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COMIC PROJECT

Environmental education work-shop:

MWC has organized the second environmental education workshop for teachers of four additional elementary schools in the Alaotra-Mangoro region (Vohitsara, Vohimarina, Marosalazana and Amparihimpony).

16 teachers participated in the 3-day-workshop held in Ambatondrazaka between November 3-5, 2008. The emphasis of the workshop was on how the comic book 'Arovy fa Harena' can be integrated into classes.



Teachers attending MWC environmental education workshop in Ambatondrazaka.

In this context the socio-economic importance of a functioning ecosystem has been elucidated.

Another focus of the workshop was the elaboration of an efficient feedback form for the teachers: How could the experience made in the classrooms be collected, analyzed and the results implemented in the next improved version of environmental teaching?

Vote for Madagascar!

2008 is close to an end and so is the time you can vote for MWC's environmental education project. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the German company Hahnemühle selected MWC's Comic Project amongst others to raise funds for. The funding is distributed to the different conservation projects according to the number of votes for each project. The voting deadline is December 31, 2008. With your vote we can reach out to more school children in the Alaotra-Mangoro Region.

Please follow this [link](#) and vote for our Comic Project! Thank you!

Extension of pilot evaluation study:

In 2007 MWC has started a pilot evaluation study using structured questionnaires to assess the impact of the comic book on the environmental awareness of primary school pupils.

Phase A, which was conducted at the end of 2007, involved eight classes in four different elementary schools located on the shores of Lake Alaotra (Andreba-Gare, Anororo, Ambodivoara and Andilana-Sud). The teachers of these classes had participated in MWC's first environmental education workshop, where they had been trained to implement the comic books in their classes.

Phase B, which was conducted in November 2008, involved the same elementary schools. This time eight classes were chosen which did not have the comic book integrated in their school curriculum.

Four new primary schools take part in the comic project:

500 hard copies of the comic book will be distributed to the four new primary schools in the region: Vohitsara, Vohimarina, Marosalazana and Amparihimpony.



Children with their comic books at the Marosalazana primary school - Alaotra-Mangoro region.

MCD JOURNAL

MWC and JGI Switzerland have released Volume 3 of the peer-reviewed journal 'Madagascar Conservation & Development' (MCD) mid of December 2008.



A broad variety of articles are presented and free for downloading at <http://www.mwc-info.net/en/services/journal.htm>.

The articles cover topics from bats as bushmeat, mushroom eating lemurs, herpetological conservation, the importance of taboos and social contracts for conservation, radio broadcasting as tool for sustainable development, to the conservation status of plant species in a mining hotspot.

The journal is planning to release two issues for Volume 4 in 2009.

We would like to thank you for your continuous support and interest and wish you joyous holidays and a happy New Year!

Your MWC-Team

Madagascar Wildlife Conservation

Investing for a sustainable natural environment for future generations of Humans, Animals and Plants of Madagascar.