

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Naman'i MIHARI - Amis de MIHARI - MIHARI's Friends

Context

MIHARI (“MItantana HArena and-Ranomasina avy eny Ifotony”) is a network created in 2012 and which brings together communities managing LMMA (Locally Managed Marine Areas) in Madagascar. The global objective of the network is to ensure the exchange of experiences and good practices between LMMAs to allow them solve common problems (www.mihari-network.org). MIHARI is also a network of civil society, which allows the voice and requests of fishermen communities to be heard at a regional, national and international level.

Apart from the 200 local management associations, the members of MIHARI are also composed of 25 supporting partner organisations that integrated the network by signing the MIHARI Charter, whose key membership criteria is the direct support for LMMAs. However, an increasing number of individuals, at the national and international level, unrelated to the member organisations of the network express a strong interest in supporting the network and intend to contribute to its development.

Consequently, and following diverse suggestions made by the temporary committee MIHARI of 2017, it was decided to establish a group called “MIHARI's Friends” (Naman'i MIHARI in malagasy, Amis de MIHARI in french), whose main objective is to provide a strategic and/or a technical support on the network's activities and projects.

General Objective

Bring together any individual, members or non-members of the MIHARI network, who wish to get involved in its development and provide support to LMMA communities by sharing ideas and championing strategic and technical aspects of MIHARI's work.

Engagements and opportunities

The members of MIHARI's Friends, by integrating this group, will have the opportunity to:

- Participate to private events, meetings and/or webinars organized by the network that aims to facilitate the discussions and initiatives which would support MIHARI, as well as reinforcing networking between diverse stakeholders;
- Provide their expertise and engage in discussions on various topics related to sustainable management of marine resources by local communities;
- Integrate the MIHARI technical committees, which aims to discuss the great challenges (common on punctual) relating to LMMA management and governance, according to the needs and the topics that will be addressed;
- Have the latest updates concerning the news and the activities of the network.

Composition

The “MIHARI’s Friends” group will have no limits in terms of number of people. It should only be representative of all stakeholders at the national and international levels (research institutes, administrations, donors, private sectors, civil societies, etc.).

The qualifications desired to be a MIHARI’s Friends are:

- To be interested in supporting the network and in sharing knowledge;
- To have a specific expertise on a topic addressed by the network and / or which could prove beneficial for MIHARI (monitoring and evaluation, human resources, advocacy, strategy, alternative livelihoods, etc.);
- To have internet access and be familiar with online tools.

The secretariat and National Board MIHARI will be in charge of the preselection and validation of the members of the group.

Operation

The discussions between members will take place in various formats:

- Webinars;
- Meetings at the national or regional level;
- Private events (outside working hours);
- Virtual discussions on the exchange platform “MIHARI’s Friends” on the network webpage.

However, all communication and sharing of information between the MIHARI secretariat and the members will be carried out through an email group and / or the exchange platform.

Registration

The registration can be made on the MIHARI website through the following link: <https://mihari-network.org/mihari-friends-join/>