosis of tourism in French Polynesia with the participation of LP-MTL students (2020)

Modèle touristique régional (MTR)



 Avancements théoriques et technologiques de Grandpré, 2005

















Programs and presentations available at: <a href="http://www.cetop.upf.pf">http://www.cetop.upf.pf</a>

# **CETOP:** studies and international exchanges

- Participation of CETOP researchers in local and international conferences to present their research work in tourism
- Visiting professors, specialized in tourism research
  - on campus: Jean-Jacques NOWAK, Christophe BENAVANT, Laurent BOTTI, Nicolas PEYPOCH, Sauveur GIANONNI, François DE GRANDPRE, Douglas PEARCE, ...
  - online (2021 due to COVID-19): Haiyan SONG, Stanislav IVANOV, Maria GRAVARI BARBAS, Marco DELOGU, Bianca BIAGI, Marie DELAPLACE, Erick LEROUX, ...





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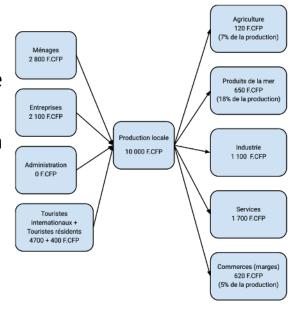


### **Tourism in French Polynesia: overview**

#### The weight of tourism in the Polynesian economy (2018)

- Spending by foreign and resident tourists = 7.7% of GDP (in 2018)
  - International tourism = 7.3% GDP (48% transport, 43% HR)
  - Local tourism = 0.4% GDP
- Tourism Value Added = about 45% of the tourist expenditure in the transport, hotel and restaurant and personal services sectors
- 5500 salaried jobs directly linked to tourism = 20% of the total wage bill in France (25 billion Fcfp) = 16% of salaried employees (IEOM)
  - 31% of jobs in the Leeward Islands (56% in Bora Bora)
  - 14% of jobs in Tuamotu-Gambier (31% in Rangiroa)
  - 13% of jobs in the Windward Islands (27% in Moorea)
  - 10% of jobs in the Marquesas
  - 7% of jobs in the Austral Islands

Fig. 1. Circuit des achats de consommation intermédiaire en produits locaux de la branche hôtellerie-restauration (estimation)







Source: « Poids du tourisme dans l'économie locale », ISPF (2020)

# **Tourism in French Polynesia: 1980-2020**

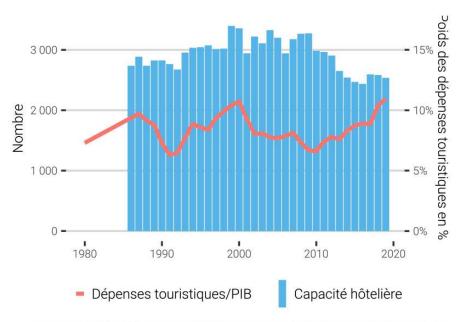
#### The evolution of tourism in FP

Fig. 14. Nombre de touristes et recette touristique de la Polynésie française



Source : Enquête dépenses touristiques ; Service du tourisme ; ISPF ; Estimations

Fig. 15. Poids des dépenses touristique dans le PIB polynésien et évolution de la capacité hôtelière



Source : Enquête dépenses touristiques ; Service du tourisme ; ISPF ; Estimations



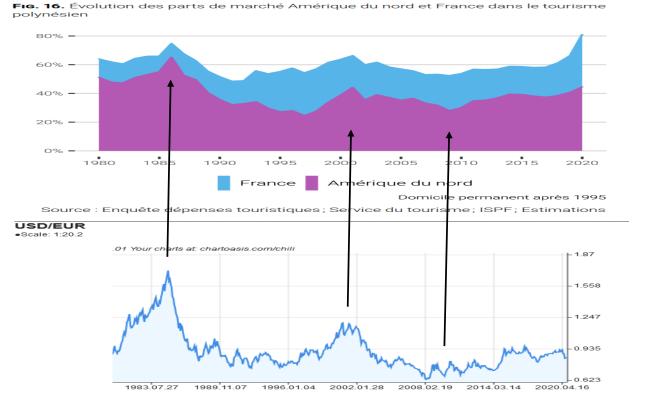


Source : « 40 ans d'économie polynésienne en 21 graphiques », ISPF (2021)

# **Tourism in French Polynesia: 1980-2020**

#### The evolution of tourism in FP ... and the impact of the XPF/USD exchange rate





Touristic market shares in FP (1980-2020) for North America (red) and France (blue)

EUR/USD historical data (1980-2020)





