**-Location/site: Ambohimalaza, Ambiboangy**

**-Date: 27/08/2019**

**-Interviewer (initials): PRA 004**

**-Time: 16:07**

**-Length of interview: 00:13:17**

**-individual/multiple: individual**

**-Age: 60**

**-disability: no**

**-gender: female**

**-Specific circumstance/observations:**

I am a farmer.

What is really important to me here is commerce; most of these people here do it for a living.

About the natural environment, the water scarcity affects us badly because we are approaching the dry season and we are struggling with water supply for agriculture. And it is the same for drinking water.

This happens every year from the end of August till the rainy season but it goes worse and worse. Agriculture suffers from it.

So about the biodiversity itself… how should I answer this question? Well, I don’t know how to answer that actually. Well, the forest…is responsible for rainfall especially when you have it around. If there is no forest, there will be no rain. We have safe water source down the hill where we supply ourselves.

This water scarcity impacts on the agriculture quality and its products, because agriculture needs water and we don’t have enough we can’t just make it, we are struggling. Vegetables don’t grow in normal conditions and we do have problems, some green leaves don’t even survive because of that.

There is no rain; we are waiting for the next rainy season. We used to have enough water even during the winter but now we are facing this scarcity. So I don’t know if there is change in natural cycle or what is happening? That could be another reason.

The changes I have noticed these last couples of years are first of all, life is getting difficult and you can see it just looking at the price of food in the market…that it was I have noticed. And about the community, people around here are kind and love each other, and we all try to do our best.

The forest size hasn’t change at all over time. The housings are getting numerous but the natural environment remains the same.

One thing which I think is good here is that everyone has now at least a small farm and we try to improve it for the agriculture as well and that is why biodiversity matters to us.

Well, a specific place I like…well I like that people here go to church and put their trust in God. So just knowing that makes me feel happy. About the natural environment, we have a beautiful sight of the village and all around it along the way to the church of Imerikasinina.

We do have a Douany here in a place called “Ambohimalaza be”, in the north. But everyone has its belief about it. I’ve never been there though. It is high located but a lot of people go there, most them are from Antananarivo city or visitors. People are also coming here to enjoy the pool recently available, not a natural pool; it is just for leisure on weekends.

The air is still so pure and fresh. Globally, I think the natural environment is getting better. I say that because the air is fresh and it is even better than when we were kids. Well, I don’t really put much attention about the changes that happening on the natural environment. I am happy that somehow it is getting better and there is not really anything that makes me sad about it.