



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

Organization Name:	WCS
Country:	Madagascar
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<Highlight 1>: **Improving local governance through community capacity building**

In August 2017 the WCS field team went on a two weeks' mission to eight remote villages in the Makira Natural Park to conduct awareness-raising sessions in collaboration with women leaders. Women encouraged their peers to join project activities and become natural resource ambassadors and community health promoters. A total of 281 women participated in the sessions.

<Highlight 2>: **Promote development of organic and Fair trade clove production**

Representatives from 383 households received training on clove and cacao tree nurseries techniques with 32% of female participation. This demonstrates women's increased motivation to contribute to our project activities following the village animators' efforts in sensitizing female population.

<Highlight 3>: **Promote an improved rice growing intensification system**

Community extension workers organized follow-up missions to provide on-site technical support to rice farmers. Presently, 103 households of 18 villages have successfully implemented improved rice cultivation techniques.

Photos



Photo 1 : A women leader sharing information during community meeting in August 2017 in Makira Natural Park, Madagascar
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Photo 2: Women association running awareness sessions on Lemur conservation during Health and Environment Festival in Beanana, Makira Natural Park, August 2017 - ©WCS Madagascar/Herizo Rajaona



Photo 3 : Women association running awareness sessions on health and resources conservation and sanitation during Festival in Beanana, Makira Natural Park, Madagascar, August 2017 - ©WCS Madagascar/Herizo Rajaona



Photos 4 and 5. Training female household representatives to set up clove and cacao nurseries, Makira Natural Park, Madagascar ©WCS Madagascar/Oswald Beantanana



Photos 6 and 7 : On-site technical support to rice farmers for the implementation of improved rice cultivation, Makira Natural Park, Madagascar ©WCS Madagascar/Jarivo Rabenantoanina