



PROTECTED HARMONIOUS LANDSCAPE OF THE MAROJEJY-ANJANAHARIBE SUD-TSARATANANA FOREST CORRIDOR (SOUTH COMATSA)

Category: Protected harmonious
Landscape, Category V (South)

Manager: World Wide Fund for Nature
Madagascar Country Office
(WWF MDCO)

Area: 80,204 ha

Geolocation: Province of Antsiranana;
Regions of Sava and Sofia; Districts of
Andapa, Bealanana, and Befandriana
Nord

International label: Key Biodiversity
Area (KBA), Important Plant Area,
Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE)

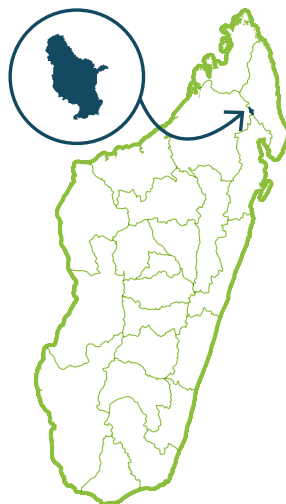
Start of FAPBM grants: 2023

NAMING

The name of the New Protected Area (NPA) comes from its role as a forest corridor linking the Tsaratanana Strict Nature Reserve, the Marojejy National Park, and the Anjanaharibe Sud Special Reserve.

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

COMATSA is essentially covered continuously by the **mid-altitude evergreen rainforest**. The southern part is less rich than the north part in terms of flora, however, the represented flora includes endemic species of the Sambirano domain. The southern part is equally rich in fauna with considerable **specific diversity in reptiles and amphibians**; local endemic species are also recorded for both groups.



9
SPECIES
OF LEMURS

including **1** critically
endangered
(Silky Sifaka),
1 endangered
(Aye-aye),
3 vulnerable



3
SPECIES OF
CARNIVORANS

including
1 vulnerable (Fosa)



123
SPECIES OF
PLANTS
including
102 endemic
to Madagascar:
4 endangered,
1 vulnerable
et **1** local endemic
species



1
SPECIES
OF BATS



42
SPECIES OF
AMPHIBIANS
including
4 endangered,
8 vulnerable, **2** local
endemic species,
one of which
is classified as
vulnerable



89
SPECIES
OF BIRDS
including
2 endangered,
4 vulnerable
(e.g. Madagascar
red owl)



62
SPECIES
OF REPTILES
including **4** local
endemic species,
2 endangered,
7 vulnerable



22
SPECIES
OF OTHER
MAMMALS

The Marojejy-Anjanaharibe Sud-Tsaratana Corridor has two parts: the north, which is classified as category VI, and the south, which is classified as category V. It is part of the Protected Areas (PA) Complex, Ambohimirahavavy Marivorahona (CAPAM), which includes 5 PAs: COMATSA North, COMATSA South, Tsaratana, Bemanevika, and Mahimborondro.

PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Mid-altitude dense moistevergreen forest, mountain ericoid thickets, rocky vegetation, secondary grasslands and pastures, mosaic of culture, secondary forests and thickets, grassy marshes and peatbogs.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Deforestation, fires, selective logging, collection of forest products, hunting, mining exploitation.



ECONOMIC VALUES

Hydrological source feeding the basins of the region; protection of hydrographic networks irrigating the large rice-growing area of the Andapa basin. **It also plays an important role in regulating the climate of the region.**



LOCAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES

The manager works jointly with the Locally Based-community (COBA) in the implementation of activities carried out in the New Protected Area (NPA). These local communities are strongly involved, notably through their **participation in conservation activities**: polisin'ala, for example, ensure patrols and surveillance in their respective areas. The COBA benefit from support, training, and capacity building to enable them to acquire the technical, institutional, and organizational capacities required for good natural resource management.









FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

FAPBM's funding ensures the implementation of **conservation activities** (patrols and monitoring, ecological monitoring and restoration, Information-Education-Communication - IEC, etc.), **support for local communities and management structures, and covers part of the salary and operating costs** of the management unit.



Chute d'eau COMATSA © WWF

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