

LAMBOKELY the Village of Resilience

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https://ph.news.yahoo.com/1-4-million-madagascar-food-111916797.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmZyLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAACHi3MbF3QCRpmx6MA-FS8udzdk7r3HBN1Krfqx_krAraB5sfjVxVdgjY6r0f8IAH1aIBW72ShvjxxQOQSxzKjVutLXqllX2TIOrSL1BIH0yhKxFap0r8x1AlyZ8pnJI-Bi_5Wf9RU9qt6xja0d8pv0V8nejMdemTzdCZTX0qDXI

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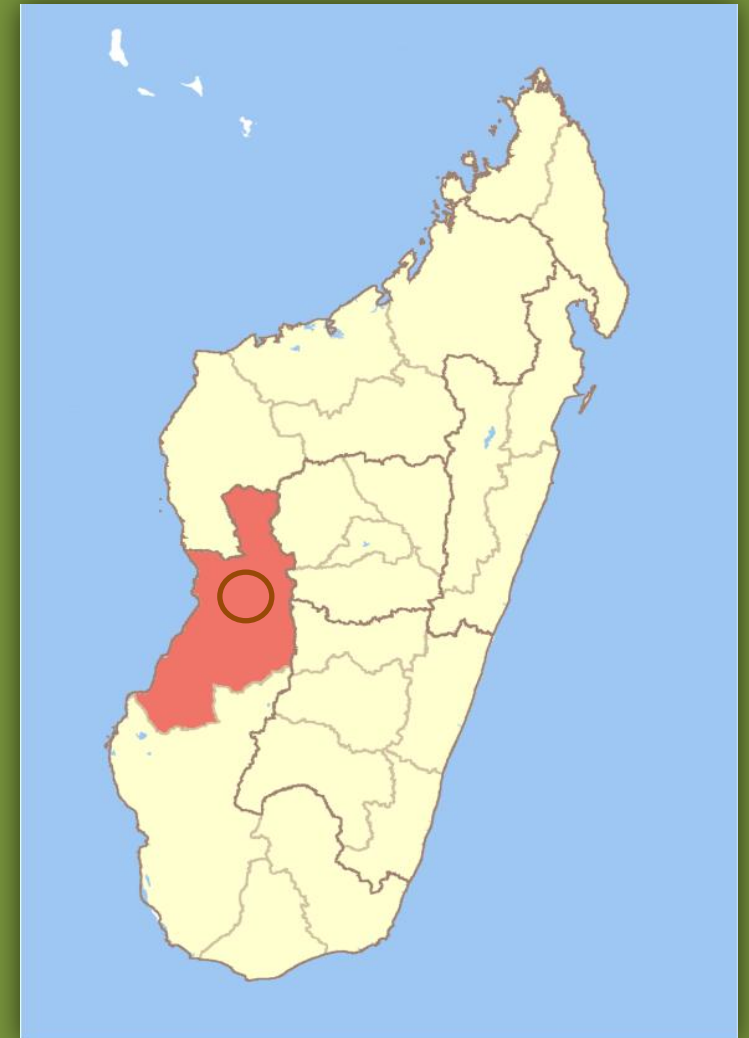
<https://www.aslm-lemuriens.org>



Tahina just woke up.

**During his sleep,
a benevolent spirit from the forest
visited him.**

**He asks her to go urgently
to his friend Bendray
who lives in Lambokely,
a small village located
in the center-west of Madagascar.**



<https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menabe>

**To get to Lambokely,
Tahina takes a bush taxi.**



picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric

**The journey is painful,
the roads are bumpy,
the heat is oppressive and
a landscape of desolation
presents itself to his eyes.**



picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric

**After long hours on the road,
the village of Lambokely is in sight.**

Tahina marvels at the sight of the baobab forest.



**On arrival,
he is greeted by Bendray.**



picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric



(c) Tahina

picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric

**Both are passionate
about these giants
which seem to have
their roots in the sky and
they decide
to go visit them.**

The closer they get, the more Tahina realizes that what he thought was a forest is not.

Only the trunks of imposing baobabs rise towards the sky.

At their feet, there is only dry land.

Tahina is upset.



