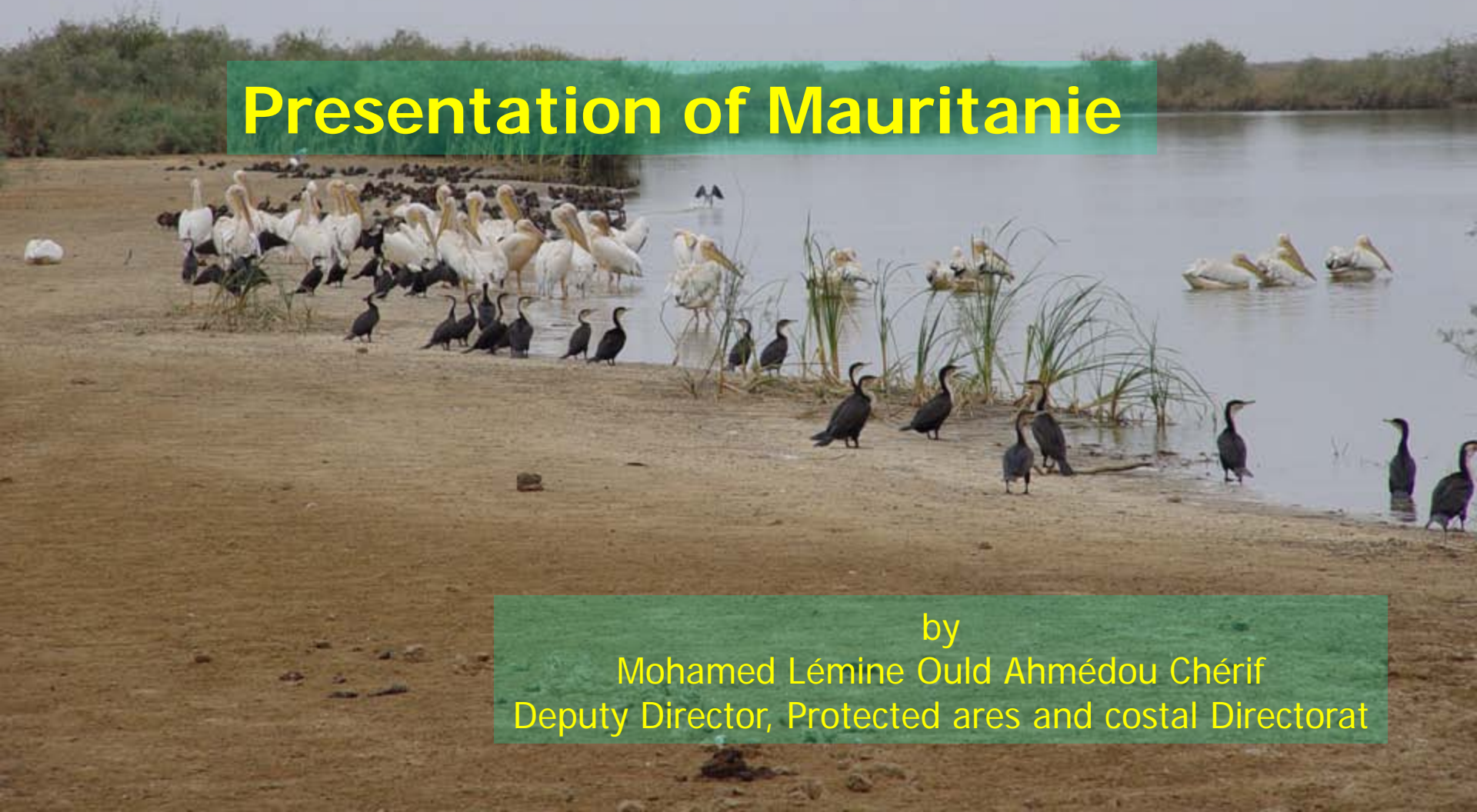


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Presentation of Mauritanie



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PLAN OF EXPOSES

