

Project Update: September 2017

The IFT Environment students have participated in field study at the Ankarafantsika National Park in July 2017. In addition to the practical and scientific study about macrofungi, this activity contribute to reinforce their ability of active observation and listening at the grassroots level, the dry forest state and the local people around it. The debate with the local people was an opportunity for all of us, the students, the ANP staff and the local people to improve our collaboration within the scope of sustainable development and conservation.

A lecture with a topic Leadership and Conservation was organised, in August 2017 at the local of IFT Antananarivo, with Professor Jonah Ratsimbazafy as our guest speaker. As leadership is an important component for conservation programmes, we try to inspire the participants what leadership skill is, and the ability of leaders to engage and enrol other to become contributors of conservation challenge.



Left: The Environment students with one staff member of the Ankarafantsika National Park. Right: The collaboration with the local people constitute a main factor of natural resource sustainable uses and conservation.



Left: Environment students practising their active listening during their meeting with the local represent of local people of Ambikakely, village in the Ankarafantsika National Park. Right: Meeting with Mr Edward, the person in charge of the development and the environment education of the National Park of Ankarafantsika.



Left: Ankarafantsika with its dry deciduous forests and savannas support a vast floristic community, its important role in socio-economic to the local people and others, and its threats such as deforestation. Right: Ankarafantsika dry forest with its macrofungi component.