

Every action taken to promote **biodiversity** tells a story...



A photograph of two lemurs in a tree. One lemur is in the foreground, clinging to a tree trunk with its hands and feet. It has a black face and yellow eyes. Another lemur is visible in the background, also looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus green forest.

... and some deserve to be highlighted!



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Quarter Highlights

January–March 2026

2026

A new year to continue the conservation of biodiversity in Madagascar...



Strengthening internal cohesion and ensuring strategic alignment among teams

FAPBM organised a team-building session as part of its efforts to strengthen internal cohesion and align its strategic priorities. The initiative aimed to consolidate collaborative dynamics, optimise team coordination and support the implementation of the objectives set for 2026.

Discussions covered the following areas:

- Review of the 2025 progress report
- Strengthening cohesion and accountability
- Further developing the 2030 vision



Expansion of the network of protected areas in Madagascar to safeguard biodiversity

Through inter-ministerial decrees establishing temporary protection measures, Madagascar has reaffirmed its commitment to conserving its exceptional natural heritage by designating **21 new protected areas** (PAs) covering **1.82 million hectares**. These are spread across the regions of Diana, Itasy, Analanjirifo, and Atsimo Andrefana.

This commitment forms part of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and contributes to achieving the 30 by 30 target, which aims to conserve 30% of land and seas by 2030.

The country now has 146 protected areas, covering 8.88 million hectares, 75 of which receive funding from FAPBM.



Building capacity in adaptive management for more effective, impact-driven governance

In collaboration with FOS Europe and with the support of the Hempel Foundation, a strategic workshop was held as part of the “Strengthening FAPBM’s Adaptive Management Capacities” project. This initiative enables the Foundation to strengthen its governance tools, improve the quality of its data, and reaffirm its commitment to the increasingly effective, transparent and sustainable management of protected areas. The aim is to strengthen the technical team’s expertise in the principles of adaptive management, namely:

- Ensuring a shared vision of the MIS Dashboard,
- Gathering feedback to improve the dashboard,
- Clarifying roles, data collection processes and next steps.



Support for the governance of the SAPM through the formalisation of an annual funding agreement between FAPBM and MEDD for 2026

A funding agreement has been formalised between Madagascar Protected Areas and Biodiversity Fund (FAPBM) and the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD), with a view to strengthening the governance and management of Madagascar's Protected Areas System (SAPM) for the year 2026. This annual funding allocation follows on from the decisions taken at the Board of Directors' meeting on 24 November 2023.

It aims to support activities dedicated to improving the governance and management of the SAPM, to the tune of **554 million MGA**, corresponding to the contribution intended to cover part of the financial requirements of the Directorate-General for Environmental Governance for the financial year in question.