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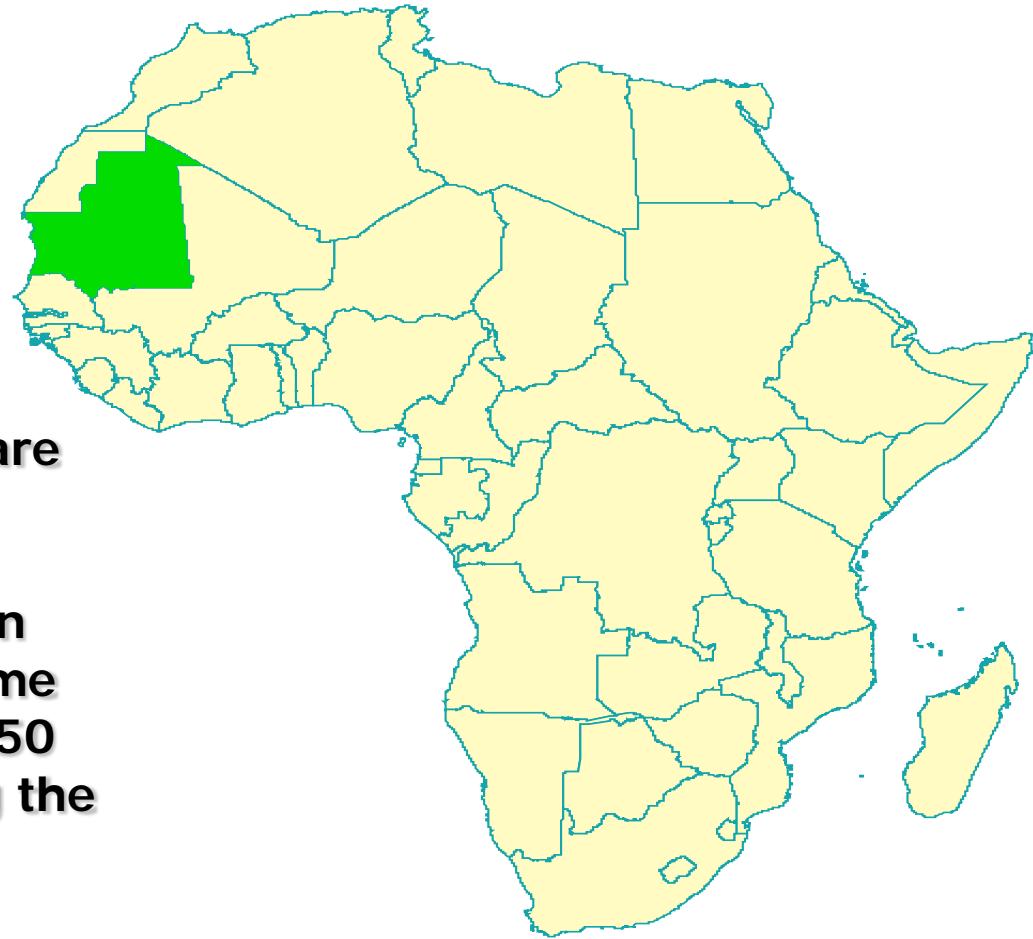
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I- PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTRY

