

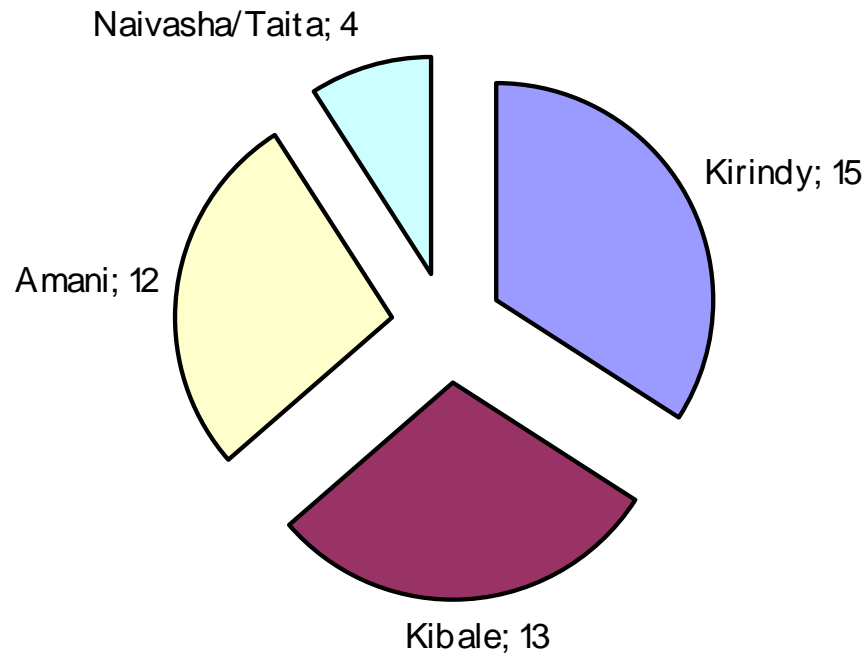


Madagascar TBA-Alumni (MTBA)

Antananarivo, dec 3rd 2007

Why MTBA?

MTBA 1997-2006



Main Goals

- Strengthen collaboration and friendship among TBA Alumnus in Madagascar
- Contribute significantly to the biodiversity conservation in Madagascar
- Make TBA/MTBA known and recognised by conservation agencies in Madagascar and abroad

MTBA Specific objectives

- Maintain a permanent network to keep in touch with each other
- Create opportunity where experiences can be exchanged
- Conduct conservation activities periodically
- Facilitate the organisation of TBA courses in Madagascar

Activities

- Web discussions
- Annual meetings
- Trainings (between MTBA and by MTBA)
- Environmental education
- Public awareness
- Scientific meetings
- communication with TBA offices...

Problems

- Structure? NGO? Association? Network?...
- Poor writing skills (proposal, publication,...)
- Limited access to literature

"Poverty is not being able to read and having people write about you" Bill Adams, 2004.

- Availability (time, resource)
- Communication

So far...

- Preparatory meetings (committee)
- Inaugural meeting (this meeting)
- Series of lectures by Eric Rakotoarisoa (Yale University) Dec 2007.
- Annual meeting (by the end of the year)
- MTBA-Week (June 2008)
- ...

Preparatory meetings & web discussions

- Web discussions since oct 10th 2007 (~30 participants)
- 1st meeting: october 23rd
- 2nd meeting: october 26th
- 3rd meeting: november 17th
- 4th meeting: december 1st

Inaugural meeting

This meeting!!!

Eric's lecture (??? Dec 2007)

The Malagasy Tropical Biology Alumni Association (MTBA) proudly invites you to join us in a series of lectures by our member, Eric Rakotoarisoa (Yale University) on the following topics:

I- Does Biodiversity really Matter?

II- Habitat Fragmentation: A Worldwide Threat to Biodiversity.

III-What can evolutionary biology bring to Conservation Biology?

Each lecture will be followed by discussions in which you are cordially invited to participate. We welcome and value your perspectives and inputs on these topics.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Annual meeting

Date to be decided today!

MTBA WEEK

VERY Provisional Program (9-14 june 2008)

9-10-11 june : Information boths by MTBA and other conservation institutions in Mada, orientation day on *conservation biology*, public awareness on environmental problems, oral and poster presentations by students (mini-SCCS ☺)

12-13-14 june : Training on writing skills and communication skills in general (MTBA and Prize winners during the poster and talk presentations)



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Tompoko!