

Category: Protected harmonious

Landscape, Category V

Manager: Development and Environmental Law Center (DELC)

Area: 71,943 ha

Geolocation: Province of Mahajanga;

Region of Boeny; Districts of

Mahajanga II, Mitsinjo, and Marovoay

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

Start of FAPBM grants: 2023



FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Belemboka-Bombetoka protected area (PA) is dominated by the **mangrove ecosystem**, which develops on about twenty islets as well as on the West and East banks of the bay. Its flora includes typical elements of the Dense dry forest, as well as species and habitats of freshwater and mangrove. In terms of fauna, the PA has **global importance** for birds.



SPECIES OF BIRDS

including **2** endangered and **1** vulnerable



SEVERAL SPECIES OF REPTILES



SPECIES OF PLANTS

including **16** endemic to Madagascar, of which **5** are endangered



SPECIES OF LEMURS

including **2** critically endangered (e.g. Crowned lemur), **1** endangered and **2** vulnerable



PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Mangrove, dense dry forest, xerophilous thicket, marshy formations, secondary grasslands and pastures.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Deforestation (illegal logging, lime production, charcoal production on mangroves, unsustainable use of mangrove by local communities), and overfishing.

ECONOMIC VALUE

The Avicennia marina species has the particularity of sheltering silkworms, which constitute an important source of income for the population.



FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM's funding to the NPA of Bombetoka Belemboka began as a relay financing of the GEF6 CI project. The granted funding ensures the implementation of conservation activities (patrolling and monitoring, ecological monitoring and restoration, etc.), support of local communities and management structures, and covers part of the salary and operating expenses of the management unit.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES **INITIATIVES**

A shared governance has been adopted for the sustainable management of the natural resources of the PA. DELC, as well as a community representative organization, are co-managers of the New Protected Area (NPA). Communities also participate in conservation activities such as patrols and ecological monitoring.











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