

HARMONIOUS PROTECTED LANDSCAPE OF ANDRAFIAMENA ANDAVAKOERA



Harmonious Protected Landscape. Category V

Manager:

Fanamby Association

Area:

73.319 ha

Geolocation:

Province of Antsiranana; Region of Diana: Districts of Antsiranana II and Ambilobe

International label:

Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Important Bird Area (IBA), Priority Area for Plant Conservation (PAPC)

NAMING

The name of the Protected Area is a combination of the names of the Andrafiamena chain and the Andavakoera mountain around which the landscape is formed. The classified forest of Andavakoera set up in 1967 is part of this landscape.

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Andrafiamena-Andavakoera complex is one of the rare areas in the north of Madagascar where one meets various types of plant formation at the same time going from subhumid forests along the slopes on sandstone soil, to dry forests on karst, the «Tsingy». This diversity of habitat also leads to a great wealth of biodiversity. The natural forests of the Andrafiamena range constitute the exclusive habitat of the lemur species: Propithecus perrieri.



SPECIES

including 2 vulnerable





SPECIES OF BATS including

1 vulnerable



SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS

1 of which is vulnerable, namely the Fosa



SPECIES OF

PLANTS

including 150 endemic to Madagascar among which 4 are endangered and 5 vulnerable; 3 local endemic species among which 1 is critically endangered



SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

including **1** endangered



SPECIES OF LEMURS

including 1 critically endangered, 7 endangered (e.g. the nocturnal lemur Aye-aye, the crowned lemur) including 1 local endemic, 1 vulnerable



SPECIES OF REPTILES

of which 5 are vulnerable. including 1 species of chameleon



SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS

PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Subhumid forests along the slopes on sandstone soil, to dry forests on karst, the «Tsingy».

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Slash -and-burn agriculture («tetik'ala»), mining (gold and sapphire), bushfires related to grazing and livestock transhumance, illegal selective logging of

rosewood, ebony and other hardwoods, collection of secondary forest products, hunting, human population growth, charcoal production, invasive species.

ECONOMIC VALUE

Provides an additional income opportunity for households through tourism.



21,459 inhabitants are directly benefiting from the ecosystem services provided by the protected area.

FAPBM'S EFFORTS

Financial support from FAPBM to the Harmonious Protected Landscape of Andrafiamena Andavakoera began in 2022. This funding ensures the implementation of conservation activities (patrols and surveillance, ecological monitoring, IEC, etc.), support to communities and local management structures, and covers part of the salary and operating costs of the management unit.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES **INITIATIVES**

The governance of the New Protected Area (NPA) is of the **co-management** type with the local communities. They play an important role in the governance of the NPA as basic operational structures at the fokontany level and are represented by the KMT or «Komity Miaro ny Tontolo iainana» and the various local associations. These KMTs are local monitoring and surveillance committees, and are responsible for the main security activities of the NPA. In order to carry out their role, they receive periodic training and equipment.



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