③ A spot for many emblematic species

Ilot Maître is a fragile site where a remarkable fauna and flora coexist. Ospreys, sea snakes, dugongs, turtles, napoleons... All these emblematic species can be observed here because Ilot Maître offers a diversity of habitats.

Hermit crab

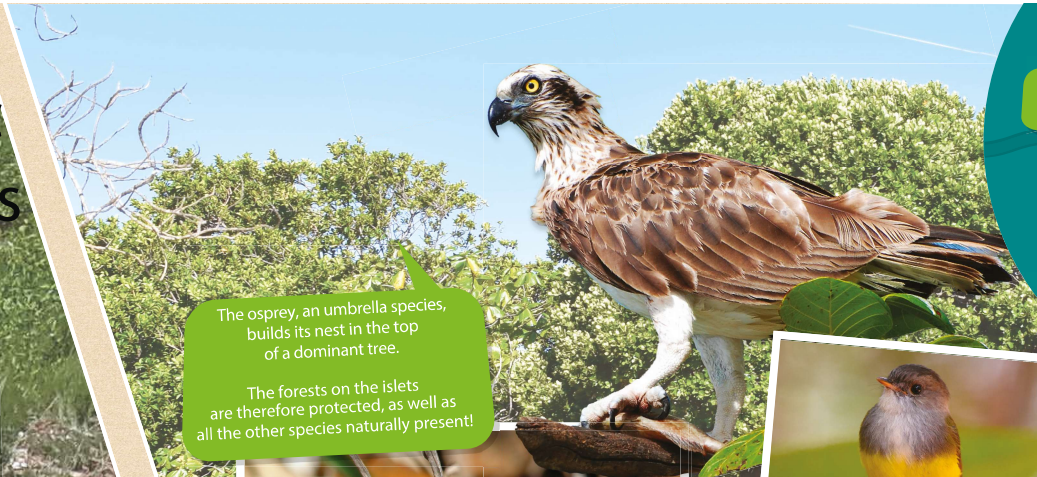
Pacific Shearwater couple

The banded sea krait being an umbrella species, its habitat (beach and low vegetation of the islets) is protected, as well as the other species that have taking up residence there!

The umbrella species

Emblematic species generally benefit from a positive public image, thus facilitating mobilization for their protection and the preservation of their habitat.

Thanks to the umbrella effect, measures taken to protect these star animals also benefit other species living in the same ecosystem, but which do not have the same positive public image, such as sharks for example!



The osprey, an umbrella species, builds its nest in the top of a dominant tree.

The forests on the islets are therefore protected, as well as all the other species naturally present!

Skink

Yellow-bellied flyrobin

Sea cucumber

The green turtle is also an umbrella species.

It rests in the reef areas, therefore, the corals and all other species living there, also benefit from this protection!

Murex sea snail

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