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it deserves to be brought to light.*



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Madagascar Protected Areas
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Key events of the quarter

April - June 2026

2026

Together, let us support progress in favour of Madagascar's protected areas and biodiversity ...



Towards stronger public policies for biodiversity in Madagascar

As part of efforts to strengthen environmental governance, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, His Excellency Mr Nolave Luck Aristide Andriatsihala, and the Executive Director of FAPBM, Dr Rija Ranaivoarison, discussed **priorities for biodiversity in Madagascar**.

The discussion focused on tackling wildfires, strengthening the capacities of protected area managers and local stakeholders, enforcing environmental laws, integrating natural capital into public policies, and mobilising stakeholders around coordinated and sustainable action.

To find out more about this strategic meeting, click [here](#).



Media #ForProtectedAreas 2026: Journalists mobilised for Madagascar's protected areas

Following the announcement of the winners of the third edition of the Media #ForProtectedAreas journalism grant, FAPBM, MBC and REMAPSEN Madagascar brought together the grantees, their mentors and protected area managers for **briefing session**.

The meeting provided an opportunity to present the objectives of the grant, prepare for the field reporting and discuss key conservation issues. It officially marked the launch of the reporting phase.



Enhanced support for the preservation of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

As part of the GEF6-MPAs Project and the WWF-US donor supervision mission in Madagascar, FAPBM provided equipment to the managers of the Seven Bays Marine Corridor (CM7B), located in the Diana region. Covering **more than 50,000 hectares**, this Marine Protected Area plays **a key role in preserving marine biodiversity** and supporting local communities. Managed by Conservation International - Madagascar with the support of AVT2D, the CM7B demonstrates the importance of coordinated and sustainable management of marine resources.

The handover ceremony, held at the Diana Regional Directorate for Environment and Sustainable Development, brought together conservation stakeholders and was followed by field visits to the Sahankozo and Sarimboatavo LMMAs, providing an opportunity to engage with local communities. Through this support, FAPBM reaffirms its commitment to sustainable financing for protected areas and to strengthening the capacities of protected area managers.



A collective drive for sustainable biodiversity finance

On 28 and 29 April 2026, WWF Madagascar brought together stakeholders involved in sustainable biodiversity finance to strengthen Madagascar's commitment to the 30x30 target.

On this occasion, FAPBM Executive Director, Dr Rija Ranaivoarison, shared the Foundation's experience as **a conservation trust fund dedicated to protected areas**.

Discussions focused on sustainable finance mechanisms, strengthening synergies between conservation initiatives, and **mobilising new financial tools** such as carbon markets, blended finance, co-financing and private-sector partnerships.