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania

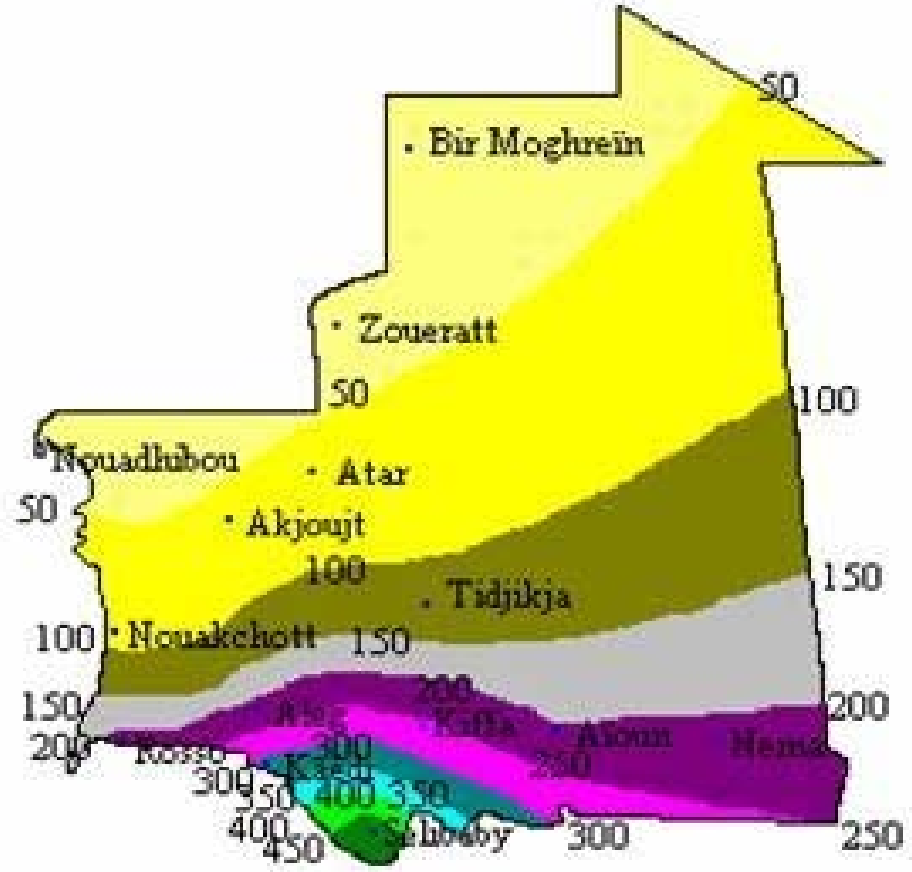
- Area : 1.030. 700 Km²
- Population: 2,9 million
- Relief low with altitudes that are generally around 500 m
- Annual average of precipitation exceeding 600 mm in the extreme south of the country. Less than 50 mm in the North-East and along the northern shoreline



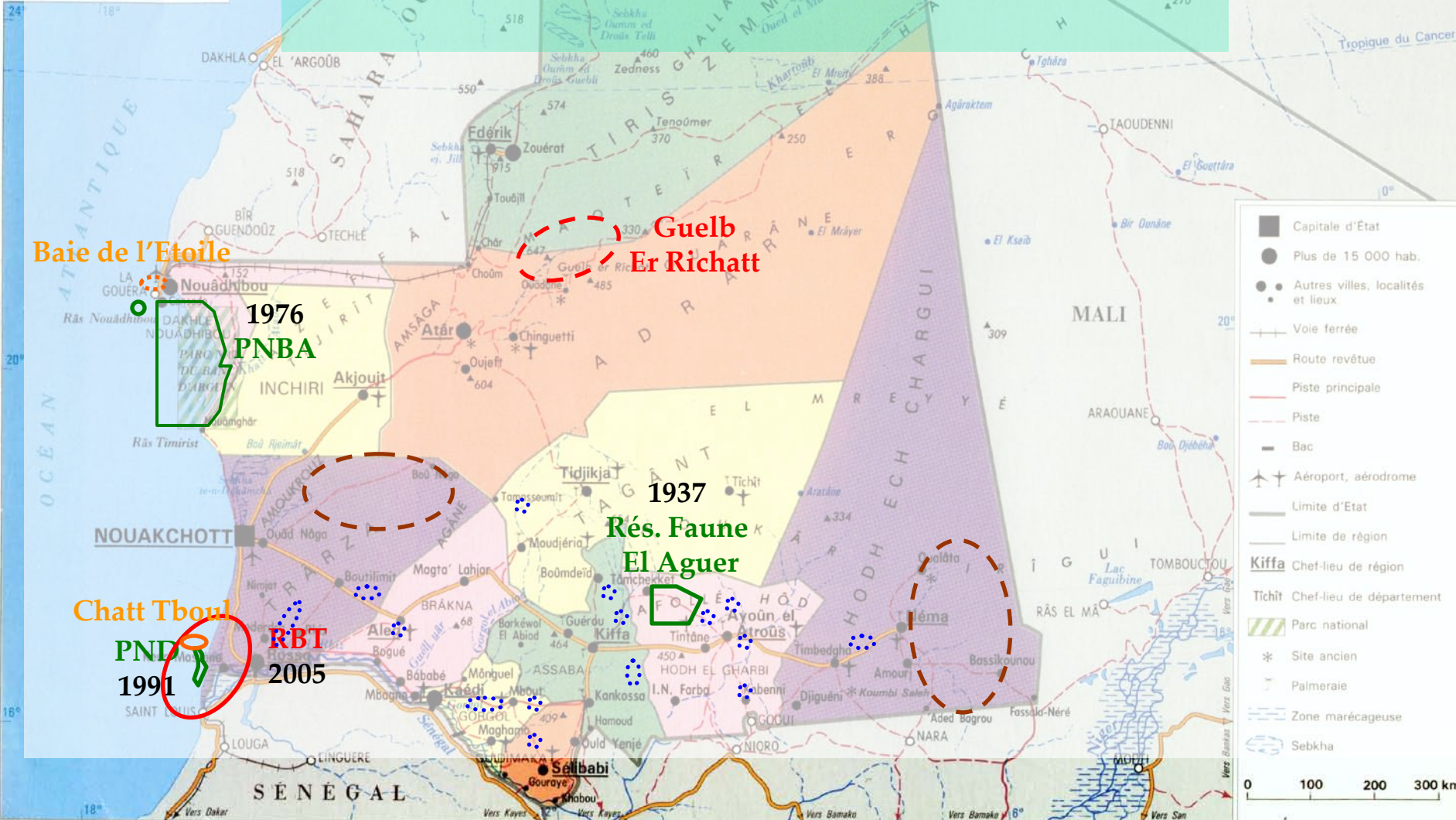
I- PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTRY



- FIVE ECOLOGICAL AREAS :**
- **Zone Aride or Saharan Zone** (75% of the country, 810.000 km²);
 - **Sahelian Zone West** (7% of the country, 75.000 km²);
 - **Sahelian Zone** (9% of the country, 100.000 km²);
 - **Area of the Senegal River** (2% of the country, 22.000 km²);
 - **Facade maritime** (extends on 800 km long and 50 km wide)



II. DISTRIBUTION OF THE WETLANDS



- Capitale d'État
- Plus de 15 000 hab.
- Autres villes, localités et lieux
- Voie ferrée
- Route revêtue
- Piste principale
- Piste
- Bac
- ✈ Aéroport, aérodrome
- Limite d'Etat
- Limite de région
- Kiffa Chef-lieu de région
- Tichit Chef-lieu de département
- ▨ Parc national
- * Site ancien
- ☉ Palmeraie
- ☉ Zone marécageuse
- ☉ Sebkhia

0 100 200 300 km

III. VALUE OF THE WETLANDS

ECONOMIC VALUE

- Gathering
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Grazing Water (livestock watering...)

BIODIVERSITY

- food security
- Pharmacopoeia



IV. LEGISLATION

- Framework Law on the environment
- forestry Code
- Code of hunting
- Code pastoral
- Code of the water
- MLA (CBD, Ramsar, CMS, CCC, LCD, etc.)

V. THREATS

- Drought
- Desertification,
- Agriculture,
- livestock,
- Exploitation of oil and mining,



VI. PROSPECTS

- Wetlands Inventory,
- strategy/action plan for the Conservation of W.L
- Creation of a data base on the W.L.
- Establishment of a legal framework to WL.
- Inclusion of new sites
- Capacity-building
- Search for financing

VII. WAITINGS

- A plan of action for the conservation of W.L. in the region
- Establishment of a funding mechanism
- Creation of a comun DATA Base on the W.L
- Harmonization of the system of monitoring of W.L

A falcon with light-colored plumage and dark spots on its wings is perched on a tree branch. The background is a clear blue sky. A teal rectangular box is overlaid on the image, containing the text "THANK YOU FOR YOUR PLEASANT ATTENTION" in yellow capital letters.

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