



# NATURAL RESOURCE RESERVE OF THE MAROJEJY-ANJANAHARIBE SUD-TSARATANANA FOREST CORRIDOR (NORTH COMATSA)

**Category:** Natural Resource Reserve, Category VI (North)

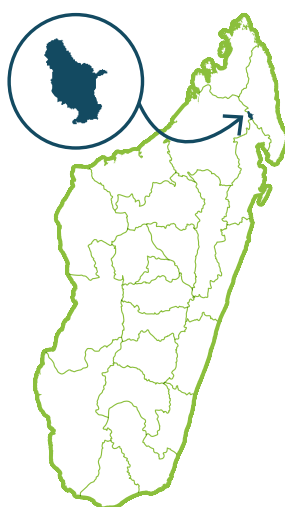
**Manager:** World Wide Fund for Nature Madagascar Country Office (WWF MDCO)

**Area:** 237, 883 ha

**Geolocation:** Province of Antsiranana; Regions of Sava, Sofia and Diana; Districts of Andapa, Bealanana, and Befandriana Nord

**International label:** Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), Important Plant Area

**Start of FAPBM grants:** 2023



## NAMING

The name of the New Protected Area (NPA) comes from **its role as a forest corridor linking the Tsaratanana Natural Resource Reserve**, the Marojejy National Park, and the Anjanaharibe Sud Special Reserve.

## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

COMATSA is essentially covered continuously by the **Mid-altitude moist evergreen forest**. In its northern part, the flora includes several elements common in rainforests as well as numerous species restricted to the northern mountain ranges and local endemic species. This area has a great richness in fauna: **4 locally endemic amphibians species** are recorded here with other species whose distribution is restricted. The site is also rich in **chameleons and small mammals**.



**9**  
SPECIES OF LEMURS

including **1** critically endangered (Silky Sifaka), **1** endangered (Aye-aye), **3** vulnerable (e.g. Red-bellied lemur)



**26**  
SPECIES OF OTHER MAMMALS

including **3** vulnerable



**43**  
SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS

including **1** endangered, **4** vulnerable, **4** local endemic species among which **1** endangered and **1** vulnerable



**1135**  
SPECIES OF PLANTS

including **809** endemic to Madagascar: **2** endangered and **6** local endemic species including **2** critically endangered and **2** endangered

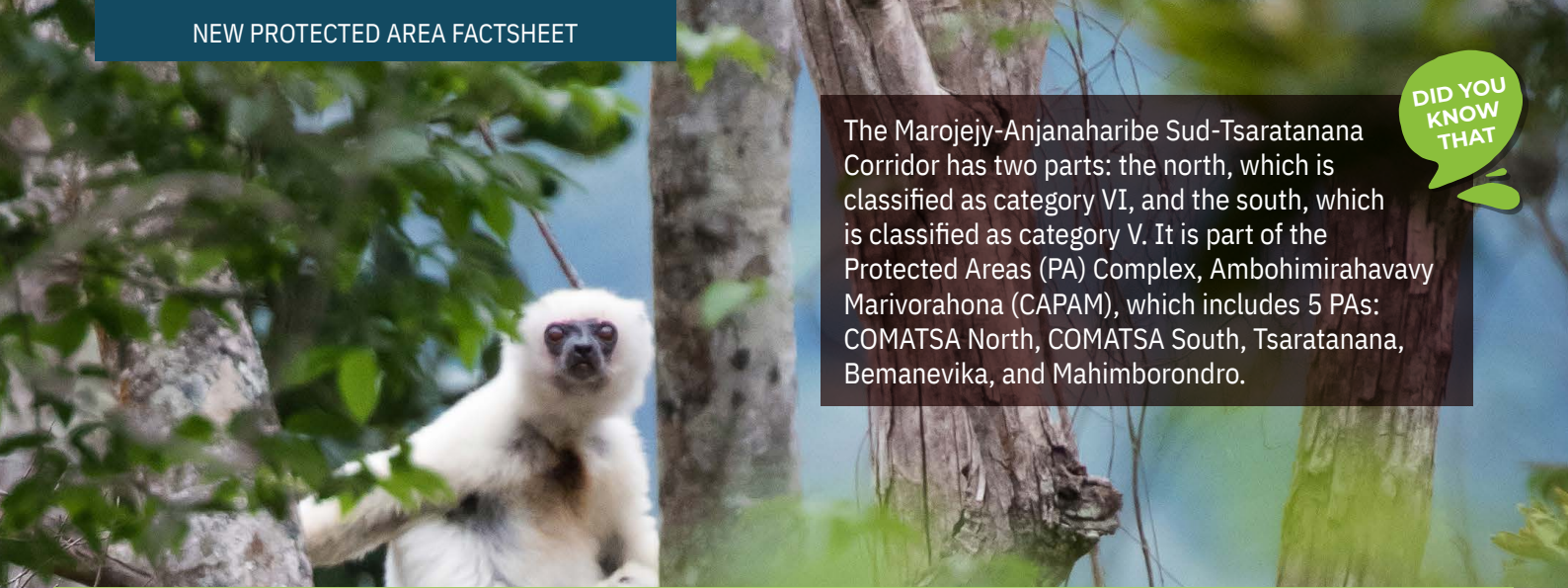


**24**  
SPECIES OF REPTILES

including **1** endangered, **1** vulnerable and **1** local endemic chameleon species



