



# MIKEA NATIONAL PARK



**Category:** Mikea National Park, Category II

**Manager:** Madagascar National Parks (MNP)

**Area:** 184,630 ha

**Geolocation:** Province of Toliara; Region of Atsimo Andrefana; Districts of Morombe and Toliara II

**International label:** Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) site, Important Bird Area (IBA), Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Priority Area for Plant Conservation (PAPC)

**Start of FAPBM financings:** 2019

## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

Mikea National Park, including natural habitats that vary according to the substratum type belong to the Southern ecoregion. There, the **dry semi-deciduous forest and the xerophytic thickets on sand and limestone** are particularly distinguished. Biodiversity is a major richness there with many local, regional and national endemic species.



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### SPECIES OF LEMURS

of which **2** are classified as critically endangered (including Sifaka, *Propithecus verreauxi*) and **2** as endangered (including Maki, *Lemur catta*) and **2** vulnerable



**13**

### SPECIES OF BATS

of which **2** are classified as vulnerable (including the Madagascar flying fox)



**6**

### SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS



**58**

### SPECIES OF REPTILES

including **1** turtle species classified as critically endangered and **8** other reptile species classified as vulnerable



**103**

### SPECIES OF BIRDS

**1** of which is classified as endangered and **5** as vulnerable



**114**

### SPECIES OF PLANTS

**94 (83%)** of which **2** species (including the great baobab - *Adansonia grandidieri*) are classified as endangered and **3** other flora species classified as vulnerable



**3**

### SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS

of which **1** is classified as endangered and **1** vulnerable (fossa)



**9**

### SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS

of which **2** are local endemic, **1** is classified as endangered



## PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

### LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Dry deciduous forest, transition formation between dry deciduous forest and dry spiny thicket, dry spiny thicket, secondary grasslands.

**Particularity:** The Mikea live there.

### PRESSURES AND THREATS



Selective cutting, clearing, fire, hunting.



### ECONOMIC VALUE

Hydrological source supplying a part of the region's basins and protection of the hydrographic networks irrigating the Mikea peripheral area.



### LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

Like all the protected areas managed by MNP, the management of Mikea National Park is a **collaborative co-management** with the participation of local communities members in conservation and development activities.

They are brought together in **CLPs (Local Park Committees)** and **COSAPs (Protected Areas Steering and Support Committees)**.

**413,294** inhabitants are directly benefiting from the ecosystem services provided by the protected area.









### FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM support for Mikea National Park started in 2019 for salary costs and some operating costs.

**The conservation status of the national park in general has improved** despite the persistence of fires which is the main pressure on the park's natural habitats.








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