



# NATURAL RESOURCE RESERVE OF ANKENIHENY-ZAHAMENA CORRIDOR (CAZ)

**Category:** Natural resource reserve, Category VI

**Manager:** Conservation International (CI)

**Area:** 369,266 ha

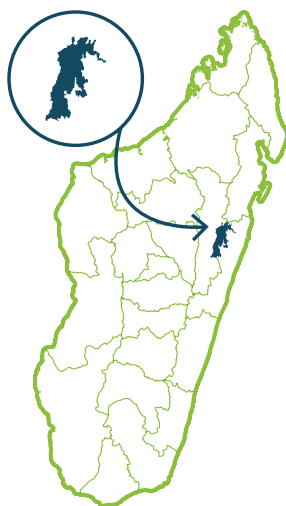
**Geolocation:** Province of Toamasina; Regions of Alaotra-Mangoro and Atsinanana; Districts of Moramanga, Ambatondrazaka; Brickaville, Toamasina II, and Vatomandry

**International label:** Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Important Bird Area (IBA), Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE), Important Plant Area,

**Start of FAPBM grants:** 2023

## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Ankeniheny-Zahamena Corridor (CAZ) represents a large part of the remnants of the **moist evergreen forest, especially those at mid-altitude**. The flora found there includes typical elements of this habitat type but also endemic species in the East, including many **orchid species and numerous palms**. **The site also has a great wealth of fauna**. This corridor also has remarkable natural characteristics such as waterfalls, thermal springs, or landscapes of great tourist value.



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### SPECIES OF BIRDS

including **4** endangered (e.g., Madagascar grebe), **6** vulnerable (e.g., Madagascar rail, Madagascar scops owl)



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### SPECIES OF LEMURS

including **4** critically endangered (e.g., *Indri indri*, *lemur vari*), **2** endangered (e.g., Aye-aye nocturnal lemur), **6** vulnerable (e.g., red-bellied lemur)



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### SPECIES OF BATS

including **2** vulnerable (e.g., Madagascar flying fox)



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### SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

including **1** critically endangered, **2** endangered, **3** vulnerable



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### SPECIES OF PLANTS

including **750** endemic to Madagascar, **1** critically endangered, **3** palm species endangered, **1** vulnerable and **3** local endemic, including **1** critically endangered and **1** endangered



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### SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS

including **3** vulnerable (e.g., fossa, Malagasy civet)



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### SPECIES OF REPTILES

including **3** endangered, **1** vulnerable chameleon species



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### SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS

including **2** endangered, **1** vulnerable



The Ankeniheny-Zahamena Corridor is located in the heart of the landscape framed by Protected Areas (PAs) managed by MNP, which are: Zahamena National Park, Mangerivola Special Reserve, Betampona Strict Nature Reserve, and Analamazaotra-Mantadia National Parks. The New Protected Area (NPA) thus contributes to the connection of these PAs and the promotion of habitat and ecosystem continuity of the Eastern Ecoregion.

## PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

### LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Dense moistevergreen forest of low and mid-altitude, fragments of primary forests, grasslands and secondary pastures, mosaic of culture, rocky vegetation.

### PRESSURES AND THREATS



Slash-and-burn agriculture or «tavy,» uncontrolled logging and mining in natural forests, migration in search of income opportunities.



### ECONOMIC VALUE

The PA ensures the protection and water supply of the hydrographic networks that drain the large valleys of Alaotra and the surrounding plains of Toamasina.



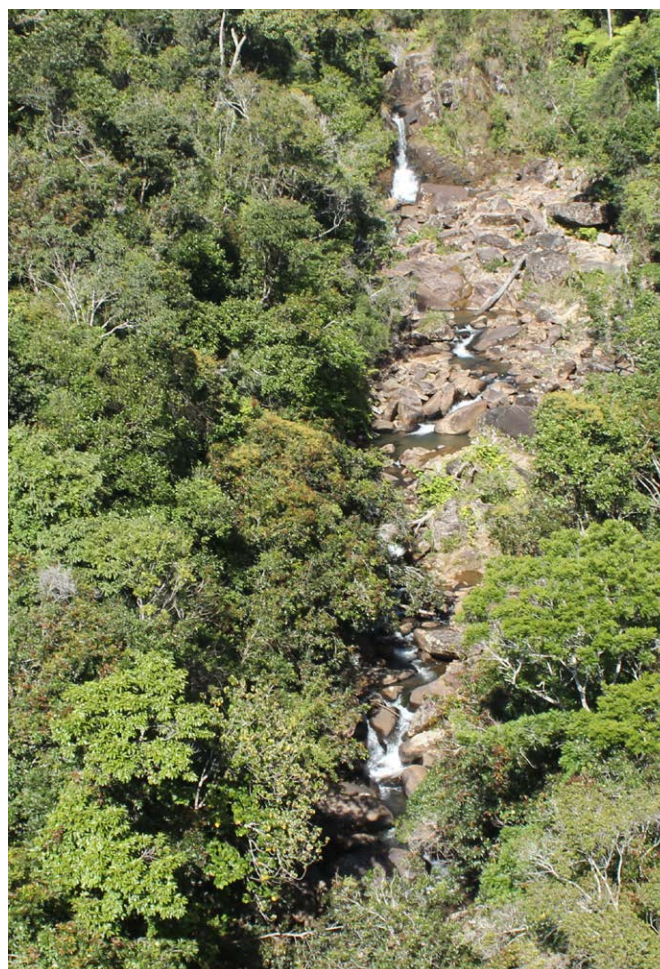
### LOCAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES

The governance adopted for the PA is shared or co-management in which local communities are represented. **Federations of locally-based communities (VOI) have been established at the level of different sectors of the PA for the management of natural resources.** These local communities benefit from capacity building so that they can fulfill their role in this management.






### FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS



FAPBM's funding ensures the implementation of **conservation activities** (patrolling and surveillance, ecological monitoring and restoration, etc.), **support of local communities and management structures, and covers a part of the salary and operating expenses of the management unit.**



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