



NATURAL RESOURCES RESERVE OF MAHIMBORONDRO



Category: Natural Resources Reserve, Category VI

Manager: TPF

Area: 75,163 hectares

Geolocation: Diégo Province; Sofia Region; Bealanana and Ambanja Districts

International Labels: Key Biodiversity Area (KBA)

Start of FAPBM funding: 2024

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Protected Area of Mahimborondro is characterised by a **dense evergreen forest** over almost half its area. Three plant species are known only from Mahimborondro. The site is also home to a rich, rare, threatened animal biodiversity, including the Madagascar red owl, classified as a vulnerable species, or the chameleon *Calumma hafahafa*, considered as a critically endangered species.



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SPECIES OF BIRDS

including **3** endangered species (e.g. Madagascar grebe) and **4** vulnerable species (e.g. Madagascar barn owl).



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SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

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



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SPECIES OF REPTILES

including **1** critically endangered chameleon and **2** other vulnerable species



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SPECIES OF CARNIVORES

including **1** vulnerable species (the fosa)



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SPECIES OF PLANTS

including: **97** species endemic to Madagascar, including at least **4** endangered species / **3** locally endemic species



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SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS



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SPECIES OF LEMURS

including **1** endangered species (the nocturnal lemur Aye-aye) and **3** vulnerable species (e.g. the brown lemur)



PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Mid-altitude, dense, humid evergreen forest; ericoid mountain thicket; secondary meadows and pastures; marshes.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Selective logging, exploitation of forest products for commercial or domestic purposes, clearing, fires, informal mining activities



ECONOMIC VALUE

The NPA of Mahimborondro is a major water reservoir for surrounding watersheds, feeding the region's main rivers and playing a vital role in agriculture and livestock farming (especially rice growing).



LOCAL COMMUNITIES' INITIATIVES

In terms of management, TPF works closely with local communities, in particular the *Vondron'Olona Ifotony* (VOIs) (basic communities) established in and around the NPA. Local communities participate in conservation activities such as patrols, participatory ecological monitoring, monitoring and surveillance of forest product harvesting. The VOIs also take part in ecological restoration and reforestation activities, as well as in the implementation of sub-projects designed to improve their living conditions while ensuring the protection of the NPA's biodiversity.



FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

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



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