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Acronyms

CISCO:	Circonscription Scolaire- School District
DPPSE:	Direction de Planification, de Programmation et du Suivi-Evaluation
GM:	General Meeting
GPS:	Global Positioning System
MEF:	Ministère de l'Environnement et des Forêt
MNP:	Madagascar National Parks
MRHA:	Maritime and River Harbour Agent
PLC:	Park Local Community
SEDRS :	Solidarité pour l'Environnement et le Développement de la Région Sofia
ZAP:	local educational administration

Introduction

This report presents the activities that AEECL and its partners have undertaken since the first quarter of this year, from January to March 2012.

The activities are reported according to their execution dates.

1. Meeting with the Head of CISCO or School District in Analalava

The CISCO is responsible for the education in the District of Analalava including the ZAP of Maromandia and Amboloboza.

The purpose of the visit is to present to the Head of Cisco, the AEECL educational action plan for this year and the continuation of the subsidy to help the villagers around the Sahamalaza National Park.

The Head of CISCO gave thanks the Representative of the AEECL for the visit and the action that the Association has done in this area. He is quite agreed with the environmental protection. Cisco' staff has made a reforestation campaign around the village Analalava he reported. To do this, they devote one day per month during the rainy season. The Cisco is willing to work with the AEECL in controlling the subsidized teachers. He concluded that he is always available when needed.

The subsidized teachers had their technical data sheet in which they put a small conservation plan for this year. During the assessment, investigators will check teachers' achievement.

At the moment, there are two Heads of ZAP in Maromandia, normally the old one should not take over because there is no official decision. This implies that the new one is appointed there for political reason. It is embarrassing and teachers complained about it because they do not know with whom they should work with.

2. Workshops

AEECL participated in the workshop organized by the MEF / DPPSE in collaboration with UNESCO. The topic is capacity building for sustainable management of coastal and marine resources. It lasted three days from February 01st to 03rd, 2012 in Sofia region. Four regions in the northern part of Madagascar participated in the workshop. They were the region of Diana, of Sava, of Sofia and of Boeny.

AEEL as an organization working in the region Sofia is also invited to attend this workshop even marine project is not its focal area.

The objective of the workshop is to improve capacity and competence of regional actors on integrated management of coastal and marine area and also to establish a regional database on marine and coastal resources.

The second workshop is organized by the SEDRS in February 04th, 2012. The workshop lasted one day and the topic was NGOs and sustainable development in the region of Sofia.

The purpose of the workshop is to know the hardworking players on the environment in the region of Sofia and to prepare a joint plan to improve the state of the environment of the region of Sofia sadly deemed by bush fire.

It saw the participation of the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, and almost all NGOs working in the region of Sofia were present and made a presentation during the workshop.

At the end of this workshop an action plan is drawn up. This plan will be communicated to the participants before presenting it to the competent Ministry for approval of decisions made during this workshop.



(a)

(b)

Photo 1 Workshop organized by MEF (a) and by SERDS (b)

2. Discussion with staff

To create a good working atmosphere and to improve the working condition, a social dialogue has done in Ankarafa and in Analalava. The team declared that they liked their jobs and they had an experience working with the researchers. However, they were complained about the food management and the visit of “tavy” which led to transient quarrel between them and some villagers. This tension was controlled after the meeting organized with the villagers.

There is not enough room when everybody meets at the place of eating. It is necessary to develop a bigger place to make everyone comfortable.

The staff asked phone credit so they can easily communicate with the responsible.

They also claimed a pay rise of 10% minimum as it was decreed.

The skippers complained about the stay during a trip in Marovato. Usually they set up a small hut but the last cannot protect them from the rain, the cold and mosquitoes. So that, they

wanted a tent to be sheltered them from those disrupting things. Not only the tent is easy to set but also is more comfortable.



(a)



(b)

Photo 2 Skipper's hut during the rainy season (a) and dry season (b)

3. Boat examination

Every year, the boat must be visited by the Representative of Maritime and River Harbour Agent. The seaworthiness requirement of the boat is being examined. A navigation permit is issued if the boat is seaworthy. The permit is valid for one year.

The result of the examination showed that the boat "Flavia" is seaworthy and has got one year license which is valid until February 3rd, 2013.

