



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1> [Joined field visit by team members of CI Japan, CI GEF Project Agency and WCS Madagascar to monitor GEF Satoyama Project's activities](#)

On June 15-18, 2017 team members from CI Japan and CI-GEF Project Agency organized a joint field trip in order to monitor GEF Satoyama Project's activities in the SEPL of the Makira Natural Park. The team was accompanied by WCS staff and traveled up the Antainambalana River on June 16 to visit clove nurseries, rice plantations, and clove plantations in the villages of Ambinanitelo and Ambalamahogo. The team took the opportunity to visit two schools in those villages that were affected by Cyclone Enawo and witnessed the damages firsthand. On June 17 the team spent half a day with the children participating at the environmental education program at the Open Classroom in Maroantsetra. During this visit, they have inspected the demonstration sites and talked to Saturday School members. They could also appreciate how the Junior Reporters Club conducted interviews at the local market for the weekly radio broadcasting of conservation messages.

<Highlight 2>: [Resuming regular community patrol missions after the passage of Cyclone Enawo and increasing patrol rangers' capacities](#)

Community patrol rangers started their regular surveillance and ecological monitoring missions when park areas became accessible at the beginning of May after the passage of Cyclone Enawo. In order to improve surveillance coverage, twelve (12) new patrol rangers have joined the team after their training on Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) and on ecological data collection. One of them is a female -the first in the history of Makira Natural Park. A total of 21 community patrols have been conducted in Q4.

<Highlight 3>: [Assessment Workshop on the "Indicators of resilience in SEPLS" in Makira Natural Park](#)

Two workshops were held in Maroantsetra in April and June 2017 to monitor the resilience of SEPL landscapes in southeast watershed in Makira Natural Park. Twenty-one (21) local community members participated in the workshop, including six (6) women. The workshops focused on the diversity of land use systems, ecosystem protection, agricultural biodiversity, governance, social equity, and livelihoods and well-being.

<Highlight 4>: [Seed procurement to support two by the Cyclone Enawo most affected communities](#)

We have purchased seeds for vegetable gardening to support two villages in the Makira Natural Park that were mostly affected by Cyclone Enawo. The distribution of seeds will start in July 2017 and technical support will be provided by our village animators during the installation of school vegetable gardens.



Visit by CI Japan, CI GEF Project Agency, and WCS Madagascar team at women clove nurseries in Ambalamahogo, Makira Natural Park - June 2017. ©WCS



Our first female patrol ranger is ready to go on mission (left); an illegal rice plantation was recorded during her community patrol in Makira Natural Park (right) ©WCS



Practicing participatory mapping of natural resources during the monitoring workshops on the resilience of SEPLs in Maroantsetra, Makira Natural Park - April 2017 (left) and June 2017 (right). ©WCS