



PRESS RELEASE

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Pursuant to combating the plague epidemic, the Ministry of Public Health and the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, inform the public that response strategies are in place.

The WHO does not advocate any restrictions on travel or trade with Madagascar.

The protocols of international health regulations for the travel sector are being reinforced at the borders to reduce the risk of exporting the disease.

The risk of the disease spreading internationally is very low and this risk is moderate for the countries in the region around Madagascar, according to the risk analysis carried out by the WHO.

The WHO also indicates that the risk of infection is generally low for international travellers to Madagascar.

The entire tourism sector is mobilized to ensure tourists remain safe. Checks, disinfection and disinsectization are done systematically in tourist establishments such as hotels and restaurants.

As a reminder, the disease can be cured, care and medication are free and the case management system is well organized.

The WHO has published the rules for travellers to comply with scrupulously in the following link :

<http://www.who.int/csr/don/02-octobre-2017-plague-madagascar/fr>



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