**Location/Site: Mantasoa, Mantasoa**

**Date: 29/08/2019**

**Time: 08:00 a.m.**

**Interviewer: VLM 01**

**Duration of the interview: 32min**

**Individual/Multiple: Individual**

**Age: 63**

**Sex: Male**

**Disability: No**

**Special Circumstances :**

I work in the logging industry

For me the forest is the most important thing in the environment, it's my whole life. I used to play hide and seek in the trees when I was a kid and now it has become a life for me and my family. You can find them all around the commune

The forest area has now shrunk because the majority of the population depends on forest resources. Even the old forest type is no longer there. Instead of the former primary forest, eucalyptus trees dominate the region's forest.

And I don't know if this is related, but since some time precipitation has become more and more scarce. So when the dry season approaches, we suffer from a lack of water. This affects agricultural yield in general.

With the rate at which the forest is currently deteriorating, I can't say that I'm suffering from it but it's no longer as satisfying as it used to be. And even if I think it's a pity, there's not much I can do about it because the alternative source of income is really limited in our village.