



# MADAGASCAR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NEWSLETTER

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## PROJECT ALAOTRA

Madagascar was selected this year by the UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) as a host for the 2007 regional celebrations for World Environment Day. The official launch of World Environment week took place in Ambatondrazaka with parades, exhibitions and the inauguration of the new Ramsar site of Lake Alaotra at Andreba - the second biggest Ramsar site in Africa.

In this regard MWC, the mayor of Ambatosoratra and the villagers of Andreba officially inaugurated Camp Bandro on June 5, 2007 in Andreba.



MWC celebrates the World Environment Week in Andreba.

The inauguration of Camp Bandro was honored by the attendance of several ministers and NGOs:



World Environment Day in Andreba. The Ramsar site of Lac Alaotra (top), inauguration of Camp Bandro (middle) and MWC representatives (bottom, f.l.t.r.): MWC Andreba president, MWC Madagascar president and the two MWC project responsables.

Minister of Environment, Water and Forest Resources; the Minister of Public Health; 'Chef de Région Alaotra Mangoro'; deputies; Conservation NGOs and Peace Corps. A reception was held at the camp to inform about MWC's Alaotra project: the nature tourism module in Andreba and the educational comic module encompassing four villages around Lake Alaotra.



Villagers of Andreba attending the official inauguration of Camp Bandro on June 5, 2007.

Only one day after the inauguration the first visitors could be welcomed at Camp Bandro. If you are also interested to visit Lake Alaotra with all its peculiarities and you want to stay at Camp Bandro, please find more information [here](#). The next steps in the Nature Tourism module of Project Alaotra will involve the transfer of responsibility to the community of Andreba. This will be guided and supported by MWC.

#### Module Education:

The pilot phase of the educational comic module was completed at the beginning of July due to the end of the school year 2007. A questionnaire was distributed among the students of the eight classes involved in the test phase to evaluate the impact of the environmental education programme on the children's awareness on environmental topics. The questionnaire was additionally distributed to eight classes with students which were not involved in the education programme for comparison purposes. Furthermore, a survey will be conducted in the capital Antananarivo to see how specific the educational comic is to the Alaotra region. Analyses are

in progress and results will be presented in the next newsletter.

## PROJECT TAMPINA

Festivities also took place in Tampina. The second school building funded by MWC and JGI Switzerland was handed to the children of Tampina after the school benches had arrived from Tamatave.



Children of Tampina in their new school building. MWC organized a small 'environment' quiz for them.

A week later on May 5, 2007, the official inauguration took place and was attended by the MP of Brickaville, the head of CISCO of Brickaville (Mr. Edmond Rakotoarivo) and the Mayor of Ambinaninony (Mr. Cecilien Ranaivo). MWC was represented by MWC Madagascar president Mr. Rokiman Letsara and Tampina project responsible Mr. Todiveloniaina Rasolondraibe.



Inauguration of the second school building in Tampina.

The children and villagers of Tampina were afterwards invited to join the festivities that followed the official inauguration ceremony.

## MWC SCHWEIZ

MWC Schweiz invited to an African movie night at the restaurant 'les halles' in Zurich on June 17, 2007. Ouaga Saga - a movie from Burkina Faso about a group of young people torn between their dreams and their life on Ouagadougou's streets. Delicious food and drinks were served and the gains will be used to support MWCs ongoing projects.

The past four months have been an eventful and important time for MWC. With the inauguration of Camp Bandro, the first initiated project of MWC, a milestone in the history of MWC was reached.

We appreciate the support and encouragement we receive and thus would like to thank our partners American Peace Corps, JGI Switzerland, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Global Island Network, PROMAD and Roots & Shoots Madagascar.

A special thanks goes to you - for your interest and support of our work for Madagascar.

Your MWC Team