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MWC – MADAGASCAR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION NEWSLETTER

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▪ PROJECT ANDERBA

Our Project to increase the nature tourism and to protect the Alaotra Gentle Lemur in Andreba is advancing slowly but steady. The people of the village have founded a local section of our association called "MWC Andreba". The purpose of this section is to regulate and to watch over the activities in Andreba.

We also have found a location on which to build the planed cabin and infrastructure for the tourists. A leasing contract has recently been signed by the owner of the land Monsieur Bruno and by MWC. It has to be renewed every five years and if it is not, that is if the project is ended, the infrastructure will be assigned to Monsieur Bruno. Now the villagers are preparing the construction of the facilities and in July, when climatic conditions are best, they will be built under the supervision of MWC Andreba. Meanwhile we will tackle the schooling of guides at the village, for what we hope to collaborate with the Malagasy Association of National Parks (ANGAP) and with Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust.

▪ PROJECT TAMPINA

Our second project "Tampina – Ecole pour Tous", which has been initialized by our member Klaus Blume, has the goal to ensure regular classes for the children of the village Tampina. The idea is to sensitise the population for their unique nature and environment with a reasonable ecological education. For this project MWC now collaborates with the Roots & Shoots section of the Jane Goodall Institute of Switzerland (www.janegoodall.ch). For more information please visit our website or www.madagaskarhilfe.de.

However, "Tampina – Ecole pour Tous" has suffered a setback because a container coming from Germany and filled with goods like tables and benches for the school of Tampina is still blocked at the port of Tamatave since August, because the custom has imposed a duty which appears disproportionately high, even though we already achieved a bisection of the costs. Since we are not willing to pay such a high fee, we are currently talking to the Malagasy

ambassador in Germany in order to effect a cost free import of the container. We will continue to do so, until we got the container and we can properly start our second project.

▪ CHANGES ON THE WEBSITE

Because our forum had been inundated with unwanted entries we had to change it in order to have better control. Therefore we now run our new forum together with the German association [Kintana](#). The forum is now divided in to different topics covering Madagascar Culture, Nature and Conservation. A further section gives possibilities to discuss about your personal Madagascar Travel Experiences. So if you have any questions concerning Madagascar or a related topic, please visit our forum, where you can discuss it with us and other people all over the world.

▪ MWC ACTIVITIES

On October 17th the first official MWC-Party took place at Provitreff in Zurich and it was a huge success! Up to 300 people were there and MWC gained around 2000 CHF for its projects. Thank you for every one who showed up and who helped this party to be such a great success.

However we will not rest on our laurels but already have plans for our next party in 2005 and other activities as well. For example, we are currently evaluating the realisation of a Madagascar Day in a local restaurant in Zurich sometimes in spring this year. Also, we will participate at the Madagascar Week, which will start at the end of June 2005 at the Zurich Zoo. This will be a great opportunity for MWC to present itself to a larger and interested public.

▪ MWC-LOGO

Since last October, Madagascar Wildlife Conservation has its official Association Logo, which will be used in all occasions except on the website and in MWC newsletters:



The redesign of the logo has been made by Beni Sutter, SHED, Zug.

■ MWC POSTAL ADDRESS

Madagascar Wildlife Conservation has since last September an official Postal Address:

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School Children in Tampina, 2004

Of course we will keep you informed on all our activities as well as on the progress of our projects in Madagascar. For any questions, comments or inputs concerning the association and its projects, please contact us at:

contact@mwc-info.net.

In the meantime we wish you all the best in 2005!

Best
MWC-Team