

Project Update: February 2014

We conducted our first field work last year from September to December 2013 which is the breeding period of the most dwelling forest bird species in the Malagasy rainforest. The main activity during this work was to have a good knowledge on bird predators. We used plates made by 40 x 40 cm plywood coated with petroleum jelly in order to catch predator footprint signs. Later during the field work we got the opportunity to use few trail camera traps to take a picture of the happening in the nest. We collected 25 bird nests in total in the three different sites. With both methods tracking predator signs and camera trapping; we got some flash results as evidence revealing that bird nest contents serve as prey for the other species. Our results are still in an ongoing analysis process like for instance the identification of sign recorded and predators.



Predator's sign recorded on plywood plate.



Rodent spotted on the nest by the camera trap.