

Call for applications

Participation of local communities and joint management of protected areas

A site exchange & learning visit for Civil Society Organizations in Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands (MADIO) Biodiversity Hotspot.
27th to 29th May, 2019

About the Site visit & Learning Exchanges

Conservation managers often work with local communities in conservation projects for protection of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs). This requires skills in engagement with local communities, local governments and policy makers as well as a good knowledge of socio-economic environment that their stakeholders are in. This site exchange & learning visit is designed to provide first hand experiences and to foster transfer of skills, knowledge and best practices in engaging with local communities for conservation and also joint management of protected areas.

The approach

This exchange will take an active peer-to-peer learning approach. Participants will have the unique opportunity to interact with various stakeholders including fellow project managers, community members and local government officers. The site exchange & learning visit targets conservation managers implementing conservation projects in the Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands (MADIO) Biodiversity Hotspot.



Preference will be given to CSOs:

- Working in Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in Madagascar, Seychelles, Mauritius and Comoros
- Whose projects are either working with local communities in conservation projects or working with local communities in joint management of a protected Area
- From small and local organisations

Site exchanges and learning visits works when the host organisation (or project), is able to fulfil specific skills gaps and capacity needs identified as urgent by a visiting individual.

This is achieved by bringing together CSOs working on similar types of projects, and by matching capacity with demand to ensure there is impact.

Funding

The full costs of this site exchange and learning visit will be covered by the Tropical Biology Association. This includes travel, accommodation, meals and other valid expenses. **No per diems** will be paid.

How to apply

Applicants must be

- (1) Nominated by their organisation. This should be done by a senior staff of the CSO (see Nomination form attached)



- (2) Nationals of Madagascar, Seychelles, Comoros or Mauritius
- (3) Available to attend the entire Site visit from the 26th to the 30th of May 2019 (these includes the travel days)
- (4) Interested candidates should have ready:-
 - list of learning objectives justifying why they would like to attend a site visit and learning exchange
 - A clear understanding of how they will apply skills learned in their work afterwards

All applications must be submitted via email to programmes@tropical-biology.org and jacyntha@mvoakajy.mg

Below is the Nomination and Application form. Applications deadline is **10th April 2019**. Selection will be done and successful applicants notified by **16th April 2019**.

For queries please email: **Jacyntha Ambinintsoa** at jacyntha@mvoakajy.mg

The site exchange & learning visit are part of the project: *Strengthening Civil Society Organizations' Capacity for Improved Conservation and Sustainability*. The project is implemented by the Tropical Biology Association and funded by CEPF.