

5 NEW SILK MOTH BREEDERS ARE ON TARGET TO BEGIN REARING IN NOVEMBER

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Clement Leonard
(Ambinanitelo)

CLEMENT Leonard is one of the newly registered members of the SEPALI FTMTA group in Ambinanitelo. With more than 100 mature host plant trees already growing on his land, he was easily motivated to join the SEPALI team. During our visit to his land on October 7th, he confirmed that he is ready to start rearing larvae in November. All the necessary rearing equipment has already been provided by SEPALI.

BEMIHEVITRA Roger is also a FTMTA member in Ambinanitelo. In addition to the decades-old trees already growing on his land, he also has planted 400 Talandoha seedlings. Even before participating in any formal SEPALI training, he was able to produce a number of Grade A suraka cocoons by his own methods, demonstrating both creativity and dedication to the SEPALI project.



Bemihévitra Roger
(Ambinanitelo)

ZAFINIRINA Helene is a FTMTA member in Ambinanitelo with 250 host plant trees growing on her land. Currently, she is participating in the rearing method training organized by SEPALI. Simultaneously, she receives assistance from SEPALI to care for the volunteer (wild) larvae feeding on her trees.



Zafinirina Helene
FTMTA Ambinanitelo

TRAZIE is a FTMTA member in Ambinanitelo, and she and her husband have more than 1000 trees. They are both very interested in the wild silk production project. During a recent meeting with SEPALI, she expressed interest in further training about the rearing methods, especially with regard to handling the larvae, which she is still afraid of.



Trazie
(FTMTA Ambinanitelo)

INTRODUCTION:

Dear SEPALI members and collaborators, it's a great honor for us to present this October newsletter to all of you. This newsletter will introduce the 5 new silk moth breeders who recently joined the 8 existing SEPALI breeders. After visiting their lands, we can confirm that all new breeders are off to a good start, and with a little more training, they should be able to produce the suraka cocoons independently after 6 months. SEPALI would also like to announce the discovery of our second silk moth species called "*Ceranchia apollina*". This species will be introduced to the communities in 2012. Both *C. apollina* and *A. suraka* belong to the same family of SATURNIDAE and are both native. Currently, the SEPALI research team is working on host plant identification and experimenting with the rearing techniques. The *Ceranchia apollina* spins a beautiful cocoon, and we are currently developing the processing methods for the final product.



Ceranchia

Additional News from the Field:

RAMANJATOVO Simon, President of Marovovonana group, is the 5th new breeder ready to start rearing A.suraka in November 2011. He currently has 285 trees, and already has some volunteer larvae on his trees. SEPALI has already provided him with all the rearing materials including the chysalide baskets, spinning baskets, the Besimisaraka rearing book, rearing nets, and rain gear to care for the larvae during the rainy period.



Simon, Marovovonana



The design of the SEPALI t-shirt 2011

The deadline set up by SEPALI for the t-shirt contest ended on October 15th, 2011. All farmers who finished planting 250 trees on their land before the deadline will receive a t-shirt from SEPALI in November.

The list of farmers who will receive a T-shirt from SEPALI is published on the right-hand side of this page.

MESSAGE FOR SEPALI MEMBERS:

This message is addressed to the 150 SEPALI farmers who have been registered so far.

In order to improve our collaboration and partnership with our members, the SEPALI NGO has set up a working relationship with the farmer leaders in each group. SEPALI has assigned 3 days work per month for the leaders to be our local representatives and ensure good communication between their groups and the SEPALI board in Maroantsetra.

Every month, the leaders will visit each farmer's land, nurseries, and breeding operations to collect data about each member's progress and needs. We respectfully request that each of you allow your leader to visit your land and be cooperative with your leaders.

Dear farmer leaders, due to the responsibilities that SEPALI has entrusted to you, we are counting on you to collect exact and realistic data and accomplish your responsibilities as a leader in order to meet our common objectives during the allocated time period.

**Sincerely,
SEPALINGO**

LIST OF FARMERS WHO HAVE PLANTED 250 TREES:

1: TMA in AMBODIVOANGY

Rakotoarisoa Jean Bernard,
Jaonaryy Jean, Rasoa,
Razanantsoa Celestine, Odette,
Thomas II, Marivelo, Pierette,
Bernadette, Flodette, Genah

2-FTEA in AMBALAMAHOGO

Lazarosy

3-FTMTA in AMBINANITELO

Rafanoely, Trazie, Clement
Leonard, Bemihavitra Roger
Zafinirina Helene, Nafosaonina
Eloi, Mahason Geri

4-FTTFA in AMBODIVOANGY

Henri Mani Totomora Talata,
Homa, Emilienne, Jao II,
Rasoazafy, Perline, Isidore,

5-FTA in MAROVOVONANA

Ramananjatovo Simon,
Rasoanety Milinety,
Ralaizanaka Madera, Rafaraso,
Ravolaina, Ramaro Sahany,
Sasidy Venant, Flanie,
Sahidilahy Theosel, Iavana
Colette, Jaobjifeno, Rabesonina
Jean Louis, Razafiharisoa
Denise, Manoely Denis

NOTICE:

Due to the short notice for the t-shirt contest, many farmers were not able to finish planting 250 trees because the seedlings were not yet mature enough to be transplanted. SEPALI has decided to extend the deadline for the t-shirt prize contest until January 2012.

Please note that this information concerns only the newly registered farmers in the nursery stage of the SEPALI program.