

## **Project Update: March 2014**

In February 2014 Dr Cameron visited Madagascar with another project, this enabled her to:

- Meet with Dr Voahangy Soarimalala from Association Vahatra. Dr Soarimalala has already secured a research permit for this project. This permit can be extended, and the student names added to it, when the students have been selected. Dr Soarimalala is advertising the project among students at the University of Fianarantsoa and will interview and recruit students in April 2014 and then we can get their names added to the permit in time to start the project in June 2014.
- Meet with staff from the Madagascar Biodiversity Partnership. They have a plan of work to upgrade the facilities (upgrading office building, expanding camping facilities, installing solar panels, buying new vehicles) at the research centre at Kianjavato, but they are keen to host our students. We discussed the costs and convenient dates for the project.
- Check on field equipment stored at MBP which will be loaned from Queen's University to the project. She also organised for butterfly traps to be made to order in Madagascar.