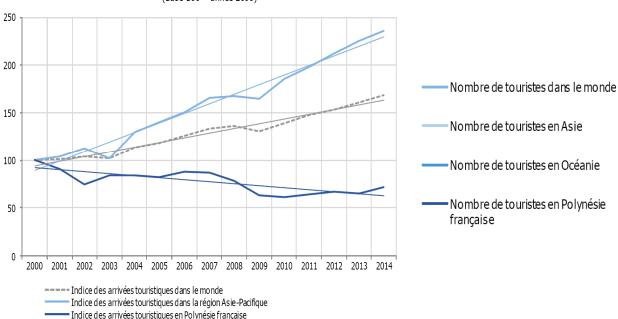
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# **Tourism in French Polynesia: 1980-2020**

#### The evolution of tourism in FP ... relative to other destinations after a crisis

#### Indice de la fréquentation touristique et tendances de moyen-terme

(Base 100 = année 2000)

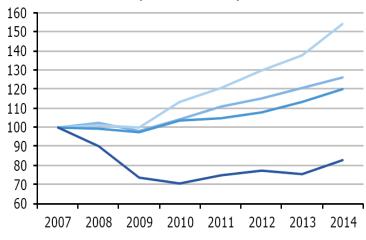


Sources : IEOM. ISPF. Douanes

#### Le boom du tourisme ne profite pas à la Polynésie

#### Évolution comparée du nombre de touristes

(base 100 en 2007)



Sources: Service du tourisme, ISPF, OMT

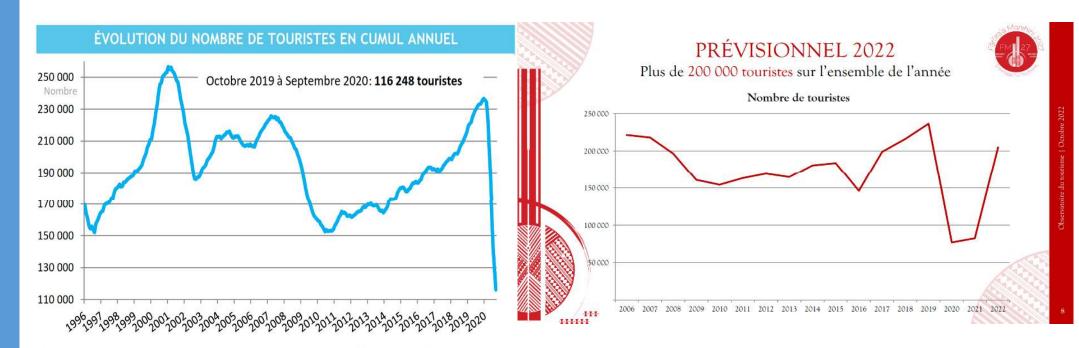




Source: « La Polynésie française en 2014 / 2015 », IEOM (2015 /2006)

# **Tourism in French Polynesia: 1996-2022f**

The evolution of tourism in FP ... following the crises of 2020-2021 and 2022



Note de lecture: entre octobre 2019 et septembre 2020, on dénombre **116 248 touristes soit 50,1** % **de moins** qu'entre octobre 2018 et septembre 2019





Sources : « Points conjoncture : tourisme », ISPF (2021) « Observatoire du tourisme » (Ministère du tourisme, octobre 2022)

# **Tourism in French Polynesia: 2019-2021**

#### The evolution of tourism in FP ... following the crisis of 2020-2021: a mutation?

**TABLE 1.** Évolution de la fréquentation touristique

**TABLE 2.** Indicateurs de fréquentation des structures terrestres marchandes

	2019	2020	2021
Nombre de touristes	236 642	77 017	82 546
Type d'hébergement			
Croisière	45 225	11 965	12 329
Terrestre	191 417	65 052	70 217
Mode d'hébergement			
Marchand	209 383	66 385	70 373
Non marchand	27 259	10 632	12 173
Pays d'origine			
États-Unis	85 246	31 556	40 086
France métropolitaine	60 382	28 112	34 202
Autres	91 014	17 349	8 258
Durée moyenne de séjour (jours)	14,9	18,2	20,9
Hébergement marchand	12,8	13,0	15,5
Hébergement non marchand	30,0	29,6	34,6

	2019	2020	2021	2021/2019			
Nombre de touristes selon le type d'hébergement marchand							
Hôtels	160 106	50 291	55 507	35%			
dont nord-américains	46%	55%	65%	49%			
Pensions de famille	35 406	13 613	15 642	44%			
dont français	55%	66%	72%	58%			
Locations saisonnières	19 512	8 355	9 289	48%			
dont français	36%	47%	53%	70%			
Nombre de chambres vendues selon la taille							
< à 30 chambres	17 452	8 955	16 321	94%			
Entre 30 et 70 chambres	125 614	55 941	60 184	48%			
> à 70 chambres	497 969	185 459	238 382	48%			
Total	641 035	250 355	314 887	49%			

