

### **Project Update: July 2001**

Surveys in three littoral forest sites produced varying results. Although the team observed four lemur species, estimated densities varied greatly between different sites. It was encouraging however that encounter rates were generally higher than similar surveys carried out five years ago. It was also interesting to note that lemurs used small forest fragments found close to larger ones, which would seem to point to their conservation value.

Efforts to make contact with village governments and local communities to provide information concerning the study and to facilitate future research at all of the sites were met warmly and with great curiosity. Education outreach was carried out by spending time with students and adults once a week, and the study benefited greatly from guides and historical information provided by the tribal government.

