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ReefDoctor has been striving to protect marine turtles in the Bay of Ranobe since 2008, the holistic approach adopted by ReefDoctor uses a combination of community empowerment, alternative livelihood strategies, and fisheries policy adaption. Our innovative strategy has provided project sustainability and we aim to replicate this throughout the region. Over the past month ReefDoctor was invited to participate in two national and regional events to propose the integration of our work into the national and regional fisheries policy framework for the protection of marine turtles in Madagascar. The National Fisheries and Aquaculture event held by 'Excellence Monsieur le Ministre des Ressources Halieutiques et de la Pêche' (Minister of marine resources and fisheries) and the 'Directeur Régional des Ressources Halieutiques et de la Pêche' (Regional Director of marine resources and fisheries for southwest Madagascar). During the event a platform was developed and the first meeting held to discuss the strengthening and integration of national marine turtle laws into community governance. The platform established by ReefDoctor was attended by WWF (World Wildlife Fund for nature), DELC Madagascar (Development and Environmental Law Center), MIHARI (Locally Managed Marine Area Network) and Regional Director of marine resources and fisheries for southwest Madagascar.



The second event organised by the Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et des Forêts (Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Forests) was in celebration of International Animal Day and focused on improving the protection of Marine turtles, Tortoises, Lemurs and Chameleons.

