RARE MADAGASCAR

Remnants of the island's original vegetation serve as critical biodiversity hot spots, crammed with hundreds of vulnerable endemic plant and animal species. Yet today only half of the high-priority sites lie within the country's network of protected areas. With the overthrow of the government, ambitious conservation plans are on hold, and illegal logging and poaching run rampant in parks.



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Species found mostly in this biodiversity area

Antsirañana
Iharaña (Vohemar)
MAROJEJY NATIONAL PARK
Sambava
1
Antalaha
Onive River
Maroantsetra
MASOALA NATIONAL PARK
Antongil Bay
Current focus of illegal logging
Mahajanga
MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL
MADAGASCAR
Toamasina
AMBATOVY NICKEL AND COBALT MINE
MANTADIA N.P.
Antananarivo
VOHIMANA
MAHAMAZAOTRA SPECIAL RESERVE
INDIAN OCEAN
Antsirabe
AVENUE OF THE BAOBABS
2
Morondava
3
4
Mananjary
Fianarantsoa
Morombe
Mangoky
5
Manakara
PILAKAKA SAPPHIRE MINES
Farafangana
Toliara
Onilahy
Beheloka
ILMENITE MINE
Tôlañaro

Rain forest (primary rosewood habitat)
Degraded rain forest
Other forest
Critically important biodiversity area
Protected area

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