

FLORA OF MADAGASCAR

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Ranarijaona, 2014

Originality

Madagascar = « megabiodiversity », with 5 % of the world biodiversity (CDB, 2014).

↔ originality et diversity with high **endemism**.

*one of the 25 *hot spots*

7/9 species of Baobab in Madagascar with 6 endemics : *Adansonia grandiflora*, *A. rubrostipa*, *A. za*, *A. madagascariensis*, *A. perrieri* et *A. suarezensis*.



Ranarilaona, 2013

Endemism

Endemism : *species : 85 % - 90 % (CDB, 2014)



CDB, 2014

*families : 02,46 %

* genera : 20 à 25 % (SNB, 2012)

*tree and shrubs (Schatz, 2001) :

- familles : 48,54 %

- genres : 32,85 %

- espèces : 95,54 %



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Families	Genera	Species
ASTEROPEIACEAE	1	8
SPHAEROSEPALACEAE	1	1
SARCOLAENACEAE	10	68
BARBEUIACEAE	1	1
PHYSENACEAE	1	2



RAJERIARISON, 2010

- DIDIEREACEAE in the south ⇔ many affinities with the CACTACEAE confined in South America : *Faucherea laciniata* - *Callophyllum parviflorum*
- **Real living fossils species** : * *Phyllarthron madagascariensis* : with segmented leaves
 - * species of *Dombeya* : assymetric petales
 - * genera endemic *Polycardia*, ex : **P. centralis** : inflorescences in nervation of the leaf
- * **Takhtajania perrieri** : Witness living on the existence of primitive angiosperms of the Cretaceous in Madagascar



Tahina spectabilis (Arecaceae)
Only in the west of Madagascar
In extinction (IUCN, 2008)



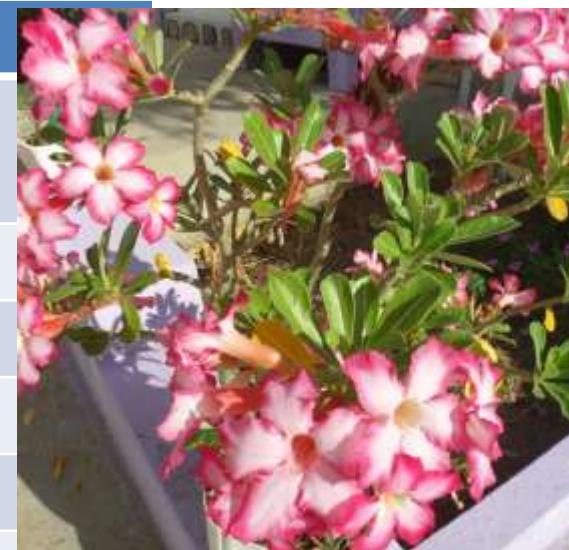
Metz, 2008)

Inflorescence : ~4 m

Estimation of the floristic richness

(IUCN/UNEP/WWF, 1987; Koechlin et al., 1974; Callmander, 2010)

Authors	years	Families	Genera	Species	
Perrier de la Bathie	1936	191	1289	7370	
Humbert	1959	207	1280	10000	
Leroy	1978	160	-	8200	
White	1983	191	1200	8500	
Guillaumet	1984	180	1600	12000	
Phillipson et al.	2006			14000	
Goodman	2008				
Callmander	2010			14886	
Rabarimanarivo et al., (Madcat)	2014			11386 + 1500 sp inconnues	
MEEFM	2014			12000-13000	
CDB	2014	200 à 216		13000-14000	



New taxa endemics

Genera and species	FAMILIES	AUTHORS	YEARS
<i>Uvaria lombardii</i> L. Gaut. & Deroin	ANNONACEAE	Gauthier et Deroin	2013
<i>Pandanus tsingycola</i> Callm. & Nusb.	PANDANACEAE	Callmander et al.	2013
Three new <i>Aloe</i> species		Letsara et al.	2012
151 species of <i>Aloe</i>		Klopper et al.	2013
<i>Angraecum potamophilum</i>	ORCHIDACEAE	Gautier et al.	2013
<i>Tsingya bemarana</i>	SAPINDACEAE		
<i>Euphorbia pirahazo</i>	EUPHORBIACEAE		
86 % species	ORCHIDACEAE	Rakotoarivelo et al.	2013
Bryophytes group		Lovanomenjanahary & al., Andriamanantena et al. Reeb et al. (sous press)	2012-2014 2014 2015
1/106 of genera 265/586 species	PTERIDOPHYTES GROUP		
99 % of species 3 / 154 of <i>Dypsis</i> species	ARECACEAE		
292 species	fungi /microorganisms	CDB	2014
170 à 190 species	BALSAMINACEAE	Rahelivololona	2008

Floristic richness and plants litteratures

47/48 species of *Dalbergia* endemics (MBG, 2013)

Diospyros : 130 new species (MBG, 2013)

LITTERATURES

- Madagascar naturally
- Revision of malagasy taxa (AETFAT Congress , 2014)
- Catalogue des plantes menacées de Madagascar

Ravintsara

MCD

Vahatra

Tohiravina

Honko

Paysages naturels de Madagascar

Articles in scientific webs

Web UICN

Tropicos – MADCAT-eflora- ...



Malagasy flora affinities

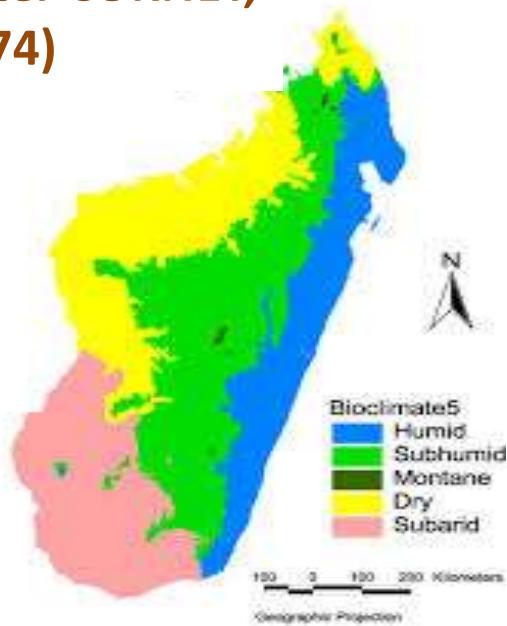
- Africa

⇒ Especially the soudano-zambezienne region of Africa and the occidental region of Madagascar

