

## Project Update: July 2014

During this first month and a half of our project, our activities are focusing on:

- The preparation of the research permit and the contact with Madagascar National Park, an organisation who manage all protected areas of Madagascar.
- The organisation of a workshop with the trainers and the students of Environment Department at the "Institut de Formation Technique" «IFT». While, we are discussing about the active learning with active training technics:
  - For the trainers, we discuss about why and how we have to improve our training method.
  - For the students, they discuss about why, how and what they have to do in the active learning method.
- We have started our first field research at the Ranomafana national Park. We have limited about 30 plots: 16 plots in Valohoaka as a primary forest; eight plots at Ambatolahidimy and Talatakely as a dedraded forest and two plots at Ambalahidimy as a cropland.



Left: It is always with great pleasure when we found mushroom. Middle: Mushrooms species play very important functions to maintain this primary forest. Valohoaka is a site of primary forest. Right: We have found some species which are not so popular for Malagasy people.