**1**  
SPECIES OF CARNIVORANS  
vulnerable



DID YOU KNOW THAT

The Marojejy-Anjanaharibe Sud-Tsaratana Corridor has two parts: the north, which is classified as category VI, and the south, which is classified as category V. It is part of the Protected Areas (PA) Complex, Ambohimirahavavy Marivorahona (CAPAM), which includes 5 PAs: COMATSA North, COMATSA South, Tsaratana, Bemanevika, and Mahimborondro.

## PROTECTED AREA SPECIFICITIES

### LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS



Mid-altitude dense evergreen rainforest, mountain ericoid thickets, rocky vegetation, secondary grasslands and pastures, mosaic of culture, secondary forests and thickets, grassy marshes and peatbogs.

### PRESSURES AND THREATS



Deforestation, fires, selective logging, collection of forest products, hunting, mining exploitation.



### ECONOMIC VALUE

**Hydrological source feeding the basins of the region;** protection of hydrographic networks irrigating the large rice-growing area of the Andapa basin. **It also plays an important role in regulating the climate of the region.**



### LOCAL COMMUNITIES INITIATIVES


**The manager works jointly with the Community of Base (COBA)** in the implementation of activities carried out in the New Protected Area (NPA). These local communities are strongly involved, notably through their participation in **conservation activities:** polisin'ala, for example, ensure patrols and surveillance in their respective areas. The COBA benefit from support, training, and capacity building to enable them to acquire the technical, institutional, and organizational capacities required for good natural resource management.







### FAPBM'S EFFORTS AND RESULTS

The funding ensures the implementation of **conservation activities** (patrols and monitoring, ecological monitoring and restoration, Information-Education-Communication - IEC, etc.), **support for local communities and management structures**, and **covers part of the salary and operating costs** of the management unit.








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# PROTECTED HARMONIOUS LANDSCAPE OF THE MAROJEJY-ANJANAHARIBE SUD-TSARATANANA FOREST CORRIDOR (SOUTH COMATSA)

**Category:** Protected harmonious  
Landscape, Category V (South)

**Manager:** World Wide Fund for Nature  
Madagascar Country Office  
(WWF MDCO)

**Area:** 80,204 ha

**Geolocation:** Province of Antsiranana;  
Regions of Sava and Sofia; Districts of  
Andapa, Bealanana, and Befandriana  
Nord

**International label:** Key Biodiversity  
Area (KBA), Important Plant Area,  
Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE)

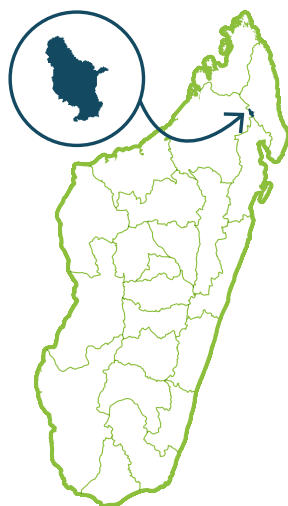
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## FLAGSHIP SPECIES

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SPECIES  
OF LEMURS

including **1** critically  
endangered  
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(Aye-aye),  
**3** vulnerable



**3**  
SPECIES OF  
CARNIVORANS

including  
**1** vulnerable (Fosa)



**123**  
SPECIES OF  
PLANTS  
including  
**102** endemic  
to Madagascar:  
**4** endangered,  
**1** vulnerable  
et **1** local endemic  
species



**1**  
SPECIES  
OF BATS



**42**  
SPECIES OF  
AMPHIBIANS  
including  
**4** endangered,  
**8** vulnerable, **2** local  
endemic species,  
one of which  
is classified as  
vulnerable



**89**  
SPECIES  
OF BIRDS  
including  
**2** endangered,  
**4** vulnerable  
(e.g. Madagascar  
red owl)



**62**  
SPECIES  
OF REPTILES  
including **4** local  
endemic species,  
**2** endangered,  
**7** vulnerable



**22**  
SPECIES  
OF OTHER  
MAMMALS

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