

**Description du sujet.**  
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**Mots clés.**

**Crop management and soil macrofauna diversity in the Highlands of Madagascar**  
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**Results.**

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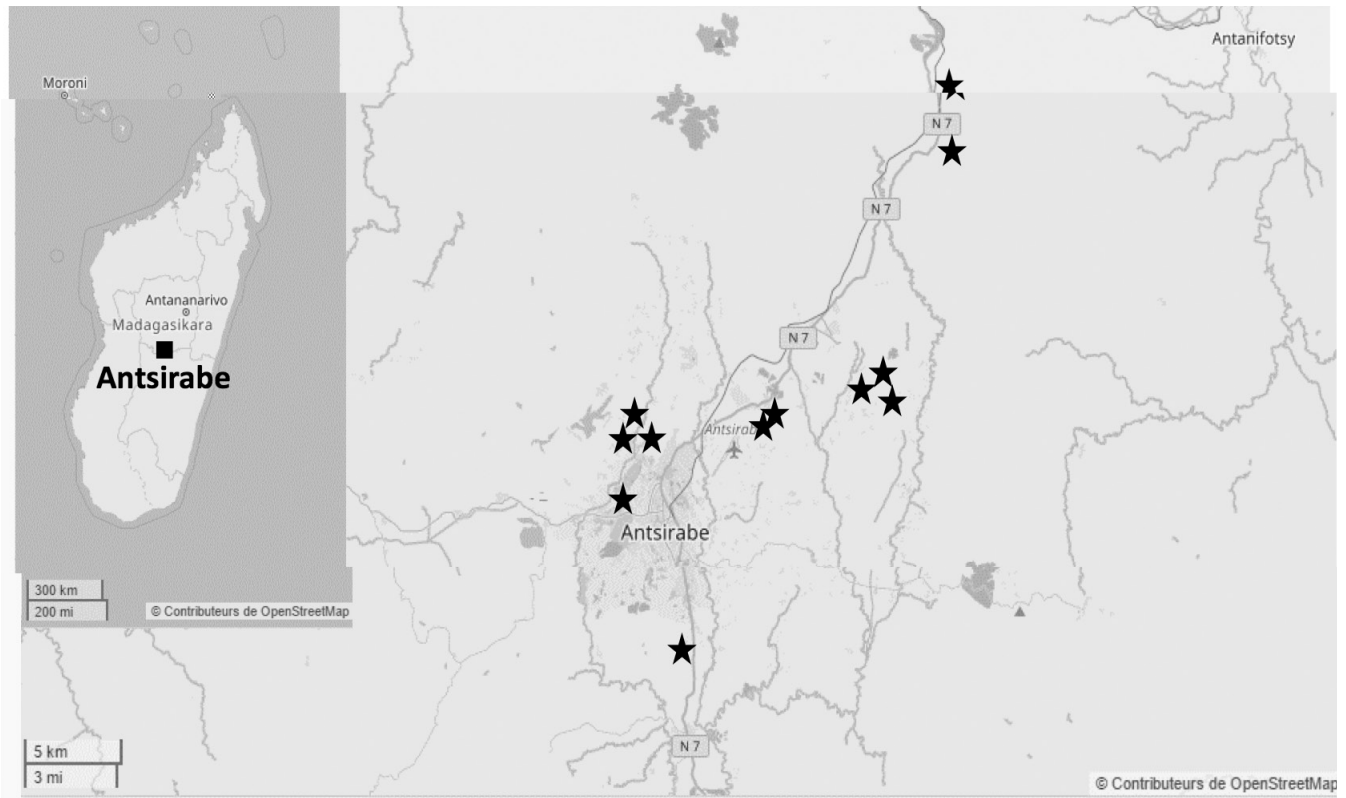
**Keywords.**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

## **2. MATÉRIEL ET MÉTHODES**

### **2.1. Caractérisation des sites d'études**

**Figure 1**



**Figure 1.**  
location of the twelve farms studied in Antsirabe area

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**2.2. Caractérisation des pratiques agricoles des exploitations et des sites expérimentaux**

**tableau 1**

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*The five cropping systems compared and their main characteristics*

Mode de gestion des cultures	Description	Travail du sol	Apport de fumier	Espèces plantées	Intrants chimiques
				<i>Pennisetum purpureum</i>	
				<i>Brachiaria</i>	
				<i>Crotalaria grahamiana</i>	
annual crops under tillage with low manure inputs	permanent tilled forage crops with high manure inputs				annual crops under tillage with high manure inputs
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crops under conservation agriculture without tillage or permanent mulch cover with medium manure inputs	permanent pastures without tillage or permanent mulch cover with medium manure inputs				

