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Dear partners and friends of the FAPBM,

The Foundation is pleased to introduce the first edition of its periodic Newsletter.

In line with our mission and in consideration of the constant threats weighing on our country's unique biodiversity, we hope that this monthly newsletter will mobilize you to join forces with the FAPBM to preserve Madagascar's natural capital. By giving you a regular overview of the activities we carry out in this direction, we hope to inspire you with ideas and/or possible paths of collaboration in order to better move forward together.

Together, let's carry Life on!



Alain Liva Raharijaona
Executive Director of the FAPBM

The FAPBM celebrates its 15th anniversary

The year 2020 marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Foundation and our strongest commitment to preserve Madagascar's unique biodiversity that thrives in the heart of protected areas.

Throughout this year, a series of events will take place to better mobilize the general public of Madagascar and all stakeholders around the challenges of conserving the island's natural capital. Being aware of the role and value of biodiversity and protected areas by all is, indeed, essential to take up the challenge of their preservation.

More than 8 billion Ar of funding for 36 protected areas by 2020

The financial subsidies allocated by the FAPBM for 2020 is 8,180,824,231 MGA for 36 protected areas:

Funding from capital income is 7,780,411,731 MGA for 30 protected areas spread throughout Madagascar. The signature of the related conventions between the Foundation and the managers of protected areas was held on December 13, 2019 at the Hotel Colbert.

A further 5 protected areas are financed from the KfW sinking fund. The thirty-sixth protected area is supported by the offset fund of Qit Minerals Madagascar. In complement to this, the Foundation reserves the Special Intervention Fund to enable the protected areas to respond to specific threats that endanger their ecological integrity.

All categories of protected areas of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (I, II, III, IV, V and VI) are represented in the pool of protected areas financially supported by the Foundation.

In a further effort to ensure that its funding has a positive impact on biodiversity, on protected area conservation and on human well-being, the FAPBM is also committed to ensuring that the funding it provides has a positive impact on biodiversity, protected area conservation and human well-being. It therefore prioritizes grants for the following activities:

(i) biodiversity conservation through security and conservation activities and recurrent costs related to the functioning of the protected area management unit, (ii) human well-being, through the implementation of income-generating activities, (iii) activities enabling protected areas to increase their own resources.

The 36 PAs
funded in
2020



Focus on Protected Area of Antrema

Antrema (managed by the National Museum of Natural History) has made significant achievements in involving local communities, finding partners and implementing activities related to the financial sustainability of the protected area:

1- The local community around the site is actively involved in the conservation of the protected area. This community participates, free of charge, to the reforestation activities of the site;



2- The protected area of Antrema receives the support of new partners, such as the Yves Rocher Foundation;

3- The protected area sets up and structures activities related to ecotourism in order to generate its own sources of income to finance its conservation.

Since 2019, Antrema thus has trails, signboards and camping areas for tourists.

The FAPBM manages a first offset fund

The FAPBM manages the Qit Minerals Madagascar offset fund. This type of fund is an innovative financing mechanism aimed at achieving measurable results in terms of nature conservation to compensate for the negative residual impacts of investment projects. In the case of Qit Minerals Madagascar (QMM), the ecological compensation measure has been voluntary.

Madagascar is one of the first African countries to promote the establishment of offset sites. In this sense, the FAPBM is a stakeholder in the COMBO project (conservation, impact minimization and biodiversity compensation) initiated by the Wildlife Conservation Society and financed by the Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial (FFEM) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). This project promotes the development of the offset mechanism in its 4 countries of intervention (Madagascar, Guinea, Mozambique and Uganda).

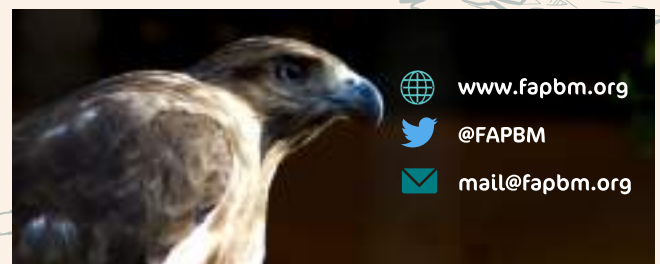
The QMM compensation fund is earmarked for the conservation of the new Agnalazaha Protected Area (NPA), managed by the Missouri Botanical Garden. This NAP covers 2,747 hectares at an altitude of less than 50 meters in the rural commune of Mahabo-Mananivo, 55 km from Farafangana.

Signature of a grant agreement between the FAPBM and GEF 6 - WWF US

Last December, the Foundation signed a grant agreement with WWF US - which is an accredited agency of the Global Environmental Fund (GEF). This agreement relates to the financial management of the fund for the project of extension and consolidation of a network of marine protected areas by the FAPBM.

More details on this project will be reported in the next edition of the Foundation's newsletter.

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