



**ASSOCIATION EUROPEENNE POUR L'ETUDE ET LA CONSERVATION DES LEMURIENS  
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY AND CONSERVATION OF LEMURS**

**RESEARCH POLICY**

**Mission:** *To advance the understanding and conservation of Madagascar's lemurs through scientific research, captive propagation, and protection of their natural habitats.*

1. All research must be compatible with the Mission Statement of the association.
2. Research will be encouraged particularly which links, or is relevant to AEECL's research strategy, conservation efforts, and *in situ* programmes or education programmes.
3. All research undertaken must be for the net benefit of the species that are the subject(s) of the research, and/or the ecosystem that the species are part of, and/or for the benefit of the association.
4. All research to be undertaken in association with AEECL must be assessed and approved by the board of directors of the association prior to commencement to ensure scientific and ethical validity, that animal welfare is not compromised, and that it complies with relevant EU and Malagasy legal requirements.
5. All research carried out must be reported in full after conclusion of the project or of the funding period, whichever is the earlier. Research projects carried out over a period of more than six months need to provide an interim report after each half-year period. AEECL should be advised, in advance, of publication plans. Publication of results in peer-reviewed journals or conference proceedings is to be encouraged. Copies of any publication resulting from research undertaken through and/or funded by AEECL are to be provided for the association.
6. All reports that contain research fully or partly funded by AEECL should acknowledge fully the association. It would normally be expected that individual AEECL staff contributing to or supervising research projects must be acknowledged through co-authorship of any publications as well as by name in the relevant section of reports.
7. A copy of all raw data, appropriately annotated to allow independent interpretation, must be lodged with the AEECL on completion of a study. AEECL reserves the right to use all data collected at the Ankarafa field station projects for its own publications if they have not been published (or submitted for publication) elsewhere *within three years of the termination of the research project*. In such cases, full acknowledgement of individual contributions and intellectual property will be given.

Dr Christoph Schwitzer, Secretary, AEECL

Research Policy approved by the Board of AEECL: March 2009



## AEECL – RESEARCH PROPOSAL

**Title of Project:**

**Principal Investigator(s):** *students must include their Project Supervisor(s) among PIs*

**Institution address:**

**Degree course if applicable:**

**Outline of Project (Rationale, Questions, Hypothesis, Aims, Achievable Objectives, Time-scale):**

Please do not exceed 5,000 characters, excluding references.

**Methods (include information on any procedures involved):**

Please do not exceed 3,000 characters.

**Has ethical approval been obtained from an institutional Ethical Review Process?    Yes    No**

**If yes, give details:**

**Relevance to conservation and/or animal welfare:**

Please do not exceed 500 characters.

**Will this work lead to publications?    Yes    No**

**Proposed start date:**

**Expected Duration:**

**Please provide the name, function and contact details of at least two referees (e.g. course tutor):**

**Budget of total project and funding requested from AEECL:**

Please be as detailed as possible.

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Tel:**

**Fax:**

**Email:**

**I agree to comply with AEECL's Research Policy and to provide an electronic copy of data collected at the Ankarafa field station plus two copies of my final report and of all publications of my research. I agree that AEECL stores my data and reports in its research database and library.**

**Signed:**

**Date submitted:**

*Signed  
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