*Pennisetum purpureum*

### 2.3. Prélèvement et caractérisation de la macrofaune

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*Brachiaria*

*grahamiana*

*Crotalaria*

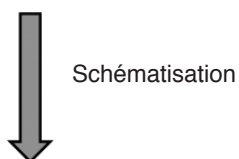
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### 2.4. Analyse des données

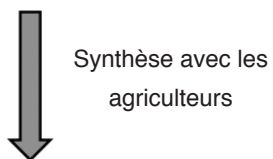
1 Récolte des données au GPS avec calcul de la superficie de chaque parcelle pour chaque exploitation



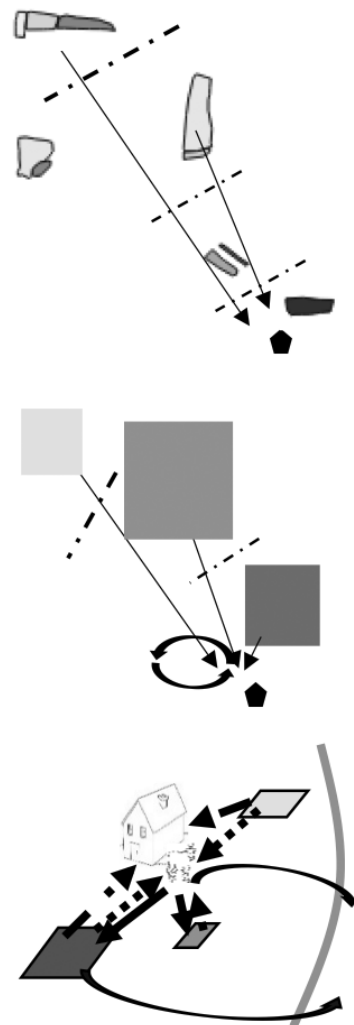
2 Élaboration d'une carte de chaque exploitation localisant chaque parcelle et mettant en évidence les quantités de fumier apportées



3 Représentation de chaque exploitation en systèmes de culture principaux



4 Recoupement des données obtenues par système de culture à l'échelle de l'exploitation agricole



**Figure 2.**

*Protocol elaborated at the farm level for cropping systems characterization and studied plot selection.*

*The square color represents the manure input quantity: the darker it is, higher is the manure quantity with the height being proportional to the real area*

Tableau 3

## 3. RÉSULTATS

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## 3.1. Densité de la macrofaune par ordre taxonomique et par profondeur de sol

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*Taxonomic groups identified around Antsirabe city during the 2014-2015 cropping period.*

Phylum	Classe	Ordre	Super-famille, famille	Espèce ou nom commun	Groupe fonctionnel <sup>1</sup>
				<i>Dichogaster affinis</i>	
				<i>Dichogaster bolau</i>	
				<i>Dichogaster saliens</i>	
				<i>Pontoscolex corethrurus</i>	
				<i>Kynotus parvus</i>	
				<i>Amyntas</i>	
				<i>Amyntas affinis</i>	
				<i>Amyntas corticis</i>	
				<i>Amyntas minimus</i>	
				<i>Drawida barweli</i>	

Tableau 2 (suite).

Taxonomic groups identified around Antsirabe city during the 2014-2015 cropping period.

Phylum	Classe	Ordre	Super-famille, famille	Espèce ou nom commun	Groupe fonctionnel <sup>1</sup>
				<i>Metabrachinus connectoides</i> <i>Polycleus</i>	
				<i>Celidota parvula</i> <i>Euryomia argentea</i>	
				<i>Heteroconus paradoxus</i> <i>Heteronychus plebeius</i> <i>Hexodon unicolor</i>	
				<i>Gonocephalum</i> <i>Paramorphochelus cornutus</i> <i>Enaria melanictera</i> <i>Hoplochelus marginalis</i> <i>Apicencya waterloti</i> <i>Triodontus nitidulus</i>	
				<i>Serica</i>	
				<i>Euborelia stati</i>	
				<i>Camponotus</i> <i>Monomorium</i> <i>Nylanderia</i> <i>Paraparatrechina</i> <i>Tetramorium</i>	
				<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	
				<i>Gryllotalpa</i>	

according to Ratnadass et al., 2013.



**Tableau 3.** Mean densities (animals·m<sup>-2</sup>) at three depths of the different orders of soil macrofauna for the five cropping systems.

