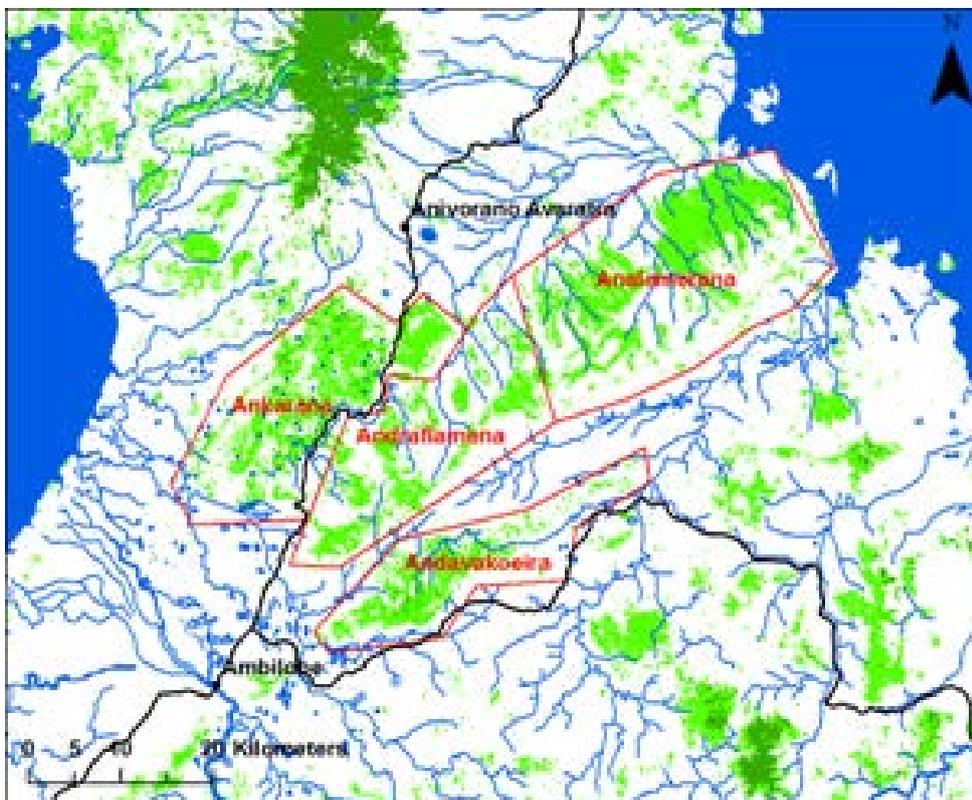


## Project Update: August 2012

At the time we received the grant, field work was already going on around Anivorano avaratra. Anivorano has a strategic position for the field work of this project due to its situation along the National Road and its central position in the area we aim to visit and survey this year (Andrafiarana, Andavakoeira, Analamerana, Ankarana; see map).

Moreover the town has electricity, a prerequisite for entering field data in computers and training students to statistics and GIS techniques. We first visited localities of the Andrafiarana protected area managed by the Malagasy NGO Fanamby ([www.fanamby.org](http://www.fanamby.org)). We are now beginning to work in Ankarana and Analamerana. A first GIS course for Malagasy Bachelor and Master Students and foreign volunteers is taking place today. We are happy to welcome in our team this year Barbara Le Pors, a GIS specialist volunteer whom is helping a lot during this course.



Fieldwork map, 2012