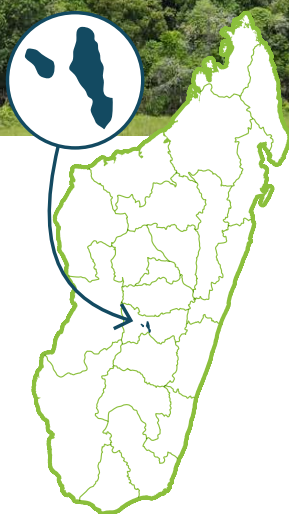




THE HARMONIOUS LANDSCAPE OF THE ITREMO MASSIF



Category: Protected harmonious landscape of the Itremo Massif, Category V

Manager: Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (RBG-Kew)

Area: 24,788 ha

Geolocation: Province of Fianarantsoa; Region of Amoron'i Mania; District of Ambatofinandrahana

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

Start of FAPBM financings: 2015

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Itremo Massif is made up of **rocky substrates, wooded savannas with open canopy tapia forests and gallery forests.**

There are currently more **than 550 species of plants, 59 species of birds, 17 species of amphibians and 14 species of reptiles.**



17

SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS
including **1** classified as endangered



2

SPECIES OF LEMURS
including **1** classified as critically endangered (the "sifaka" or jumping lemur)



2

SPECIES OF BATS



59

SPECIES OF BIRDS
of which **4** are classified as endangered (including the Madagascar grebe) and **2** vulnerable



549

SPECIES OF PLANTS
including : **419** endemic to Madagascar (**78%**) among which **1** classified as critically endangered, **3** endangered and **4** vulnerable; **14** local endemics (**3%**) of which **5** are classified as critically endangered, **3** endangered and **1** vulnerable



14

SPECIES OF REPTILES
including **1** local endemic gecko species; **2** species classified as endangered and **1** vulnerable



1

SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS



11

SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS



PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Sclerophyllous woodland, tapia forest, secondary grasslands, rupicolous vegetation, fragment of medium altitude moist evergreen forest, swamps and bogs, marshes, caves.

Particularity: existence of two sites used as «joro» sacred places.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Fires for renewal of cattle pasture and land-clearing for cultivation, charcoal making, collection of wild plants and animals for local and international trade, hunting, pine tree encroachment.



ECONOMIC VALUE

Source of the rivers that irrigate the rice fields in all the lowlands around the Ambatofinandrahana area.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

Local communities are represented in the **COGE (management committee)** and the **COE (orientation and evaluation committee)** which are decision-making bodies for all activities to be carried out for the conservation of the protected area and local development.

15,685 inhabitants are directly benefiting from the ecosystem services provided by the protected area.



FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM support for the management of the Itremo Massif began **in 2015**. The total amount of grants to date is **MGA 886,559,890**.

It should be noted that RBG Kew has also benefited from **Helmsley funds managed by FAPBM in 2 phases (2015 and 2017)**.

The activities implemented through these funds are **conservation activities (patrolling and surveillance, ecological monitoring, ecological restoration, conservation infrastructure, ...), development support (wild silk industry, agriculture, support for the development of local tourism ...), IEC and payroll and operating costs**.

Despite persistent pressures such as fires and mining, **the conservation state of the Itremo Massif natural habitats is stable**.

The economic benefits of development activities are not yet felt at the level of the local populations.



Orchidees cynorkis flexuosa



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).