

## STRENGTHENING LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE ANKENIHENY ZAHAMENA CORRIDOR PROTECTED AREA (CAZ) IN THE SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION OF LEMURS

### Type of priority area

Key Biodiversity Area

Key Landscape for  
Conservation

Terrestrial Protected Area

### Primary objective

Livelihoods

Management Effectiveness

### Target groups

Local Communities

Women

Subnational Government

### Main activity focus

Livelihoods/ Alternative  
economic activities

Awareness/Education

Monitoring/ Patrol Equipment



Duration  
01.06.2023 – 31.12.2024



Type of grant & budget  
Medium Grant | 161,077 €



Location  
Alaotra Mangoro, Madagascar



Protected & Conserved Areas  
Corridor Ankeniheny Zahamena



WDP ID  
352256



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<https://rrs.biopama.org/ct/country/MG>

### Project Lead

Conservation International Foundation

### Project Partners

The Vahitriniala Federation

### Description of the project :

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the nine COBAs of the Vahitriniala Federation in the implementation of biodiversity conservation actions in the region, with a particular focus on critically endangered lemurs in the CAZ protected area. This capacity building aims to reduce pressures on natural resources in the rural commune of Fierenana by improving the monitoring and surveillance system using appropriate techniques and equipment and raising awareness about existing anti-poaching laws.





#### Diagnostic Tools Used

Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT)



#### The BIOPAMA Action Component Objectives Addressed

- ✓ Enhance the management and governance of priority areas by addressing existing limitations (strengthening on-site infrastructure/equipment for patrolling, poaching control, developing capacity of staff);
- ✓ Strengthen the legal framework required to achieve effective biodiversity conservation;
- ✓ Support local communities' initiatives aiming to enhance the livelihoods of local people whilst effectively contributing to protected areas management.



#### Priority Need Addressed

- ✓ The project plans to provide the following three solutions to achieve the targeted objectives:
- ✓ Capacity building of Community based organizations (CBOs) (technical aspects and material means) to be autonomous and have more latitude in their roles and responsibilities;
- ✓ Contribution to the better understanding of the laws in force and their application by the CBOs;
- ✓ Support for improving CBOs' livelihoods through fruit tree cultivation, vegetable swamp culture, and reforestation.



#### The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas

1. By monitoring lemurs and their habitats using transects (biomonitoring), the health of the protected area will be maintained and the number of individuals and population of the threatened species of *Indri indri* (CR), *Propithecus diadema* (CR) and *Varecia variegata* (CR) in the project intervention area will be kept or increased;
2. The capacity of the CBOs to manage the PA and the application of the laws for a better conservation of lemurs and their habitats will be reinforced, specifically through increased capacity of the 36 patrollers furrowing the site of Fierenana, as well as for the local authorities, including the Chief of the Fokontany and the Commune, and the traditional chiefs;
3. Through various workshops, trainings, and events, at least 36 patrollers, 30 teachers and 5 local authorities will have increased awareness-raised of the conservation of biodiversity and lemurs, including various awareness-raising tools which will be designed;
4. The resilience of local communities to climate change will be enhanced through ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) activities

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