

Conservation is built on many voices…

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Let us join our voices to better safeguard Madagascar’s protected areas…







02 - 03 July →

From dialogue to action: FAPBM mobilises the private sector for biodiversity

On 2 and 3 July 2026, FAPBM took part in the 10th edition of the Salon RSE et IDD, Madagascar's corporate social responsibility (CSR) fair, held at the Novotel Alarobia in Antananarivo. Building on the BRIDGE project, which aims to bring the private sector and conservation trust funds closer together, the Foundation presented its role as a sustainable financing mechanism and discussed with companies how they can contribute concretely to conservation. During a workshop and a round table, its Executive Director, Dr Rija Ranaivoarison, delivered a key message: Madagascar lacks neither frameworks, nor mechanisms, nor committed stakeholders; the challenge now is to build synergies and turn commitments into concrete action. FAPBM's stand was also named "Best Stand" of this edition.

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2 - 3 July →

IUCN National Committee: stronger coordination among biodiversity conservation stakeholders









On 2 and 3 July 2026, in Anosiala (Ambohidratrimo), FAPBM, a member of the IUCN National Committee for Madagascar, co-organised a national workshop on coordination and strategic direction for conservation stakeholders, alongside the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD), IUCN projects in Madagascar and Committee members. The aim was to strengthen dialogue between stakeholders and align interventions with national biodiversity priorities. The General Assembly elected a new Executive Committee, and this new governance comes with a commitment to set up thematic sub-committees and a priority action plan. Through the Committee's Technical Secretariat, which it hosts and supports, FAPBM is helping to make the Committee a platform for dialogue and collective action.

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In Maromizaha, a partnership between private finance and conservation delivers tangible results





On 3 and 4 July 2026, a delegation from BNI Madagascar and representatives of FAPBM visited the Maromizaha protected area, managed by GERP (Groupe d'Étude et de Recherche sur les Primates de Madagascar), to see the results of activities supported since 2023 and to meet stakeholders on the ground. Between 2023 and 2025, 68,000 native seedlings were produced there for forest restoration, and schoolchildren received school kits and had their enrolment fees covered. The partnership is based on complementary roles: BNI Madagascar provides the funding, FAPBM manages the fund and monitors impact, and GERP implements activities on the ground.

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Media #ForProtectedAreas, third edition: knowing more to protect better

On 22 July 2026, four Malagasy journalists received awards at the prize-giving ceremony for the third edition of the Médias#PourLesAiresProtégées reporting grant, organised by FAPBM in partnership with Malagasy Brand Communication and REMAPSEN Madagascar. Under the theme “20 years of protected area financing in Madagascar: a source of life and development for communities”, each journalist received a grant to produce a field report. With 23 applications from six regions, compared with 14 in the first edition, the initiative confirms the media’s growing interest in these issues. “What we do not know, we can hardly protect,” said Dr Rija Ranaivoarison, Executive Director of FAPBM.

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Building skills to better safeguard Marine Protected Areas

Faramalala Volantsoa Ratsimandresy, Marine Protected Areas Technical Monitoring Officer at FAPBM, has obtained WIO-COMPAS Level 2 certification. This regional programme certifies the skills of marine protected area professionals in the Western Indian Ocean. For the Foundation, this recognition strengthens its technical expertise in marine and coastal management. It will enable FAPBM to provide better support to the managers of the Marine Protected Areas it funds, and to share experience more widely with its partners in the region.





3 - 7 August →

MIRADI training: using data to inform conservation decisions

From 3 to 7 August 2026, in Mahajanga, FAPBM brought together the managers of five New Protected Areas it funds (Antrema, the Mahavavy-Kinkony Complex, Bombetoka-Belemboka, Bemanevika and Mahimborondro) for training on the MIRADI software.

The tool helps to plan and steer conservation action: assessing the status of priority species and ecosystems, identifying and ranking threats, then tracking results against indicators. Held in one of the five regional hubs planned for 2026, the training aims to harmonise practices across the supported sites and generate comparable data to better measure the impact of funding.





