SHORT REPORT OF 2010 ACTIVITIES IN MADAGASCAR

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Promotional Activity for ABC and Other Concerns or Issues

OBJECTIVES

To promote the exchanges with other ornithological associations to encourage them to join the ABC membership and to develop the membership ABC in Madagascar

To help National Federation of Malagasy Nature Guides and National Association of Malagasy Nature Guides (capacity building) by giving special formation about malagasy birds to be perfect guides in their professional activities

To help young local people to know about local bird conservation in Soalala, Western Madagascar

To reinforce the education of the young people and the popular mass for the conservation of birds in Tsimbazaza Park, Antananarivo

PRINCIPAL PARTNERS

PBZT : Botanical and Zoological Park of Tsimbazaza, Antananarivo

AQUAMAS : Shrumb aquaculture Society of Mascareignes, Soalala, Western Madagascar

ANG : Association of tourism guides speaking Italian

FNG and ANG : National Federation of Malagasy Nature Guides and National Association of Malagasy Nature Guides

PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENTS

This report contains the activities carried out until 11 December 2010.

Outcome I : Exchanges with other ornithological associations to encourage them to join the membership ABC and to develop the membership ABC in Madagascar moving.

- 1 meeting with association of the tourist guides of Antananarivo took place in PBZT on April 12th with 33 participants to explain the objectives of the ABC and their advantages if they are adhered to the ABC.
Outcome II: 2 Capacity building for National Federation of Malagasy Nature Guides and National Association of Malagasy Nature Guides by giving special formation about malagasy birds to be perfect guides in their professional activities and to promote Madagascar ecotourism destination.

- 1 formations of association ANG with tourist guides from different regions of Madagascar took place in PBZT from 8 to 12 Feb 2010 with 26 participants.

Outcome III: The education of the young people and the popular mass for the conservation of the birds is reinforced.

- 4 bird watching events giving a total of 128 young from primary and secondary schools (2 on February, 1 on November and 1 on December) achieved in 2010 to identify the birds of the PBZT Heronry to help them to know about malagasy birds in order to protect them.

- Activities of birdwatching for visitors of the PBZT and pupils. A4 coloriage used to paint birds black and white pictures: 5 special birdwatchings were made in the year with 10 monitors from ANG and Bird Division of PBZT employees receiving a total of 250 participants. These activities showed the close cooperation between the PBZT, ANG and ABC Madagascar for the materials used (ABC took in charge of tripods need).

Outcome III: Young local people in Soalala, Western Madagascar to know about their local birds in reinforced.

- The third trip to help young local people to know about local bird conservation in Soalala, Western Madagascar with 53 participants. Activities during Aquamas society ecological monitoring January and September 2010.
MEMBERSHIP  2010 situation

Among the 14 members registered in 2010:

- 13 have paid 2010 subscription, 1 directly paid his contribution with the ABC (Dr. Lily)

STRONG POINTS

Prepare multiple posters A4 format showing birds species at the Heronry to help pupils and young students during birdwatching, etc

“Coloriage” method also were tested and gave good results for young pupils.

PBZT also prepared a bird “panneau indicateur” an the PBZT heronry to help visitors.

Support of ABC Madagascar in development of the Malagasy destination giving lectures and capacity building of national nature guides to develop tourism situation in Madagascar after this malagasy crisis.

WEAK POINTS

Few people are interested to be adhered under pretext which the amount of the fixed contribution is too expensive for them during this year with political and economical problems in Madagascar.

The Madagascar Representative received three times chirurgical interventions in 2010

SUGGESTIONS

Always take part in activities of mass education awareness and pupils (birds local trip in the nature and birdwatchings) and guides capacity buiding in PBZT, Antananarivo or in other regions.