

# NEWSLETTER

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## IMPACTS

### Resumption of monitoring-evaluation missions

A monitoring and evaluation mission was carried out from October 20th to 27th in the Newly Protected Areas (NPA) of Maromizaha and Analalava (Eastern Region) by a delegation from the FAPBM's Board of Trustees and Executive Management. This mission allowed to observe in situ the general state of conservation of these NPA, well known to be "zero pressure" PA. For the past 2 or 3 years, despite an increase in fire spots in Madagascar, the managers, together with the local community, have succeeded in preserving these PA.

### Maromizaha



Funded by the FAPBM since 2015, the Maromizaha site is managed by GERP. Results and changes obtained are very encouraging. Since 2018, no pressure (clearings, tree felling, fires, ...) has damaged its hard core. This year, its surface area has even been expanded, by

including a parcel of intact forest in the south of the NPA..

During that mission, the FAPBM delegation discussed with NPA's managers and local community. They acknowledged the involvement of the local community in conservation and development activities (patrols, ecological monitoring, tourist guidance...).

More importantly, the Anevoka tour highlight the site's unique biodiversity as well as its ecotouristic potential. Not far from Andasibe and Mantadia, Maromizaha can benefit from the attendance of this latter. The NPA would much better succeed by increasing its visibility and professionalizing its ecotourism activities.

At the last part of the mission, they visited crop fields and honey farms, and recommended that GERP conduct studies related to the commercialization of these products.

### Analalava

The main objective of the monitoring-evaluation mission to the Analalava NAP was basically to observe in situ the state of conservation of the PA and accompany MBG in the processing of its activity reports for the FAPBM. Delegates could also discuss with some members of the Velon'ala platform, co-manager of the NPA with MBG.



Their participation in operations management is effective in several areas, such as patrols, ecological monitoring, firewall, maintenance work, and income-generating activities,... The members of the FAPBM Board of Trustees provided an explanation about the new perspectives on development activities. The members of the FAPBM Board of Trustees provided an explanation on the new perspectives on development activities.

The visit of some development activities financed by the FAPBM closed the mission in Analalava. The results are genuine and the economic repercussions on the daily lives of the beneficiaries are undeniable. However, all these activities are on a small scale and their organization into value chains requires in-depth studies to be more sustainable.

### FAPBM participation in the national workshop on reconciling sustainable management of protected areas and poverty alleviation



Alongside MEDD (Madagascar's Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development), the FAPBM contributed to the national workshop on "reconciling the sustainable management of protected areas with poverty alleviation" held on October 8th and 9th. This research project was run by the University of Antananarivo ESSA-Foret's Applied Research Laboratory with the University of Bangor to clarify good practices and new approaches to social protection in PAs.

This workshop was articulated around 2 panels: (i) Challenges of PAs in terms of social safeguard, poverty alleviation and sustainable development: who, what and how? ; (ii) Obligations of protected areas in terms of social safeguard, poverty alleviation and sustainable development: what, how and who? ". Our Grants Officer Mr. Ranto

Herilahatra intervened on this second discussion.

*"We now understand that if we take care of communities, they will take care of nature. It is time to act, we owe a lot to the hundreds of people who live in and around protected areas,"* said FAPBM Executive Director Alain Liva Raharijaona in his opening remarks. This speech not only underscores the foundation's commitment to inclusive conservation of local communities, but more importantly outlines the demands expected of the managers of the PA we support. For more information: : <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=629747504337897>

**PHOTO CONTEST "SOKAKE " the radiated scales of a radiated turtle**

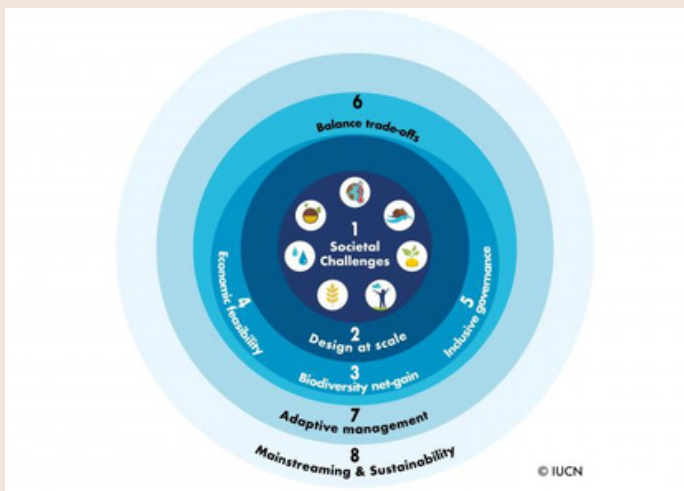


For the 10th anniversary of the Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) Madagascar, the NGO is organizing a photo contest "SOKAKE" on radiated turtles, in partnership with the FAPBM. The contest

aims to raise public awareness on the natural and exceptional radiated turtle beauty. The scales of the radiated turtles, like fingerprints, are specific to each animal. This contest is intended to immortalize the beauty of these reptiles' shell patterns in pictures. The winners will enjoy an all-inclusive stay at Berenty Lodge and Andasibe. The FAPBM's support for this contest is part of its commitment to the promotion and conservation of biodiversity in Madagascar.

**GOVERNANCE**

**FAPBM commits to the new IUCN global Standards on Nature-based Solutions (NFS)**



Tree planting, green infrastructure, sustainable agriculture and aquaculture are all Nature-Based Solutions (NBS), sustainable alternatives in the face of global challenges such as climate change or biodiversity loss, but what about their effectiveness? The updated IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) framework on NBS will enable the FAPBM to assess the management effectiveness of supported protected areas based on their impact on society and FAPBM to assess the management effectiveness of supported

PA based on their impact on society and biodiversity.

The new IUCN Standard on NFS as a response to societal challenges provides a rigorous, consistent and accountable framework centered on 8 criteria.

Since August 2020, the FAPBM has been striving to update its evaluation tools in line with these indicators, while at the same time proposing them as a reference for the design and implementation of NFS to its partner managers.

For more information: <https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2020-020-Fr.pdf>

**INTERNATIONAL NETWORK**

**FAPBM at the Redlac-CAFE Virtual Congress**

Invited by the Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA) to speak during the launch of the updated version of the "Practical Standards for Trust Funds Engaged in Conservation", the monitoring-evaluation officer, Mr. Serge Ratsirahonana, presented the FAPBM during the virtual congress RedLac ( Environmental Funds Network of Latin America and the Caribbean) and CAFE (Consortium of African Funds for the Environment) last October 8th. After a brief history of the FAPBM, his intervention outlined the range of funds managed, the key figures of the Foundation, and the multiple policies underway. Serge emphasized the support of our founders in the process of bringing the Foundation up to standard.

These standards of practice worked by the CFA seek to structure the operation of a Conservation Trust Fund (CTF). They aim at both effective and efficient management of CTFs and an increase in donor support. This updated standard addresses several areas: governance, institutional effectiveness, planning, administration, asset management, resource mobilization, and safeguarding and risk management. Revised from the 2014 version, the criteria for communications, human resources, monitoring and evaluation, and technology have been added.

The RedLAC-CAFE Virtual Conference explored new opportunities for the post-2020 agenda. Questions on the future of trust funds, fundraising priorities, social and environmental safeguards, private sector commitments, and sustainable investments were explored. Cultural exchange and networking opportunities were also included on the program's agenda.

For more information: <https://www.conservationfinancealliance.org/ctf-practice-standards-feedback?rq=standards>