



BEZÀ-MAHAFALY SPECIAL RESERVE

Category: Special Reserve, Category IV

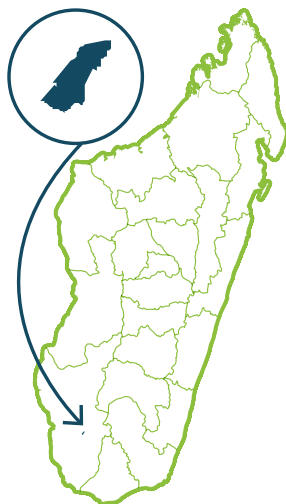
Manager: Madagascar National Parks (MNP)

Area: 4,200 ha

Geolocation: Province of Toliara; Region of Atsimo Andrefana; District of Betsioky Atsimo

International label: Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Important Bird Area (IBA)

Start of FAPBM grants: 2023



FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The **Bezà-Mahafaly Special Reserve** and the surrounding forests represent the different existing formations in Southwest Madagascar, composed of species adapted to drought. In terms of flora, **the site is home to several widespread woody species typical of riparian forest in the dry bioclimatic region.** In terms of fauna, there is a high density of diurnal lemur species that have been the subject of long-term studies at the site, such as the ring-tailed lemur or *lemur catta*, and the Verreaux's sifaka.



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SPECIES OF BATS
including
1 vulnerable
(Madagascar flying fox)



85

SPECIES OF BIRDS
including
1 endangered and
2 vulnerable



4

SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS



2

SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS
including
1 vulnerable (fosa)



5

SPECIES OF LEMURS
including **1** critically endangered
(Verreaux's sifaka),
2 endangered
(e.g. *Lemur catta* or ring-tailed lemur)



36

SPECIES OF REPTILES
including **1** critically endangered
(Madagascar radiated tortoise)
and **1** vulnerable



396

SPECIES OF PLANTS
including
250 endemic to Madagascar and
2 locally endemic species



10

SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS



PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Riparian forest type, dry spiny thicket, fragments of forest, grasslands and pastures.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Livestock grazing, selective logging, collection of secondary products, deforestation, poaching, invasive plants.



ECONOMIC VALUE

The water network supplies drinking water to the surrounding areas.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES

Like all Protected Areas (PAs) managed by MNP, the management of the Beza Mahafaly Special Reserve is a **collaborative co-management** with the participation of members of local communities in **conservation and development activities**. They are brought together in the **CLPs (Local Park Committees)** and **COSAPs (Orientation and Support of Protected Areas Committees)**.









FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

For PAs managed by MNP, **FAPBM secures part of salary costs and operating expenses for the management unit.**



Astrochelys radiata © MNP

Pachypodium rutenbergianum var. *rutenbergianum* (Sarivontake) © MNP






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