DRASSM
Department of Underwater Archaeological Research
French Ministry of Culture
1966: DRASSM founded in Marseilles, by French minister André Malraux

2021: 37 professionals work for DRASSM
4 people involved in Procraft project

**DRASSM missions:**
‘study, inventory, conserve and promote maritime cultural remains in waters under French jurisdiction’
DRASSM’s Area of Jurisdiction

- foreshore
- territorial waters (0 to 12 NM)
- contiguous zone (12 to 24 NM)
- Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) since 2013 and the ratification by France of the 2001 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage
The DRASSM ensures the study, management and conservation of maritime cultural remains (law of December 1, 1989; art. L 532-1 heritage code):
"deposits, wrecks, remains or generally any property of prehistoric, archaeological or historical interest [no chronological limit] located in the public maritime domain or at the bottom of the sea in the contiguous zone".

Property status: "Maritime cultural property located in the public maritime domain whose owner is not found belongs to the [French] State".
→ no property of the inventor, including on the foreshore

+ Recognition of the right of the pavillon:
→ warplanes retain their original ownership status [managed by DRASSM]
Experience in the Management of Aircraft Remains

**Sallenelles Bay Spitfire MJ789**
British aircraft shot down on June 11, 1944
Clandestine search in November 2010
DRASSM: -conservation management
-inhumation of human remains (Ranville military cemetery)
-deposit of airplane remains at the RAAF Museum

**Remains of a Dornier 17, Berck beach**
agreement from Germany for a deposit at the Royal Air Force Museum

Nappier-Sabre engine
Eletot propeller
Experience in the Management of Aircraft Remains

Bombardier propeller, Plouguerneau

Junker 96, Groix

Spitfire wing, Plerin

Aircraft engine, Brest

Procraft meeting, 26/01/2021
Experience in the Management of Aircraft Remains

Nappier Sabre

Latécoère 631

Lockheed F-5 Lightning de Saint-Exupéry

Heinkel 911?

B24 of Calenzana