**-Location/site: Ambohimalaza, Andranon’omby**

**-Date: 28/08/2019**

**-Interviewer (initials): PRA 006**

**-Time: 08:29**

**-Length of interview: 00:17:06**

**-individual/multiple: individual**

**-Age: 23**

**-disability: no**

**-gender: male**

**-Specific circumstance/observations:**

I’ve been moving here for about 4 months now. What is really important to me is the agriculture, growing vegetables, and what else… the air is pure. I am a mason. I lived in the city before and even if we have a small amount of smokes it feels different because there is a forest, it’s windy and the air is permanently fresh. I lived in Antananarivo and I didn’t support car smokes, cigarettes everywhere. I prefer living here because of my health. So regarding the nature I would stay here but on the other hand we can see that is a remote place, a suburb.

I really like the plants here, and there is not that much of slash and burn around. However I was in Anjeva last week and think it is way better that here in terms of nature, the rice fields, and the plains where they grow different kind of vegetables, cauliflowers, carrots, peas and the way they grow them. So the forests are also so different, in Anjeva the forests are much thicker and vegetation is beautiful, the pinus etc. and there is a river. It is better to observe intact forests than those ones with missing parts like here.

So, during those 4 months, there were recently slash and burn just there and on the other side of this mountains, this part. That was a really change for me. It destroys the environment and personally I don’t feel it is a good thing, we must avoid burning lands because it is responsible for rainfall, the trees especially and they also produce fresh air. Well, we should discuss to stop burning lands and respect each other, that is my own feeling about it…we cannot burn lands this way.

I could observe that people here are trying to improve their activities regarding their work especially the agriculture and the protection of the nature if I could say that. Well, since I moved here, I have never seen anyone planting trees to replace those people cut off.

We take water from the well we can see down there, we use groundwater and I haven’t noticed any change on the amount of water since then. We just had a ceremony in this house on Saturday and we had enough water supply. There is nothing to complain about.

If we take no responsibility for what is happening right now, I think this forest will totally disappear in seven years.

I never seen a pig in my life, just the meat and I saw it for the first time here, which impressed me a lot. There are also those trees called Cassia that I have never seen before. I have never seen a goat before.

We should convince people to plant trees, trees like cassia because I noticed that people don’t really use them and don’t cut them off. We should plant them to cover the mountains and prevent nature form degradation and for keeping the soil.

Because I just moved four months ago, I don’t really know much thing about the tradition here.

I’ve never been to the place but people around says that Imerikasinina where Ravalomanana lives is really a nice place. But the best place I like the most around is in Anjeva as I told you before. It’s very pleasant to see how the fields are structured, the village, the river…everything is clean. I go there every week each Sunday, I watch soccer there. The village is beautiful, you have villages in both sides of the main road and behind the mountains you have fields, and taking a picture of that place will be very satisfying. It is located 15 minutes from here if you ride a scooter. I would be very sad if something would happen to that place, it is so wonderful to be damaged and it will be very sad. It is not only me that likes this place; many people share the same interest for this place as I do. We all have this need to go there.

There is maybe a relationship between my job and the deforestation because we are using bricks and to make them you have to cook them and it is bad for the environment because of the smoke it produces. We also need planks and to get that we have to chop tree and this is already a bad thing for the trees.

I can do anything about that, I am sad but that’s it, I am powerless. Something which comforting me is that I don’t cook the bricks myself or cut trees. I just work using the materials; I’m not participating in making them.