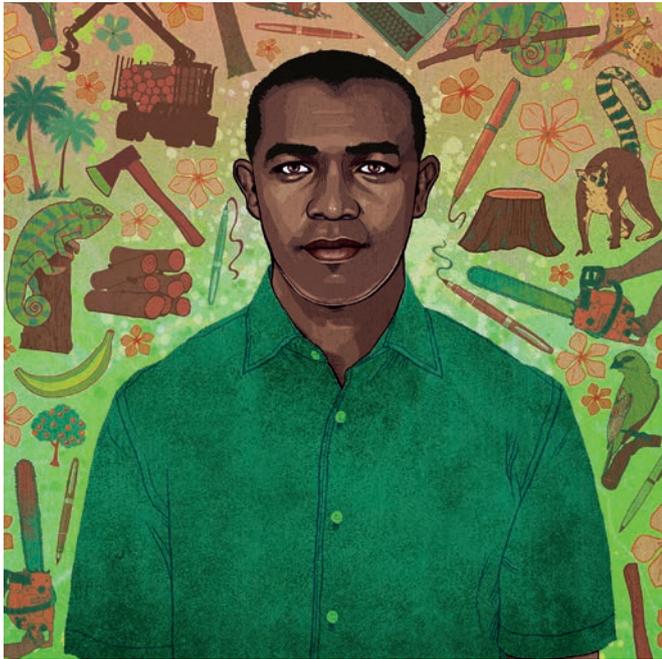


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CAMPAIGN FOR JUNIOR ACTIVISTS (AGE 7-11)

During our annual **Write for Rights** campaign, Amnesty supporters send messages to people who are being unfairly treated. This case sheet has been designed for our junior supporters.

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

Clovis Razafimalala

CLOVIS RAZAFIMALALA’S STORY

Madagascar’s rosewood trees are very rare. But some people cut them down, take the valuable wood out of the country, and sell it. This is called ‘trafficking’ and it is illegal. Trafficking rosewood is a big business in Madagascar and many people who do it have powerful friends.

Campaigners like Clovis Razafimalala bravely speak out against this illegal activity and try to protect the environment. On 16 September 2016, Clovis was arrested and falsely accused of destroying public property and documents at a protest that he didn’t even attend. He spent the next 10 months in Tamatave prison.

On 24 July, Clovis was released. One of the charges against him was dropped, but he was found guilty of two others. Although Clovis is currently free, he could be sent back to prison for five years. His family are very upset. They moved to Tamatave to be close to Clovis while he was in prison. But this was expensive, and now they can’t afford to pay for their oldest child to go to school.

Amnesty believes the Madagascar authorities are trying to scare Clovis and others who defend the environment so they stop speaking out against illegal rosewood trafficking.

MADAGASCAR

Population: **24.9 million**

Capital: **Antananarivo**

Official languages:

Malagasy and French

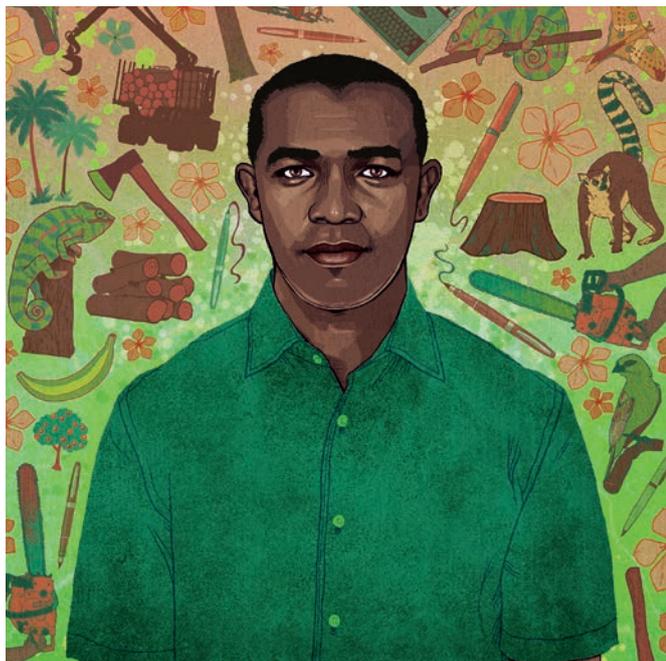
Question: **Can you name the ocean that surrounds Madagascar?**



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THE HUMAN RIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

After World War II, governments came together to draw up a list of human rights that belong to everyone in the world. They called it the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Article 20 of the declaration says we all have the right to work together peacefully to defend our rights. If we believe that something is wrong or illegal, we have the right to express our opinions and peacefully protest. We should not be punished for doing this.

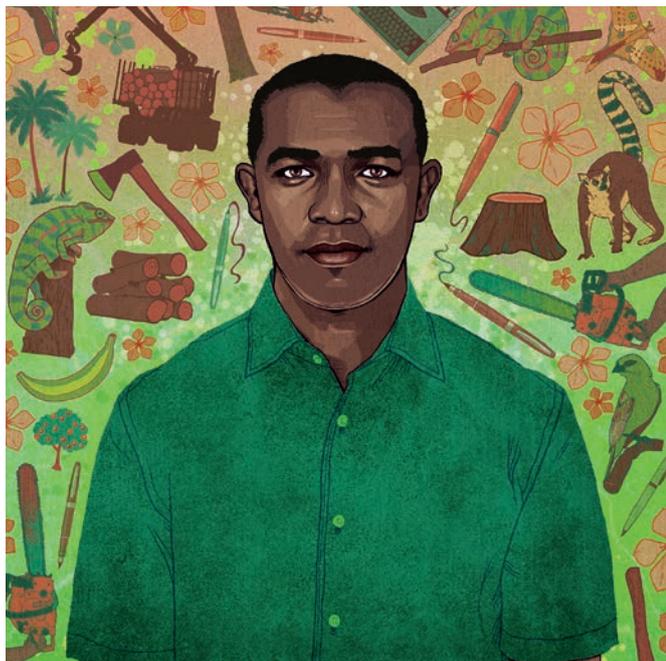
How does Article 20 apply to Clovis's case?

TALKING POINTS

- Why is it important for us to be able to work together peacefully to defend our rights?
- What would happen if we weren't allowed to express our opinions or protest peacefully?



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SUPPORT CLOVIS

Amnesty stands up for people whose human rights have been taken away, like Clovis. We do this through solidarity actions and appeal actions.

- **Solidarity actions** are sent to people whose human rights have been taken away, and their family and friends. They show that we support them and their struggle for justice.
- **Appeal actions** are sent to people in power to urge them to do something about an important issue.

Send your letters and cards to us, and we will forward them on.

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Don't forget to include your completed **Write for Rights cover letter**, your name, and the name of your school with your cards and letters – but don't write them on the cards or letters themselves.

SOLIDARITY ACTION

Draw or make a rubbing of a leaf, and then decorate it. On the back, write Clovis a message. Tell him you are thinking of him and encourage him to be hopeful.

APPEAL ACTION

Write a letter to Minister of Justice Charles Andriamisa and ask him to overturn Clovis Razafimalala's conviction.

Address him in French, but you can write your message in English or French (if you want a challenge).

SAMPLE LETTER

Son Excellence Monsieur le Ministre,

- Tell him what you've learnt about Clovis Razafimalala
- Ask him to overturn Clovis's conviction
- Urge him to respect the human rights of everyone in Madagascar, including people who defend the environment