



AMBATOVAKY SPECIAL RESERVE

Category: Ambatovaky special reserve, Category IV

Manager: Madagascar National Parks (MNP)

Area: 78,139 ha

Geolocation: Province of Toamasina; Region of Analanjirofo; District of Soanierana Ivongo

International label: Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Important Bird Area (IBA)

Start of FAPBM financings: 2014

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

Ambatovaky Special Reserve is characterized by natural vegetation made up of **lowland and medium altitude moist evergreen forests**. It ensures the biological connectivity between the Masoala National Park through Makira Natural Park, Mananara-Nord National Park and Zahamena National Park.

Ambatovaky Special Reserve is home to **31 species of mammals, including 11 species of lemurs, and 109 species of birds**. The herpetofauna is represented by **75 species (reptiles and amphibians)**.

The flora is represented by **49 species, 92% of which are endemic to Madagascar, and distributed in 31 Families**.



**109
SPECIES OF
BIRDS**

of which **4** are classified as endangered (among which the Madagascar serpent eagle or Firasabe) and **8** as vulnerable (among which the Madagascar Pratincole)



**5
SPECIES OF
CARNIVORANS**

of which **3** are classified as vulnerable, namely the Fossa and the Malagasy Civet



**49
SPECIES OF
PLANTS**
including: **44** endemic to Madagascar (**92%**): **2** palm species are classified as critically endangered, **3** as endangered and **5** other woody species as vulnerable ; **2** local endemics (**4%**), both of which are classified as critically endangered



**42
SPECIES OF
AMPHIBIANS**



**11
SPECIES OF
LEMURS**

of which **3** are classified as critically endangered (among which the *indri indri* or the “Babakoto”), **1** as endangered (the nocturnal lemur Aye-aye) and **6** as vulnerable



**33
SPECIES OF
REPTILES**
including **1** chameleon species classified as vulnerable



**15
SPECIES
OF OTHER
MAMMALS**
of which **1** is classified as vulnerable

PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Lowland moist evergreen forest, medium altitude moist evergreen forest, low shrubby thickets, rupicolous vegetation, secondary forests and thickets.

Particularity: existence of several sacred sites where different rituals are performed.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Clearing and slash-and-burn agriculture, mining and cash crops, selective logging, collection of non-timber forest products, animal trapping, lack of law enforcement, human demographics, land acquisition issues.



ECONOMIC VALUE

Many rivers take their sources in Ambatovaky Reserve which is a real water tower for all the surrounding area.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

Like all protected areas managed by MNP, Ambatovaky Special Reserve management is a **collaborative co-management** with the participation of local community members in conservation and development activities. They are brought together in **CLPs (Local Park Committees)** and **COSAPs (Protected Areas Steering and Support Committees)**.

29,489 inhabitants are directly benefiting from the ecosystem services provided by the protected area.



FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM's support for Ambatovaky Reserve started in 2014. For protected areas managed by MNP, FAPBM ensures **the salary costs and some operating costs security**.



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