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**They see a start of fire a little further
and run to put it out before it does a lot of damage.**

**By uniting
their efforts,
they get there
quickly.**



**Bendray tells him that these fires are frequent now
and that less than 10 years ago,
these baobabs reigned over a large dry forest.**



He tells her that at that time, the forest was home to many unique animals in the world, including lemurs.

Verreaux's sifaka,



<https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sifaka>

Madame Berthe's mouse lemur,



<https://www.lemursportal.org/species/getDetailTaxo?id=112>

red-tailed lemur,



<https://lemursofmadagascar.com/html/species/47/mirza-coquereli-grandidier-1867>

western phaner,



<https://www.naturepl.com/stock-photo-pale-fork-marked-lemur-phaner-pallescons-in-search-for-food-at-night-nature-image01616215.html>

southern rufous-fronted eulemur



<https://www.rts.ch/play/radio/cafd/audio/comment-les-lemuriens-de-madagascar-sauvent-ils-la-recherche-scientifique?id=9808677>



He points out that since then, lemurs and other animals endemic to the region have become rare.

flat tailed turtle,



https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyxis_planicauda

giant jumping rat,



<https://www.mondedesmammiferes.fr/hypogeomys-antimena/>

pin-striped mongoose,



https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angoustes_d'Ile_aux_Raies

furcifer labordi chameleon,



<https://www.madcham.de/fr/furcifer-labordi/>

coua de Coquerel



<https://ebird.org/species/coqcou1?siteLanguage=fr>

Menacé d'extinction						
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**Global warming
in southern Madagascar
contributes to this situation.**



**Populations suffer from drought and
flee the famine by emigrating to other regions.**



<https://www.ipreunion.com/actualites-reunion/reportage/2020/10/06/huit-enfants-ont-perdu-la-vie-secheresse-et-famine-le-sud-de-madagascar-dans-une-situation-tres-critique,125450.html>



<https://www.nouvelobs.com/planete/20210709.OBS46301/rec-hauffement-climatique-covid-19-contexte-politique-a-madagascar-une-famine-dramatique-a-plusieurs-facteurs.html>

**Many people have settled here.
They are so numerous that the village of Lambokely was born.**



<https://www.mg.undp.org/content/madagascar/fr/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2016/06/22/mettre-en-uvre-un-plan-de-rel-vement-et-r-silience-face-la-s-cheresse-dans-le-grand-sud-de-madagascar.html#gsc.tab=0>

**The population is growing and
so are the needs.**

**The consequence is
very strong deforestation.**



picture taken by Cyrille Cornu



<https://www.rfi.fr/fr/podcasts/reportage-afrique/20210101-s%C3%A9cheresse-et-famine-dans-le-sud-de-madagascar-le-cercle-viceux-du-d%C3%A9frichement-3-4>



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The situation has become catastrophic.

**The villagers are hungry because after a few years,
a scorched earth no longer allows farming.**

Some even consider migrating again to another region.



picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric

Tahina and Bendray are now walking among the baobabs.

**These giants marked by the stigmata of the fires
overhang a devastated ground.**



picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric

**Tahina feels good
by their side.**

**He has the feeling to be
in a natural cathedral so much
the imposing trunks of the
baobabs are reminiscent of
columns that connect
the earth and the sky.**

