



**“MIHARI NETWORK:
BUILDING A CIVIL SOCIETY MOVEMENT TO SAFEGUARD MARINE RESOURCES”**

Organizers:

- MIHARI Network – National Coordinator
- MIHARI Network members (LMMA Associations and NGO members)

Expected participant: 30

Duration: One day

Abstract

Locally managed marine areas (LMMAs) are areas of ocean managed by coastal communities to help protect fisheries and safeguard marine biodiversity, often with the help of partner NGOs. LMMA Associations design and implement practical approaches to sustainable marine resource management such as marine reserves, alternative livelihood activities, mangrove restoration and the creation of dina. The role of the MIHARI Network is to support and promote the LMMA concept all around the country. Since 2012, it has been sharing good practices and success stories, exploring common issues and developing collaborative solutions, as well as building the capacity and skills of LMMA leaders. It has also become a vocal civil society movement advocating for the rights of small-scale fishers by giving them a voice that influences national policy and decisions relating to marine conservation. The LMMA approach has been instrumental in inspiring locally led resource management and the exchange of good practice between coastal communities. The MIHARI Network has been supporting and promoting this approach through trainings, workshops, forums and advocacy, and its impact and successes are growing each year. Networking has therefore highly supported Madagascar's LMMAs and it will continue as MIHARI keeps thriving and strengthening itself.

