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Bushfire at Andranoanala in December 2021. © WCS/Jimmy

News Report

Restoration of the forest fragment
Andranoanala, Masoala National Park, MaMaBay landscape

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Cover photo: Bushfire at Andranoanala on December 31, 2021 (Photo taken in January 2022).
The gendarmerie and local population's investigations led to the apprehension of one author, who was then sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment.

Photo 1. Partners preparing for World Environment Day at the office of Masoala National Park: involved participants included MNP Masoala, ADES, Graine de Vie, Génération Masoala Madagascar.



Preparation of the World Environment Day, Masoala National Park office, May 2022.

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Photo 2. Laborers transporting seedlings, most of them are women. During the first semester 2022, a total of 39 853 seeds were collected, and 28 858 seedlings were produced.



Local community transporting seedlings to the restoration site at Andranoana, May 2022.
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Photo 3. Maintaining reforested areas. During the last six months, 24 ha of the reforested plots are held. The survival rate is around 84%. A total of 626 people have benefited from the project through labor work during these activities.



Maintenance of reforested areas, Andranoanala, June 2022. © WCS/Franck Jimmy

Photo 4. A new panel is installed in a most frequented area in the village of Ambohimandroso, Ambohitralanana, to remind communities about the local convention *Dina* and what to do in case of bushfires.



A fire safety panel at Ambohimandroso, Ambohitralanana. © WCS

Photos 5 & 6. World Environment Day in Ambohitralanana in June 2022. Approximately 2 800 people came to the celebration ceremony, including 1 500 women and 1 300 men. Participants included local authorities, Gendarmerie, coast guards, representatives of the Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Environment, NGOs such as WCS, MNP, Graine de Vie, ADES, NY AVO, and Génération Masoala Madagascar, populations, and students. Reforestation was at the center of activities.



Students participating in reforestation during World Environment Day, June 2022.
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WCS staff in charge of restoration participating in reforestation during World Environment Day, June 2022.
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Photo 7. World Environment Day, June 2022. On occasion, WCS Makira offered a certificate to Jean Luc Mora to thank him for his engagement and achievements in forest restoration in Andranoanala. Jean Luc retired on June 2021 after completing 20 years of service as a nurseryman at WCS.



Jean Luc Mora, retired nurseryman during a thanking ceremony by WCS, June 2022. © WCS/ Rolien Velontsara

Photo 8. World Environment Day, June 2022. In the name of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, the Chief of Cantonment congratulated Jean Luc Mora and thanked him for his sense of duty and responsibility for the sake of the Masoala forest.



Jean Luc Mora, retired nurseryman during a thanking ceremony by the representative of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, June 2022. © WCS/Abdy Merally

Photo 9. Festival Tambirô in Ambohitralanana in June 2022. The festival was held on the same day as World Environment Day. After the official ceremony and reforestation activities, authorities joined the local population in taking part in the Festival Tambirô. Tambirô is a Betsimisaraka custom that allows a family who are unable to carry out work on its own – such as plowing rice fields or harvesting rice – to call upon the surrounding population’s help. Thereafter, a zebu is offered for lunch. This event is an opportunity to get authorities and communities closer to one another.



Community meal with authorities, Festival Tambirô, Ambohitralanana, June 2022
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