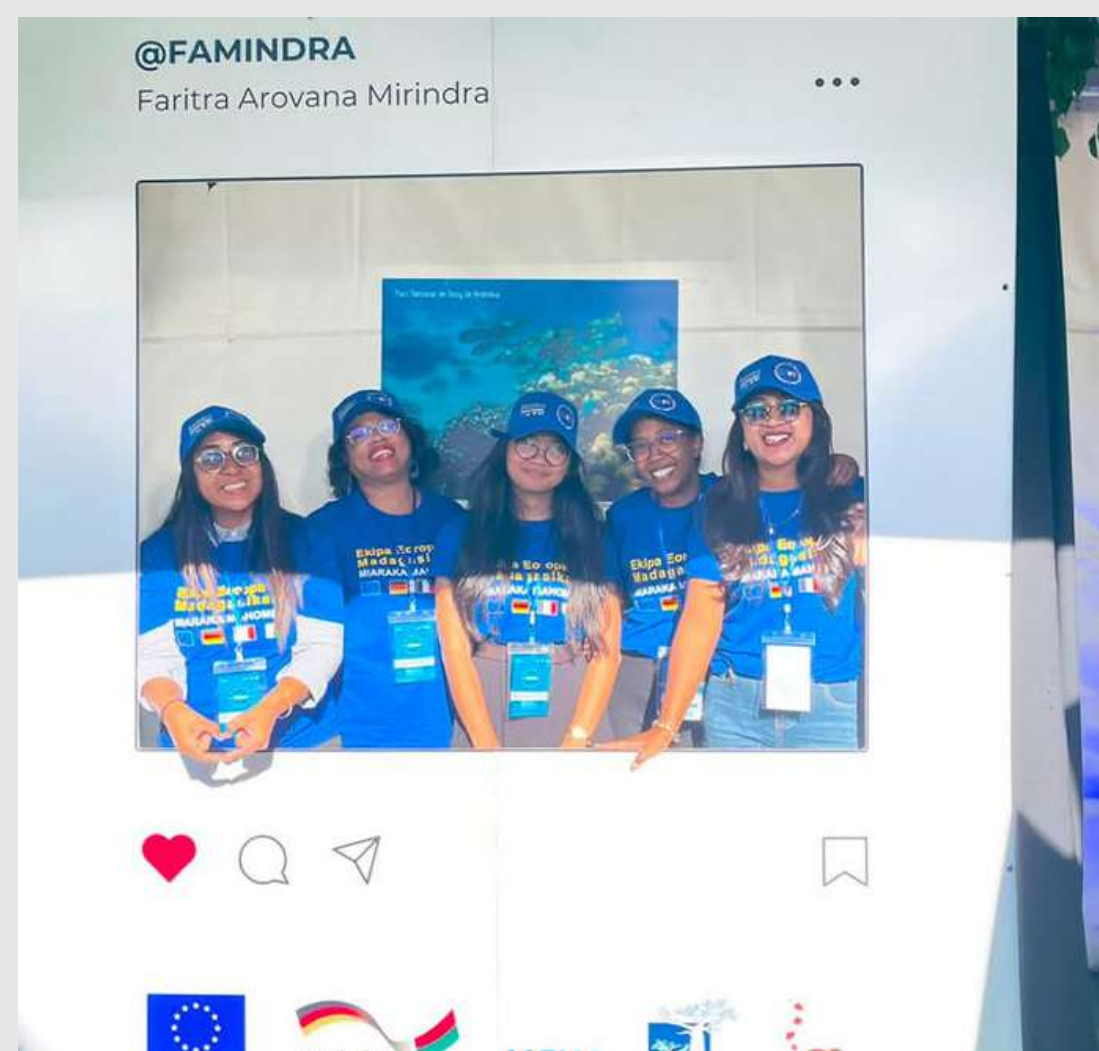
To find out more about sustainable finance discussed, click [here](#).



FAMINDRA mobilises young people around biodiversity

As part of the Project Day held on 5 May 2026 during Europe Week, the FAMINDRA project – Faritra Arovana Mirindra – highlighted its commitment to preserving Madagascar’s terrestrial and marine biodiversity.

Funded by the European Union through German Cooperation and KfW, the project was represented by FAPBM and Madagascar National Parks (MNP). The event also provided an opportunity to highlight the project’s support for youth employability and the sustainable development of communities living around protected areas.



Madagascar strengthens international partnerships for three strategic landscapes

From 18 to 20 May 2026, FAPBM, represented by its Executive Director, Dr Rija Ranaivoarison, led a strategic campaign in the United States as part of the **“Building Conservation Partnerships for Madagascar’s Critical Landscapes”** initiative. The delegation included Madagascar National Parks (MNP), represented by its Director General, Ony Rakotoarisoa, and GERP Madagascar, represented by its President, Prof. Jonah Ratsimbazafy, with the support of Her Excellency Ms Lantosoa Solo Andry Rakotomalala, Ambassador of Madagascar to the United States.

The campaign brought together Malagasy institutions, donors and conservation partners around a shared ambition: **to strengthen the protection of Madagascar’s protected areas and contribute to achieving the 30x30 Target**. Discussions focused on sustainable financing for three globally significant strategic landscapes — the northern humid forests, the south-western dry and spiny forests, and the south-eastern humid forests — as well as the development of innovative financing mechanisms, private-sector engagement and carbon-related solutions.



