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Sunset over western Itremo, in the Central Highlands of Madagascar. This ancient savannah supports a unique biodiversity, providing ecosystem services and supporting the livelihoods of the people of the region. (Image credit: Caroline Lehmann).

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