



PROTECTED HARMONIOUS LANDSCAPE OF THE FOREST CORRIDOR OF AMBOSITRA-VONDROZO

Category: Protected Harmonious
Landscape, Category V

Manager: CI

Area: 314,186 hectares

Geolocation: Fianarantsoa Province; Amoron'i Mania, Haute Matsiatra, Ihorombe, Fitovinany and Vatovavy Regions; Ambositra, Lalangina, Ambohimasoa, Vohibato, Ambalavao, Ivohibe, Ikongo, Ifanadiana and Mananjary Districts

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

Start of FAPBM funding: 2024

NAMING

The PA takes its name from the fact that it consists mainly of a forest corridor stretching from Ambositra to Vondrozo.

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The COFAV PA's flora includes plant species that are typical of and widespread in **evergreen rainforests**. Among the plant species found on the site, 14 species are known only from Ambositra-Vondrozo and most of them are classified as critically endangered. The PA is also rich in amphibians, small mammals, bats and lemurs. However, no locally endemic species are known to date.



125

**SPECIES
OF BIRDS**

including **3**
endangered (e.g.
Madagascar grebe)
and **7** vulnerable
(e.g. Madagascar
barn owl) species



5

**SPECIES OF
CARNIVORES**

dont **3**
vulnérables (ex :
fosa et civette
malgache)



15

**SPECIES
OF BATS**

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



312

**SPECIES
OF PLANTS**

including : **266**
endemic to
Madagascar,
with at least
2 endangered
and **1** vulnerable
species / **14**
locally endemic
species, of which
7 are critically
endangered and **1**
endangered



60

**SPECIES OF
AMPHIBIANS**

including **1**
endangered and
4 vulnerable
species



16

**SPECIES OF
LEMURS**

including **5** critically
endangered (e.g.
Lemur vari, Greater
Hapalemur), **5**
endangered (e.g.
nocturnal lemur
- Aye-Aye) and **5**
vulnerable species



38

**SPECIES
OF REPTILES**

including **2**
endangered and
3 vulnerable
species



35

**SPECIES
OF OTHER
MAMMALS**



PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Dense humid evergreen forest at low and medium altitudes; ericoid mountain thickets; rock vegetation; thickets and secondary forests; meadows and secondary pastures.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Clearing; slash-and-burn agriculture; bush fires; illegal mining; selective logging; hunting



ECONOMIC VALUE

The NPA is a genuine water tower due to the extensive forest cover and abundant wetlands formed by springs, rivers, lakes and swamps. They provide economic and environmental/ ecological services by essentially regulating the water cycle in the surrounding area and irrigating rice fields, among others. In addition, the Ranomafana hydroelectric power station, which depends on the corridor's natural forest reservoir, is of vital economic significance for the former province of Fianarantsoa.

The NPA's role as a climate regulator ensures a favourable environment for the production of cash crops (e.g. coffee) in many localities, bringing in economic opportunities on a larger scale.

The NPA is also home to sites with high ecotourism potential, which provide local communities and associations with opportunities for income generation and financial autonomy.



Fossa, (Fossa fossana)



LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

The local community, through VOIs and community associations, is committed to the preservation of the PA: it plays the role of "direct field manager," under the supervision of CI officers, and is also the primary beneficiary of any spin-offs from site enhancement. These local management units, or VOIs, are the champions of conservation, of the respect for local cultures and traditions, and local management requirements and standards. They work in close collaboration with the various stakeholders, thanks to and with support from CI.



FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM's financial support to COFAV Protected Area began in 2024. The grant is intended for the implementation of conservation activities (ecological monitoring and restoration activities) and for reviving ecotourism in sites with potential. It also partially covers the salaries and operating costs of the management unit.



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