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Voices flowing through water - The Isère river's Parliament

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Global context
Tale of an Isère river's Parliament: Extract
The Parliament: History (and context)
The Parliament's Structure
Nature's Rights: a New Paradigm



Picture: CDP



Global context

New Zealand: 1840 Treaty of Waitangi protecting nature from being exploited & Te Urewera Act in 2014 to give personhood to a forest

USA: “Should trees have standing – toward legal rights for natural objects.” ~ law professor Christopher Stone, 1972

EU: Recognition of the Mar Menor lagoon and its basin as a legal entity in Spain, 2022

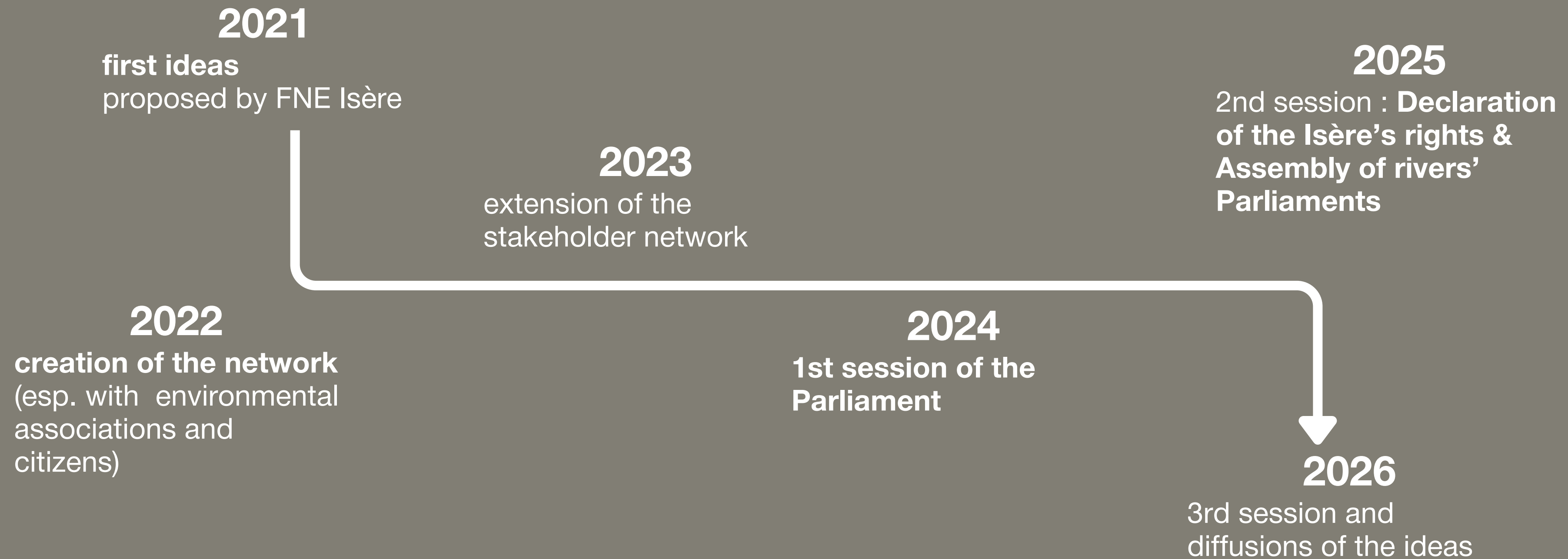


Tales of an Isère river's Parliament

by Hippolyte Massini

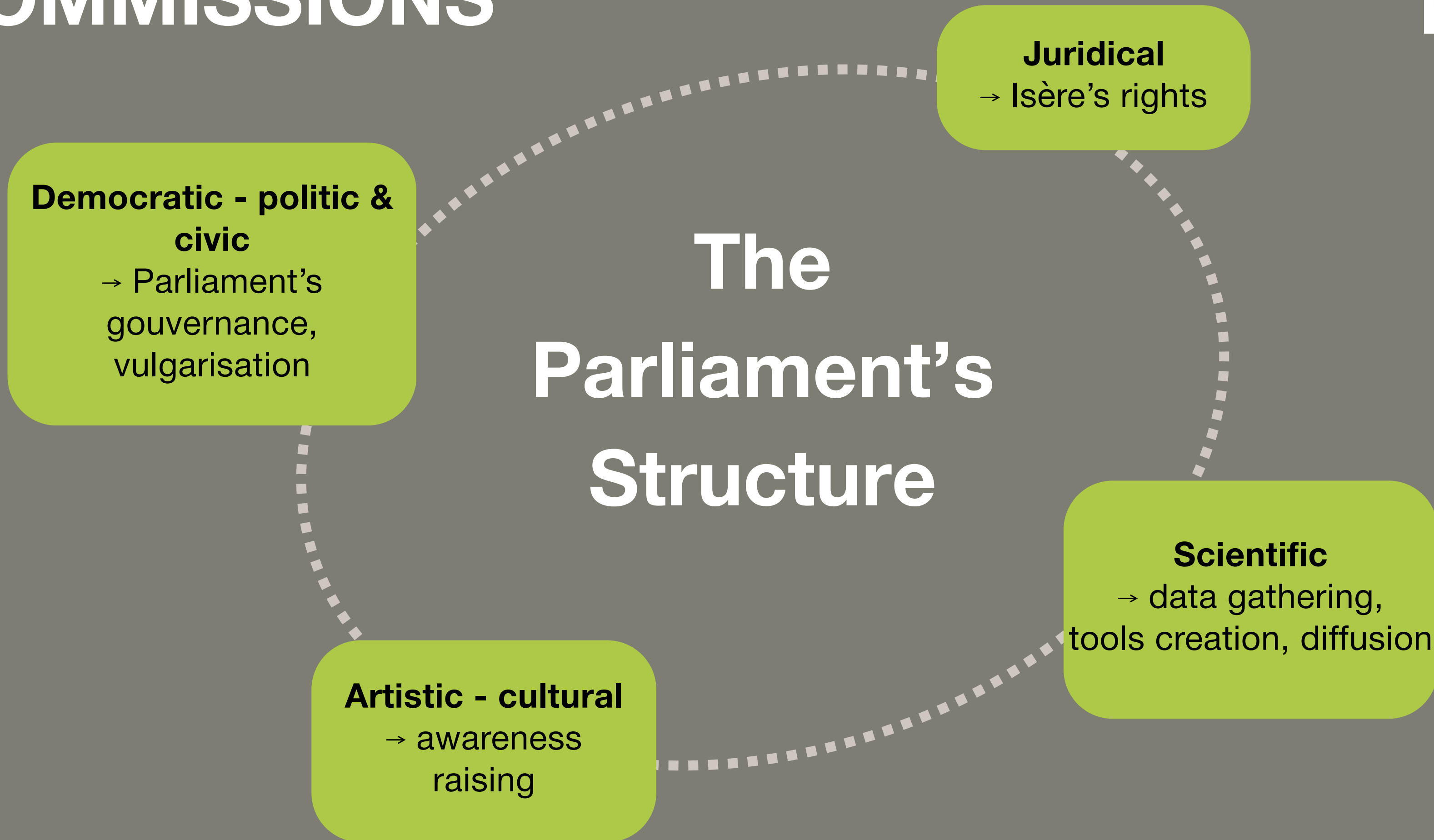
“The sea taught it to the Rhône, who brought it up to me along its restless flow : Mar Menor, a Spanish salty lagoon , Europe’s biggest, has obtained the status of legal personality, for the first time on the old continent...”

