



PROTECTED HARMONIOUS LANDSCAPE OF BEMANEVIKA

Category: Protected Harmonious Landscape, Category V

Manager: TPF

Area: 35,605 hectares

Geolocation: Diégo Province; Sofia Region; Bealanana District

International Labels: Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) site, Ramsar site

Start of FAPBM funding: 2024

NAMING

The name Bemanevika literally means “many savannahs”, referring to the large expanse of savannah area in the heart of the PA.

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Bemanevika PA is characterized by the presence of a complex of ecosystems formed by blocks and fragments of **humid evergreen forests, large expanses of grassy savannahs, marshes and swamps, temporary and permanent lakes, as well as rivers and streams.** This mosaic of ecosystems is rich in animal and plant species typical of the ecoregion. The wetlands complex, which includes the Bemanevika PA, has been recognized as an Important Bird Area (IBA) in 1999. In addition to a significant bird population, the site is the only breeding ground for the endemic duck, *Aythya innotata* (CR) or Madagascar pochard. Three plant species found in Bemanevika have a restricted distribution.



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SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

including **1** endangered and **10** vulnerable species



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SPECIES OF LEMURS

including **1** endangered and **3** vulnerable species



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SPECIES OF CARNIVORES

including **1** vulnerable species (fosa)



3

SPECIES OF BATS



29

SPECIES OF REPTILES

including **2** critically endangered and **3** vulnerable species



126

SPECIES OF BIRDS

including **1** critically endangered (the Madagascar scaup or onjy), **6** endangered and **6** vulnerable species



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SPECIES OF PLANTS

including **5** of which are endemic to Madagascar, including **1** critically endangered species



SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS

including **1** endangered species



PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Dense lowland evergreen moist forest; semi-deciduous dense humid forest; lakes; swamps; meadows and secondary pastures

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Bush fires; clearing; selective logging; forest product harvesting; hunting; conversion of swamps



ECONOMIC VALUE

The NPA of Bemanevika is an important water reservoir for the surrounding watersheds, feeding the region's main watercourses, particularly the Sandrakota River and its three main tributaries (Morapitsaka, Ampatika and Ambongamarina), which are the main watercourses for the rural commune of Antananivo-Haut. The preservation of this water reservoir helps maintain the quality of irrigation water in the surrounding crop-growing areas.



FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM's financial support to the New Protected Area (NPA) of Bemanevika began in 2024. The grant is intended for the implementation of conservation activities (inventory and research work, restoration activities) and support to communities. It also partially covers the salaries and operating costs of the management unit.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

In terms of management, TPF is working in close collaboration with local communities, in particular the VOIs established in and around the NPA. These VOIs carry out conservation activities such as patrols and participatory ecological monitoring in both their respective zones and in the areas of the NPA bordering their settlements, thus acting as a green belt for the core part of the NPA. The communities also provide the main workforce for the various activities conducted in the PA, such as ecological restoration activities and the opening of firebreaks.



Hibou rouge ou Vorondolomana (Tyto soumagnei) © Lily-Arison René de Roland

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