However, comments are made as what AEECL must provide certain equipment such as a lifebuoy, a first aid kit, a GPS (see the inspection report file).

The Representative of the MRHA also recommended that the skippers must be trained in maritime introduction and basic security into the National Maritime School in Mahajanga to obtain their certificate and maritime professional books.

4. Forest restoration and maintenance of seedlings

Few forest restoration is done this year, there are only three villages were able to do. There were the village of Analamazava, Andrafiajingo and Befanivana. All these villages are located in the municipality of Amboloboza and subsidized teachers who organized the forest restoration (see appendix table 3 for more details).

For other villages, they will maintain these trees previously planted because there are not enough seedlings produced. The dates for maintenance are set for Easter school holidays. Nurserymen are struggling to produce seedlings this year. Many seedlings were died because of the heat and rain irregularity. Some nurserymen reported that insects have ravaged seedlings.

There are no photos because the Facilitator does not have one.

5. Training of members of the PLC

The training was held from March 20th to 22nd, 2012, for 3 days in Antsohihy. Welcoming of the participants began one day before, on March 19th.

The training is co-organized by MNP and AEECL.

The purpose of this training is to strengthen the capacity of Rangers and standardize the data they will collect. They were 20 participants instead of 30 and all of them were housed in bungalows in the radio Andréa place of training.

Trainers are composed by MNP led by the Park Director and two Head of sector and by AEECL represented by the National Representative.

Now they are no longer called "Rangers" but PLC or Park Local Community.

The training programme is available in Appendix table 1.

The used supports are a whiteboard, a projector and duplicate copies.

The training is done in Malagasy more precisely in Sakalava dialect (language mainly spoken in the Park) for the good of all participants.

The day begins with the breakfast at 7:00 and ends by 18:00 for dinner including trainers and participants (see Appendix for the schedule).

Before ending a day an evaluation is done during which participants are free to express their feelings and what they acquired during the day and the difficulties encountered.

At the end of training, AEECL distributed some pocket identification guides for both diurnal and nocturnal lemurs. Participants will also receive badges to identify them.

MNP has promised that the PLC will be benefited from a participatory ecological monitoring project in which they will be paid.

Some participants called for compensation and it nearly upset the training. The same person reported that the lack of compensation prevented the others to come.

Nonetheless, the majority of participants are happy with the training and they wish the training will continue. It is necessary to meet and exchange between us, they said.

After the training, AEECL Programme Director held a meeting in Ankarafa with AEECL's PLC to explain their working conditions. At the moment there are 6. Among these 6 PLC, three are from the village of Amboloboza and the others three from the village of Marovato. They form 2 groups. Members of the same group will patrol together and will be taken over by another group the next day and will resume the day after and so on until all that each group will perform 15 days. They have started working since April 1st, 2012.

Four of them are MNP's former rangers but they have stopped to work with.



Photo 3 PLC members and trainers during the training

7. Visit of the Service of State property

In view of the problem of land purchasing located in Andaveno, the Head of service at the "Domaine" indicated that the Association has to send a letter of withdrawal on present application and has to mention the name of the person who will make the purchase. This

should come out from a GM and signed by the President of the Association. Afterwards, they will study the new application and will see if there are some files can be recovered.

8. Visit of school in Antafiabe

For several years the “Association Turquoise” in Mulhouse has participated on school building in Antafiabe. As this is a community school, the villagers themselves participate in its construction. The villagers got funds from the same association to build doors and windows. This work has dragged because they have received funds since august 2010. According to the Director of the school, the work is achieved on December 15, 2011. People who made them, was not paid, therefore the construction had to wait until they were available. As they are farmers, they spend most of their time in the field and only little time was devoted for the construction. They were 8 people to do the job. The Director advised that they should be paid to motivate them.

The same association has donated € 1,000 since last October. With the funds, the villagers planned to buy two wardrobes, to paint the wall, to build a streaming barrier to prevent the streaming water comes in the room and to build a veranda around the school (see the expenditure in the appendix). They plan to start the construction during the school holidays.



(a)



(b)

Photo 4 Community school in Antafiabe (a) : without doors in 2010, (b) : with doors and windows in 2012

9. Boat evaluation

For the insurance application, boat has to evaluate by an accredited marine surveyor. As the evaluation could not do in Antsohihy, the team had to go to Nosy be (see the report file:rapport d'évaluation).

