

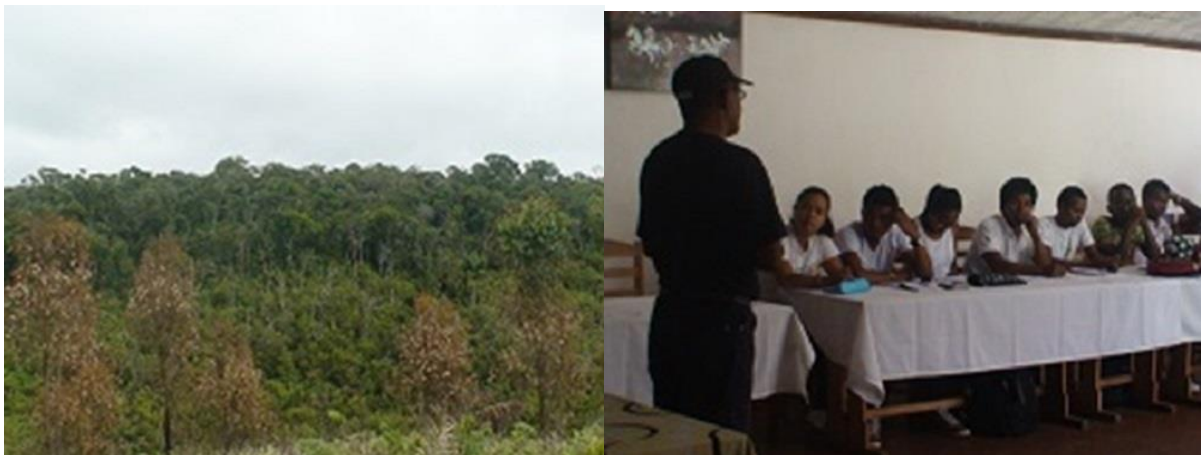
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During this first month of our project, field work was done at Antoetra as part of the Ambositra – Vondrozo Corridor. We have visited the Bakaraoka forest to do our macrofungi biodiversity study. It is about 1 hour for a walk from the Antoetra village and 50 km from Ambositra. Normally, the whole country has a rainy season from November to March but, until now, there is no sign of rain, particularly in our biodiversity site. It is very dry. Even it is not the best time to find macrofungi, we have found some species such as *Aseroe*. While we have done our ethnomycology, we have met with two « renin-jaza », malagasy traditional midwife who explain us about the uses of some macrofungi.

We have started also, our conservation training about IUCN Red List assessment with the environment students of the IFT Environment Department and continue our school visits.



Left: An *Aseroe* at Bekaraoka forest. Right: Macrofungi of Bekaraoka forest.



Left: Bekaraoka forest, more threatened by bushfire. Right: Our conservation training about the IUCN relict assessment.