**Location/Site: Mantasoa, Mantasoa**

**Date: 31/08/2019**

**Time: 2:05 p.m.**

**Interviewer: VLM 09**

**Duration of the interview: 52min**

**Individual/Multiple: Individual**

**Age: 67**

**Sex: Male**

**Disability: Yes**

**Special Circumstances:**

As a retired schoolteacher, I feel very committed to environmental protection...

Indeed, all natural beauties are important in life, imbalances of a single element would cause harmful consequences to the future generation. The most important thing for me is the forest and the air it provides to live. It covers our village but I often go for a walk in Ambohidandy. My children also work in carpentry so the forest provides us with a living.

Yes, things are changing, the forest is very exploited and its surface has been decreasing for almost a decade. The population is getting poorer because of the scarcity of these resources. And then here people practice bushfires.

The air has become more and more polluted because of the bush fires and especially the manufacture of coal, and water is becoming scarce because the vegetation cover is gradually disappearing. Diseases such as coughs and flu are hitting the population more and more and it is hard for us.

Of course people are aware of the danger, but they have no other activities and this scourge continues. It makes me sad to watch the environment deteriorate in this way because we used to take advantage of it.