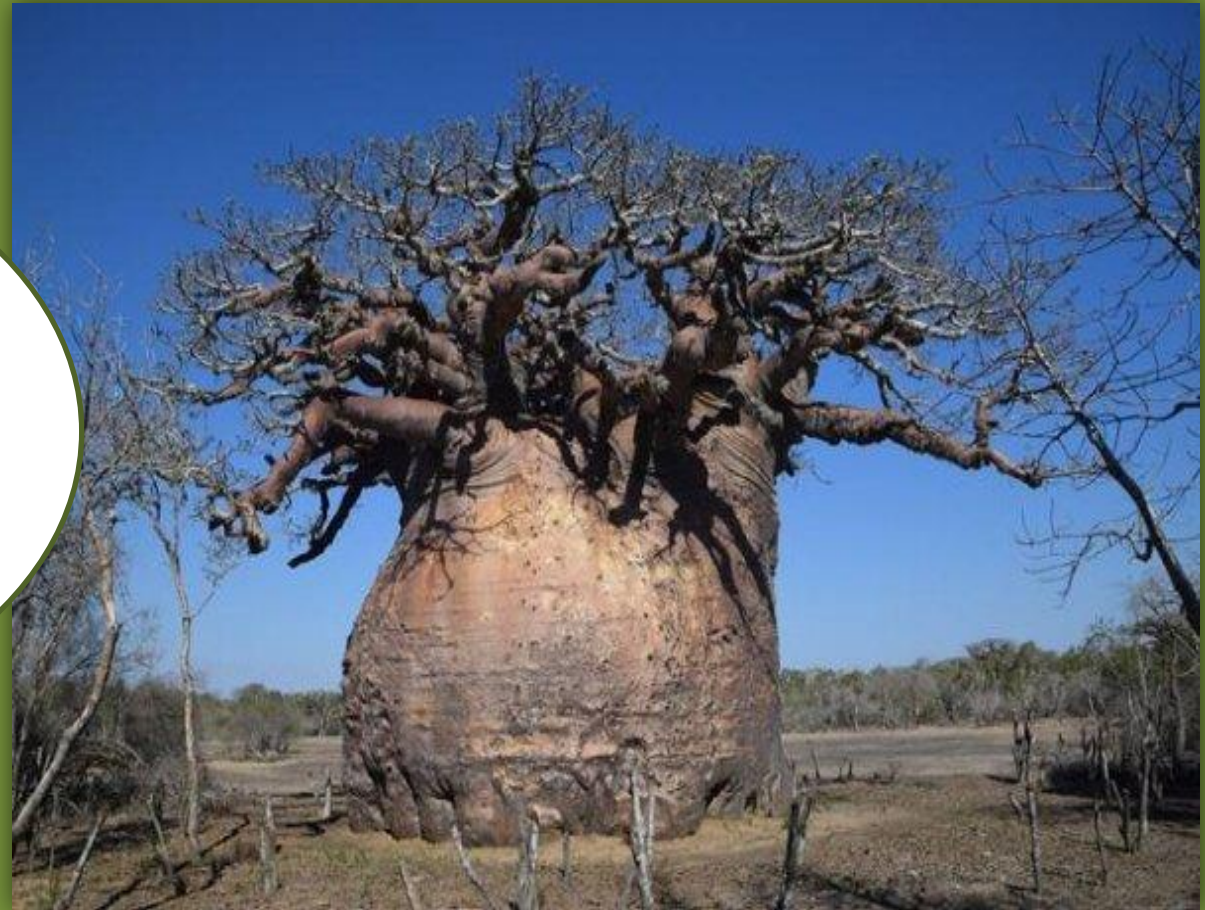
**He is sad about
what is happening
to these giants and
he thinks about
how to save them.**



picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric

**Passing near a big baobab tree,
Tahina feels the presence of the beneficent spirit of the forest
blowing at them :**

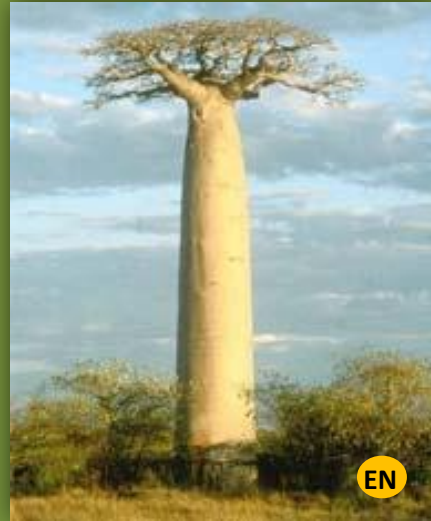
**" We the baobabs,
we withstood
the successive fires
thanks to
our waterlogged trunks.**



<https://www.jadore-voyager.com/tsitakakantsa-le-plus-grand-baobab-de-madagascar#.YSa7WHngqUk>

**We are
8 baobab families
in the world
and
6 of us
have chosen
to grow only
in Madagascar.**

Adansonia grandidieri
(Grandidier baobab),
called "reniala" or "renala"
(meaning "mother of the forest")



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https://www.plantes-botanique.org/espece_adansonia_grandidieri

