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Watch > <https://youtu.be/PcAEhVmuQEc>

**Madagascar has over 5,000km of coastline with more than 500,000 people depending on coastal and marine resources for their livelihoods.** Nonetheless, geographical isolation characterizes the majority of these coastal communities.



The first locally managed marine area (LMMA) in Madagascar was created in 2015. Madagascar took the step towards the empowerment of local communities to take and implement decisions about the use of their resources. Since then, the adoption of this approach has been expanding within communities, governmental authorities, and organizations working in marine and coastal conservation.

In June 2012, the first forum brought together representatives from 18 LMMAs. The **MIHARI** network was established as an outcome of this. MIHARI is Madagascar's national network of LMMAs. Today we have more than 200 LMMAs. Our vision: Marine and coastal resources are managed sustainably for the well-being of LMMA communities and their future generations. Our mission: To support the networking of LMMA communities for the long-term management of marine areas through capacity building, welfare



enhancement, advocacy, and effective sharing of experiences.

In this video, narrated in our Indigenous Malagasy language with English subtitles, we share best practices we have learned so far on our LMMA journey.

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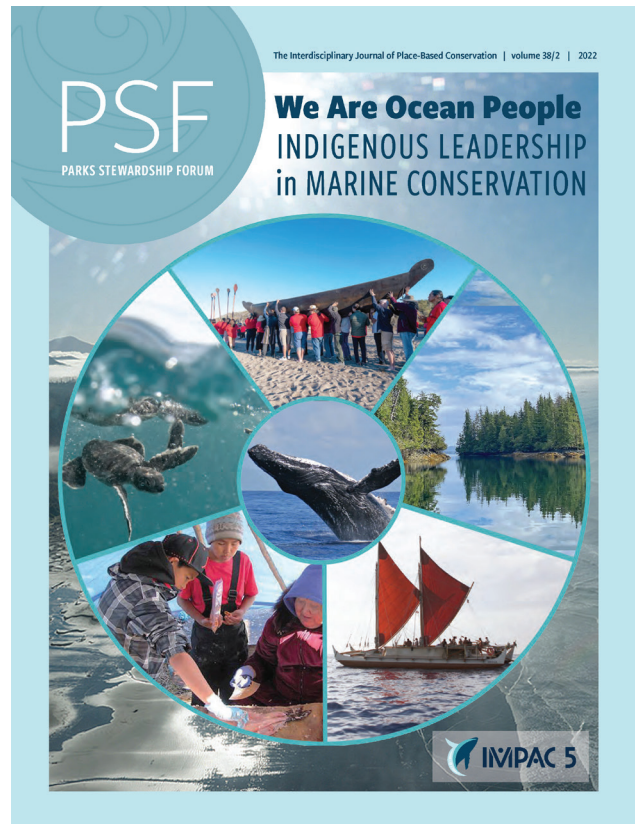
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