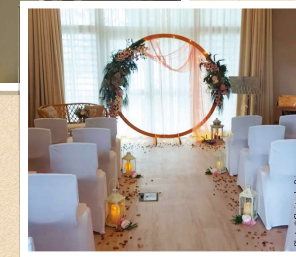
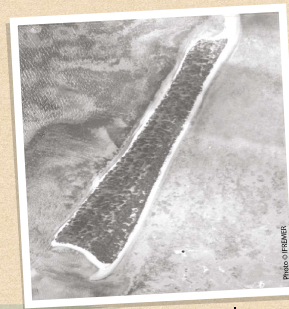


② Ilot Maître, from past to present

The history of the islet is not a smooth sailing. It is rich in events that have shaped it.

Before going any further, let's take a look back in time...

1902
Auguste Maestracci becomes a tenant of Ilot Maître



To be continued

Ilot Maître is a spot for emblematic species, known as umbrella species.

Why this name "umbrella species"?



1854
Tardy de Montravel (French navigator, explorer colonial official) named the islet in honor of one of his midshipmen officer: Adolphe Maître

A name full of history

Many islets in New Caledonia bear the name of Tardy de Montravel's midshipmen, who had undertaken the survey of the coastline and wished to pay tribute to some of his men.



Ilot Maître bears the name of Adolphe Maître, who, with his classmate Larégnère, embarked in 1852 on the corvette Constantine, of which Tardy de Montravel had been promoted to Captain.

Mr. Montravel was full of praise for this young midshipman, who will assist him in his hydrographic surveys.



2021
Opening of the "Double Tree by Hilton" hotel

1913
Disappearance of Auguste Maestracci during a fishing trip

1983
Building of the "Escapade" hotel and the chapel to say "I do"

2003
Discovery of a mysterious skeleton during levelling work

2009
The islet is classified as a "Sustainable Resource Management Area" (AGDR)

The 1st inhabitant of the islet

Born in Bastia in 1844, Auguste Maestracci arrived in New Caledonia in 1868 to engage in trade. As it was possible at the time, he rented the Ilot Maître for a period of 100 years. He built a small house and some outbuildings: henhouses, kitchen, kiosk, fishing shelters, etc.

On October 13, 1913, he left with his domestic for a fishing trip. They never returned. Only their capsized boat was found.

A gravestone has been erected on the islet in honor of Auguste Maestracci. It can be seen next to the volleyball courts.



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