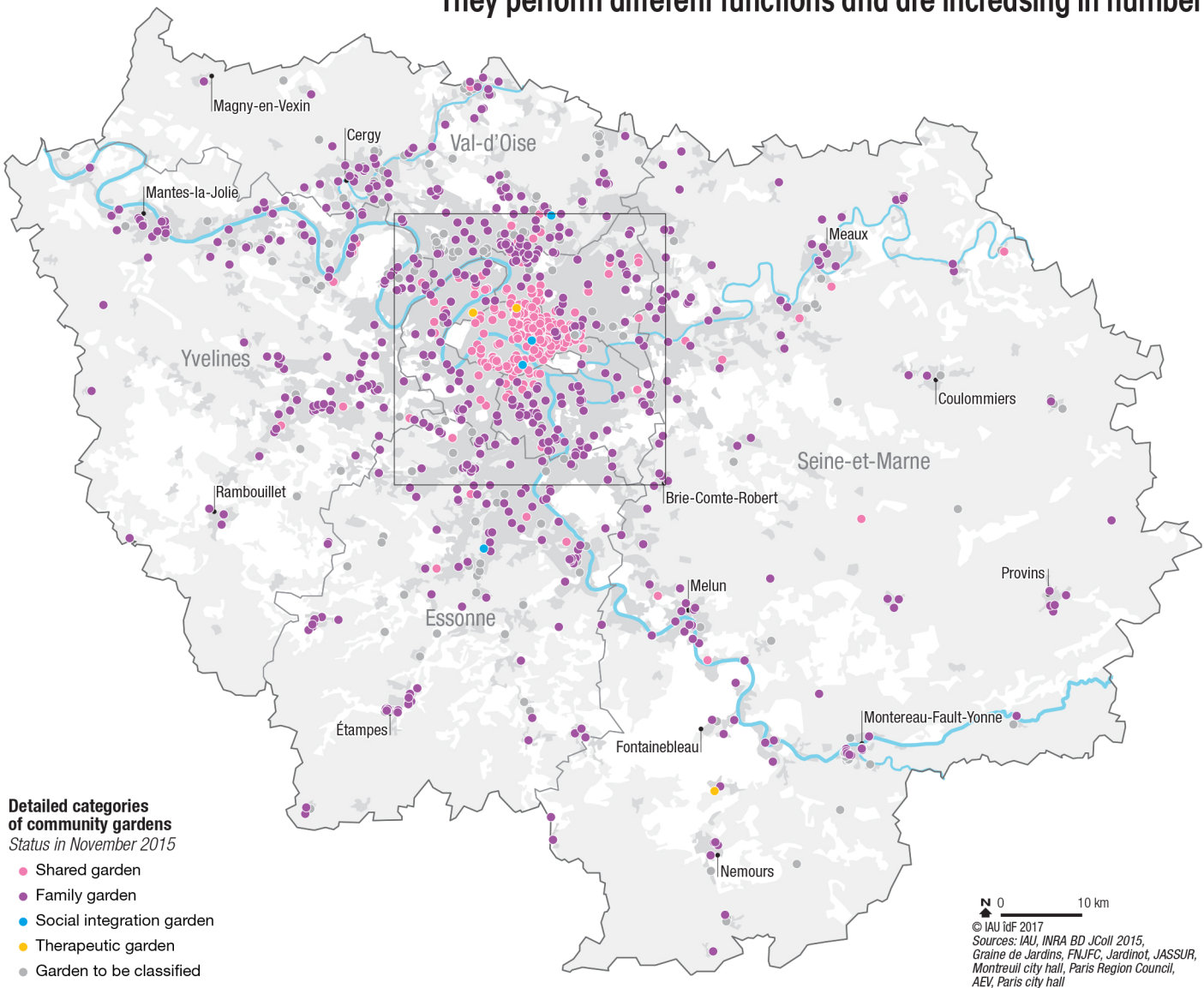


There are 1,064 community gardens in the Paris Region. They perform different functions and are increasing in number



LOCATE, QUANTIFY AND MAP COMMUNITY GARDENS: METHODOLOGICAL REVIEW

The creation of the database recording community gardens in the Paris Region is the outcome of long and painstaking work to collect, check and map data on behalf of IAU, INRA and different non-profit organisations. IAU has conducted different studies on gardens, initially by drawing on the Land Use Mode (MOS). Although the latter includes a “family gardens” category, it is not detailed enough to accurately calculate surface areas. In 2014 community gardens were included in the inventory of public green spaces that IAU has conducted among municipalities every four years since 1990, but there has been little feedback on this subject. INRA has contacted different local bodies and has mapped all unidentified gardens through photo interpretation and by conducting searches on the Internet. Non-profit organisations have supplied lists of their members. Today, out of the 1,064 gardens included in the database, specific categories (family gardens, shared gardens, social integration gardens, etc.) have been defined for 861 of them. While the 203 remaining gardens have the features of community gardens (a large vegetable garden divided into allotments), they can only be classified by conducting an on-site audit. This work remains to be done. The updating of the existing database will require the participation of non-profit organisations and local authorities to communicate information on newly created gardens, gardens that have disappeared and gardens that have changed. This will entail regional mapping to ensure the consistency, uniformity and monitoring of such data over time.