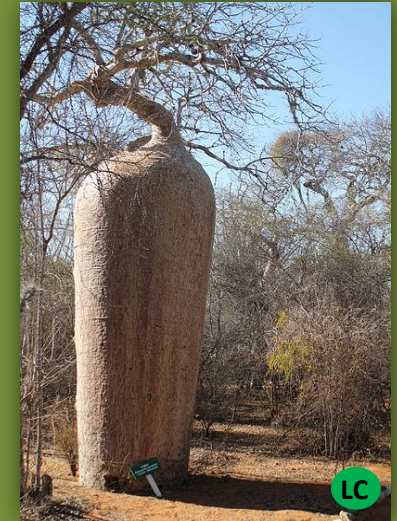
Adansonia perrieri
(Perrier baobab) called "bozy "



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Adansonia rubrostipa
(the bottle tree) called "fony"



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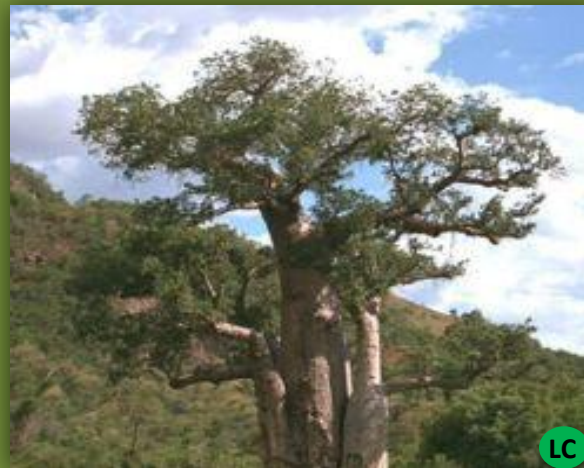
Adansonia suarezensis
(baobab from Suarez) called "bozy"



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https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adansonia_suarezensis

Adansonia za
called "za", "zaha", "bozy be",
"bozy" or "ringy"



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https://www.plantes-botanique.org/espece_adansonia_za

Adansonia madagascariensis
called "bozy"



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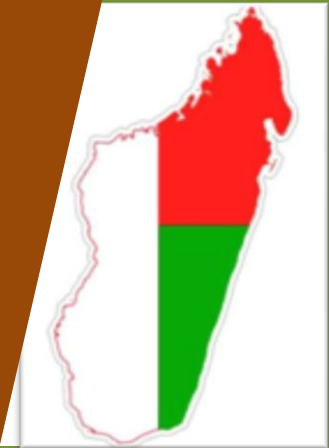
<https://www.cactuspro.com/photos/Bombacaceae/Adansonia/madagascariensis/2959.html>

**All the animals that
live on these lands are
endemic animals
of Madagascar.**

**They are found nowhere
else on the planet.**



Cyrille Cornu
Photographie



**It is urgent that
men are aware
of their luck and
that they stop
burning the forest.**

**We couldn't run away
from the flames because
we don't have feet
but we survived by showing
resilience.**



**The solution is
under our feet.**

**You too,
need to be resilient.**



**Nature is your ally.
Stop destroying it and
to light fires !**

**Tahina,
you practice agriculture
that respects nature,
an agriculture
that is not based
on slash-and-burn.**



**Help us
and show everyone
how to do.**

**You are
our last hope !**

Tahina knows that the population of Lambokely risks migrating to another region and that they will still practice burning, that this is not a solution.

He understands that trees show people the way to resilience.

His dearest wish is to protect this extraordinary biodiversity while allowing the villagers to have a better future.

He admires the branches of the baobabs for a long time, which make him think of roots.

Then his gaze turns to the ground.



Tabina

picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric

He takes a handful of soil and lets it slip through his fingers.



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**He
understands
that
the “sol-ution”
is here.**

**He then tells Bendray that he is going to show them
how to make this land fertile and nurturing
through environmentally friendly agriculture.**

Bendray is delighted.

**The next day,
they get to work.**



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**They plant trees
and at their feet
vegetables.**



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**They pay to avoid
the rapid evaporation
of water.**



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**They channel
rainwater to irrigate crops.**



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**To enrich the soil,
they use a natural fertilizer :
compost obtained from the
decomposition of green waste
from the garden.**

**Few weeks later,
they are
harvesting their first crops
and collect seeds.**



**Bendray and his family are happy because
nature keeps filling them.**

**The people of Lambokely have seen these changes.
They found that it is possible to cultivate
without practicing burning and did the same.**