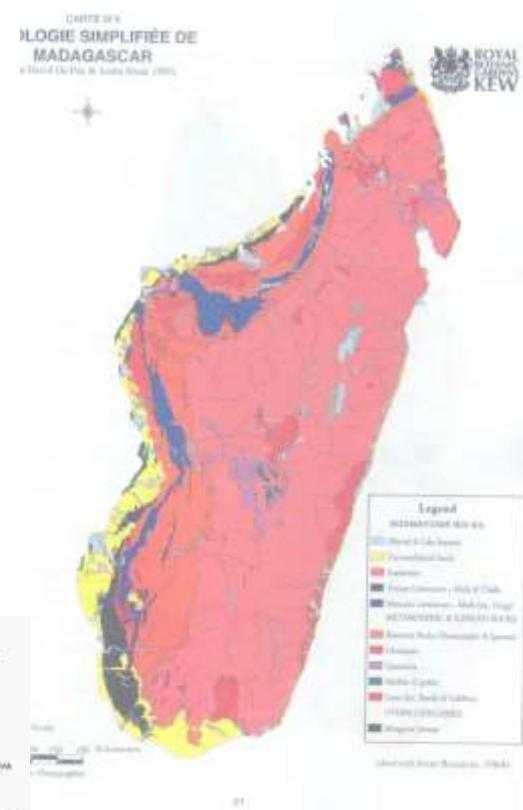
- Indo-Australo-Malaise (Schatz, 1996).



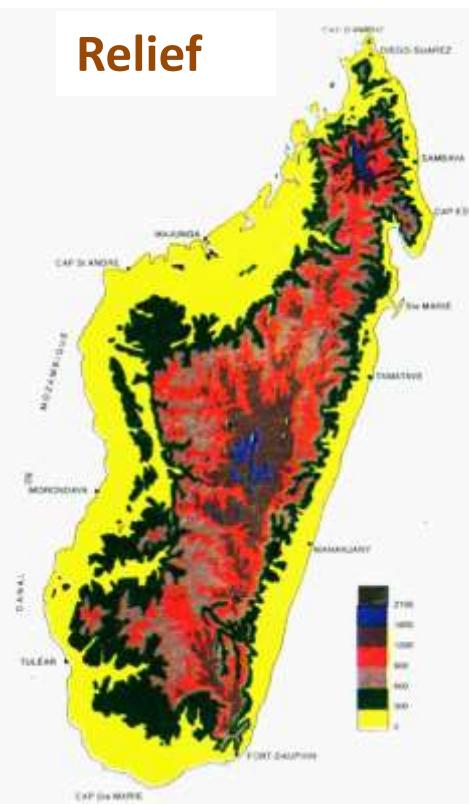
BIOCLIMAT 5 (after CORNET, 1974)



Simplified Geology Map of Madagascar (DUPUY & MOAT 1995)



