



PROTECTED HARMONIOUS LANDSCAPE OF AMPASINDAVA

Category: Protected Harmonious Landscape, Category V

Manager: Association FAMELONA

Area: 91,790 hectares

Geolocation: Diégo-Suarez Province; DIANA Region; Ambanja District

International Labels: Key Biodiversity Area (KBA); Important Bird Area (IBA); Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE); Important Plant Area (IPA)

Start of FAPBM funding: 2024

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Protected Area located in the Ampasindava peninsula contains forest islands that persist amid secondary formations: the sacred Andranomatavy forest massif to the north and the Betsitsika forest massif to the west. In terms of vegetation type, these forest massifs are related to the low-altitude dense evergreen rainforest of the Sambirano phytogeographical domain. The site also features mangroves at the outlets of its main rivers. In terms of flora, Ampasindava is home to species of restricted distribution, some of which are known only from the site, such as *Lindernia natans* and *Procklopsis grandis*. As far as fauna is concerned, the PA is home to a fairly rich biodiversity, with threatened local endemic species such as the amphibian *Cophyla berara* and the reptile *Phelsuma vanheygeni*.



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SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

including **3** endangered species, one of which is a local endemic, and **2** vulnerable species



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SPECIES OF LEMURS

including **1** critically endangered species (Crowned Sifaka), **4** endangered species (e.g. Sambirano Microcebe) and **3** vulnerable species



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SPECIES OF BIRDS

including **1** critically endangered species (Ankoay or Madagascar eagle) and **2** endangered species (e.g. white crab heron)



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SPECIES OF BATS



365

SPECIES OF PLANTS

including: **243** species endemic to Madagascar, with at least **3** critically endangered, **4** endangered and **5** vulnerable species / **3** locally endemic species, including **2** critically endangered species



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SPECIES OF REPTILES

including **4** endangered species, including **1** locally endemic species and **2** vulnerable species



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SPECIES OF CARNIVORES

including **3** vulnerable species (e.g. fosa and Malagasy civet)



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SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS

PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Low-altitude evergreen rainforest of the Sambirano phytogeographical domain; low-altitude evergreen rainforest; secondary forest; mangroves; shrub thicket; secondary grassland and pastures

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Land clearing and slash-and-burn agriculture (tetik'ala); selective logging; mangrove logging, especially for charcoal-making; invasive species



ECONOMIC VALUE

The NPA of Ampasindava is a water source for the surrounding localities.

The NPA has huge ecotourism potential due to its geographical location: the NPA lies at the crossroads of tourist attractions in the northern part of Madagascar, notably the surrounding islands and islets, including Nosy-Be and Nosy Iranja, which are popular destinations where the tourism sector is currently booming.

Fishing is a key income-earner for coastal communities in the Ampasindava area.

The area also produces cash crops, particularly coffee, pepper, vanilla and cocoa. In addition to these typical cash crops, the coastal area of Ampasindava is characterised by coconut production.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

The governance approach for the Ampasindava NPA is participatory co-management. Local communities engage in the basic management structure through village associations and *Dina* committees, participation in patrols, monitoring and ecotourism-related activities (site restoration, promotion of local cultural practices, organisation of fund-raising events, etc.).



FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM's financial support to the New Protected Area (NPA) of Ampasindava began in 2024. The grant is intended for the implementation of conservation activities (patrols and surveillance, ecological monitoring, ecological restoration, maintenance of boundaries, etc.) and support to social safeguard activities and local management structures, as well as the promotion of ecotourism in the site. It also partially covers the salaries and operating costs of the management unit.



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