



CAP SAINTE-MARIE SPECIAL RESERVE



Category: Special Reserve, Category IV

Manager: Madagascar National Parks (MNP)

Area: 3,610 ha

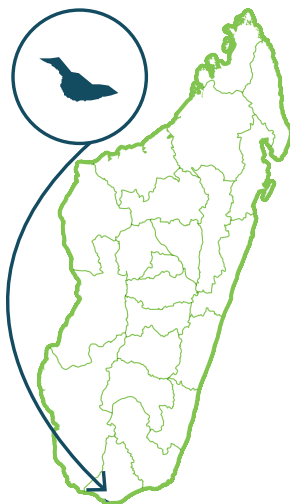
Geolocation: Province of Toliara ; Region of Androy ; Districts of Tsihombe and Beloha

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

Start of FAPBM financing: 2023

FLAGSHIP SPECIES

The Cap Sainte-Marie Special Reserve represents the exceptional biodiversity of southwestern Madagascar. The floristic richness is mainly based on **dwarf vegetation with typical elements characteristic of the spiny thicket**; some locally endemic species such as *Aloe millotti* can even be found there. **As for fauna, the site is home to the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) and the spider tortoise (*Pyxis arachnoides*), which are endemic and endangered species.**



32
SPECIES OF BIRDS
including
1 vulnerable



2
SPECIES OF LEMURS



139
SPECIES OF PLANTS
including
127 endemic to Madagascar,
1 critically endangered,
3 endangered,
1 vulnerable and
9 locally endemic species



1
SPECIES OF BATS
vulnerable



2
SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS



7
SPECIES OF REPTILES
including 2 critically endangered
(radiated turtle and spider tortoise),
1 vulnerable



4
SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS



PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Dry spiny thicket, low secondary formations.

PRESSURES AND THREATS



Fire, cutting, livestock grazing, and poaching.



ECONOMIC VALUE

Source of water supplying part of the basin the region and protection of the hydrographic networks irrigating part of the peripheral zone of Cap Sainte-Marie. Opportunity for additional income for local communities through **tourism**.



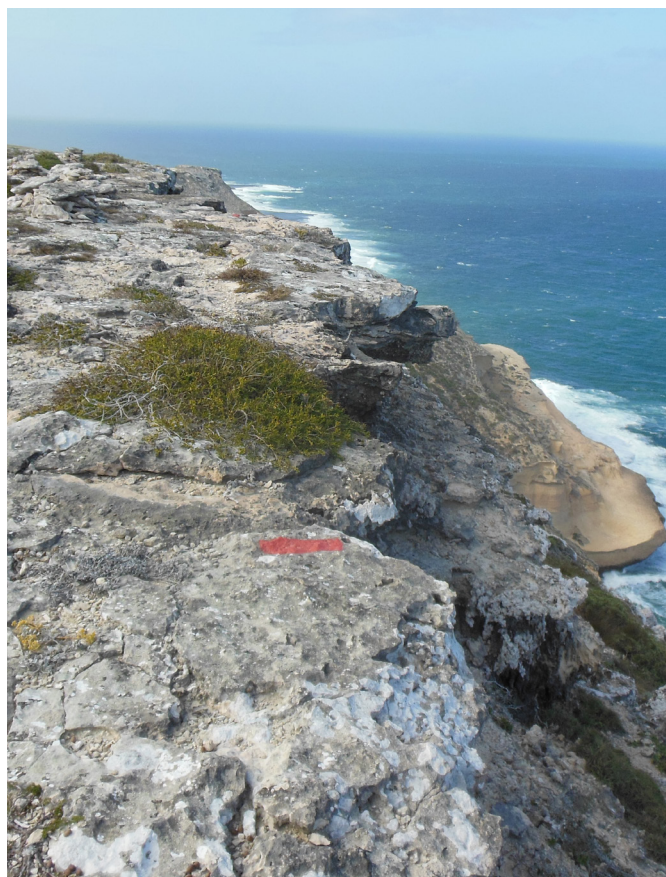
LOCAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES

Like all Protected Areas (PAs) managed by MNP, the management of the Cap Sainte-Marie 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.**



Terminalia ulexoides (Fatra) © MNP

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Created in 2005, the **Madagascar Protected Areas and Biodiversity Fund (FAPBM)** is a Malagasy **trust fund dedicated to the conservation of Madagascar's biodiversity**. It is an innovative and sustainable financing mechanism for Madagascar's Protected Areas System (SAPM).