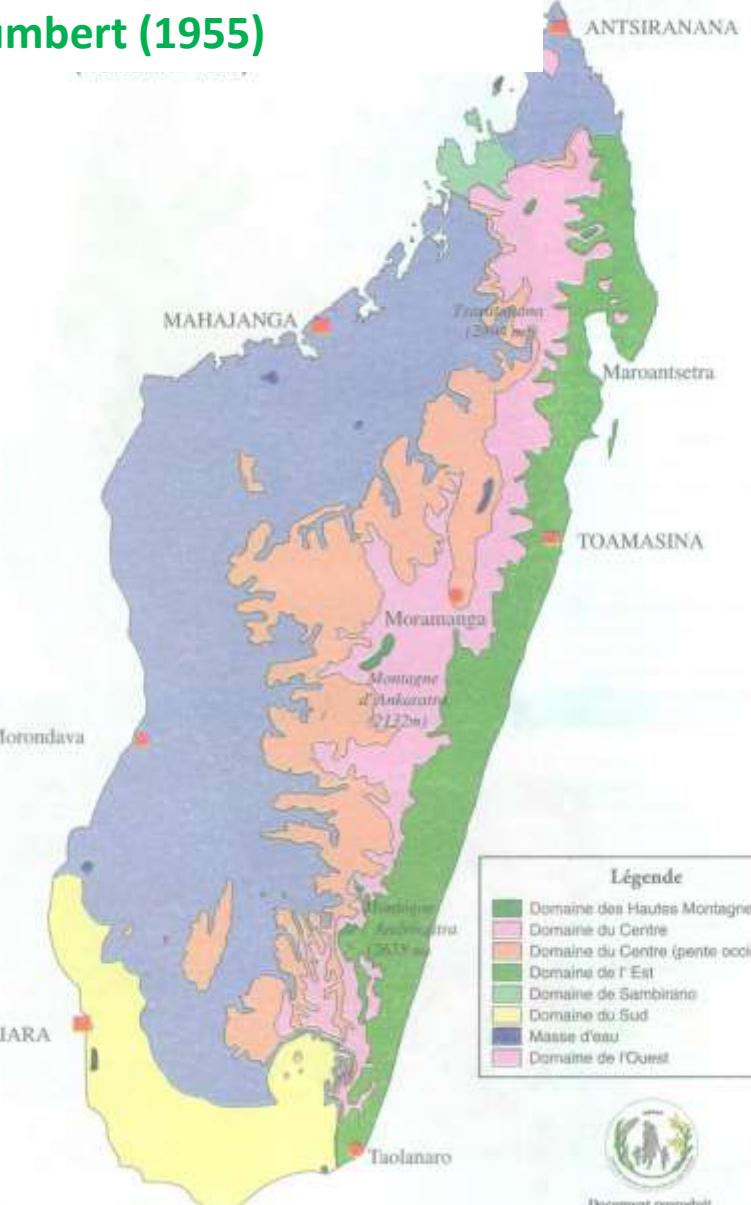
Relief



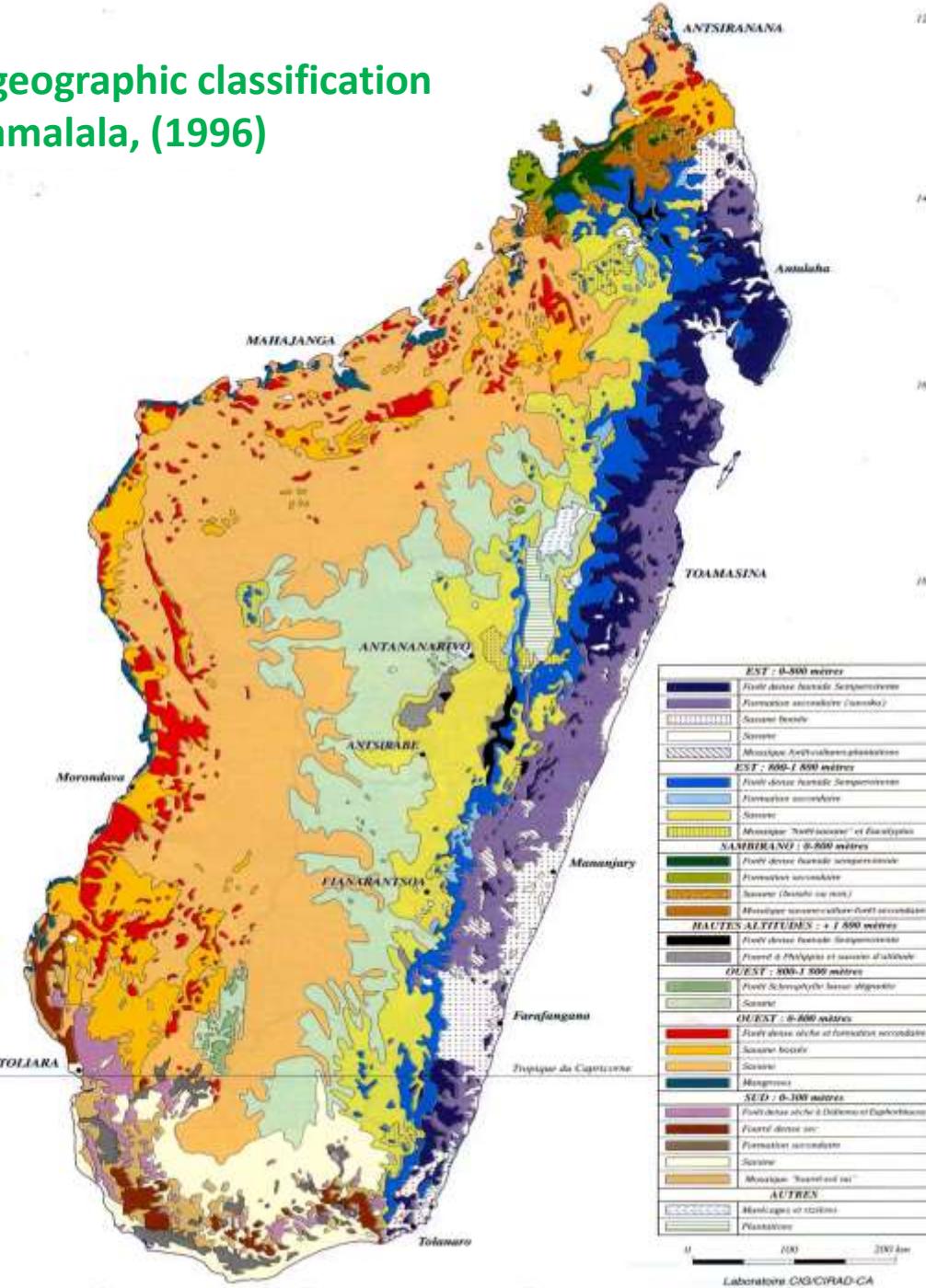
Phytogeographic classification of Perrier de la Bathie (1921)



Phytogeographic classification of Humbert (1955)

