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

**-Date: 29/08/2019**

**-Interviewer (initials): PRA 010**

**-Time: 15:32**

**-Length of interview: 00:18:31**

**-individual/multiple: individual**

**-Age: 19**

**-disability: no**

**-gender: female**

**-Specific circumstance/observations:**

First of all, I like the purity of the natural environment and the water here. I also like the forests. So, as an example, if I compare here to Antananarivo city it is much cleaner here because you have a lot of forests around. The water is also cleaner than in the city because we use source water and it is very safe. We have more forests in the southern part; there are Eucalyptus and Pines plantations. For the natural forests, I can say we still have some around here in the east part.

The relationship between the water and the forest… Well, how to express myself …if there is no water, there will be no forest and vice versa.

I have always been living here, and I can tell you there is a bad change in the environment because people cut trees off, the Eucalyptus and Pines plantations. There was Eucalyptus plantations right here but as you can see, there is nothing left. That is mostly the bad change I have seen about the vegetation here. The water becomes usually limited on winters but through years I have not noticed any major changes concerning the quantity. The air quality hasn’t change over time. I’m interested in biodiversity especially plants because I like gardening. However I am very bad at naming local plants. The local animal I know from here is the kary (wild cat), but I have never seen it before….sorry, I spotted it once back there, that was long time ago. They are still here; there are some on way to water source.

We take water down there in the north, from natural source. There was no change in the place we provided ourselves water. People are getting numerous around and the source becomes insufficient for the village. I can say that because we have to go there early in the morning; otherwise de source dries up and we have to wait for some time to get water again…about an hour. And it annoys me very much. We never had this problem before. I don’t know the reason maybe the decrease of the forests.

I really like this place over there, vatobe; for the sight of the fields down there. It is very pleasant for me to view the plantation down there, to see it from the top. It is the only place I really like. I have been to the Rova but I don’t go there when I am not with my friends. The vegetation around the Rova is nice; it is also nice to observe de plants because we don’t have them around village. The plants are very different, there are even unknown trees.

I like watching movies and people playing soccer.

We have traditional practices here but only in the Rova, the place is called Ambohimalaza be. I like to go Imerikasinina, riding bikes on the parking place, watching the big stone used as a palace gate.

There was a period of 3 years I left the village, I moved to another village on the other side in Antanety be. The difference is that there is no asphalt road there, there is no electricity. We do have all that here. Concerning the nature there is no difference. There was no really change in the nature when I came back here.

As we discussed, the vegetation is disappearing and the air get more and more polluted and it causes diseases. But I don’t have any particular feelings about that change, physical or mental. I can do anything about that and I have to live with it. If I could change something; I would convince everyone to plant trees for the fresh air and water abundance it provides. I have some plants in my garden but I have never planted trees around; that is because of the lands where I could plant trees, all lands are owned by someone and they use it as they will.