Cultures annuelles												
ACMF	LAMF			LAEF								
5 t·ha <sup>-1</sup>	4,07 t·ha <sup>-1</sup> ± 1,74			14,06 t·ha <sup>-1</sup> ± 6,69								
Horizon (cm)	0-10	10-20	20-30	0-10	10-20	20-30	0-10	10-20	20-30	0-30		
<b>Total</b>	<b>183,91<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>102<sup>ab</sup></b>	<b>58,74<sup>ab</sup></b>	<b>344,65<sup>ab</sup></b>	<b>96,27<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>70,93<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>48<sup>ab</sup></b>	<b>215,2<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>69,59<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>55,08<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>33,01<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>157,68<sup>c</sup></b>

with medium manure inputs

crops under conservation agriculture without tillage or permanent mulch cover and annual crops under tillage with low manure inputs

annual crops under tillage with high manure inputs

effect of the five treatments by line for the 15 groups and by column for the three depths

the means with the same letter are not significantly different at 5% (Mann-Whitney's test)

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Mean densities (animals·m<sup>-2</sup>) at three depths of the different orders of soil macrofauna for the five cropping systems.

Quantités de fumier	Cultures pérennes							
	PP0F				CFEF			
	0 t·ha <sup>-1</sup>				13,65 t·ha <sup>-1</sup> ± 10,43			
Horizon (cm)	0-10	10-20	20-30	0-30	0-10	10-20	20-30	0-30
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,67<sup>ac</sup></b>	<b>64,8<sup>ab</sup></b>	<b>40,8<sup>ab</sup></b>	<b>228,27<sup>bc</sup></b>	<b>154,4<sup>ac</sup></b>	<b>158,67<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>84,8<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>397,87<sup>a</sup></b>

permanent pastures without tillage and without manure

permanent tilled forage crops with high manure inputs

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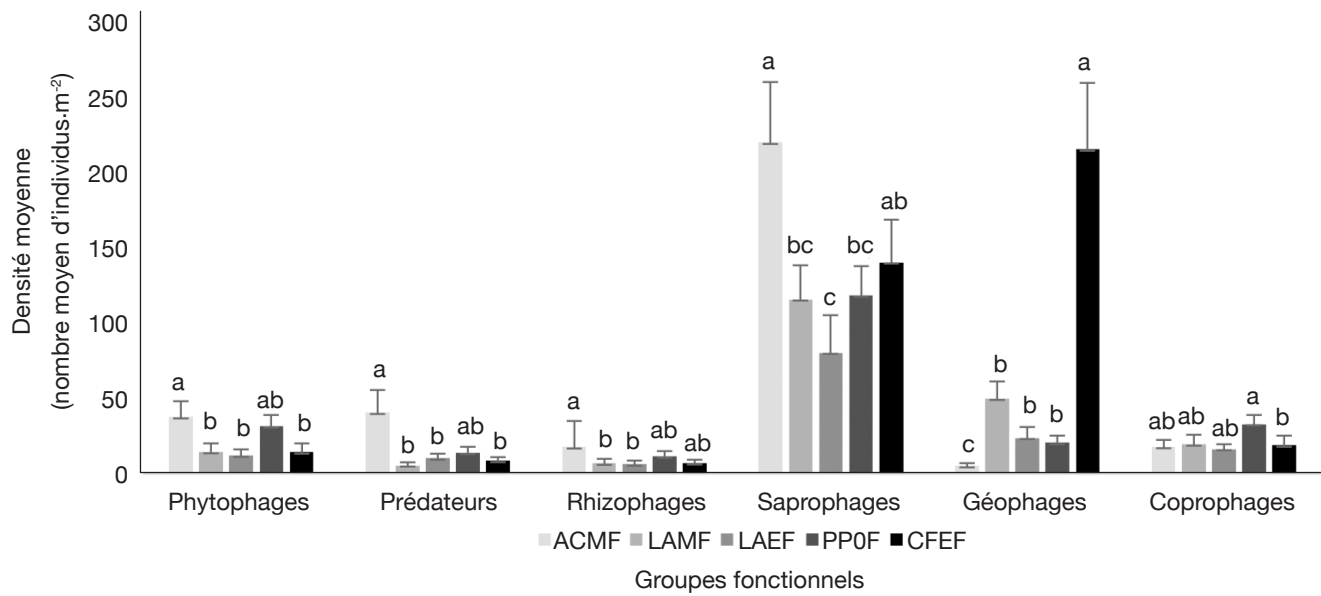
### 3.2. Densité de la macrofaune par groupe fonctionnel sur 0-30 cm

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## 4. DISCUSSION

### 4.1. Effets des pratiques culturales sur la diversité et l'abondance globale de la macrofaune



**Figure 3.**

Soil macrofauna mean densities (animals·m<sup>-2</sup>, 0-30 cm) of the different functional groups for the five cropping systems.

*the means with the same letter are not significantly different at 5% (Fisher's test and Mann-Whitney's test)*

*without tillage or permanent mulch cover and with medium manure inputs  
annual crops under tillage with low manure inputs  
annual crops under tillage with high manure inputs  
without tillage and without manure  
with high manure inputs.*

*crops under conservation agriculture*

*permanent pastures  
permanent tilled forage crops*

#### 4.2. Effets des pratiques culturales sur les groupes fonctionnels de la macrofaune

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

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