

Lovaso Cédrique AUGUSTAVE  
Fisheries Programme Coordinator  
Andavadoaka – MADAGASCAR

# The southwest Madagascar Octopus Fishery

MANAGEMENT & GOVERNANCE OF THE VELONDRIAKE LMMA

February 15th, 2022

## SW Region

Spans for about 450 Km of coastline and comprises of a beautiful coral reefs system (barrier, fringing & patch reefs).

## Ethnic & Language

Dominated by Vezo people (pioneers) ; Masokoro & others

## Management support

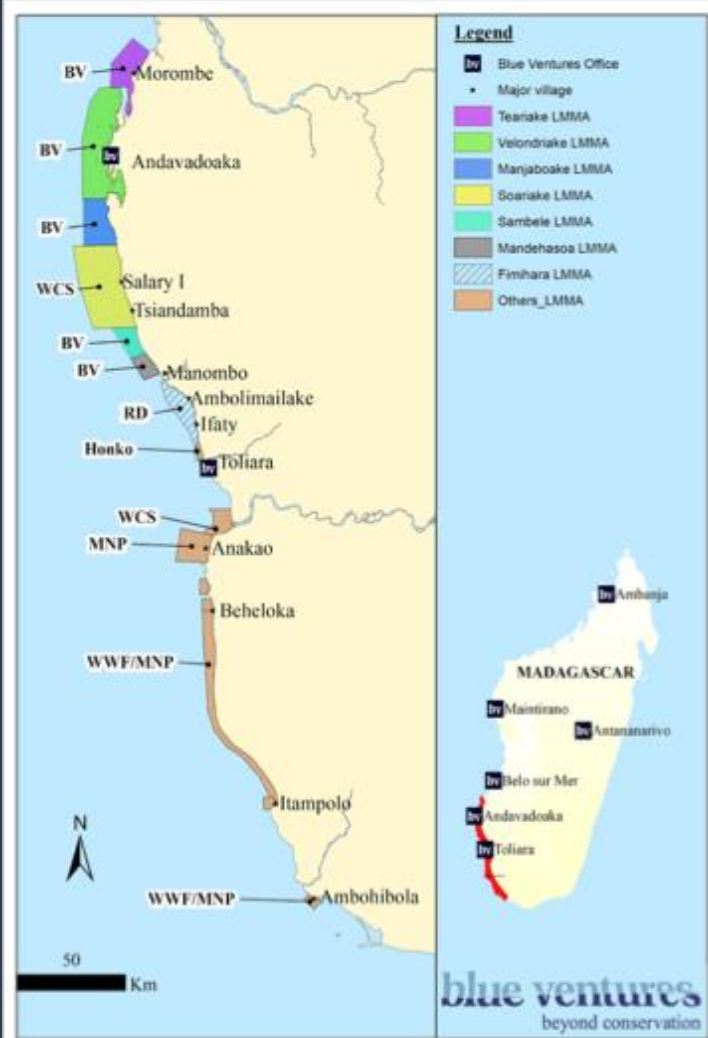
Approx. 08 LMMAs ; 04 NGOs & 01 Network (MIHARI)

## Livelihoods

Traditional fishing & aquaculture (Sea cucumber, Seaweed)

## Markets

02 recognized exports companies (COPEFRITO & Murex International)



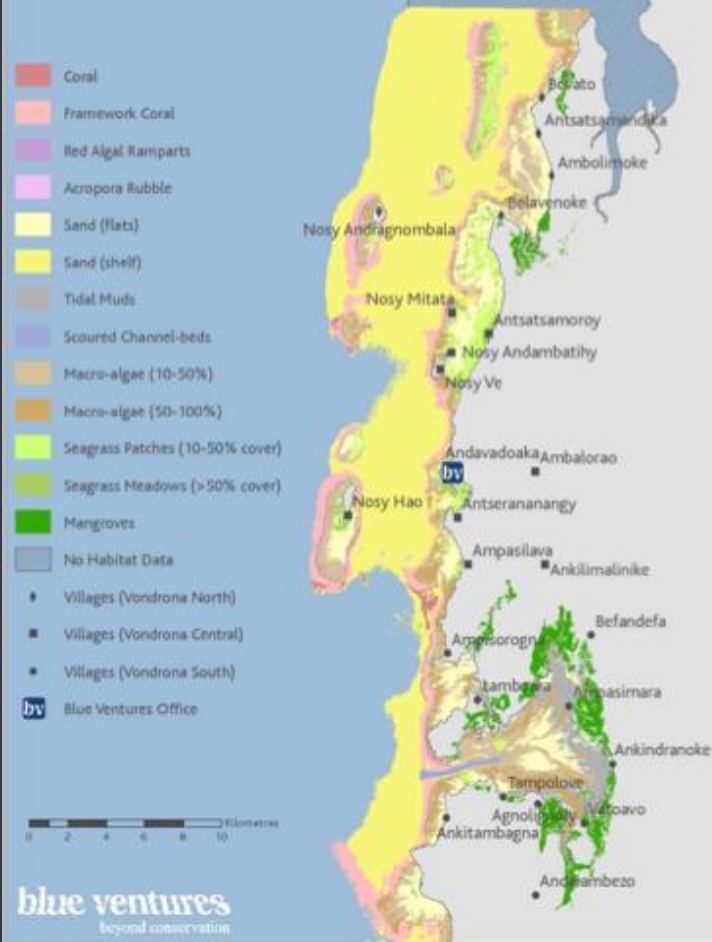
## Velondriake LMMA

- Velondriake means “to live with the sea”, created in 2004
- Comprises of 32 villages with a total population of more than 8,000 inhabitants.
- Approx. 50 Km long & 12 Km wide – nearly 640 Km<sup>2</sup> of managed area (63,985 Ha)

