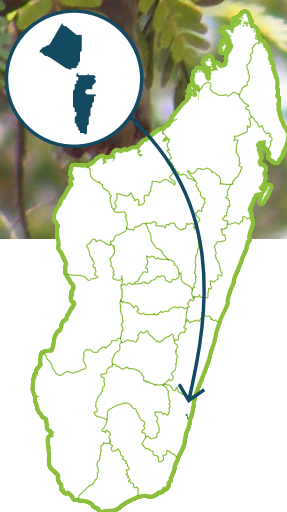




# MANOMBO SPECIAL RESERVE



**Category:** Manombo Special Reserve, Category IV

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

**Area:** 5,320 ha

**Geolocation:** Province of Fianarantsoa; Region of Atsimo Atsinanana; District of Farafangana

**International label:** Key Biodiversity Area (KBA)

**Start of FAPBM financings:** 2014


## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

Vegetation consists mainly of **lowland moist evergreen forests**. There are **7 species of lemurs**, including the *Eulemur cinereiceps*, which is endemic to this region, up to the Agnalazaha Reserve.

**72 birds species** have been listed, the most emblematic of which are the *Leptosomus discolor* and the **Madagascar Rail (*Rallus madagascariensis*)**. Manombo Reserve is also known for its richness in snail species. There are **52 species of snails**, most of which are endemic.




**2**  
**SPECIES OF BATS**  
including **1** classified as vulnerable, namely the Madagascar flying fox



**27**  
**SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS**  
including **2** classified as critically endangered and **3** as vulnerable



**404**  
**SPECIES OF PLANTS**  
including: **288** endemic to Madagascar (**74%**): **4** species of palms are classified as critically endangered, **6** other species of flora (including **3** palms) are endangered and **2** vulnerable / **11** local endemic (**3%**), of which **6** species (including **4** palm trees) are classified as critically endangered / **1** non-endemic species from Madagascar classified as critically endangered



**7**  
**SPECIES OF LEMURS**  
including **2** local endemics, of which **1** is classified as critically endangered and the other one vulnerable; **2** other species are also critically endangered, **1** species is classified as endangered, namely the nocturnal lemur Aye-aye and **1** vulnerable species




**16**  
**SPECIES OF REPTILES**  
including **1** chameleon species classified as vulnerable



**6**  
**SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS**



**72**  
**SPECIES OF BIRDS**  
including **1** classified as vulnerable (the Madagascar Rail)



**4**  
**SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS**  
including **2** classified as vulnerable, namely the fossa and the Malagasy civet

Fossa

\*2020 data



## PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

### LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Lowland moist evergreen forest, littoral forest (one of the last vestiges in Madagascar), herbaceous marshes, swamp forest, moist secondary forests and thickets, bamboo thickets, secondary grasslands.

### PRESSURES AND THREATS



Uncontrolled fires, collection of secondary forest products for consumption or sale, logging for construction and commercial purposes, hunting, expansion of hamlets and small villages close to the forest, invasive species.



### ECONOMIC VALUE

The protected area serves as a **water cycle regulator; rivers flowing through the forest feed 300 ha of rice fields**. The protected area also provides **water supply to the town of Farafangana**.



### LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

Like with all protected areas managed by MNP, Manombo Special Reserve management is a **collaborative co-management** type 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)**.



### FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM's support for Manombo Special Reserve started **in 2014 for salary costs and some operating costs**.

Although the **conservation status of the Special Reserve** in general is still unstable, it has improved over the latest years, since 2017. The most important form of current pressure on the reserve's natural resources is the colonization of invasive plants within the protected area



Microcebus

Varecia variegata



Created in 2005, the **Foundation for the Protected Areas and Biodiversity of Madagascar (FAPBM)** is a Malagasy trust fund dedicated to the conservation of Madagascar's biodiversity. It is an innovative and sustainable financing mechanism for Madagascar's Protected Areas System (SAPM).