La FAPBM wins the “Best Corporate Film” award

FAPBM won the **Best Corporate Film** award at “*La Nuit de la Publicité et de la Créativité*”, recognising the important role of communication in raising awareness off conservation challenges.

The award celebrates stories that bring the public closer to biodiversity conservation efforts and honours the commitment of all those working to protect Madagascar’s natural heritage.

Click [here](#) to watch the film.



Ala Hiriky-Mandrare: strengthening skills at the heart of conservation

As part of the Ala Hiriky-Mandrare project, funded by the Hempel Foundation through FAPBM, an intensive **project management training** course was held from 9 to 12 June 2026 in Fort-Dauphin for stakeholders involved in the **six protected areas of the Ala Hiriky-Mandrare landscape**. Bringing together 22 participants from partner organisations, the training helped to harmonise practices, strengthen capacities in project planning, monitoring and management, and improve coordination among teams.

Through this support, FAPBM reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the capacities of protected area managers and local partners, an essential driver of effective and sustainable biodiversity conservation in Madagascar.



A new financing mechanism to strengthen marine conservation in Madagascar

At the 11th Our Ocean Conference in Mombasa, WWF Madagascar launched the **Marine Biodiversity and Community Resilience Fund (MCRF)**, a blended financing mechanism dedicated to marine conservation and supporting coastal communities.

Developed in collaboration with FAPBM, the fund aims to provide long-term support to local stakeholders through sustainable financing, guarantee mechanisms and technical assistance. FAPBM is contributing to its development to ensure that the mechanism is fully aligned with Madagascar's national conservation financing framework.

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



35 years of conservation: FAPBM supports Madagascar National Parks

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of Madagascar National Parks (MNP), celebrated on 19 June 2026 at the Novotel, FAPBM reaffirmed its support for the institution and their shared commitment to protecting Madagascar's natural heritage. Since 2019, FAPBM has provided **strategic financial support to 42 of the 49 protected areas** managed by MNP, helping to sustain long-term conservation efforts.

During the discussions, FAPBM Executive Director, Dr Rija Ranaivoarison, addressed the thought-provoking question, "What if Madagascar National Parks did not exist?", emphasising MNP's vital role in safeguarding Madagascar's irreplaceable natural heritage. He stressed that **biodiversity is not an expense, but a strategic investment in Madagascar's future**, economy, climate resilience and the well-being of its people.



Strengthening governance for conservation

On 23 June 2026, FAPBM brought together its capital contributors, financial partners and members of its governance bodies for its annual accountability meeting. The meeting provided an opportunity to present the results of the 2025 financial year, including support for **75 protected areas** covering **6.26 million hectares**, with more than **USD 10 million** in funding. Discussions also highlighted the Foundation's key achievements in governance and **financial performance (+8.9%)**, wildfire management (more than USD 200,000 mobilised), and protected area monitoring through the new MIS Dashboard. Conservation results were also encouraging, with **deforestation limited to 0.91%** within supported protected areas, compared with 1.14% nationally, and **no reported extinctions** among the target species monitored.

The meeting also helped strengthen dialogue with partners and renew collective commitment to a shared vision: ensuring sustainable and effective long-term financing for biodiversity conservation in Madagascar.



FAPBM stands alongside conservation stakeholders in Morondava

As part of the joint celebration of World Environment Day, the International Day for Biological Diversity and the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, held from 28 to 30 June 2026 in Morondava, FAPBM reaffirmed its commitment alongside the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and other conservation stakeholders to protecting Madagascar's natural capital. As a financial partner supporting conservation initiatives, FAPBM engaged with local communities in the Menabe region on the importance of protected areas and sustainable biodiversity financing. The programme also featured **technical demonstrations**, including the deployment of marine pollution control equipment, as well as **the handover of six motorised canoes** under the GEF6-MPAs project. Strategic discussions on biosphere reserves, sustainable baobab management and climate action further strengthened a shared vision for sustainable conservation for the benefit of future generations.





We're continuing our efforts to build a sustainable future, let's see what happens next in the coming quarter





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