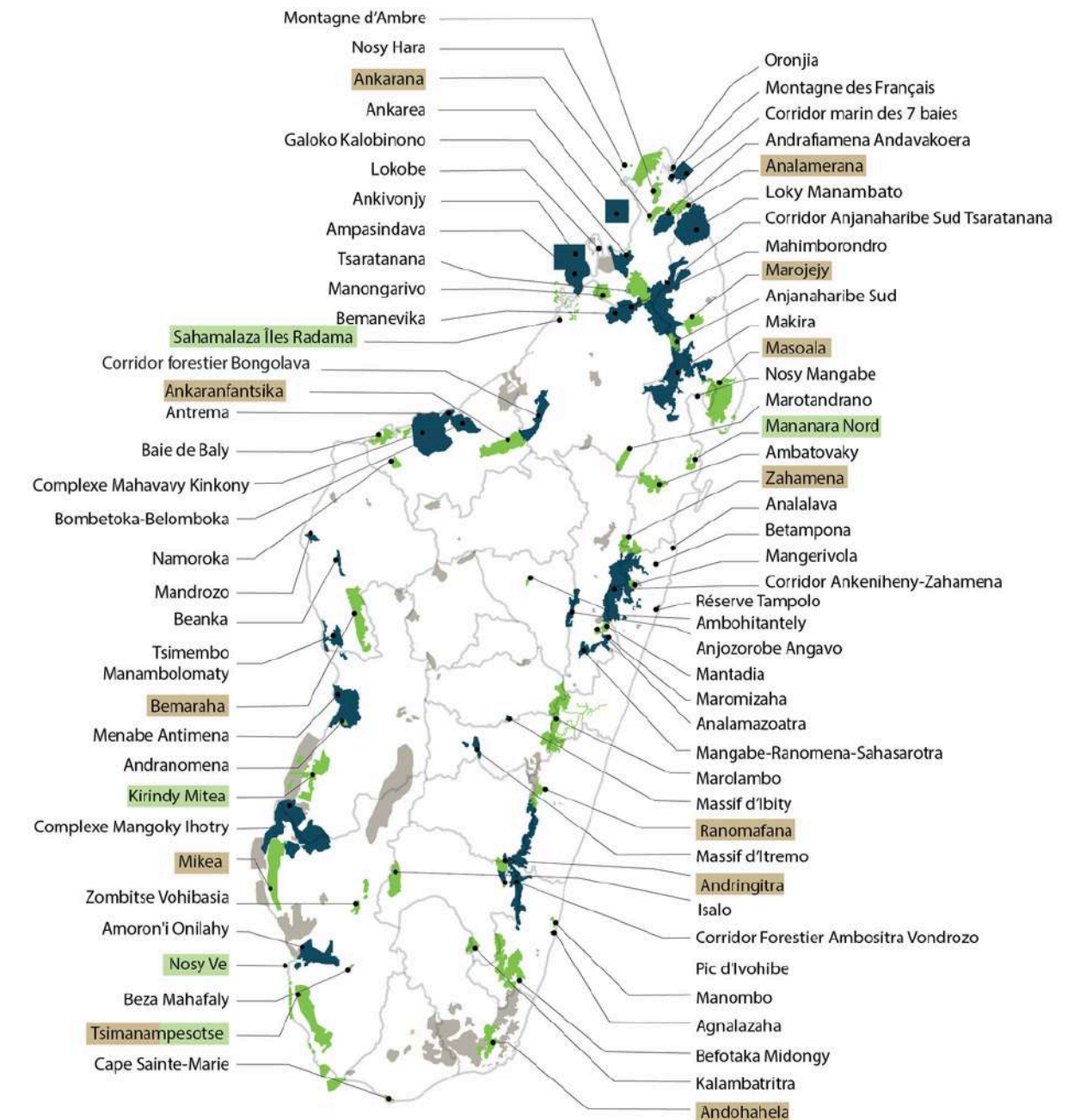
Renewed support for the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources

Each year, an agreement is drawn up to support initiatives aimed at conserving biodiversity, maintaining ecosystem services and improving the well-being of local communities, whilst promoting the sustainable use of natural resources within Madagascar's 75 protected areas (PAs), managed by Madagascar National Parks (MNP) and 17 other management bodies. However, one of these has not yet been able to benefit from the funding due to the current absence of a manager within the PA. For the 2026 financial year, the budget allocated to the sustainable management and inclusion of natural resources, both terrestrial and marine, within these protected areas amounts to **26 billion MGA**.

To find out more about annual grants, [click here](#).

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Protected Areas
FUNDED BY FAPBM
IN 2026

- Madagascar National Parks (MNP) Protected Areas funded by FAPBM
- New Protected Areas funded by FAPBM
- Protected Areas funded by FAPBM
- UNESCO World Heritage
- Biosphere reserve



Promoting the identity of the Baobab forests of western project through a logo design competition

To mark the visit by the Hempel Foundation, which is funding the Western Madagascar Baobab Forest Conservation Project, FAPBM, in collaboration with the landscape management consortium – FANAMBY, Madagascar National Parks, the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and CNFEREF – proudly announced the four winners of the competition to design the project's name and logo. Following evaluation, the jury selected:



- RAKOTONDRA SOA
Heriniaina Andréas



- RASOANANDRASANA
Sophie



- RAVELOJAONA
Kantolalaina Valérie



- ANDRIANIAINA
Nalijaona Mickaël



Monitoring of funding and evaluation of initiatives during the HEMPEL Foundation's mission to Madagascar

HEMPEL Foundation, a Danish organisation, supports the conservation of priority forest landscapes in Madagascar through multi-year funding managed by FAPBM, notably Ankarafantsika National Park, the baobabs of the West and Ala Hiriky Mandrare. As part of this initiative, a delegation from HEMPEL Foundation visited Madagascar to conduct a field visit, primarily with a view to producing communication materials highlighting these landscapes. This mission also provided an opportunity to engage with implementing partners and to document the results as well as the supported landscape approaches.



Strengthening FAPBM – EU – KfW partnership for the conservation of protected areas

As part of FAMINDRA project, KfW, accompanied by the European Union delegation, led an official mission to Madagascar in collaboration with FAPBM and its technical and operational partners, including Madagascar National Parks (MNP) and local communities.