The Parliament: History & context



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Mains Goals


Creation of a scientific **water observatory**

Organisation of **civic discussions** and **cultural events**

Communication of **civic and political discussions** on **water's stakes**

Mediation of **study groups** and **ecological innovation**



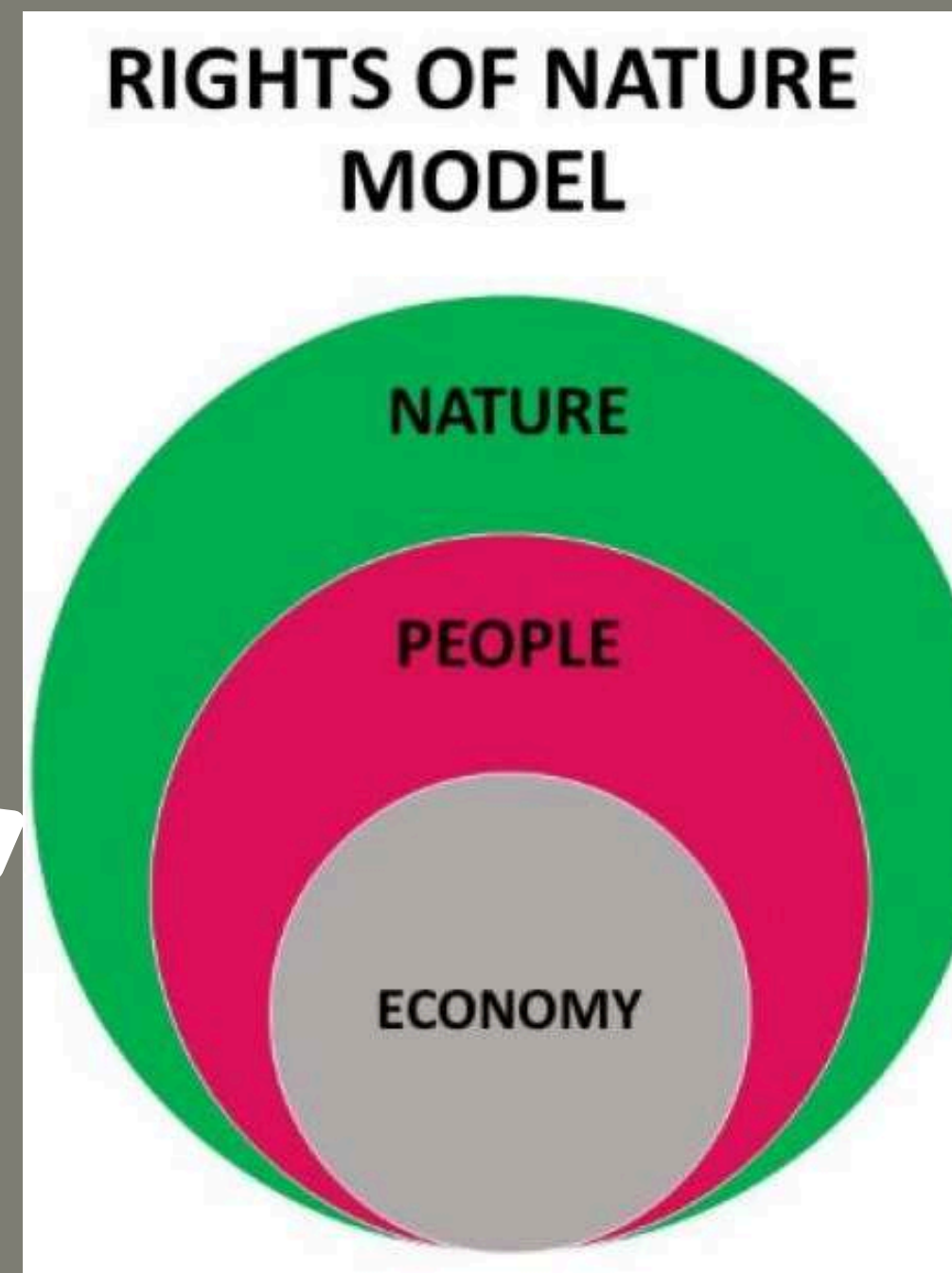
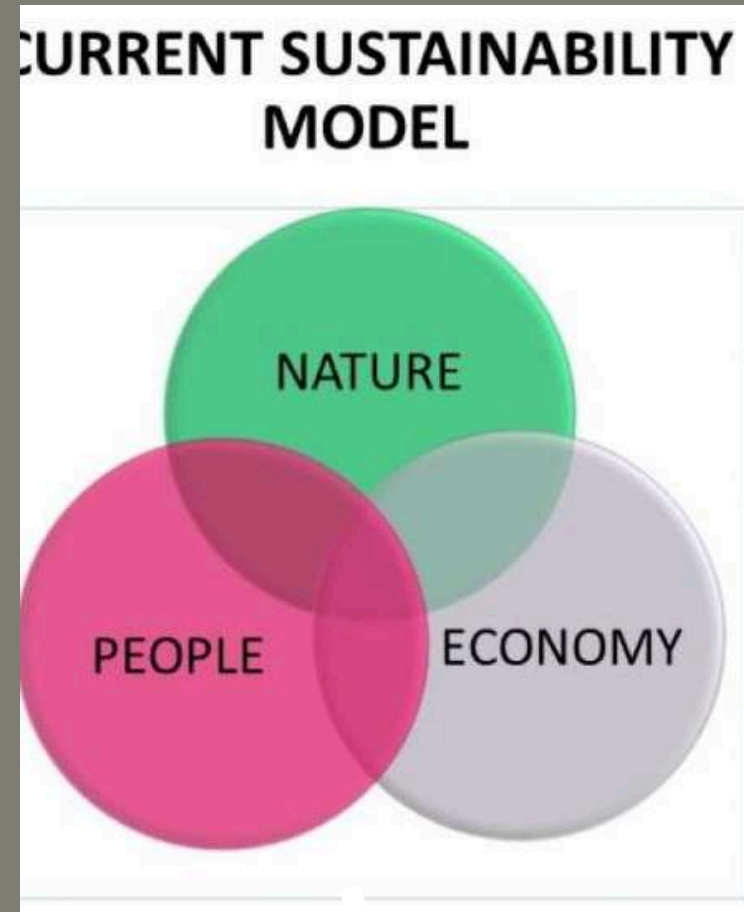


“Original solutions and initiatives are emerging all over the world to give living entities – both human and non-human – their rightful place, and to ensure the habitability of the planet for the biosphere as a whole.”

~ Rémy Rioux, AFD (French Agency of Development) Chief Executive Officer



Nature's Rights: a new paradigm



Natural hierarchy of systems: only **nature** doesn't depend on others

→ legal framework based on giving a **legal personality** to nature

→ human activities have to be **respectful** of nature

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“Today, I am suffocating like everyone under this heat. I sleep through my concerns and wake up anxious, alarmed by the diverse threats harming the river Isère more and more every day that goes by...”



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Thank you very much!

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