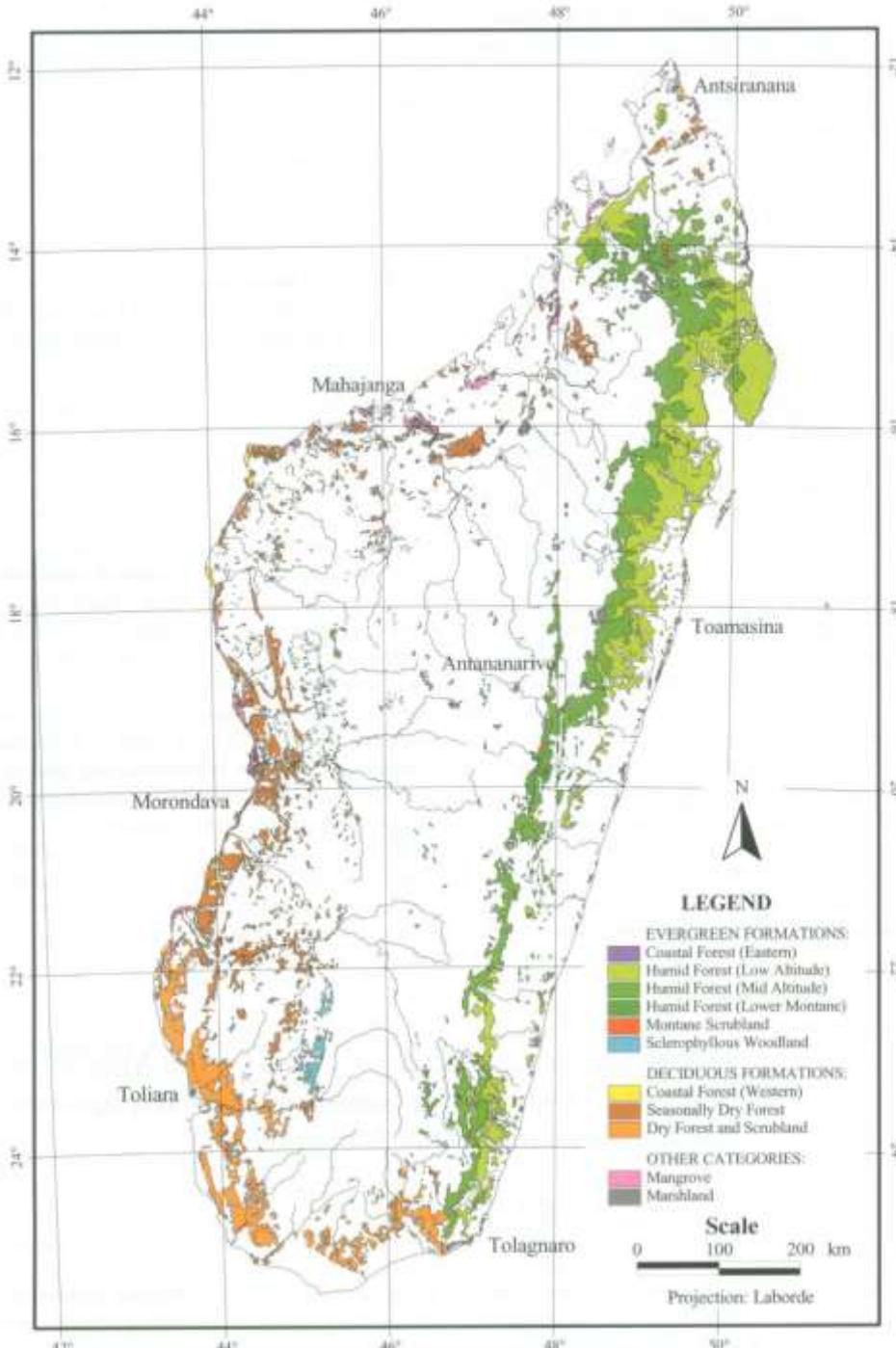


Phytogeographic classification of Faramalala, (1996)



EST : 0-800 mètres	
[Dark Blue]	Foët dense humide Sempervirente
[Purple]	Formation secondaire (savane)
[Light Blue]	Savane fossile
[White]	Savane
[Hatched]	Mosaïque forêt-culture/plantes
EST : 800-1 800 mètres	
[Dark Blue]	Foët dense humide Sempervirente
[Light Blue]	Formation secondaire
[Yellow]	Savane
[Hatched]	Mosaïque "Forêt basse" et Eucalyptus
NAMBIRANO : 0-800 mètres	
[Dark Green]	Foët dense humide sempervirente
[Green]	Formation secondaire
[Yellow-Green]	Savane (basalte ou roche)
[Orange]	Mosaïque savane-culture/foët secondaire
HAUTES ALTITUDES : + 1 800 mètres	
[Black]	Foët dense humide Sempervirente
[Grey]	Foët à Phellodé et savane d'altitude
OUEST : 0-800 mètres	
[Dark Green]	Foët Scierophylle basse dégradée
[Light Green]	Savane
OUEST : 800-1 800 mètres	
[Red]	Foët dense sèche et formation secondaire
[Yellow]	Savane fossile
[Orange]	Savane
[Dark Blue]	Mangrove
SUD : 0-300 mètres	
[Dark Purple]	Foët dense sèche à Diptéro et Euphorbiacae
[Dark Red]	Foët dense sec
[Grey]	Formation secondaire
[Light Grey]	Savane
[Orange]	Mangrove
SUD : 300-800 mètres	
[Dark Purple]	Foët dense sèche à Diptéro et Euphorbiacae
[Dark Red]	Foët dense sec
[Grey]	Formation secondaire
[Light Grey]	Savane
[Orange]	Mangrove
AUTRES	
[Hatched]	Mangroves et récifs
[Light Green]	Plaine

0 100 200 km



Madagascar Remaining Primary Vegetation Phytogeographic classification (Dupuys, 1996)

EVERGREEN FORMATIONS

Coastal forest Eastern
Humid forest low altitude
Humid forest mid altitude
Montane scrubland
Sclerophyllous woodland

DECIDUOUS FORMATIONS

Coastal forest western
Seasonally dry forest
Dry forest and scrubland

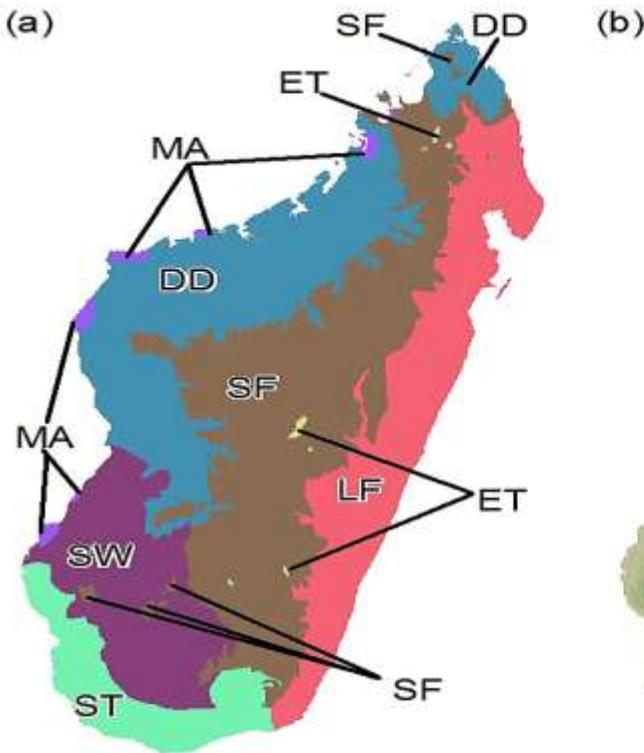
OTHER CATEGORIES

Mangroves
Marshland

15 types of ecosystems in Madagascar (Moat & Smith, 2007)

Types of forest ecosystems	Surface (km ²)	% of land cover
Forêt humide	47 637	8,06
Forêt humide dégradée	58 058	9,81
Forêt humide de l'Ouest	72	0,01
Forêt de Tapia	1 319	0,22
Forêt subhumide de l'Ouest	4 010	0,68
Forêt sèche de l'Ouest	31 970	5,40
Forêt épineuse du Sud-Ouest	18 355	3,10
Forêt sèche épineuse dégradée du Sud-Ouest	5 427	0,92
Mangroves	2 433	1,43
Forêt littorale	274	0,05

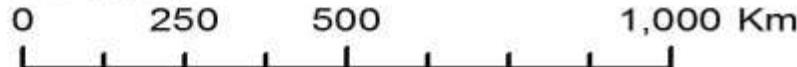




Ecoregions

- DD: Dry deciduous forests
- ET: Ericoid thickets
- LF: Lowland forests
- MA: Mangroves
- ST: Spiny thickets
- SF: Subhumid forests
- SW: Succulent woodlands

GCS WGS 1984

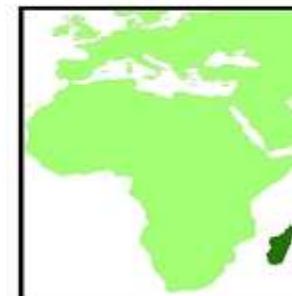


Site map showing the
 (a) **seven ecoregions** on
 which the analyses
 focused and (b) relief
 map of Madagascar,
 constructed using hill
 shade. Geographical
 Coordinate System
 (GCS) using the
 WGS1984 datum.

