

# MADAGASCAR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION-NEWSLETTER



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## PROJECT ANDREBA

'Camp Bandro' is the name the village community of Andreba and MWC chose for its campsite located in Andreba at the Alaotra Lake. This short and concise name symbolizes on the one hand the Alaotran Gentle Lemur, locally called 'bandro', the conservation flagship species of the region but also the project in Andreba supported by MWC.

After three months of delay, the construction of 'Camp Bandro' started the 19th of October 2005. The delay was caused by inflation of wood prices and discussions amongst the village community people. Since the aim of MWC is to support community based work the start of construction of the campsite was dependent on the consent of the representatives of the Andreba community: the major, the 'Tangalamena' (the council of elders) and the VOI (fishermen community based association).

In the last newsletter the education of the future guides for the Alaotra region was disclaimed. Since then three fishermen have been chosen and the American Peace Corps Association has been asked by MWC for support in tourist guide education. The Peace Corps Association has agreed to cooperate with MWC.

We are very happy to collaborate with Peace Corps Association in the Alaotra region to strengthen the very important networking and support between associations.

## PROJECT TAMPINA

With the support of MWC the first JGI Roots & Shoots (R&S) group in Madagascar was founded in Tampina (group name: 'Ankizy taratra'). Roots & Shoots Madagascar is affiliated to JGI Switzerland and is coordinated by the MWC member Todiveloinaina Rasolondraibe. The group leader of the R&S group 'Ankizy taratra' is the headmistress of the primary school in Tampina, Madame Jeanne Fidèle Randrianarisoa. The first activity of the R&S children in Tampina was to tidy the village and collect the litter. If you want to know more about the R&S groups in Madagascar please visit the homepage of JGI Switzerland ([www.janegoodall.ch](http://www.janegoodall.ch)).



The R&S Ankizy taratra group in front of the freshly painted school building.

MWC gave the proposal for the 2006 project to the school organization CISCO (circumscription scolaire) in Brickaville. The project comprises the construction of a second school building in Tampina. CISCO accepted the project proposal.

Klaus Blume, our MWC member in Germany had a presentation about Madagascar and the MWC projects at the primary school in Hemmoor (D). To thank K. Blume for his visit the pupils donated 135 Euros to be spent on bench constructions for the school in Tampina.

The cabinet maker of Tampina received the task from MWC to construct 20 wooden tables and benches for the school in Tampina.



K. Blume and the students from the primary school in Hemmoor (D).

## ASSOCIATION

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2005 the second local section of MWC in Europe – MWC Deutschland e.V. – was founded in Hannover (Germany). Like MWC Schweiz, the aim of MWC Deutschland is to support the work of the members of MWC in Madagascar, who are responsible for the maintenance of the MWC projects. For further information have a look at our website [www.mwc-info.net](http://www.mwc-info.net).

## MWC SCHWEIZ

At the end of June 2005 MWC Schweiz was present at the 'Madagascar-Tage' in the Zoo of Zürich. The two main projects of MWC – 'Project Andreba' and 'Project Tampina' were presented and self-made bracelets, buttons and mofo baolina were sold. Children had the possibility to participate in a painting contest where they had to paint the emblems of either MWC or Roots & Shoots for the children in Tampina and win a guided tour in the Zoo of Zürich. The pictures were then sent to Tampina.



Madagascar days in the Zoo of Zürich. Children enjoying the painting of the MWC-lemur and the R&S planet earth.

As last year MWC Schweiz organized a Madagascar charity party at the Provitreff in Zürich. The 'Tromba Gasy II' took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October and was a great success. More than 340 people joined in and had a nice evening for them and Madagascar.

## THE JOURNAL

The journal 'Madagascar Conservation & Development' was founded by MWC and JGI Switzerland in October 2005 in Zürich. The aim of this journal is to provide a forum for exchange of information about all aspects of conservation and development work in Madagascar and to alert interested people to particular threats to nature and culture as they arise. For questions about this journal please contact the editors at: [info@journalmcd.net](mailto:info@journalmcd.net).

The MWC Team would like to thank you for your interest and support during the year 2005 and hopes to inform you as hitherto in 2006!

