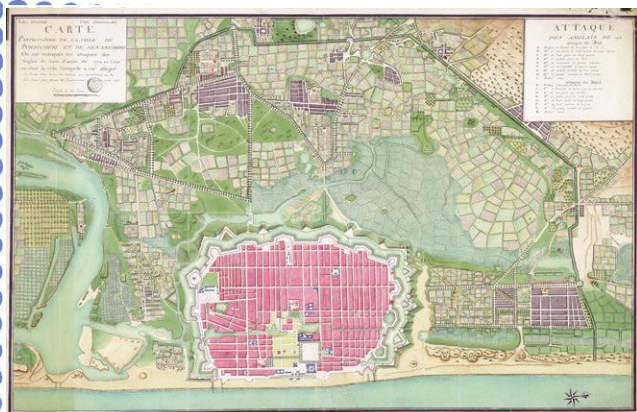


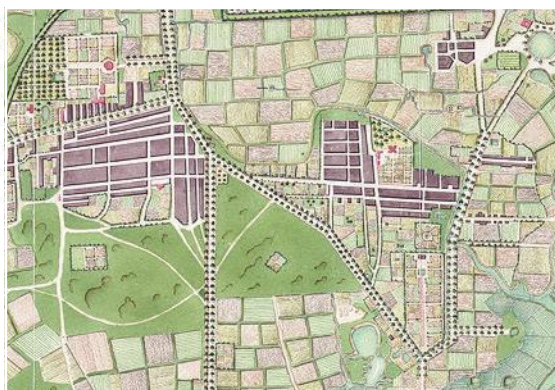
MAPS AND PLANS



The map library of the Archives Nationales d'Outre-mer is a set of more than 90,000 pieces which, from the XVIIth to the XXth Century, covered all the territories of the old French possessions, on all five continents.

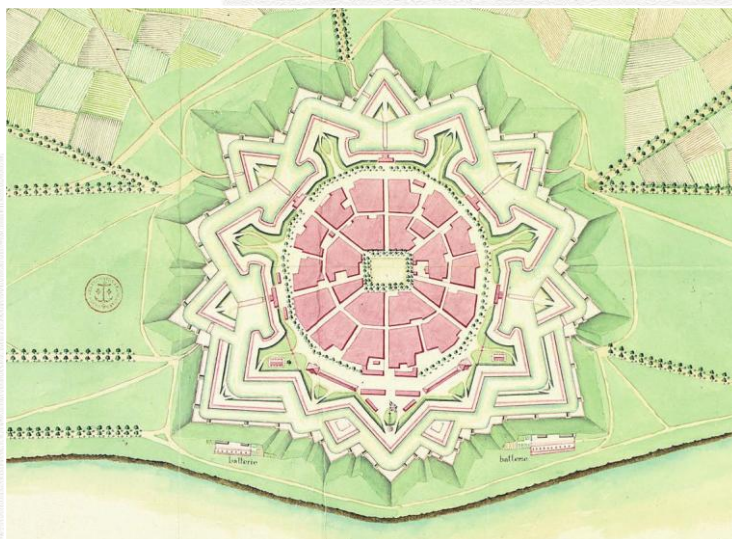
For the digitisation, the choice concerned one of the jewels in the crown of the Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer Collections: the Dépôt des Fortifications des Colonies (DFC - Repository of Fortifications in the Colonies) collection created in 1778. It includes more than 25,000 manuscript, engraved and watercolour maps and plans drawn by military engineers, land surveyors and geographers.

The richness of this collection is much more extensive than its name indicates. It does not only involve military fortifications. There are also general maps, drawings of rivers and paths, maps of territories and towns, and projects for administrative and military buildings.



The countries concerned by the Dépôt des fortifications des Colonies are the islands and coasts of Europe (Jersey and Guernsey, Ireland, the Balearics, Corsica, Candy Island, Gibraltar), North America, and the Antilles, Guyana, sub-Saharan Africa, Madagascar, the islands of Réunion and Mauritius, ancient Indochina, India, the Marquesas Islands, New Caledonia and Tahiti.

All the maps and plans of the DFC will be progressively accessible on-line using the Ulysse image database:



<http://anom.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/sdx/ulyssse/index>