(Brown et al., 2015)

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Evergreen formation (East and Center)



Humid forest low altitude (Eastern)



Humid forest mid altitude (Center East)



Sclerophyllous formation
(Center-West) (Bois de Pente Occidental)



Montane forest (Center)

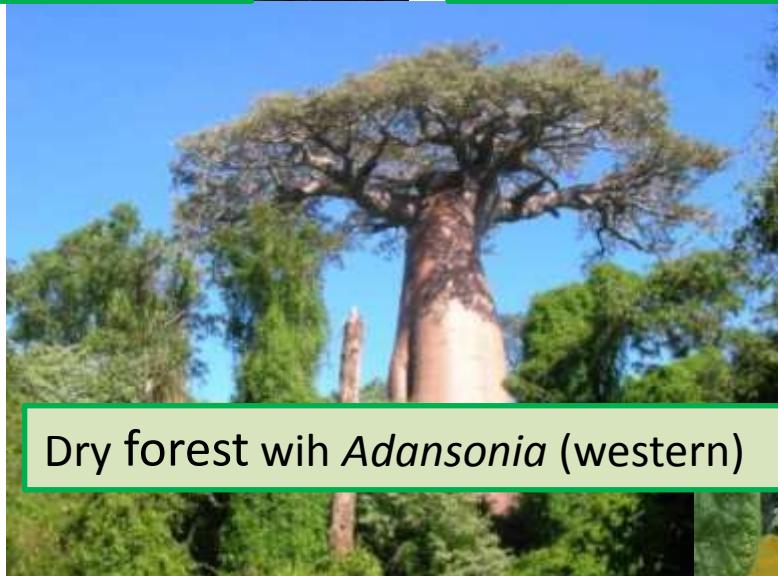
Dry forest / Deciduous formation (West)



Alluvional forest



Tsingy / Karst vegetation (north-west)



Dry forest wih *Adansonia* (western)



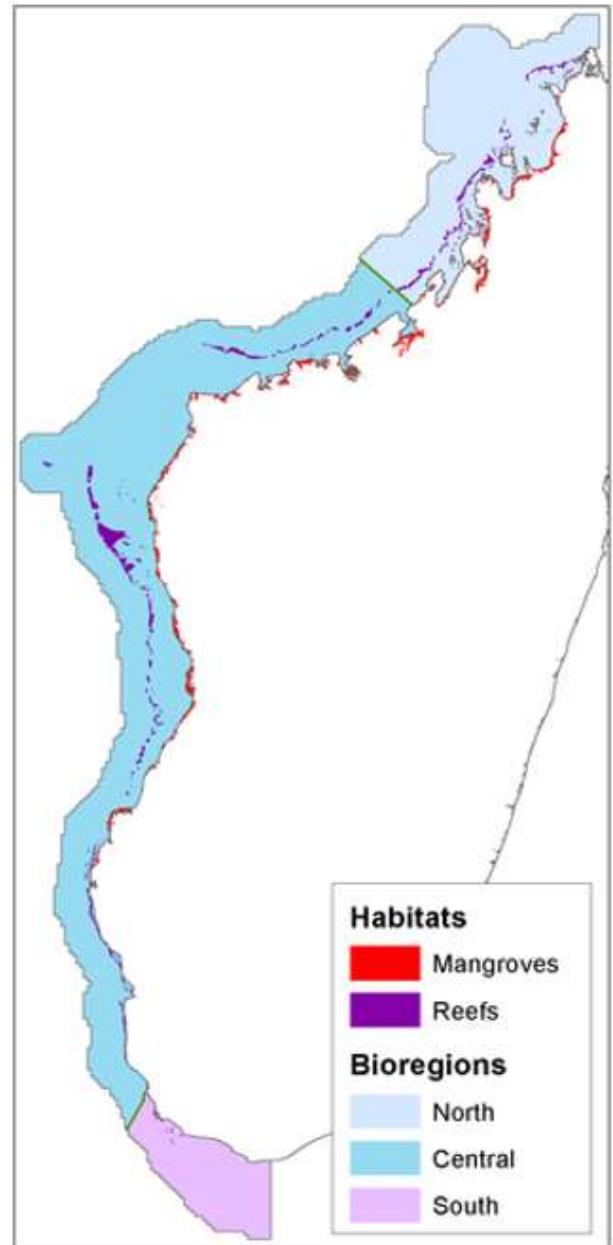
Arid forest (south west): xerophytic bush with Didiereaceae



(Rajeriarison, 2010)

3 bioregions of mangroves

- * North-west unit : at Cap d'Ambre to 15 km of the Mahajanga Town,
 - *Central unit in the north of Mahajanga at 150 km in the south of Toliara and
 - *South unit : south of Toliara around the cap of Vohimena (Allnutt *et al.* 2012).
- *Based on **Harper et al., (2007) and Moat et Smith (2007)** studies. ⇔ spatial data collected for three variables relevant to conservation decisions across the study area : fishing pressure, exposure to thermal stress, and biodiversity **all the west region is exposed , with need of priority conservation in the south**



Mangroves, geomorphologie des récifs coralliens et bioregions (Allnutt *et al.*, 2012)

Natural phylogenetic resources

*Wild crop:

*Two species of wild rice :
Oryza longistaminata et *O. punctata*, (E, W, N)

*Sorgho : Sorghum
verticiflorum, (Moyen Ouest).