The objectives of this visit were to assess the performance of ongoing support, analyse the progress of funding, and evaluate the results and challenges related to the conservation of protected areas and community initiatives.

The mission combined institutional meetings in Antananarivo, focusing on governance and programme outlooks, with field visits to Morondava and Toliara, enabling the observation of the implementation of actions, particularly within the framework of FAMINDRA project and sustainable coastal fishing initiatives.



Contribution by FAPBM to the National Conference

Launched on 4 March 2026 at the CCI Ivato, the Conference on the Environment and Sustainable Development provides a forum for discussion on environmental issues in Madagascar, under the auspices of the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD). FAPBM contributed to this through a funding agreement aimed at strengthening the governance of the Madagascar Protected Areas System (SAPM), notably through its participation in the national conference on the sustainable management of biodiversity and forests.



Biodiversity and finance: an innovative three-way partnership to accelerate sustainable solutions in Madagascar

FAPBM has signed a Memorandum Of Understanding with Bôndy International and Baobab Banque Madagascar, establishing a strategic partnership to promote biodiversity and sustainable development. This agreement aims to support high-impact local economic initiatives in the fields of clean energy, sustainable agriculture, ecosystem restoration and financial inclusion, as part of a collaboration designed to develop sustainable solutions that help reduce pressures on biodiversity. It confirms FAPBM's role as a facilitator of dialogue between the private sector and the financial sector, in the service of economic development that is reconciled with environmental conservation in Madagascar.

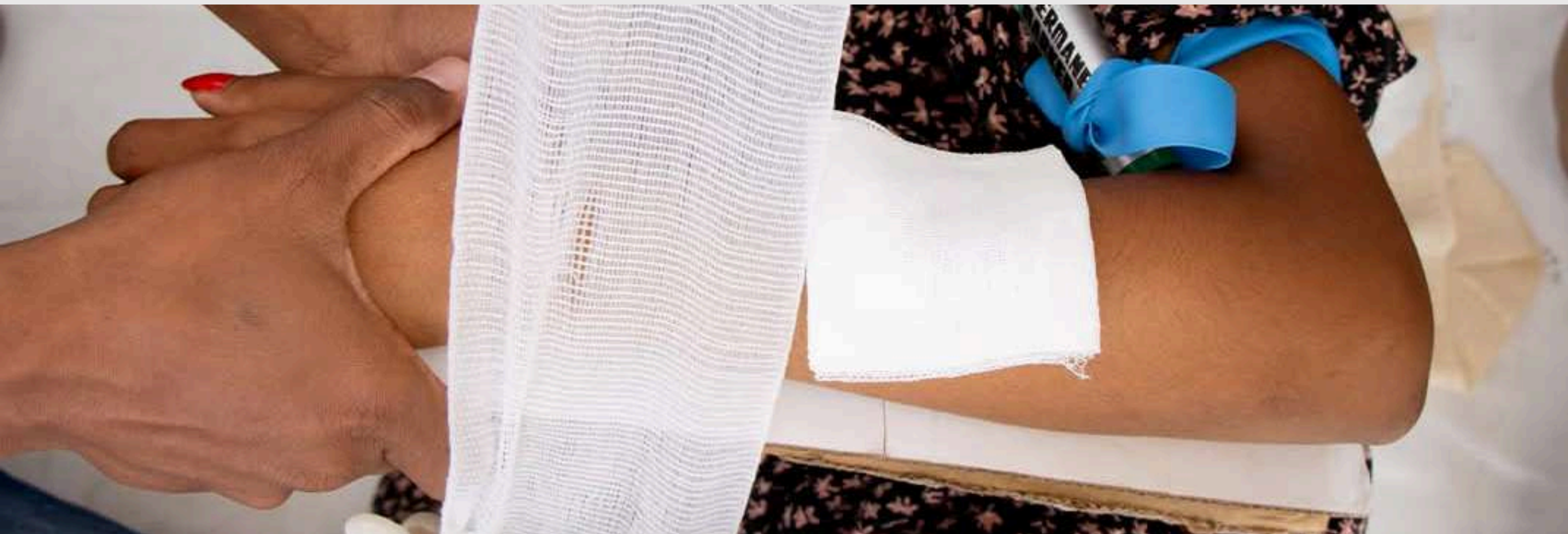


To find out more about this initiative, [read the dedicated article here.](#)

First aid training to ensure safety during field operations

In collaboration with OSTIE, a first-aid training course was held to ensure that our staff are able to respond effectively in the event of an emergency whilst carrying out fieldwork.