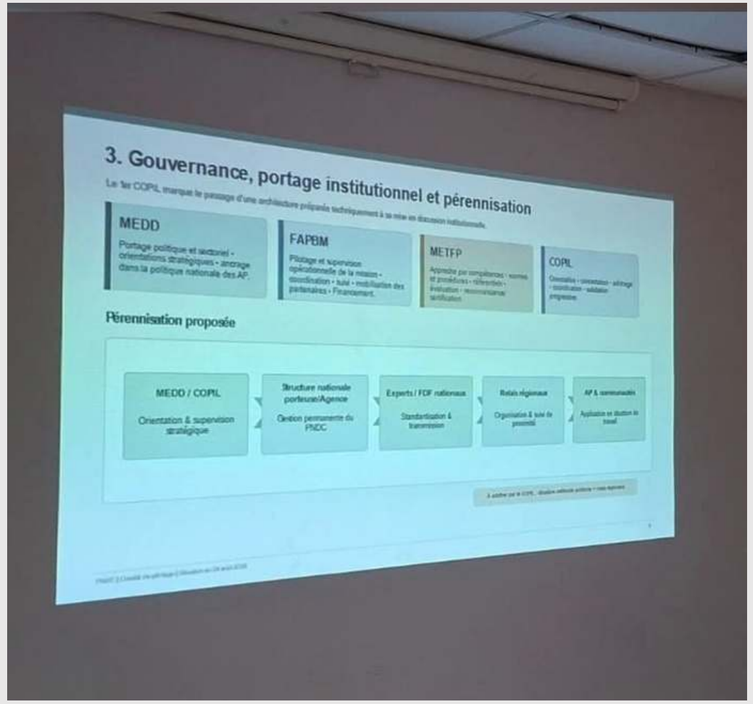
26 August →

PNDC: inter-ministerial governance to build conservation skills

On 26 August 2026, the Steering Committee of the National Skills Development Programme (PNDC) held its first meeting, strengthening the programme's institutional footing and paving the way for its long-term sustainability. Driven by the joint commitment of the MEDD, the Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training (METFP) and the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy (MPEB), and implemented by FAPBM with funding from the Hempel Foundation, the PNDC aims to build the skills of protected area managers and community leaders over the long term. As a next step, the programme will be structured around four core professions and twelve training modules, and will be piloted at two sites before a national validation workshop scheduled for late November 2026.







10 September →

2027–2031 Strategic Plan: giving a voice to those who deliver conservation on the ground

On 10 September 2026, 18 managers of New Protected Areas funded by FAPBM shared their experience, expectations and recommendations as part of the development of the Foundation's 2027–2031 Strategic Plan. Their feedback covered realities on the ground, the effectiveness of funding and the support provided by FAPBM, offering valuable lessons to consolidate achievements, improve activities and identify new priorities. The next Strategic Plan is thus being shaped by the experience of those who manage protected areas day to day.







10 September →

2027–2031 Strategic Plan: the private sector, a strategic partner in shaping the future of conservation

As part of the development of its 2027–2031 Strategic Plan, FAPBM also held a consultation session with private sector leaders and representatives, to better understand their expectations and perceptions, and the most relevant forms of collaboration in support of conservation. Discussions were framed by reflections on the changing funding needs of protected areas, the impact of funding and the diversification of partnerships. This consultation builds on the dialogue with businesses that ran throughout the quarter, from the Salon RSE CSR fair to Maromizaha, and confirms the role they can play in preserving Madagascar's natural capital.







28 September →

Measuring better to act better for conservation: FAPBM shares its experience at CAFÉ



At the 16th General Assembly of the Consortium of African Funds for the Environment (CAFÉ) in Bissau, Ranto Randriantsoa, Director of Programmes and Impact at FAPBM, presented the Foundation's progress in monitoring its funding and the results it delivers. Over the past two years, with support from Foundations of Success (FOS) and the Hempel Foundation, FAPBM has carried out a mid-term review of its strategic plan, redesigned its internal processes and developed a management information system (MIS) linked to an interactive dashboard. These tools make it possible to centralise data, track the results of funding and inform decisions on which protected areas to support. The approach aims to turn data into concrete decisions and to share lessons learned with other conservation trust funds.

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