



# ISALO NATIONAL PARK

**Category:** Isalo National Park, Category II

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

**Area:** 81,540 ha

**Geolocation:** Provinces of Fianarantsoa and Toliara ; Regions of Ihorombe and Atsimo Andrefana ; District of Ihosy

**International label:** Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) site, Important Bird Area (IBA)

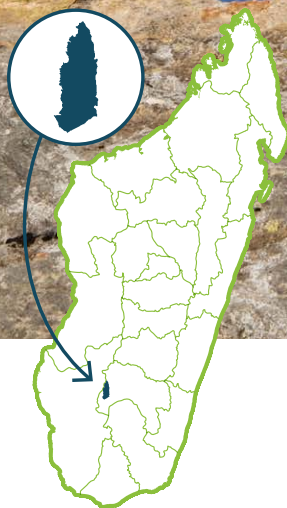
**Start of FAPBM financings:** 2019

## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The main vegetation found in Isalo National Park is **canyon riparian forests, mid-altitude sclerophyllous forests, rupicolous vegetation and dry deciduous forests on alluvial soil.**

The fauna is represented by **7 species of lemurs, including the Maki (Lemur catta), and 94 species of birds.** There are also **22 species of amphibians including endemic species to Isalo such as the *Scaphiophryne gottlebei* and *Mantella expectata*.**

Isalo National Park is also home to **401 species of plants including 3 endemic species of the *Dipterocarpaceae* family. 16 plants species deserve special attention because of their restricted geographical distribution and critical status of conservation.**



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### SPECIES OF BATS

among which **4** are classified as vulnerable (including Madagascar flying fox)



**22**

### SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

including **4** local endemics, among which **3** classified as endangered (i.e: *Scaphiophryne gottlebei*, *Mantella expectata*) ; **1** other amphibian species is also listed as endangered



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### SPECIES OF LEMURS

including **1** critically endangered, **3** classified as endangered (among which the *Lemur catta* - Maki) and **2** vulnerable



**94**

### SPECIES OF BIRDS

among which **4** are classified as endangered (including Madagascar's marsh-harrier and Madagascar grebe) and **2** vulnerable



**401**

### SPECIES OF PLANTS

among which: **277** endemic to Madagascar (**71%**): **1** species is classified as endangered and **5** are vulnerable ; **13** local endemics (**3%**) among which **2** species are classified as critically endangered and **2** as endangered



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### SPECIES OF REPTILES

including **1** local endemic and **3** vulnerable gecko species



**2**

### SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS

among which **1** is classified as vulnerable, namely the fossa



**10**

### SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS

including **1** local endemic



## PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

### LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Sandstone massif with canyons, rupicolous vegetation, degraded sclerophyllous woodland, secondary grasslands and pastures, rupicolous forest, moist semi-deciduous rainforest, *Pandanus* thicket, swamps, secondary forests and thickets.

**Particularity:** existence of sacred areas for Bara where cultural rites are performed, burial sites.

### PRESSURES AND THREATS



Fires, selective forest trees cutting for households, charcoal and ritual purposes, collection of products.



### ECONOMIC VALUE

Isalo National Park is characterised by its ruiniform landscapes and large canyons. This is the main **tourist attraction** of this national park.

The park is **MNP significant income supplier thanks to ecotourism.**

**38,268 inhabitants** are directly benefiting from the ecosystem services provided by the protected area.



### LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

Like all protected areas managed by MNP, Isalo National Park is managed in a **collaborative** way with the participation of members of local communities in conservation and development activities. They are brought together in **CLPs (Local Park Committees) and COSAPs (Protected Areas Steering and Support Committees).**



### FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM's support for Isalo National Park has started in **2019 for salary costs and some operating costs.**

**The conservation status** of the National Park's conservation targets remains **stable**, particularly for natural habitats.



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