

# 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

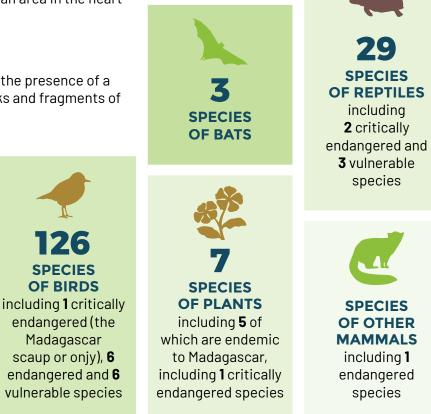
### NAMING

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 innota (CR) or Madagascar pochard. Three plant species found in Bemanevika have a restricted distribution.



SPECIES OF

**CARNIVORES** 

including **1** vulnerable

species(fosa)





SPECIES OF LEMURS including 1 endangered and 3 vulnerable species <sup>2</sup>aysage du Sandrakota, partie Ouest de Bemanevika © S. Raphin Fabrice

IUCN Red List

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### **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.

# LOCAL COMMUNITIES'

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.



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.

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