

# Policy, legal and participatory processes for establishing a protected area system in Madagascar

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## Objectives

- Expansion of Protected Areas to **six million hectares.**
- Protected areas with **new categories and governance types** including **local communities.**
- **Ecosystem Services** from PA to contribute to poverty alleviation and sustainable development.

### **International partners:**

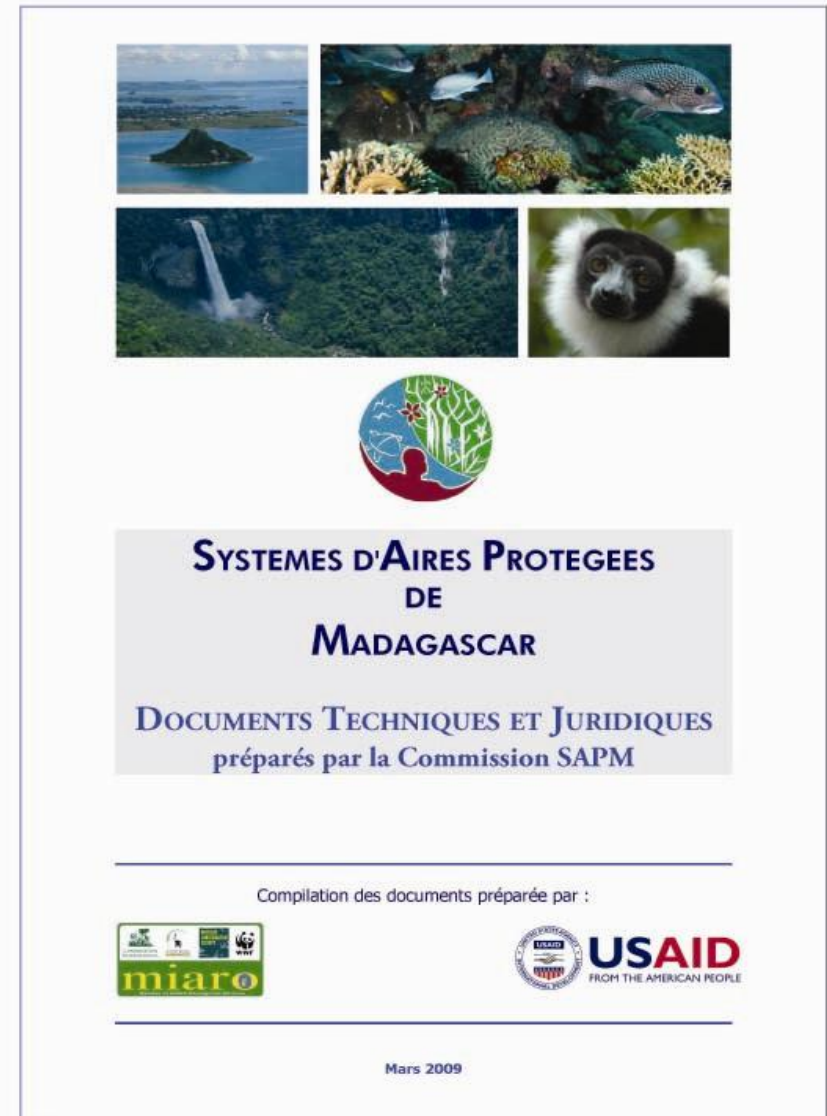
Donors' community (USAID, World Bank, KFW, GTZ), NGOs (WWF, WCS, DWCT, MBG)

### **National and local partners:**

Ministry of Environment, National Park Service (MNP), National NGOs and associations (Fanamby, Asity, TPF, local communities...)

# RESULTS:

- Priority Setting Exercises
- Political and legal framework
- 38 new protected areas created in a participatory way
- New types of governance
- Guide/Tools for PA promoters and managers
- Stewardship approach: CBNRM, Participatory Ecological Monitoring...
- Financing mechanism: PES, Ecotourism...



### LESSON LEARNED 1

The effectiveness of the communication system is the basis of engagement of communities

### LESSON LEARNED 2

Ownership of the PA agenda takes time beyond cycles of projects, need to ensure continuity with a mid/long term support strategy

### LESSON LEARNED 3

Sustainability of protected areas is dependent upon the availability of livelihood options for communities

### Future Plans

- Implementation of a **capacity building program** for governance structures
- Development of **multisectoral partnerships** for an **integrated land-use planning**