**In a short time,
the landscape changes.**

**The bare and dusty ground gives way
to green and nurturing spaces.**



**Word spreads and
now peasants come
from all regions
to learn
how to cultivate
while respecting nature.**



**They learn that it is possible to make charcoal
without burning the forest.
It is enough to use vegetable waste resulting from harvests,
the skins of fruits, etc...**



<http://www.nebeday.org/p/charbon-de-paille.html>



<https://afropreneuriat.net/index.php/quatre-eleves-ingenieurs-senegalais-fabriquent-du-charbon-bio-pour-repondre-aux-problemes-climatiques/decouverte/>

**With these changes,
the villagers live better and in harmony with nature.**

**With the help of the villagers,
Frédéric and Bendray
created a tree nursery
and they restore the forest
with species
from the region.**



With the restoration of the forest,
the emblematic animals
of the region are back.



https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/FlatTailed_Tortoise_Petition_FoA_WG.pdf?docID=10703



<https://www.pinterest.fr/pin/532972937127082635/>



<https://candy199.skyrock.com/232.html>



<https://www.mondesmammiferes.fr/hypogeomys-antimena/>



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**Frédéric always says
that children
are the adults of tomorrow.**

**They therefore make them aware
of the protection of biodiversity
from an early age.**

**He also created
an educational garden
to teach children
good cultivation techniques
in order to eradicate burning.**



picture taken by Tahina Roland Frédéric

**Tourists from all over the world
come to Lambokely, the village of resilience
to admire the natural treasures of the region.**

**They come to admire the baobabs,
these giants who have shown men the way to resilience.**

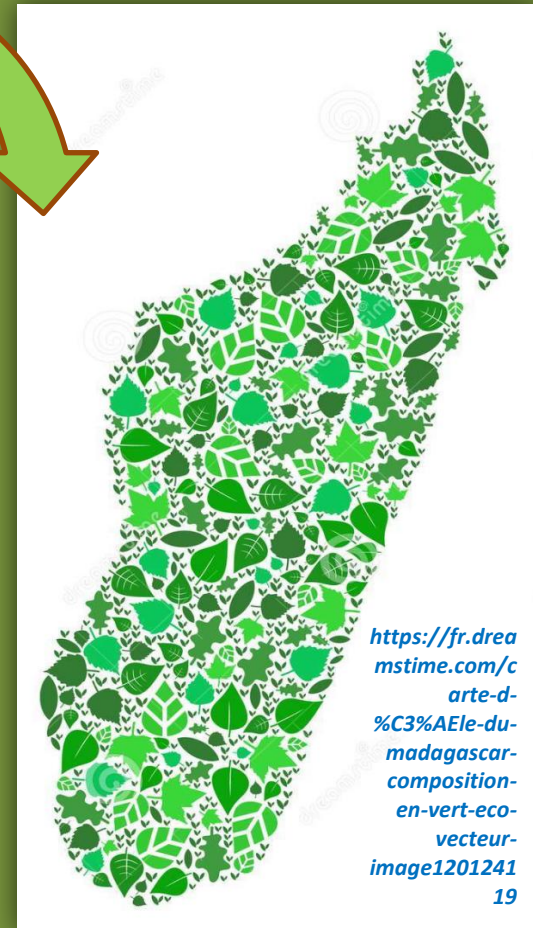


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**And when Tahina and Bendray
walk among the baobabs,
the benevolent spirit of the forest their breath :
"Thanks to you, Madagascar is no longer a red island
that is draining of its blood, of its land,
but a green island where life abounds".**



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/grandma-shirley/3188500010>



The protection of Madagascar's biodiversity for future generations requires knowledge of Malagasy fauna and flora.

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**Of the 8 baobab species existing in the world,
Madagascar is home to 6 species. This is exceptional.**

**These giants are a national treasure
and even a treasure for all mankind.**

**But they are in great danger because of the burning,
a method widely used on the island to cultivate.**



I was touched by the story of Frédéric Roland Tahina, Founder of



**This young graduate in agronomy has embarked on the path of resilience.
He intervenes with the population of Lambokely, coming from the south of Madagascar
victim of the global warming raging in the south of Madagascar.**

**It shows how to practice nature-friendly agriculture
which makes it possible to meet the needs of the villagers while saving the dry forest.**

**I was inspired by his real story to write this story for children.
Storytelling is a tool that can raise children's awareness in a playful way.**

**Raising children's awareness is essential because
these children are the adults of tomorrow.**