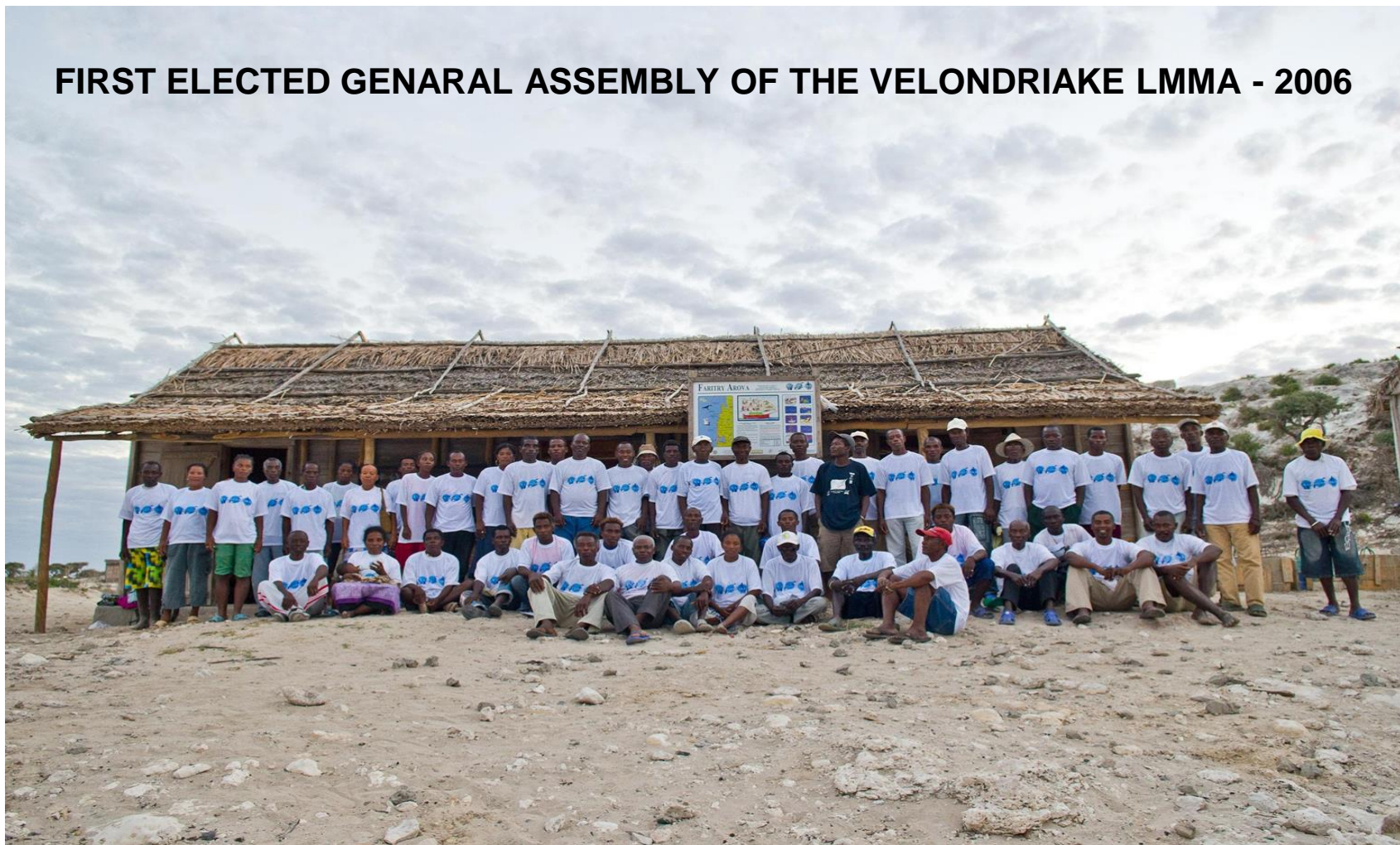
## Management & Governance

- First octopus temporary reserve in 2004 (Andavadoake village)
- Establishment of the first General Assembly in 2006
- Creation of local bylaw called Dina
- Creation of a Regional Octopus Management Committee (CGP) in 2011 (legally recognized by the state in 2020)
- Holds the status of MPA Category V in 2015: a co-managed marine area with Blue Ventures set by decree

## Velondriake



# FIRST ELECTED GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE VELONDRIAKE LMMA - 2006



31 villages

KMD

CSE

Data collectors

Patrollers

Southern Vondrona  
13 villages

Central Vondrona  
10 villages

Northern Vondrona  
08 villages

General Assembly : 85 people elected from 31 villages

Southern Vondrona: 34  
people

Central Vondrona: 28  
people

Northern Vondrona: 24  
people

+ 7 People

+ 7 People

+ 7 People

Executive FOIBE: 21 people











**Thank you for  
your attention**

---