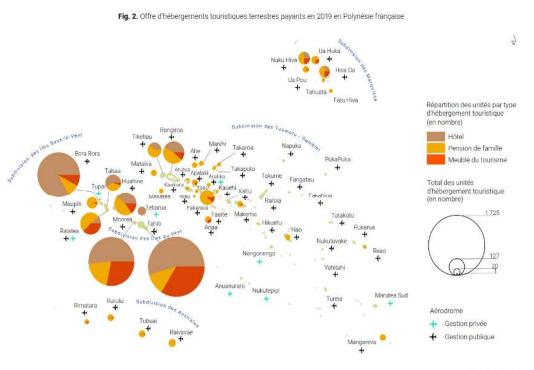




Sources : « Points études : le bilan du tourisme de l'année 2021 », ISPF (2022)

# **Tourism in French Polynesia: challenges**

The supply of accommodations and the touristic density in FP are concentrated on a few islands.



	Population RP 2017	NB de touristes accueillis en 2019	Densité touristique
Tahiti	189 517	174 298	1
Moorea	17 463	122 414	7
Bora Bora	10 549	119 143	11
Raiatea	12 249	43 191	4
Huahine	6 075	33 314	6
Marquises	9 346	8 033	1
Australes	6 965	2 168	0,3
Rangiroa	2 709	25 795	9,5
Fakarava	830	12 680	15,3
Total	275 918	236 642	0,9

Source: ISPF - SDT - SEAC







Sources: « Poids du tourisme dans l'économie locale », ISPF (2020)

### FM27 in a few words ...

#### <u>Issues</u>

- 1.Diversify and develop various tourism services;
- 2. Commit to sustainable tourism;
- 3. Create permanent jobs in all archipelagos of FP;
- 4. Diversify the source markets.

#### **Vulnerabilities**

- 1. Predominance of 2 source markets (North America, France);
- 2. Complexity of the destination;
- 3. Rudimentary tourism structure;
- 4. Valuation of historical sites;
- 5. Lack of dedicated infrastructure.







#### FM27 in a few words ...

#### Objectives and trajectory towards an inclusive and sustainable tourism

- Put the population at the center of tourism;
- Bringing together, federating, generating collective dynamics;
- Sustainable, eco-responsible tourism;
- Increase interaction with other industries and economic sectors.

#### **Destination (goals)**

- An authentic tourism that favours the experience;
- The excellence of the reception and the services to tourists;
- Leadership for eco-tourism in the South Pacific;
- A variety of experiences and archipelagos.

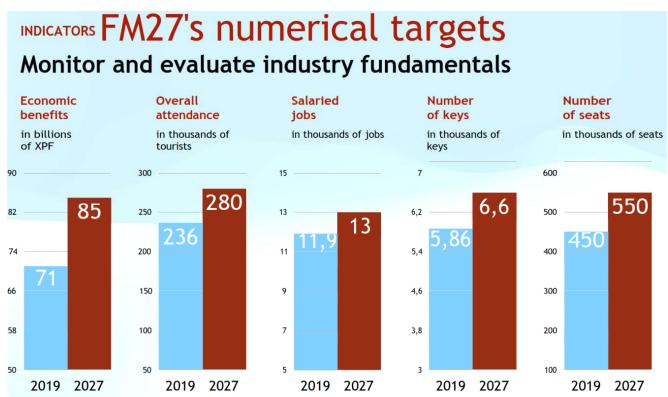






### FM27 in a few words ...

#### **Objectives and indicators**





#### 5 axes

- 1. Enhance and promote the destination
- 2. Strengthen the diversity of experiences and tourism services
- 3. Sustainable tourism and ecotourism
- 4. Structure and professionalize the sectors
- 5. Developing the infrastructure





Sources : « Fariira'a Manihini 2017 (synthèse) », Présidence de la Polynésie française (2022)

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# Understanding the purpose of this workshop

- Our workshop seeks to provide a forum for dialogue between international tourism scholars and professionals from the tourism industry on issues around tourism development in French Polynesia.
- The main focus of this event is on issues related to the implementation of the new tourism strategy "Fāri'ira'a Manihini 2022-2027" (FM27).
- It provides a scientific insight into the implementation of FM27.





"If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together".