*Vigna : *Vigna vexillata* et *Vigna angivensis*,
(Fabaceae); * Tubers : Yams :
Dioscorea (DIOSCOREACEAE),

*Wild fruits : *Uapaca bojeri*,
Strychnos, *Physalis* et de
Cactus, *Adansonia*, varieties of
fruits (*Citrus*), *Musa perrieri*

Intraspecific genetic diversity by molecular biology on : *Dalbergia monticola*, *Albizia gummifera*, *Aphloia* and *Ravensara*. Precious wood : *Dalbergia* and *Diospyros*

Study of origins on : *Khaya madagascariensis*,
Liquidambar styraciflua, *Eucalyptus spp*,
Pinus spp, *Cupressus lusitanica*, *Locust tree spp* and increased *Tectona*

80 varieties of batata – 31 varieties of *Manihot*
– 60 varieties of mayz
25 varieties of potatoes (CDB, 2014)



Natural phytogenetic ressources

- **Spice plants:** wild pepper plant ou **Tsiferifery**, hot pepper, *Aframomum*, *Curcuma*, , etc....
- **Fibre crop :** *Raphia farinifera* (Arecaceae) ; *Urena lobata*. *Agave cisalana* (MALVACEAE).
- **Cash crop :** *Vanilla decaryana*, *V. madagascariensis*, *V. montagnaci* et *V. perrieri*; 50 species of *Coffea* (Mascarocoffea)
- **Precious wood:** **Anakaraka** (*Cordyla madagascariensis*), **Fahavalonkazo** (*Xanthoxylon* sp), **Hazomainty** (*Diospyros* sp), **Hazomalany** (*Hernandia voyroni*), **Hazomena** (*Khaya madagascariensis*), **Hintsy** (*Afzelia bijuga*), **Manary** (*Dalbergia* sp), **Merana** (*Brachylaena* sp), **Volombodimpoana** (*Dalbergia*), **Totororo** (*Gluta turtur*), **Vory** (*Chlorophora graceana*), **Lalona** (*Weinmannia* sp).
- **Aromatics and medicinales plants :** **2250/12.000 species** médicinales, with 18,95%. 80 genres et 196 familles. 39,6% endemic species and 8,5% endemic genera (CDB, 2014)

Introduced Plants

- 546 species introduced naturalized,
- 611 species introduced and naturalized
- 211 species with uncertain status
(CDB, 2014).
- The most represented of the families :
FABACEAE (224 species),
MYRTACEAE (143),
POACEAE (71),
CACTACEAE (52),
ASTERACEAE (50)
SOLANACEAE (33).
(Kull *et al.*, 2012)



Introduced plants

- Crop species
- From America : *Vanilla fragrans*, *Zea mays*, *Arachis hypogea*, *Theobroma cacao*, *Ipomoea batatas* ;
- From Asia : *Piper nigrum*, *Musa spp*, *Mangifera indica*, *Colocasia esculenta* ; *Oryza sativa*, *Coffea spp*), *Vigna spp*, *Dioscorea spp.*



Ranarijaona, 2010



Andrianasetra, 2009

Invasive Alien Species (IAS)

- CDB Conference
- IPBES e-conference on september 2015 :

1) invasive alien species and their control (IAS)

2) sustainable use of biodiversity and strengthening capacities and tools (SUB)

- Not many data published

Eichhornia crassipes, Clidemia hirta, Psidium cattleyanum,



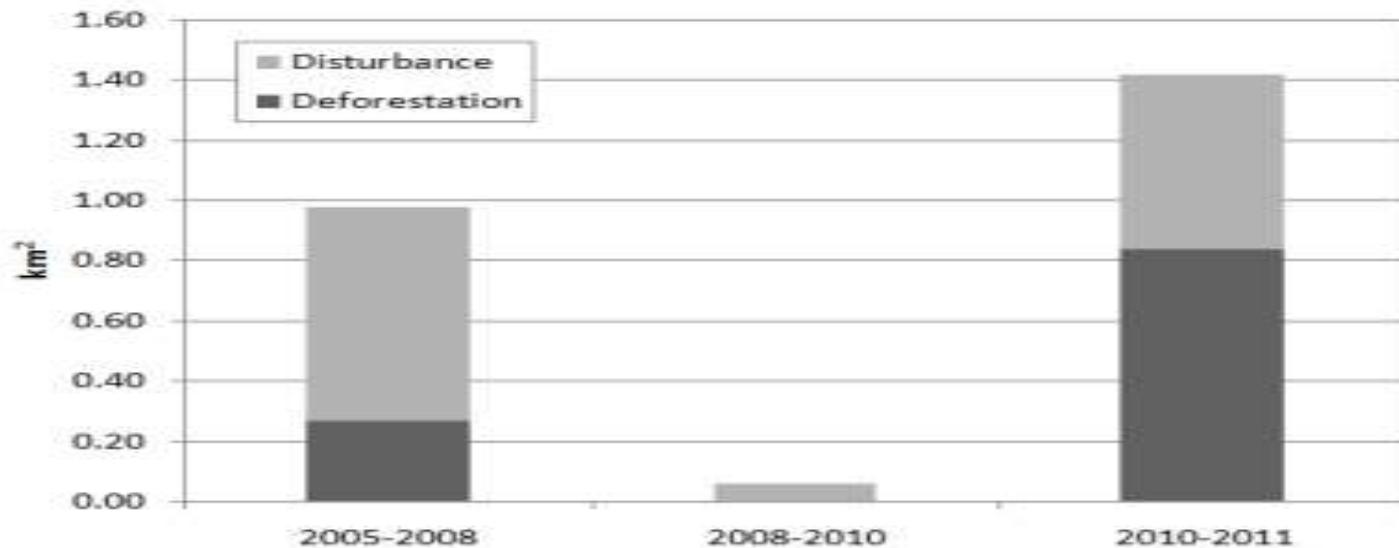
(Ranarijaona, 2013)



THREATS



Threats



(Alnutt et al., 2013)

Zone bioclimatique	Couverture des forêts naturelle (ha)		Taux de déforestation (% par an)
	2005	2010	
Humide	4 702 020	4 658 155	0,2
Sèche	2 628 029	2 554 746	0,6
Epineuse	2 070 632	2 009 792	0,6

Source : ONE, 2013

Fires (2007-2011)

Année	Feux forêt	Feux non forêt	Total points de feux
2007	5971	56601	62572
2008	5125	41104	46229
2009	8274	50275	58549
2010	5092	42730	47822
2011	8472	50189	58661

Source: DGF/DVRN/SABVRGF.

