



SAHAMALAZA NATIONAL PARK – RADAMA ISLANDS



Category: Sahamalaza National Park – Radama Islands, Category II

Manager: Madagascar National Parks (MNP)

Area: 26,035 ha

Geolocation: Province of Mahajanga; Region of Sofia; Districts Ambanja and Analalava

International label: Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) site, Biosphere Reserve, Important Bird Area (IBA), RAMSAR site: Sahamalaza humid areas, Key Biodiversity Area (KBA)

Start of FAPBM financings: 2019

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

Sahamalaza National Park was Madagascar’s first marine and coastal park created within the framework of the SAPM.

The park belongs to the Northern marine and coastal ecoregion including 3 large ecosystems: **marine with coral reefs, dry semi-deciduous forests and mangroves.**

Five IUCN Red-List bird species are found in these natural habitats: *Haliaeetus vociferoides*, *Threskiornis bernieri*, *Ardea humbloti*, *Ardeola idae* and the *Lophotibis cristata*.



5

SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS



11

SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

among which **2** local endemics, **1** being classified as critically endangered and **1** as endangered ; **1** is also classified as endangered



+220

WOODY SPECIES

including **1** species endemic to Madagascar classified as endangered and **2** others classified as vulnerable (including **1** belonging to the endemic family of the *Sarcolaenaceae*)



6

SPECIES OF BATS

among which **2** classified as vulnerable, including the Madagascar flying fox



7

SPECIES OF LEMURS

among which **2** classified as critically endangered, **2** nocturnal lemurs classified endangered (including the Aye-aye) and **3** classified as vulnerable



36

SPECIES OF REPTILES

including **1** local endemic classified as critically endangered, **1** chameleon species (of the *Brookesia* genus) classified as endangered and **5** other reptile species classified as vulnerable

Ardea humbloti

*2020 data



PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Moist semi-deciduous forest (transition between the dry deciduous forest and the moist evergreen forest of the Sambirano domain), rupicolous forest, raffia swamp forest, mangrove, dry littoral thicket, secondary forest, secondary thicket, secondary grassland, coral reef and seagrass areas.

Particularity: Presence of sacred places subject to taboos « fady », within and around the PA. According to local traditions, it is prohibited to exploit marine and forest resources in certain places.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Uncontrolled fires, clearing for agricultural expansion, land occupation by villages extension, mangrove timber logging.



ECONOMIC VALUE

The park is a **water tower for rice growing on the vast plains of this region of Sofia.**

The presence of **fisheries resources** such as crabs, fish, shrimp, holothurians, etc. is a potential source of income for the population in addition to consumption.

Opportunity to generate additional income through ecotourism.

103,963
inhabitants

are directly benefiting from the ecosystem services provided by the protected area.



FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

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

The biggest threat to the natural resources of this national park is land clearing for agriculture and fires. **The conservation status of natural habitats is quite fragile** on account of these pressures.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

Like all protected areas managed by MNP, the management of Sahamalaza National Park is a **collaborative co-management** with the participation 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).**



Haliaeetus vociferoides



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