



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1>: Silvicultural maintenance and participatory patrol around Lokaitra and Vohitaly Corridor

From October to December 2016, project support allowed silvicultural maintenance of both corridors along trails of 288,400 meters for Lokaitra and 40,000 meters for Vohitaly. Plant growth monitoring sessions allowed us evaluate restoration progress in those corridors. Presently, transplanted trees height varies from 0.5 to 4.5 meters at Vohitaly, and 0.8 to 2.5 meters at Lokaitra.

The two corridors also benefitted from 22 patrol missions during this quarter. As a result, community patrol teams discovered illegal plantations at Lokaitra, including 130 clove trees and 126 vanilla plants. Therefore, a joint patrol team, comprising community members, police officers, and forest department authorities, reached the locations in November 2016. They caught the delinquent on the spot and handed him over to the Court of Justice in Maroantsetra.

<Highlight 2>: Junior Reporter Club (JRC) session on social media around Vohitaly corridor

In November 2016, four young video reporters visited three villages around the Vohitaly Corridor to interview local communities on their perception of Lemur protection in order to assess the Lemur cultural value. A short film has been produced and is now available for sensitizing youth and local population on Lemur conservation and habitat restoration.

Photos



Growth monitoring of seedlings and silvicultural maintenance in the Vohitaly corridor, Makira Natural Park, Madagascar ©WCS



Community patrol teams have discovered illegal mining settlements and illegal clove plantations in the restoration zones in Makira Natural Park, Madagascar. ©WCS



The Junior Reporter Club is conducting a video reportage on local perception of lemur conservation, Makira Natural Park, Madagascar. ©WCS