**Location/Site: Menalamba, Mangarivotra**

**Date: 03/09/2019**

**Time: 10:15 a.m.**

**Interviewer: VLM 16**

**Duration of the interview: 42min**

**Individual/Multiple: Individual**

**Age: 38**

**Sex: Female**

**Special Circumstances :**

For me water and forest are the most important part of the environment, it is my livelihood and also the place where I feel better. I used to play running in the swamp when I was a child and now it has become a life for me and my family.

As far as the natural environment is concerned, I think there's a big change because there are instabilities in the water level. During the dry season, there is almost no water and during the rainy season, the floods are violent.

Yes, I was told that there is a natural logic caused by forest degradation. In addition to the installation of the Ambatovy company, part of the Mahatsinjo forest had to be cut down. That's why rain has become so rare and when it comes it's really brutal and even leads to flooding.

So the flooding and the sudden passage of water destroys everything in its path like fishing and farming in the swamps. In the last 5 years or so, fishing is no longer profitable, there is more and more sand in the water and it becomes shallow. This affects the population because the marshland culture suffers, but nowadays it is also very difficult to fish in the marsh.

The changes that I have noticed in the last few years are that life is getting harder and the marsh is no longer productive, that's what I have noticed and it's very sad for us.