

MADAGASCAR

CLOVIS RAZAFIMALALA

Convicted on trumped-up charges



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Environmental activist Clovis Razafimalala is well-known for denouncing the illegal trafficking of Madagascan rosewood and other natural resources. He was arrested on 16 September 2016 and accused of organising and participating in a protest he did not attend. He spent the next 10 months behind bars on politically motivated charges of rebellion, destruction of public documents and goods, and arson.

On 24 July, Clovis was released from prison, and acquitted of the rebellion charge. But he was found guilty of the other two charges and given a five-year suspended sentence. Clovis immediately appealed, but the sentence hangs over him. Amnesty believes it is a deliberate attempt to intimidate him, and send a warning to other environmental activists in Madagascar.

‘Thank you to Amnesty International.
I would not be out of jail without you.’

Clovis Razafimalala

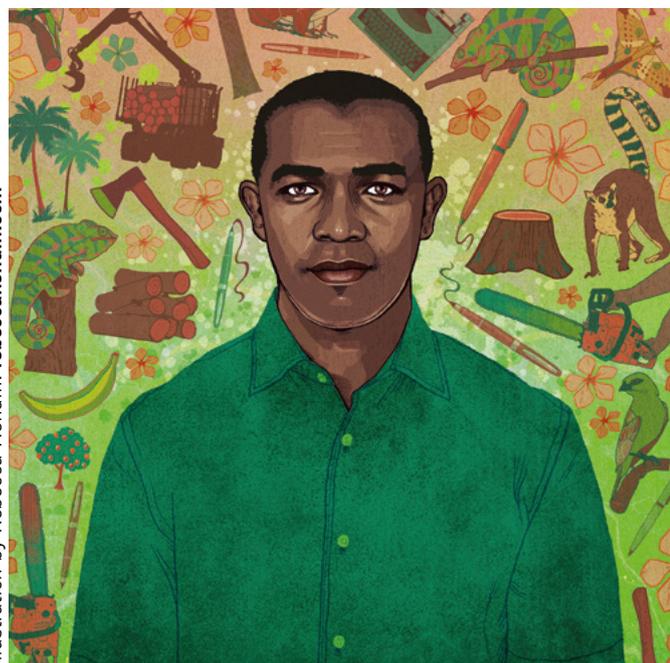


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SEND A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Clovis Razafimalala
IIF3LVG Antsahameva Andraisoro
Antananarivo - 101
Madagascar

- » **Language:** French or English
- » **Suggested message:** Cher Clovis, Nous te soutenons, garde espoir et continue de protéger les ressources naturelles de Madagascar. (Dear Clovis, Sending you our support, stay strong, and continue protecting Madagascar's natural resources.)

CAN I

- » Send a religious card or message? **No**
- » Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- » Include my name and address? **No**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER

Urge Minister of Justice Charles Andriamiseza to quash Clovis Razafimalala's conviction.

- » **Write to:**
Minister of Justice
Charles Andriamiseza
Ministry of Justice
43 Rue Joel Rakotomolala
Faravohitra – Antananarivo
Madagascar
- » **Salutation:** Son Excellence Monsieur le Ministre
- » **In your letter:** Urge the minister to quash Clovis Razafimalala's conviction, and ensure human rights defenders and environmental activists are protected, and their rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly respected. Call for an investigation into the allegations of illegal rosewood trafficking, and for those responsible to be brought to justice.

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