

ILE RENE-LEVASSEUR - OVERVIEW OF THE TERRITORY

Situated north of Baie-Comeau, Île René-Levasseur was formed at the end of the 60s following construction of the Daniel-Johnson Dam and filling of the Manicouagan Reservoir. The forest stands on the island are therefore very similar to those found elsewhere in the North Shore region.

With a surface area of 2,045 km², the island is characterized by an unusual geology resulting from the impact of a meteorite over 210 million years ago.

The island houses the largest ecological reserve in Québec, the Réserve écologique Louis-Babel. This protected area covers 245 km². The Réserve écologique Louis-Babel preserves boreal, montane and alpine ecosystems. No forest activities are permitted on the reserve.

In direct cooperation with the Environment Ministry, Kruger has proposed to double the protected area that exists on Île René-Levasseur, and to create a protected area on Monts Groulx. Thanks to this initiative, 23% of the island and 100% of Kruger's supply territory on Monts Groulx will be protected.

In 1997, the Ministry of Natural Resources Wildlife and Parks granted forest management agreements (FMAs) to Kruger Inc. in Common Area 093-20. This Common Area covers 15,000 km² and includes Île René-Levasseur.

To date, the Ministry of Natural Resources Wildlife and Parks has issued 52 leases to cottagers on the territory of Ile René-Levasseur.

