

Project Update: September 2014

The Ethnomycological Survey was undertaken in 17 villages on July and August 2014. Our project team is composed of two environment students Hasina Randriamifehy and Njiva Lalaina from the "Institut de Formation Technique" IFT Antananarivo, with one assistant from The Centre ValBio's Conservation Education and Outreach Department (CE&O). During this survey, we have hired a vehicle to transport us to visit each village.

Information was collected through face-to-face interviews. The participants were asked about "the types of mushrooms they know", "how did they know them?", "edibility of mushrooms", "do they use them for food?" and "are there any other uses they know other than food?".

We have continued our biodiversity field survey at Vohiparara, at the Ranomafana National Park area as a primary forest, where we have limited about eight plots.

We continue as well our fungi training programme at the local of "IFT" Antananarivo about fungi and the active training method.



Top Left: Our fungi biodiversity survey continues. Top Right: Information was collected through face-to-face interviews with different persons. Bottom Left: Some interview is very formal. Bottom Right: During the ethnomycological survey, Hasina and Njiva try to explain to the people the importance of Fungi for the humanity.

The 17 villages that we are visited to undertake the ethnomycological survey. We have used garmin GPS-etrex to localise the geographic position and altitude of each place.

Village	Symbol	Position	Altitude
Ranomafana	A	S21 15.624 E47 27.298	609 m
Andafiatsimo	B	S21 15.768 E47 27.366	612 m
Ambodiaviavy	C	S21 15.837 E47 29.093	644 m
Ankevohevo	D	S21 16.234 E47 28.721	621 m
Mahatsarabe	E	S21 16.188 E47 28.586	665 m
Masomanga	F	S21 16.110 E47 28.213	620 m
Amboditanimena	G	S21 12.188 E47 21.963	622 m
Vohiparara	H	S21 14.373 E47 22.953	1131 m
Manakoakora	I	S21 17.253 E47 32.720	947 m
Morafeno	J	S21 16.728 E47 30.613	612 m
Tsaramasoandro	K	S21 16.584 E47 30.273	612 m
Ambatovaky Sud	L	S21 17.902 E47 17.785	1217 m
Andriamena	M	S21 16.355 E47 18.313	1237 m
Sahavondronina Ambatovaky Nord	N	S21 16.537 E47 18.194	1218 m
Maromena	O	S21 16.361 E47 37.925	425 m
Antanifotsy	P	S21 17.479 E47 38.336	428 m



Map Ethnomycology study site 2