

Project Update: September 2014

Our local director Mamy Razafitsalama in partnership with Durrell Wildlife Trust has successfully completed our first project, a livelihoods survey in our core communities in Ankarafantsika National Park. We learned a lot about the communities and we managed to survey a total of 210 of 243 adults (86.42% of the adult population). The communities were very engaged and responsive and they were excited and eager to collaborate with Planet Madagascar on future conservation initiatives. Our preliminary results suggest the communities are not fully aware of the benefits lemurs provide the forest through seed dispersal but they are very knowledgeable about conservation issues affecting lemur habitat. This is great news as we have a good base to start from but leaves room for growth - a perfect launch pad for our next project, conservation education.