

***EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE
AND SUSTAINABLE
MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES BASED ON THE
VALUES OF THE
FOKONOLONA in Madagascar***

Spain 2013



Historical of NRM & *fokonolona*

- Traditionnaly, NRM = Role of the *fokonolona*
- Fokonolona = Traditional social organisation and structure of local communities, based on malagasy values and culture
- Most sustainable, resilient institutions accepted as legitimate by all malagasy people
- Strong cohesion and organisation of population inside a “*terroir*” (*area for feeding one another*) and collaboration at *terroir* level
- In all 4 successive constitutions : *fokonolona* = base & guarantee of the sustainable development in Madagascar

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **Lands and resources** : state properties
- PA : Objectives 1 and 3 and state governed until Durban



LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **1973**
 - Fokonolona in charge of its own properties and its own development
 - Develop development and management plan of its territory
 - Set up social contracts for its management
 - Develop a community fund
 - **1996** Law on transfer of MANAGEMENT of natural resources to local communities
 - **2008** : proposition of a new code of protected areas with IUCN framework but....political crisis=> no adoption



Lessons learned from 17 years of management transfer

- 727 contracts,
- 1.239.000 ha of Terrestrial ecosystems & marine and coastal ecosystems
- Positive results and impacts : decrease of degradation



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LIMITS :

- ° 1973 not applied
- ° Local communities in its spirit but was applied for some cases to a local association not accountable to the fokonolona
- ° Transfer of management does not mean taking part in the decision concerning the territory (governance)
- ° Political, social, economic crisis : decision from decision makers in the government => loss of biodiversity
- ° Protected areas managed without responsibility of local communities => not effective
- ° WHS : in danger





TAFI MIHAAVO

- A network of local communities (*fokonolona*) managing natural resources
- Official in May 2012
- 30 federations including 482 Community-based Organisations from the *fokonolona* initially
- From 19 out of 22 regions of Madagascar



Vision & objectives of Tafo Mihaavo

Vision for 2020:

- Natural resources fairly governed and effectively managed, levers of sustainable development based on local values
- *Fokonolona*: responsible in governance, competent, autonomous in their organisation and decisions, and respected by their partners
- Each *Fokonolona* implements the management plan of their “terroir”, on environmental management, food security and improvement of their living conditions

FOKONOLONAs ORGANISATION

- Fokonolona in charge of **governance (gov body)** and management (**mngt units**) at « terroir » level with social contract « dina »
- Union of fokonolona at territory level with « dinabe »
- Tafo Mihaavo at national level for exchange , advocacy, policy influence



TAFO MIHAAVO ACTION PLAN FOR 3 YEARS

- Capitalization and assessment of community-based initiatives in NR management and governance => recognition
- Proposition of review of legal frameworks with advocacy at regional and national levels => security
- Communication and exchanges at local, national, international levels =>
- Continued support to Fokonolona's natural resources governance, management and livelihood actions (Icapacity development by action at reality level) => equity
- Set up local and national cultural and natural heritages in order to recognize Fokonolona's effectiveness in governance
- **Outstanding contribution of Fokonolonas to reach the Aichi targets**
*(in recognizing ICCAs : the terroir/territory or the resources ?)
as protected areas ???*

CONCLUSION

- Network = Communities self initiative
- Tafo Mihaavo contribution to national & local policy definition and implementation for effectiveness, sustainability
- sustainability & resilience => support to *fokonolona*





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