

BIG STRIDES FOR A LITTLE NGO: SEPALI CONGRADULATES THE NEW CARD-HOLDING MEMBERS

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NEWS FROM THE FIELD:



Ambodivoangy Welcomes SEPALI

November has been an exciting month for the whole SEPALI family. Our farmer groups made an outstanding effort to finish planting their trees before the October 15th membership deadline. 44 of our farmers recently became the proud owners of the new SEPALI t-shirt this month and are well on their way to becoming SEPALI breeders.

Each of these new SEPALI members have finished planting at least 250 trees on their land and many of them have enthusiastically exceeded that goal. These 44 members were invited to attend the SEPALI picnic which took place in Ambodivoangy on November 1st with a number of visitors from the United States. The lunch celebrated the progress of our SEPALI farmers and the exciting conservation achievements of the project. Many of our farmers who just barely missed the October deadline have set their sights on the month of December to finish planting their trees and receive a membership card from SEPALI.



*The new SEPALI t-shirt!
(Back)*



(Front)



Henri Mani



Bernard



Rafanoely



Samuel



Simon



Jaonary Jean

LEAD FARMERS TAKE THE LEAD:

Lead farmers Rafanoely, Simon, Samuel, Bernard, and Henri Mani as well as trainer Jaonary Jean have been working hard as the liaisons for group needs and actively recruiting new members. Last month, they made special visits to the land of each farmer that has finished planting at least 250 trees and introduced a total of 12 new members to the SEPALI program.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 44 FARMERS WHO HAVE FINISHED PLANTING THEIR TREES!

AMBODIVOANGY: (19)

- TOTOMORA TALATA Henri Mani
- RASOAZAFY
- RASOAMANANTENA Perline
- RAMARISOA Emilienne
- JAO II
- ISUDOR
- HOMAT
- RAKOTOMALALA Victorien
- RAKOTOARISON Jean Bernard
- JAONARY Jean
- MARIVÉLO
- RAZANATSOA Celestine
- PIERRETTE
- RAZANAKOLONA Odette
- GANDRA Bernadette
- RASOA
- THOMAS II
- JOSEPH FLODETTE Nicol
- ZENA

MAROVONANA: (15)

- RAMANANJATOVO Simon
- RASOANETY Milinety
- RAVOLAINA
- RAFARASOA Etienne
- RAMARO Sahany
- SASIDY Venant
- INDONDONA Flanie
- SAHIDILAHY Theosel
- IAVANA Kolette
- JAOJIFENO
- RALAIZANAKA Mahadera
- RABESONINA Jean Louis
- RAZAFIHARISOA Denise
- MANOELY Denis
- RAMANANJATOVO Marceline

AMBINANITELO: (8)

- RAFANOELA
- BEMIHEVITRA Roger
- MAHASON Geri
- CLEMENT Leonard
- RASOADELINE
- TRAZIE
- NAFOSONINA Eloi
- ZAFINIRINA Helene

AMBALAMAHOGO: (1)

- LAZAROSY

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SEPALI SABABAKA PICNIC IN AMBODIVOANGY:



SEPALI Members Welcome the Kenney's

November 1st was an exciting day for all. Two motorboats were sent up river, one to pick up SEPALI members from Marovovonana and Ambohisoa and one to take Ambinanitelo

members, the Kenney visitors and the SEPALI team. The Ambodivoangy community welcomed all visitors with a grand reception, signing, and colorful wraps. The whole group visited the SEPALI office, the tree nursery of FTFA, and then paraded out to



SEPALI Office, Ambodiv.



Group Picnic

Marivelo's land for another round of festivities and larvae viewing. The women's group from Ambodivoangy prepared a wonderful lunch for the whole group and the event ended with a meeting about the SEPALI achievements and plans for the coming year. In addition to the SEPALI shirts, new breeders received rain ponchos to assist with the rearing process, and the lead farmers received waterproof notebooks for keeping track of field data.

Keeping up the pace...

In the weeks following the SEPALI Sababaka Picnic, the SEPALI team finished the last of the field missions for 2011. Marovovonana and Ambinanitelo groups are still rapidly growing, and many members from Ambodivoangy will be ready to start rearing larvae in January. The SEPALI team will focus on getting the chrysalides ready for the new batch of breeders in 2012 and



**Trozona lends his
Accordion skills to the
Festivities**

continue to spread awareness about the SEPALI program. All communities are already hard at work on the clove and rice harvest which will continue through December, but they are looking forward to working with SEPALI again in January.

NEWS FROM THE SEPALI DEMONSTRATION SITE:

The hunt is on! After a brief chrysalide drought at the SEPALI demonstration site, the SEPALI team has been hard at work collecting and producing *Suraka* to replenish the supply. The recent trip to Marovovonana yielded a basket of new chrysalides for the SEPALI site and trainer Denis Ramasy has been diligently producing hundreds of larvae in Manambia.

In addition to working with *Suraka*, SEPALI has recently begun experimenting with a new species of moth called *Ceranchia*.



Ceranchia moth

This new species of moth is also native to NE Madagascar and feeds on a large host tree that grows in and around the forested areas. The species name of this tree has yet to be identified, but the SEPALI team has planted its seeds in a nursery to become familiar with the plant. SEPALI is particularly excited about experimenting with this species of moth because it can be used to produce a spun textile and it will add versatility to the SEPALI product line. SEPALI will begin to experiment with ceranchia in Ambinanitelo and Marovovonana.



**Cocoons
(Left: Ceranchia) (Right: Suraka)**



End of Year Meeting, Marovovonana