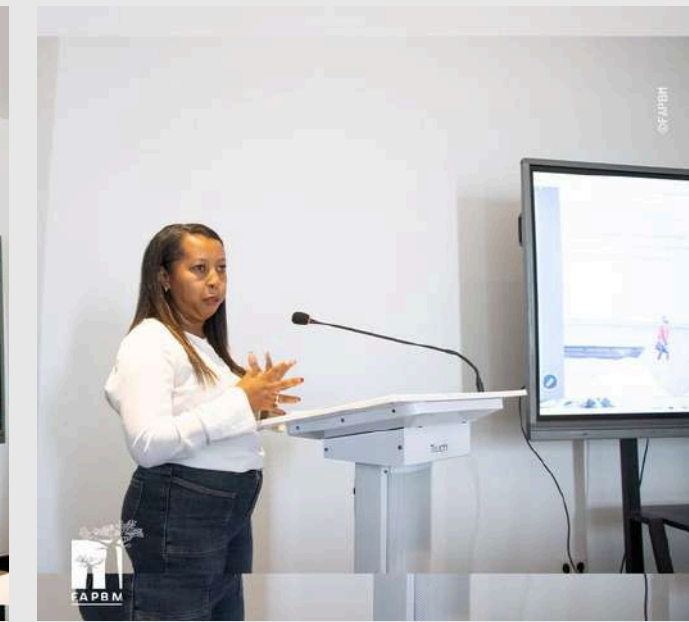
Indeed, the conservation of flora and fauna requires that teams are kept safe and that their skills are enhanced so that they can carry out their duties effectively.



Media #ForProtectedAreas 2026: selection of the winners of the 3rd edition

Launched in 2023, the “Medias #ForProtectedAreas” reporting grant aims to raise awareness among decision-makers and the general public, whilst encouraging the production of journalistic content committed to biodiversity.

For its third edition, dedicated to “20 years of funding for protected areas in Madagascar”, the final round took place on 24 March 2026, at the end of which four winners were selected from seven finalists following evaluation by the jury.



Sustainable financing of protected areas in Madagascar

Under the patronage of the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD), Conservation Allies, in partnership with FAPBM, held an official handover ceremony on 27 March 2026 for funding amounting to 30 billion Ariary. This support will benefit more than 90 protected areas over the period 2026–2028, with the aim of protecting and strengthening the conservation of Madagascar's biodiversity, site governance and the resilience of local communities in the face of environmental pressures and climate change.



Strengthening a strategic partnership for the sustainable financing of protected areas

At the same event where the funding was handed over, FAPBM and Conservation Allies signed a Memorandum Of Understanding aimed at strengthening their strategic partnership to support the sustainable financing of protected areas in Madagascar. The stakeholders reaffirmed the importance of conservation as a national priority and a global issue, highlighting a significant step forward in mobilising long-term resources. This collective momentum confirms the central role of biodiversity as a driver of development and the future for Madagascar.



A partnership that opens up new opportunities with the CEO Summit – 2nd edition

Madagascar Protected Areas and Biodiversity Fund (FAPBM) took part in the CEO Summit, a forum for dialogue bringing together private-sector leaders and public decision-makers to discuss issues relating to sustainable growth, the green economy and resilience. On this occasion, the Foundation reaffirmed a core belief: that the preservation of natural capital is essential to economic stability, investment security and the competitiveness of Madagascar's productive sectors.

Against a backdrop of growing climate and ecological risks, the discussions highlighted the need to move beyond the dichotomy between economic development and conservation. Natural capital—such as water, soil, forests and ecosystem services—must be regarded as strategic infrastructure, the integration of which into economic models helps to reduce risks and create sustainable value.



On this occasion, the Executive Director of FAPBM, Dr Rija Ranaivoarison, spoke on the topic: “Strategic sustainability and value creation: when impact becomes a competitive advantage”. He highlighted a paradigm shift, moving from an impact-based approach to one of strategic investment in natural capital :

“Madagascar has a unique opportunity. Our biodiversity is not only a heritage to protect; it is a strategic economic asset. But to unlock its value, we must change our paradigm : move from a model of funded conservation to one of structured investment in natural capital.”

In this context, FAPBM has called for better integration of conservation issues into ESG and CSR strategies, emphasising the importance of coordinated action between public, private and financial stakeholders to direct investment towards solutions that strengthen resilience and support sustainable growth.



The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of two monarch butterflies perched on a thin, dark branch. The butterflies have vibrant orange wings with black veins and white spots along the edges. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown, suggesting a natural, outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**It's just one story among many...
See you next quarter to find out what happens next**



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