



SPECIAL RESERVE OF PIC D'IVOHIBE



Category:

Special Reserve, category IV

Manager:

Madagascar National Parks (MNP)

Area:

3,453 ha

Geolocation:

Province of Fianarantsoa;
Region of Ihorombe; District of Ivohibe

International label:

Key Biodiversity Area (KBA)

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Ivohibe massif is a southern part of the Andringitra chain. The Reserve belongs to the ecoregion of the center and the ecoregion of the east. It is representative of the lowland and medium altitude moist evergreen forests. The flora that we find there includes typical elements of the dense moist evergreen forest, as well as species restricted to the high plateaus of the Southeast and local endemics. As for the fauna, the reserve shelters a great biological richness even if no locally endemic species have been recorded there: 8 species of lemurs whose distribution is relatively restricted to the South-East (e.g.: *Propithecus edwardsi*, *Avahi peyrierasi*).



6

SPECIES OF BATS
including
2 vulnerable



119

SPECIES OF BIRDS

3 of which are endangered (e.g., the Madagascar harrier) and 5 vulnerable (e.g., the common falcon, the one-color mestizo)



30

SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS



8

SPECIES OF LEMURS

2 of which are endangered and 6 vulnerable (e.g., the great cheirogale, the red-bellied lemur)



4

SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS

including
2 vulnerable



32

SPECIES OF REPTILES

including 1 critically endangered, 1 endangered and 4 vulnerable



379

SPECIES OF PLANTS

including 276 endemic to Madagascar, including 4 endangered and 1 vulnerable species; 10 local endemics including 1 endangered



25

SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS

PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Lowland rainforest, mid-elevation rainforest, rock vegetation, mountain ericaceous thicket, secondary thickets, secondary grasslands and pastures.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Clearing, fire, hunting, selective logging, collection of secondary forest products.

PARTICULARITY



The reserve shelters historical and cultural sites related to the history of the Bara ethnic group in the region, among others: the hill of Vohintsoa where the Bara king was enthroned ; several rock shelters still contain remains of pottery and ancient tools that indicate human traces during the wars between the different ethnic groups.



ECONOMIC VALUE

The strategic role of the Special Reserve of Ivohibe Peak rests on its characters working as an **area of condensation and water catchment** but depending on the forest massif of the region which assures the protection against the advanced deforestation level.



FAPBM'S EFFORTS

Financial support from FAPBM to the Special Reserve of Pic d'Ivohibe started in **2021**. For protected areas managed by MNP, this funding **covers the salary and part of the management unit's operating costs**.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES

Like all protected areas managed by MNP, the Andringitra - Pic d'Ivohibe management is of a **collaborative co-management** with the participation of local community members in **conservation and development activities**. They are grouped in the CLPs (Local Park Committees) and the COSAPs (Committee of Steering and Support of the Protected Areas).

2,400 inhabitants are directly benefiting from the ecosystem services provided by the protected area.



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