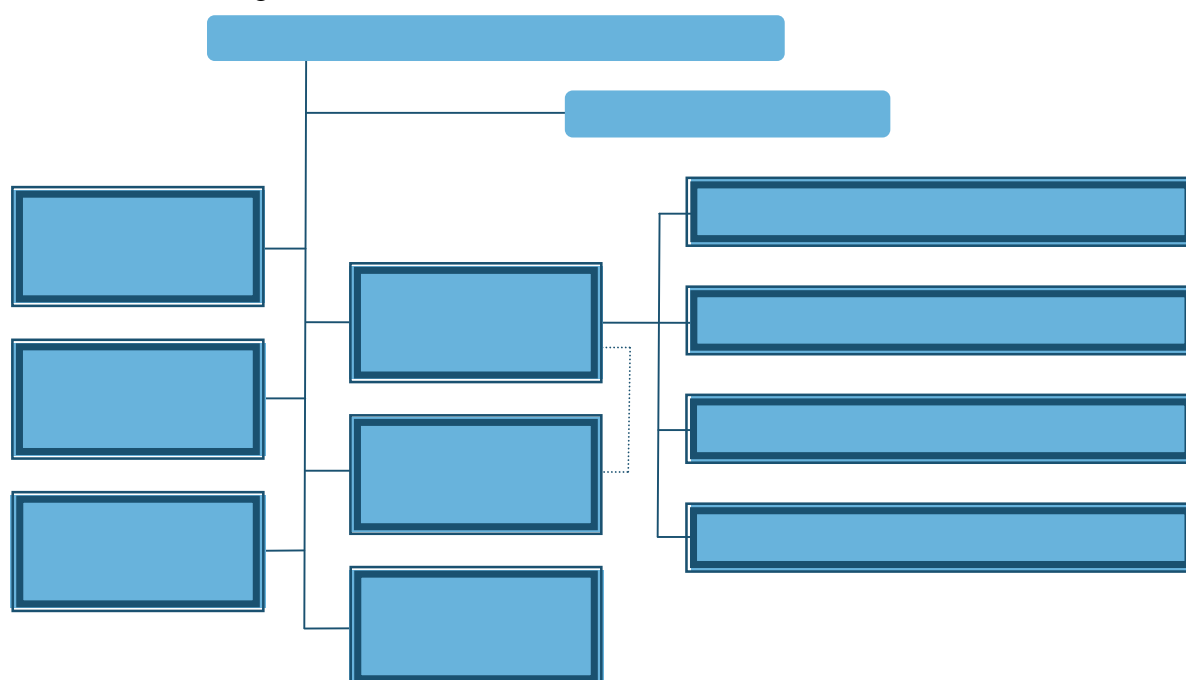


Reorganisation of SHOM

Since the 11th of May 2007, whilst keeping its name, SHOM has become an *Établissement Public*, i.e. a national establishment endowed with its own legal personality.

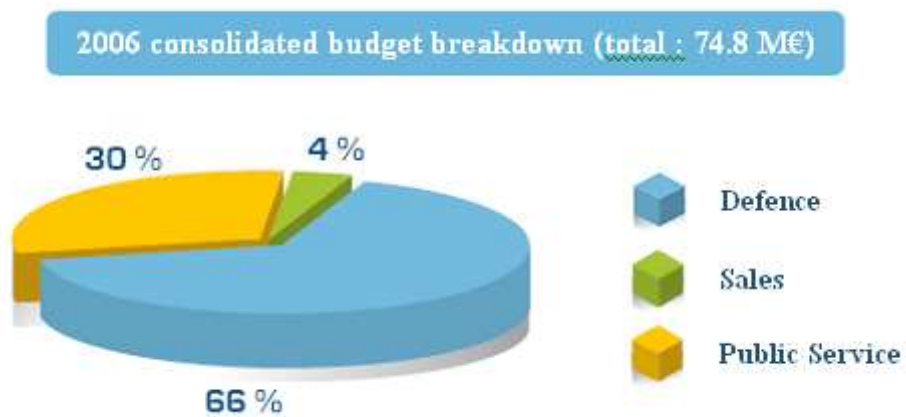
SHOM's new organisational chart is as follows:



SHOM is managed by a Chief Executive Officer (Hydrographer) appointed by decree and supervised by a Board of Directors of 20 members representing a broad section of the French administration (Prime Minister, ministers of budget, defence, environment, industry, overseas and transport, several Government services and agencies). The Navy retains its prominent role by having the Board of Directors chaired by the Chief-of-Staff and providing the survey vessels onboard which SHOM's Survey Units operate.

It should be stressed that SHOM's change of statute will have little or no incidence on the service's inconsiderable commercial ambitions, which will remain irrelevant against its two primary missions, i.e. Defence support and Public Service, in charge of safety of navigation (SOLAS) and support of French national and international maritime policies.

This is reflected by the following figures:



For 2007, the total budget is 60 M€, ~12% of which is allocated for R&D.

The next significant step is having SHOM's five-year contract plan approved by its Board of Directors, under the guidance of the Prime Minister's Secretariat for the Sea.