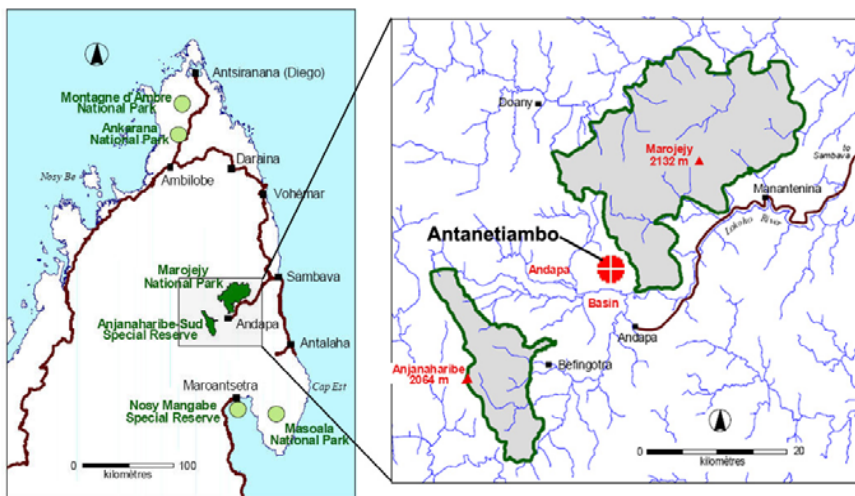


## ACCESS & BOOKINGS

Taxi brousse or travel by private vehicle from Sambava to Andapa. In Andapa, taxi or bicycle 7 km north to the Belaoka-Marovato Commune. To arrange excursions, contact Mr. Rabary Desiré at tel. **032.43.527.46** or Mlle. Julia at tel. **032.43.347.98**. For advance bookings and further information, contact [info@marojejy.com](mailto:info@marojejy.com).



## Regional Ecotourism and Ethnotourism

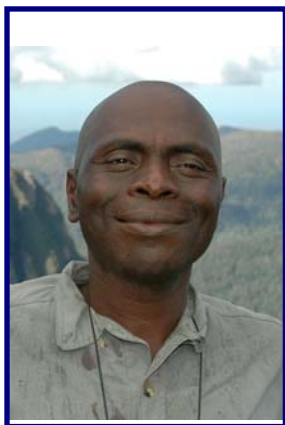
# Antanetiampo Nature Reserve

Commune Rurale de Belaoka-Marovato/ANDAPA

<http://antanetiampo.marojejy.com>



Located 7km from town in the Andapa basin and managed by one of the region's foremost wildlife guides and environmental educators, Antanetiampo Reserve provides visitors with a unique opportunity to observe native biodiversity while learning about local Tsimihety culture in a traditional village environment.



**Mr. Rabary Desiré** is a local conservationist, environmental educator, and Marojejy National Park Guide. He has worked with the villagers of Belaoka-Marovato to protect the wildlife habitat of Antanetiampo since 2003. Mr. Rabary regularly brings local students to the Reserve to teach about native biodiversity and conservation. Proficient in English, French, and Malagasy, Mr. Rabary has proudly worked as a regional tourist guide for over 10 years.



*Support local conservation efforts*  
*Witness the natural regeneration of a tropical rainforest*  
*Discover centuries-old traditions of a people living simply on the land*

## Natural History

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Once virgin tropical rainforest harboring some of the richest biodiversity in Madagascar, much of Antanetiambo was cleared many decades ago by colonists for farming coffee, and later annually burned for subsistence crop production. Under its current protection as a nature reserve, and with the aid of an intensive reforestation project, the mountain is gradually reverting to its former natural state.

## Biodiversity

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Stands of giant bamboo and wild ginger now flourish, supporting healthy populations of bamboo and mouse lemurs. Numerous species of birds, including herons, sunbirds, kingfishers and owls make their homes in Antanetiambo, as well as a wide variety of reptiles and amphibians.

## Cultural Activities

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On arrival in the village of Belaoka-Marovato, enjoy a performance of regional songs and dances by the talented local women's cooperative. Visit rice paddies and surrounding farmland to discover local organic rice, coffee and vanilla cultivation techniques (seasonal). Even visit local village schools and learn about education in rural Madagascar.



## PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Visiting Antanetiambo makes for a perfect day trip from Andapa or overnight excursion. Private taxis may be hired or bicycles rented in Andapa, and visitors are welcome to camp at the reserve. If camping overnight, guests are kindly asked to make advance arrangements with their Antanetiambo nature reserve guide.

Visitors may partake in a variety of activities apart from lemur sightings at Antanetiambo and cultural immersion in the community of Belaoka-Marovato. Other activities include birding in the wetlands of Anjojorobe, dugout canoe rides on the Andramonta River, and guided bicycling tours through the surrounding countryside. The reserve management is happy to cater excursions to individual visitor interests!



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Reptile and amphibian enthusiasts should consider requesting a guided tour of the Ambodivohitra-Marovato nature reserve, another local conservation site managed by Mr. Rabary Desiré. Ambodivohitra Reserve boasts an impressive diversity of endemic reptiles and amphibians.