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TEAM

IRIS gathers a **multidisciplinary team** with several scholars working on different topics (security, defence, migrations, energy, economy, climate change, regional areas), climate scientists, military officers, engineers, etc. The Observatory is **headed by Julia TASSE** (IRIS) and **François GEMENNE** (*Université de Liège*) and brings together researchers from other think tanks like the *Fondation pour la recherche stratégique* (FRS) and the *Group for Research and Information on Peace and Security* (GRIP).

Anticipating geomorphological and physical changes on operating fields

Assessing impacts on a range of defence missions

Adapting our capabilities, policies and doctrine

Avoiding normative constraints due to mitigation needs

Preventing risks for France and its sphere of influence

Understanding correlations between climate changes and conflicts

DELIVERABLES

Study reports to better understand, assess and prevent direct/indirect risks and threats related to climate change impacts:

- **Examining** observed and expected changes and their impacts on human systems
- **Studying** national climate policies
- **Analysing** disaster and risk management policies and the participation of armed forces
- **Elaborating** scenario

Trimestrial newsletter to follow all news related to the Observatory's work :

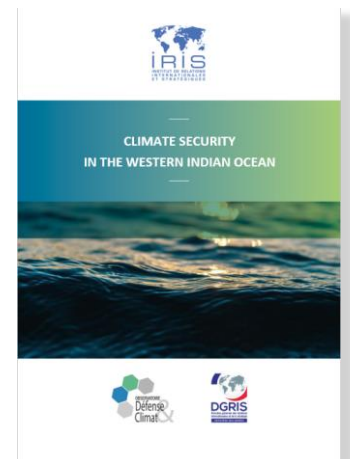
current tensions and conflicts directly or indirectly linked to environmental and climatic factors, UNFCCC negotiations, scientific progress, innovations in the defense sector, political declarations and commitments, energy policy.

- Synthetic approach
- Thematic groupings
- Latest scientific publications and reports
- Events calendar (seminars, workshops, international conferences, etc.)

• **Analytical notes**, to further develop **a specific topic of interest (strategic or operational)** for the defense sector

• **Seminars** to **share knowledge** and ideas with European and international partners

• **One-off interventions** to **disseminate the Observatory's work** and promote a French expertise on these issues.





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IRIS is one of the founding members of the International Military Council on Climate and Security (IMCCS). Launched by an international consortium, the IMCCS is a network of high graded military, defence expert and security institutions from all around the world, which seek to anticipate, analyse, and address the security risks of climate change.

The Observatory regularly takes part in many international events and conferences, convened by a large array of security and climate stakeholders:



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