African Proverb













### **Our international experts**

#### Australia (& Great Britain):

- Prof. Margaret Deery (expert on social impacts of tourism and events on communities and the role of volunteers in tourism)
- Prof. Larry Dwyer (expert in areas of tourism economics, management, policy and planning)
- Prof. Leo Jago (expert in the economic, social and legacy dimensions of tourism)
- Prof. Gui Lohmann (expert on air transport management, tourism development, travel behaviour, and airline business models)

#### Hawai'i:

• Prof. Pauline J. Sheldon (expert in tourism demand modelling, tourism education, IT and tourism, regenerative tourism and the design of transformative tourism experiences )

#### **New Zealand:**

- Prof. Simon Milne (expert in tourism development in SIDS & implementation of the Pacific Tourism Data Initiative (PTDI) in 10 South Pacific Island nations.
- Prof. Christian Schott (expert in sustainable tourism and education, leader of research-driven VR-forsustainability project)
- Prof. Ian Yeoman\* (online) (expert in the future of tourism)





# Scientific insight into the implementation of FM27

- Excellent knowledge of island tourism in Asia-Pacific region
- Complementary expertise to tourism development:
  - Future of tourism
  - sustainable tourism
  - assessment of the economic impacts of tourism
  - assessment of the social, cultural and environmental impacts of tourism
  - Socio-economic assessments of events
  - Role of education in tourism.
  - climate change and tourism
  - Air connectivity issues in remote islands
  - tourist experience and satisfaction
  - Perceptions of a local community on tourism development





#### **New Zealand**



New Zealand-Aotearoa Government Tourism Strategy

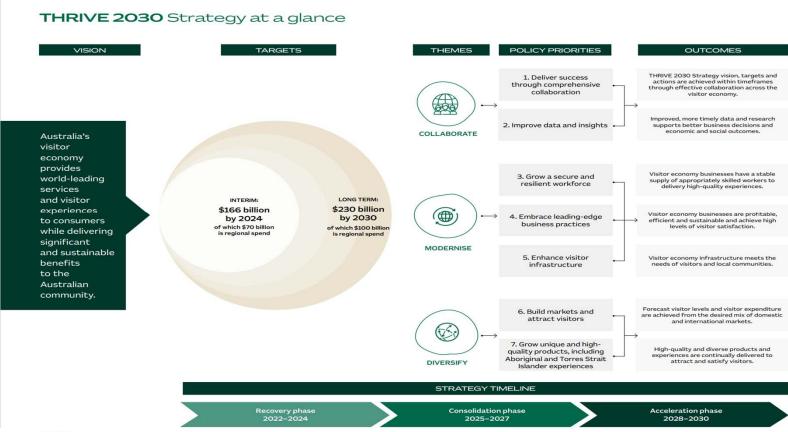








### **Australia**



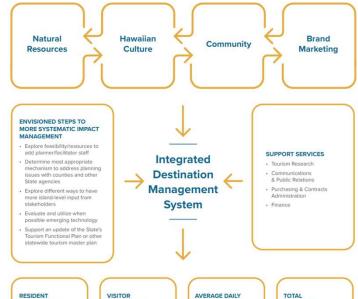




### Hawai'i



The Four Pillars of HTA's Investments in Assets Benefiting Both Residents & Visitors



#### SATISFACTION

Survey: Agree tourism brings more benefits than problems, and agree tourism positively affects you/family

#### VISITOR SATISFACTION

Survey: Overall Hawai'i vacation rating; if likely to recommend Hawai'i; likely to revisit in next five years

#### AVERAGE DAILY SPENDING

Maintain or increase average Per-Person-Per-Day (PPPD) spending

#### TOTAL SPENDING

direct spending





#### **Context of FM27**

- The COVID-19 pandemic has been an opportunity to rethink tourism for the future.
- In French Polynesia, the Covid-19 period coincided with the elaboration of FM27 (sustainable and inclusive tourism).
- In order to put in place a sustainable and inclusive tourism policy, it is important to change the way we look at things and implement new tools for measuring tourism performance under the new four pillars of FM27.





# A four pillar approach of FM27







# Suggested questions

- 1. What will tomorrow's tourism look like in Pacific Islands and more particularly in French Polynesia?
- 2. Should we move from "business as usual" model to "sustainable or regenerative tourism"? If so, how?
- 3. What new tourism performance indicators are needed to assess the main pillars of FM 27 strategy?





# Suggested questions

- 4. How to diversify tourism products and source markets?
- 5. How to diversify international routes to facilitate the development of tourism in French Polynesia?
- 6. How to improve air, land and sea connectivity and facilitate inter- and intra-island travel?





# **Suggested questions**

- 7. What are the challenges and opportunities of the spread of tourism to outer islands?
- 8. How to leverage events for maximum local benefit?
- 9. What is domestic tourism and why is it important?





# **Workshop Programme**

Monday, October 24, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Scientific perspectives from international experts on specific FM27 issues
- Discussions

Tuesday, October 25, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m

- Scientific perspectives from international experts on specific FM27 issues (cont.)
- Rountable discussions regarding the suggested questions in the programme







Sir Winston Churchill (November 10, 1942)

"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."





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