(Cited by RANDRIANAVOSOA, 2012)

Threats on malagasy mangroves ⇔ raise 0,2 % of surface every 10 years (FAO, 2003)

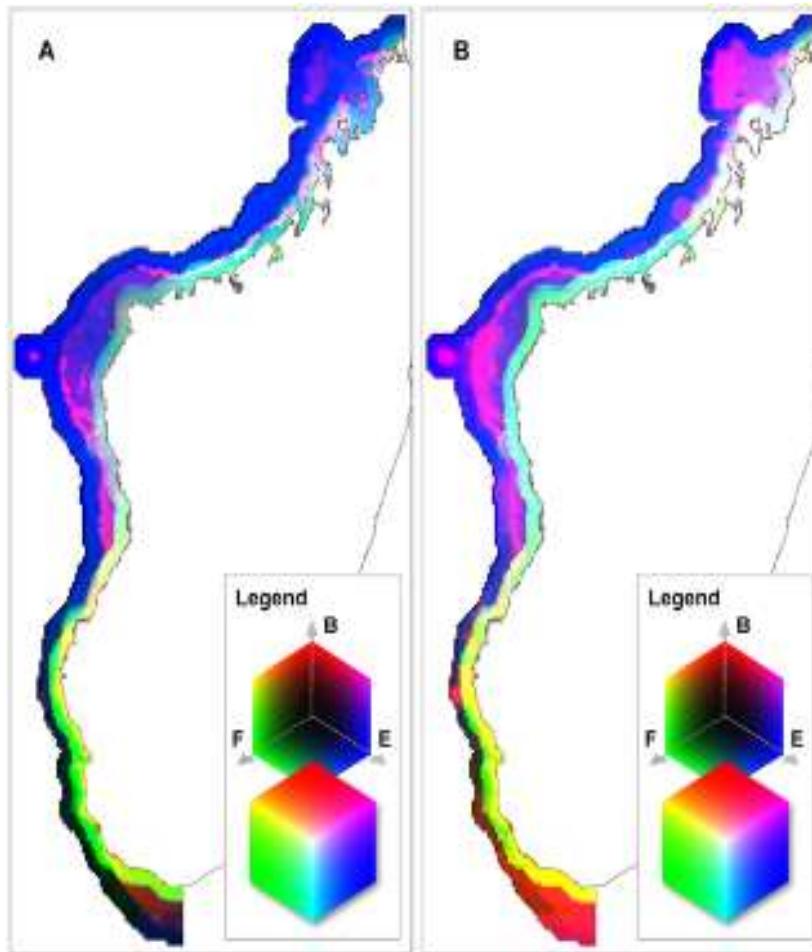


Ranarijaona, 2015



Asity, 2014

Two results of RGB visual overlay of primary variables (biodiversity, fishing pressure, exposure) (Alnutt et al., 2012).



A: Biodiversity value expressed as fish species richness; B: Biodiversity value measured using the Zonation algorithm. Key shows classification in 3-dimensional RGB color cube, with biodiversity (letter B in the key) assigned to Red (z-axis), fishing (F) assigned to Green (y-axis), and exposure (E) assigned to Blue (x-axis).

Loss of diversity at the Fofifa collections ex-situ (CDB, 2014)

Année	1996	2006	2013	Détenteur
Arachide	349	275	243	FOFIFA
Blé	169	Abandonné	-	FOFIFA
Blé	2570	352	-	FIFAMANOR
Café	1282	3300	166	FOFIFA
Canne à sucre	338	Abandonnée	-	FOFIFA
Coton	160	912	-	Hasyma
Haricot	321	222	108	FOFIFA
Maïs			184	FOFIFA
Manioc	330	202	-	FOFIFA
Poivrier	195	Abandonné	-	FOFIFA
Riz	4127	6210	6210	FOFIFA
Soja	272	Abandon	3 (Reprise en cours)	FOFIFA
Vignes	135	98	51	FOFIFA
Voandzou	28	47	47	FOFIFA

Source : DRA /FOFIFA



Modified vegetation



Measures taken against threats

- Goverment political environment
- Research projects,
- Protected areas,
- Conservations *ex-situ*,
- Conservation projects
- International and national Financial supports
- **Proposed REDD projects**

5 REDD Pilot Projects in Madagascar .

- * Makira – Makira Carbon Company (MCC) and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS);
- * Ankeniheny to Zahamena Forest Corridor (CAZ) – Conservation International;
- * Fandriana to Vondrozo Forest Corridor (COFAV) – Conservation International;
- * Holistic Forest Conservation Programme (PHCF) – WWF and Good Planet;
- * FORECA – GTZ/Inter - cooperation.

GSPM – CITES and IUCN

- Since 2007, the GSPM has submitted about 700 species to IUCN's for validation.
- **On 2015 : ~1000 malagasy species are assessed and/or validated; status according to Red List or/and CITES criteria**
- ~ 400 species published on IUCN red list;
- Assessments of CITES plants statuses are still ongoing and done by the CITES scientific authority for Flora whose members are also MPSG members: those plants are mainly **precious wood and succulent species**.



