EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BASED ON THE VALUES OF THE FOKONOLONA in Madagascar
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 territory 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
Lessons learned from 17 years of management transfer

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
• 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
FOKOLONAs 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 (capacity 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 Aïchi 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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