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# USAID MIKAJY CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITIES

## LOCAL SOLUTIONS

USAID Mikajy will support local communities in western and northeastern Madagascar to sustainably manage and benefit from their natural resources.

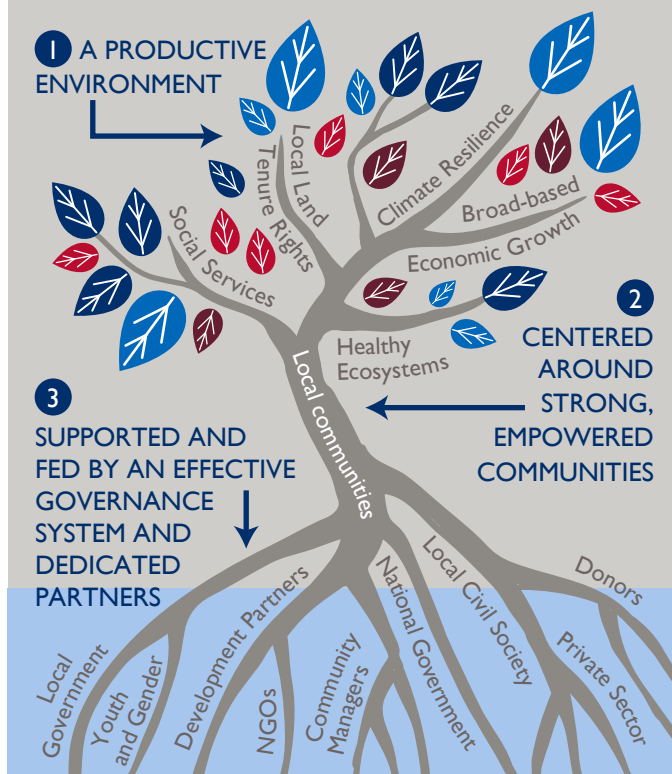
## COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL

USAID Mikajy, as part of USAID’s Conservation and Communities Project (CCP), will demonstrate the extraordinary value of letting local communities lead the way. Through an integrated approach focused on resilience, the CCP will improve conservation of unique biodiversity, promote sustainable livelihoods, and secure effective local governance and ownership of natural resources.



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## A FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY-CENTERED GROWTH



## INTEGRATED APPROACH

USAID Mikajy’s work will be guided by three primary objectives.



Strengthen Natural Resources Management



Improve Local Communities’ Well-being Through Economic Development and Social Support Programs



Support Community-led Natural Resources Governance Through Land Tenure and Civil Society Strengthening

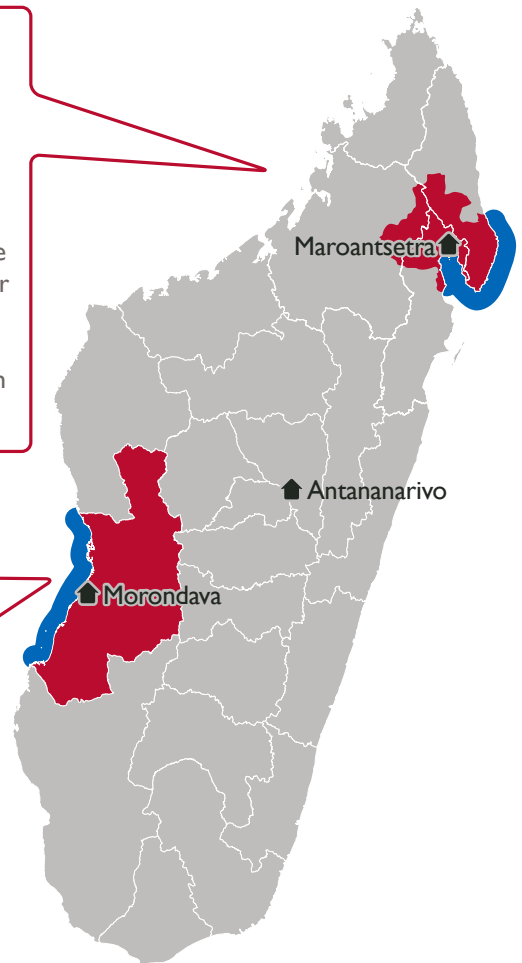
USAID Mikajy focuses on two regions rich in biodiversity and economic potential. Working directly with local communities who rely on land and sea resources, USAID Mikajy will provide them with tools and knowledge to ensure those resources are available for generations to come.

**MaMaBay:**

An area in the northeast consisting of protected rainforest landscapes and seascapes, anchored by **Makira** and **Masoala** Parks and **Antongil Bay**, which are high priority zones for lemur and marine conservation. The area is also renowned for its high-value crops, such as vanilla and spices.

**Menabe:**

A region in the west encompassing protected dry forest landscapes, diverse marine and coastal ecosystems; home to iconic baobabs, rare mammals, reptiles, and birds, offering high potential for fisheries, aquaculture, and tourism.



**Legend**

- Terrestrial ecosystem territory
- Marine ecosystem territory
- Mikajy's offices

**OBJECTIVE ONE SAFEGUARD**

Sustainable, Community-based Natural Resources Management



- Community-led development and implementation of management plans to reduce threats to biodiversity
- Empower community-led management of natural resources and ecosystem services
- Build resilience to climate stresses and reduce wildlife trafficking, deforestation, and resource degradation

**OBJECTIVE TWO BENEFIT**

Improved Well-being Around Biodiversity-rich Areas



- Assure long-term, broad-based benefits from livelihood activities through gender and youth engagement and climate resilient activities and resilience measures
- Establish partnerships with private sector operators and cooperatives in support of sustainable, environment-friendly enterprises
- Leverage partnerships with other development actors to provide communities with social services

**OBJECTIVE THREE GOVERN**

Decentralized Natural Resources Governance and Strengthened Civil Society



- Enhance inclusive tenure of land and natural resources by improving existing systems and promoting innovative approaches
- Involve community-based natural resource management groups into the local development process to establish a lasting framework integrating their interests, rights, and responsibilities