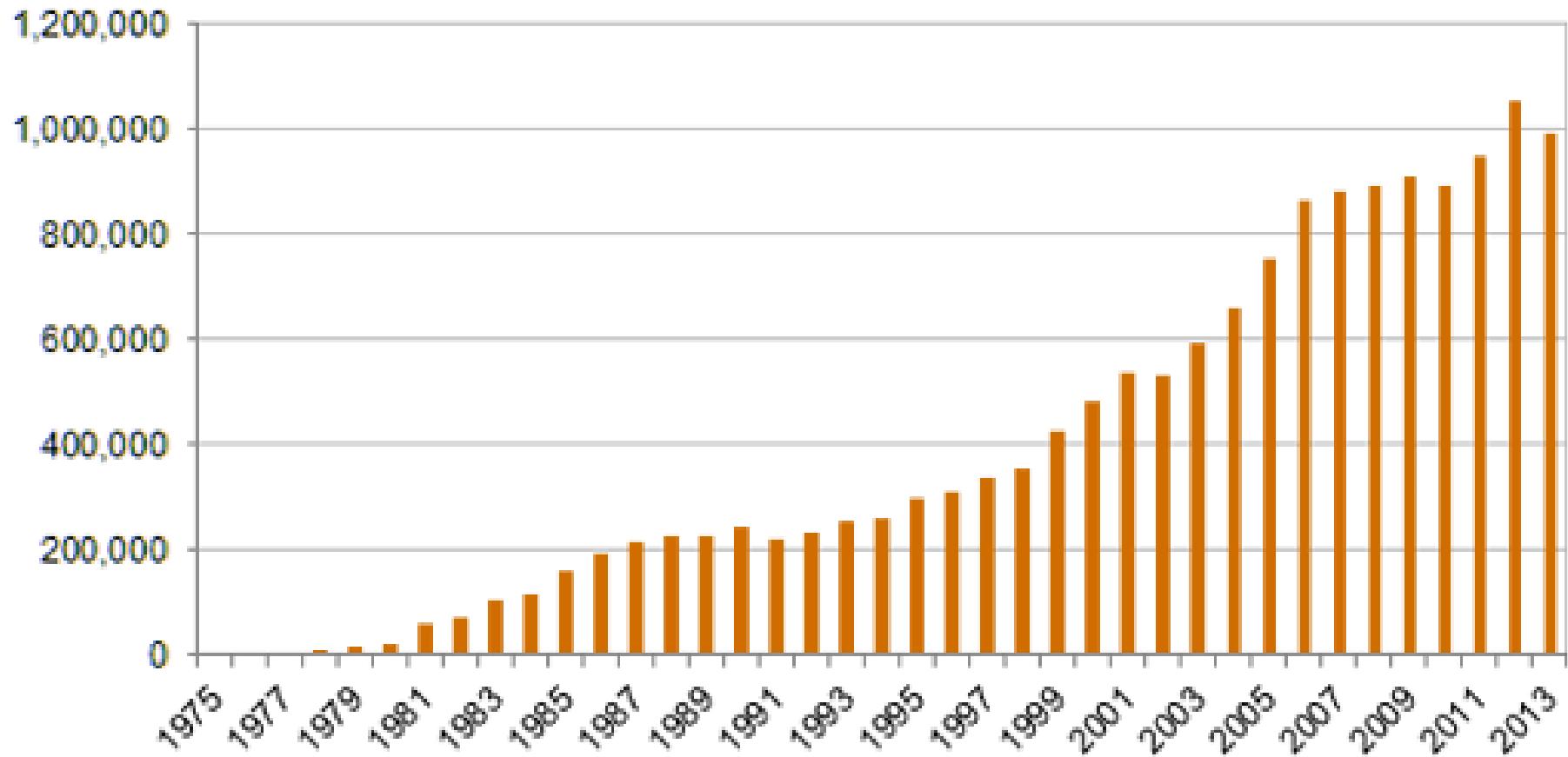
Pr Vololontaina Jeannoda, Olivier Hasinger et Barbara Goetsch.

Species statute evaluated by CITES (2013) (CDB, 2014)

Nom des taxons	Statut de conservation					
	CR	EN	VU	NT	LC	DD
<i>Diospyros</i>	2	17	57	4		6
<i>Dalbergia</i>	8	18	12		5	
<i>Euphorbia</i>	8	6	3			
Palmiers	2	2	2			
<i>Aloe</i>		2	2			3
<i>Cyphostemma</i>			1			
<i>Operculicarya</i>				1		
<i>Pachypodium</i>			2			1
<i>Senna</i>			1			

CITES : Convention sur le commerce international des espèces de faune **et** de flore sauvages menacées d'extinction

Nombre de transactions enregistrées



Conservation ex situ in the Parc Botanique de Tsimbazaza (Rapanarivo, 2015)

	Familles	Espèces
Effectifs	6	39

Familles

Asteropeiaceae

Physenaceae

Sarcolaenaceae

Sphaerosepalaceae

Espèces

Asteropeia labatii

Physena sessiliflora

Sarcolaena oblongifolia,

Schizolaena parvifolia

Schizolaena microphylla

Xerochlamys tampokensis

Xerochlamys bojeriana

Rhopalocarpus lucidus

(Rapanarivo, 2015)

Conservation ex situ in the Parc Botanique de Tsimbazaza : (Rapanarivo, 2015)

B- APOCYNACEAE	<i>Pachypodium densiflorum</i> <i>P. brevicaule</i> <i>P. rutenbergianum</i> <i>P. widsorii</i> <i>P. meridionale</i> <i>P. sofiense</i> <i>P. inopinatum</i> <i>P. baronii</i> <i>P. lamerei</i> <i>P. geayi</i> <i>P. decaryi</i> <i>P. rosulatum</i> <i>P. gracilis</i>
C- MALVACEAE (BOMBACACEAE)	<i>Adansonia rubrostipa</i> <i>Adansonia za</i> <i>Adansonia suarezensis</i> <i>Adansonia grandidieri</i> <i>Adansonia madagascariensis</i>
C- MALVACEAE (STERCULIACEAE)	<i>Dombeya mollis</i> <i>Dombeya lucida</i> <i>Andringitra macrantha</i> <i>Dombeya cicutinum</i>

Conservation *ex situ* in the Parc Botanique de Tsimbazaza (Rapanarivo, 2015)

ORCHIDACEAE	<i>Angraecum longicacar</i> <i>Angraecum magdalenae</i> <i>Aeranthes henricii</i> <i>Grammagis spectabilis</i> <i>Bulbophyllum hamelinii</i>
ARECACEAE	<i>Beccariophoenix</i> <i>fenestralis</i>
XANTHORRHOEACEAE	<i>Aloe vaombe</i> <i>Aloe henae</i> <i>Aloe suzannae</i>

Conservation ex situ in the Mahajanga Reniala Park

Tahina spectabilis (Arecaceae) : endemic species critically endangered

Age : 2 years, planted on january 2015 by the Doctoral School of Naturals Ecosystems (EDEN) University of Mahajanga



Conclusion and perspectives :

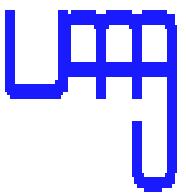
Malagasy flora = need of conservation priority

- **High elevation endemics are particularly vulnerable.**
 - **Plant diversity is vulnerable** to both individual and combined effects of climate and land cover change
 - Strengthen the international collaboration to protect the endangered species of extinction against the export
 - need to **understand how climate and land cover change will affect plant diversity.**
 - **Carry on the fructuous collaboration between ONGs, teacher researchers , students, searchers and their partnerships.**
- ** prioritize the plant conservation projects
- ** **valorise all results published in many litteratures**
- Priorize research about bryophytes and aquatic plants, algal and fungi, and invasive alien species.

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