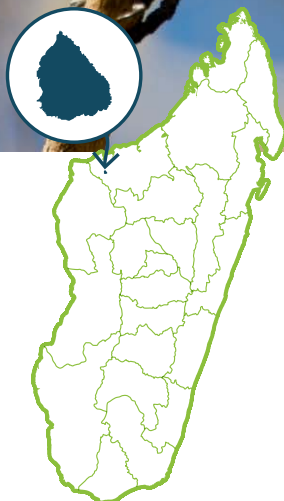




# NATIONAL PARK OF NAMOROKA



## Category:

National Park, Category II

## Manager:

Madagascar National Parks (MNP)

## Area:

22,227 ha

## Geolocation:

Province of Mahajanga; Region of Boeny; District of Soalala

## International label:

Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Important Bird Area (IBA), Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) site

## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The National Park of Namoroka is constituted by a massif of lapiezed limestones or «Tsingy» essentially forested in its northern half, and by a landscape of **meadows and secondary pastures in the southern half**. The floristic species that are met there are known to have morphological characteristics of particular adaptation. From the fauna point of view, the park shelters an important **fauna of bats**, with the highest specific diversity among all the protected areas, thanks to the presence of numerous caves.



**102**  
SPECIES  
OF BIRDS

3 of which are endangered (e.g. the *Madagascar grebe*) and 2 of which are vulnerable (e.g. the common falcon)



**SPECIES  
OF LEMURS**

2 of which are critically endangered (e.g., von der Decken's sifaka), 2 endangered (e.g., the aye-aye nocturnal lemur) and 3 vulnerable (e.g., the northern giant microcebe)



**544**  
SPECIES  
OF PLANTS

including 364 endemic to Madagascar, of which 2 are endangered and 4 vulnerable; 15 local endemics among which 3 are critically endangered and 3 endangered



**21**  
SPECIES  
OF BATS

including 3 vulnerable species (e.g. the Madagascar flying fox)



**6**  
SPECIES OF  
AMPHIBIANS



**31**  
SPECIES  
OF REPTILES  
including 1 critically  
endangered,  
1 endangered and  
1 vulnerable



**10**  
SPECIES  
OF OTHER  
MAMMALS



**2**  
SPECIES OF  
CARNIVORANS  
including  
1 vulnerable  
(the Fosa)

The Protected Area is home to several places of importance to the local Sakalava ethnic group. These include the sacred sites («Doany» in Malagasy) of Namoroka and Namahota; several sites where annual ceremonies («Joro» or «Fangatahana joro» in Malagasy) of oaths, offerings, or requests for blessings (wishes for health, rain, and protection of the village) are performed, notably along the Mandevy River, along the Andriabe River, and at Antaboaka Kapiloza, a sacred site with hot springs. The Namoroka massif also contains many caves with ancient burial sites.

## PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

### LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Tsingy, dense dry forest on limestone plateau, dense semi-deciduous forest, swamp forest, rock forest, secondary meadows and pastures.

### PRESSURES AND THREATS



Bush fires associated with the traditional practice of cattle rearing, illegal logging.



### ECONOMIC VALUE

The park constitutes a **water reservoir** that feeds the Kapiloza and Mandevy rivers, which provide water to the plains that enter the three existing communes in Soalala District (Soalala, Andranomavo and Ambohipaky) and discharge into the Mozambique Channel. The disappearance of the Park would deprive the District of Soalala of its **hydrographic network**: this would make it arid and without economic interest.

**8,687**  
**inhabitants**  
are directly  
benefiting from  
the ecosystem  
services provided  
by the protected  
area.

management of the Baie de Baly - Namoroka Management unit is 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 COSAPs ( Protected Areas for Steering and Support Committees).









### FAPBM'S EFFORTS

Financial support from FAPBM to the National Park of Namoroka started in **2021**. For protected areas managed by MNP, this funding **covers the salary and part of the management unit's of operating costs**.



### LOCAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES

Like all protected areas managed by MNP, the

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Created in 2005, the **Madagascar Protected Areas and Biodiversity Fund (FAPBM)** is a Malagasy **trust fund dedicated to the conservation of Madagascar's biodiversity**. It is an innovative and sustainable financing mechanism for Madagascar's Protected Areas System (SAPM).