

## Project Update: March 2017

The first and second field missions were conducted on November 2016 and January 2017 respectively. A tree nursery was created in Ampasimaneva and seeds collected from faeces and ejecta of *Pteropus rufus* and *Rousettus madagascariensis* were sown.

Around 1800 plants from five species germinated in our tree nursery. *Ficus* seeds collected from the bat faeces and ejecta, three seed species known to be eaten by the bats but collected from the trees and four species edibles to human were sown in the nursery. They will be planted in the farmlands and degraded habitats in Ampasimaneva.

A local association called «VOI MIARAMIRINDRA» was created (November 2016), this association will ensure the long term management of the humid forest sites covering both sides of the Soamandaranana river. Preliminary visit of the forest to be conserved was conducted with the new association during which 50% of the boundaries were recorded on the GPS.



Visit of the forest site to be managed by the local community of Ampasimaneva. Photo by Laza H. Andrianandrianina.



Preparation of the tree nursery where seeds from bat's faeces and from trees with fruit eaten by the bats were sown. Photo by Radosoa A. Andrianaivoarivelo.