

## Project Update: June 2021

Between February-June 2021, most of our efforts have been geared towards community education in Daraina and the surrounding villages. With the help of several local carpenters, we have been able to use sustainably harvested wood to build benches and desks to equip the outreach center (pictured to the left). The completed outreach center has been a tremendously functional space for students of all ages to gain knowledge about flora and fauna of the northeastern Madagascar, raise environmental awareness concerning deforestation, encourage curiosity towards persecuted species in the region, work with the Daraina Fanamby office to help reforest land, and explore alternatives to charcoal use in the local community.



We have also fenced off a portion of the outreach center property (pictured to the right) and are preparing to initiate a community garden in the coming months. We are collaborating with another NGO in Madagascar (Madagasikara Voakajy) to select plants to propagate that provide a reliable source of food and improve the pollinator community of Daraina. We have also continued to work with the local guide association/KMTs and NGO Fanamby to conduct monthly guide training exercises concerning field techniques, sustainable harvesting and acquisition of natural resources, etc. We were also recently awarded a large battery and solar panels from IdeaWild which will allow us to better use technology in our outreach programs.

