



# MAROMIZAHA RESERVE

**Category:** Maromizaha Natural Resource Reserve, Category VI

**Manager:** Groupe d'Étude et de Recherche sur les Primates de Madagascar (GERP)

**Area:** 1,880 ha

**Geolocation:** Province of Toamasina; Region of Alaotra-Mangoro; District of Moramanga

**International label:** Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Important Bird Area (IBA) (with the Mantadia National Park and the Analamazaotra Special Reserve)

**Start of FAPBM financings:** 2015

## NAMING

The forest of Maromizaha is called the « dragon tree rainforest » because of the presence of an iconic species of the *Liliacea* family, *Dracaena reflexa*, also known as « dragon tree ».

## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The climax of Maromizaha is **the dense rainforest type**. The protected area shelters 3 types of natural habitats: **the primary forest, the secondary forest and the savoka or forest in regeneration after the slash-and-burn practice**. The vegetation belongs to different phytogeographic types: wind flora, the eastern eco-floristic zone of lowland and medium altitude, and the rainforest.



**60**  
**SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS**  
of which **4** are classified as endangered and **2** as vulnerable



**93**  
**SPECIES OF BIRDS**  
of which **5** are classified as vulnerable



**7**  
**SPECIES OF BATS**  
of which **1** is vulnerable



**6**  
**SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS**  
of which **4** are classified as vulnerable, including the fossa and the Malagasy civet



**26**  
**SPECIES OF PLANTS**  
distributed in **13** families including **23** endemic to Madagascar (**88%**)



**12**  
**SPECIES OF LEMURS**  
of which **3** are classified as critically endangered (among which *indri indri* - babakoto), **2** endangered (among which the nocturnal lemur Aye-aye) and **7** vulnerable



**30**  
**SPECIES OF REPTILES**  
of which **1** is at risk and **1** is vulnerable



**21**  
**SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS**

Since 2019, the protected area of Maromizaha has not seen any clearing of its forest cover. GERP, the the NAP's manager, has been congratulated by ONE (Office National pour l'Environnement) for this achievement despite the numerous pressures on the natural resources of the reserve.

## PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

### LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Dense evergreen rainforest at medium altitude, secondary forests and thickets, caves.

**Particularity:** a granite mining zone has been delineated in the PA zoning, with municipal and environmental authorization and specifications.

### PRESSURES AND THREATS



Slash-and-burn agriculture, logging of precious woods and palm hearts, hunting, making tree fern pots, charcoal making activity.



### ECONOMIC VALUE

Located on the edge of the RN2, near the parks of Andasibe and Analamazaotra, the Maromizaha Reserve presents the **same touristic attractions**. However, it remains to promote these attractions and the tourist infrastructures within the Reserve (circuits and camping sites). The Maromizaha Reserve has been the subject of several national and international reports.

The **beekeeping sector** has been starting to take a larger scale since 2017, as well as fish farming whose products are sold on the Moramanga and Antananarivo markets.

The collection of **medicinal plants** also contributes a significant share of household income.

**2,653**  
inhabitants  
are directly  
benefiting from  
the ecosystem  
services provided  
by the protected  
area.



### FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM support for Maromizaha began in 2015. The total amount of grants to date is **MGA 899,500,944**.

It became a **Zero Fires site in 2019**. The main pressures on Maromizaha's natural resources are slash-and-burn agriculture, clearing activities, charcoal making, hunting and mining. All these pressures are more or less controlled at present in the Reserve, thus reinforcing the **good conservation state of the protected area**.



### LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

The authors of the patrolling and surveillance actions are from local communities, organized in associations. These are the **Polisin'ala**.



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