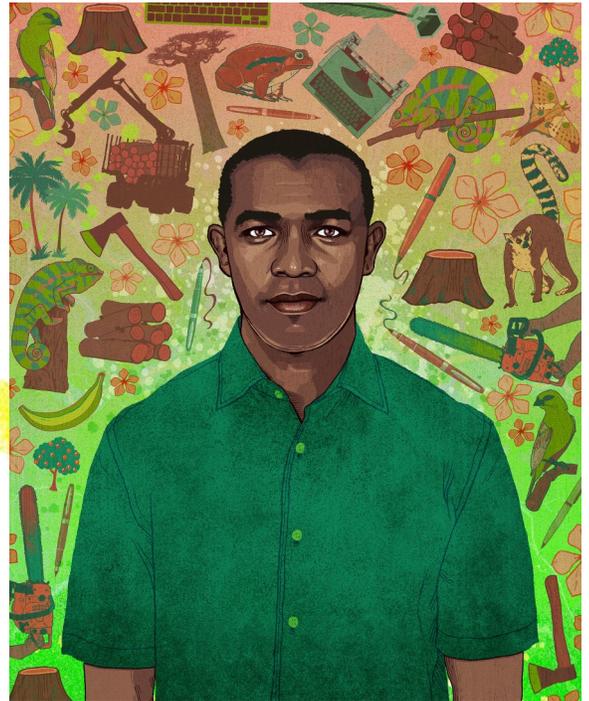


MADAGASCAR

Clovis Razafimalala: Convicted for protecting rare rainforest

Clovis Razafimalala is doing everything he can to protect Madagascar's vanishing rainforest. But not everyone appreciates his efforts to defend the environment. Authorities have invented charges against him and could use them to jail him at any moment.



Artwork © Rebecca Hendin

Clovis Razafimalala loves Madagascar's rainforest. One of his priorities is to protect its endangered, ruby-coloured rosewood trees. They are a precious resource.

But a corrupt network of smugglers will stop at nothing to silence Clovis and other environmental rights defenders like him. The smugglers are driven by the billions of dollars they can pocket from the illegal sale of this exquisite tree.

Despite laws against it, the black market in rosewood is booming. Clovis and his fellow activists are bravely standing up to the smugglers while the government looks away.

His activism has come at a cost. In September 2016, Clovis was jailed after authorities accused him of leading a violent protest, even though he was at a restaurant when the protest took place. In 2009, his house was fire bombed. He has often been offered money to stop his activities. He always refuses to take it.

In July 2017, Clovis was convicted on fabricated charges and given a five-year suspended sentence. He could be jailed at any time if he dares to continue his activism.

**Clovis protects the rainforest, we protect his rights.
Tell Madagascar to cancel Clovis' sentence immediately.**

**No one shall be subjected
to arbitrary arrest...**

**Article 9,
Universal Declaration
of Human Rights**

**WRITE
FOR
RIGHTS**

**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**



To take action, go to the next page.

Unleash your pens and keyboards!

Please write to the Minister of Justice.

- ◆ Start with Your Excellency.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the attacks on Clovis Razafimalala, including the current threat of imprisonment.
- ◆ Ask him to overturn the sentence against Clovis Razafimalala immediately.

Send your message to

Minister of Justice Rasolo Elise Alexandrine
Ministry of Justice
43 Rue Joel Rakotomolala
Faravohitra – Antananarivo
Madagascar

Postage: \$2.50

Email: spminjus@yahoo.fr

Facebook: <http://amn.st/60028tymn>

Please send a copy to

His Excellency Simon Constant Horace
Ambassador for Madagascar
3 Raymond Street
Ottawa, ON K1R 1A3

Postage: \$.85

Fax: (613) 567-2882

Email: ambamadcanada@bellnet.ca

*Human rights defenders like Clovis are at risk around the world. Join Amnesty's efforts to protect the rights of those who defend our rights.
www.amnesty.ca/wedefend #WeDefend*



Clovis Razafimalala in a rosewood forest, April 2017 © Private

Support Clovis!

Send him your messages of encouragement and friendship to boost his courage. Use any kind of greeting. You may mention Amnesty International and you may include your return address.

ClovisRazafimalala
IIF3LVG Antsahameva Andraisoro
Antananaviro – 101
Madagascar

Email: clovisrazafimalala@yahoo.fr

CANADA

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



TAKE PART: writeathon.ca