Conclusion

This report presents the activities of the first 3 months of the year. They follow main line of the planified activites except the trip to Nosy Be for the boat evaluation.

The first quarter is mainly characterized by the establishment of the MoU between MNP and AEECL and PLC members training. They are operational and monitor the forest.

The activities that AEECL will undertake this year are communicated to the partners.

In the future, it would be better to equip Facilitator with a camera so he could take pictures of the activities and then with watches and GPS and backpack for AEECL's PLC.

Appendix

Table 1 Training programme

Day	Time	Activities	Manager
March 20 th	07:00 - 08:00	Breakfast	Marie Louise
	08:00 - 08:30	Welcome and introduction of participants	Guy and Isaïa
	08:30 - 10:30	AEECL presentation	Guy
	10:30 - 10:45	Break	Marie Louise
	10:45 - 12:00	MNP presentation	Isaïa
	12:00 - 14:00	Lunch	Marie Louise
	14:00 - 15:30	MNP Presentation (continued)	Isaïa
	15:30 - 15:45	Break	Marie Louise
	15:45 - 16:30	Environment in Madagascar	Guy
	16:30 - 17:30	Presentation of Sahamalaza	Isaïa and Guy
	17:30 - 18:00	Evaluation	Participants
	18:00	Dinner	Marie Louise
March 21 st	07:00 - 07:30	Breakfast	Marie Louise
	08:00 - 08:30	Restitution of the day	Participants
	08:30 - 10:30	COAP	Isaïa
	10:30 - 10:45	Break	Marie Louise
	10:45 - 11:30	COAP	Isaïa
	11:30 - 12:00	Map reading	Guy and Isaïa
	12:00 - 14:00	Lunch	Marie Louise
	14:00 - 15:30	Monitoring using map	Tsaranarana
	15:30 - 15:45	Break	Marie Louise
	15:45 - 17:30	Practice	Tsaranarana
	17:30 - 18:00	Evaluation	Participants
	18:00	Dinner	Marie Louise
March 22 nd	07:00 - 07:30	Breakfast	Marie Louise
	08:00 - 08:30	Restitution of the day	Participants
	08:30 - 10:30	How to fill the monitoring forms?	Tsaranarana
	10:30 - 10:45	Break	Marie Louise
	10:45 - 12:00	GPS introduction	Tsaranarana
	12:00 - 14:00	Lunch	Marie Louise
	14:00 - 15:30	Practice	Tsaranarana and Urbain
	15:30 - 15:45	Break	Marie Louise
	15:45 - 16:30	Practice	Tsaranarana and Urbain
	16:30 - 17:30	Final evaluation and conclusion	Urbain
	18:00	Dinner	Marie Louise

Table 2 Construction project and budget

Description	quantity	Unit price (€)	Total price(€)
Cupboard	02	90	180
Painting	01	50	50
streaming barrier	06 sacks of cement	12	72
Wall covering	10 sacks of cement	12	120
Veranda paving	40 sacks of cement	12	480
Labor	04 persons	30	120
Sands and stones			Villagers
		TOTAL	1022

Table 3 Forest restoration details

Villages	Analamazava	Andrafiajingo	Befanivana
Date of tree planting	February 25th, 2012	March 12th 2012	February 09th 2012
Number of participants	100	65	84
Type of participants	Puplis in general	Pupils	pupils
Tree species	<i>Dalbergia</i> <i>Cedrelopsis grevei</i> <i>Mascarenhasia arborescens</i> <i>Harunga madagascariensis</i> <i>Erythroxylum nitidulumm</i> <i>Canarium madagascarensis</i> <i>Bridelia pervilleana</i> <i>Casearia nigrescens</i> <i>Erythroxylum platycladum</i>	<i>Mangifera</i> Konokono <i>Macarcia lauciolata</i>	<i>Dalbergia</i> <i>Cedrelopsis grevei</i> <i>Trachylobium verrucosum</i> <i>Zanhia suaveolens</i> <i>Sterospermum sp</i>
Total species	9	3	5
Number of planted seedlings	5000	150	1000
Size of young plants during planting	20 à 15 cm	15 cm	15 cm
Tree type	native	Fruit and native trees	Native