

TRAININGS AND STANDINGS FOR 2012 Growth, Accomplishments, and Outlook for the Coming Year

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English Version

Tertiary Training in Ambodivoangy:



*Training with Denis,
Ambodivoangy, TMA*

Following Mario's intensive silkworm training in Ambinanitelo and Ambalamahogo last month, Denis Ramasy set out to the community of Ambodivoangy on October 10th to train the two farmers groups living in that area. A total of 17 members (6 from the TMA group and 11 from the FTTFA group) participated in the month-long training. Since Ambodivoangy is our most experienced SEPALI group, Denis focused his trainings on specialized techniques and predator control.



*Giant Wasp,
Predator of the Silkworms,
Ambodivoangy*

Due to a minor chrysalide shortage at the beginning of the training, senior members shared the first batch of chrysalides while the others followed along and assisted whenever possible. For the next generation, the junior members will receive chrysalides and the senior members will continue to expand their current stock.



*Ambodivoangy Training
FTTFA*

Leading the group with 330 chrysalides from his last generation of silkworms, Jaonary Jean will supply many chrysalides to the next group of junior breeders. In addition to cocoons produced by the veteran breeders, Odette and Mani also produced their very first cocoons during the training and will continue to rear the next generation of larvae along with Flodette, Pierette, Marivelo, Perline, Izudore, Soalaina, and Rakotomena.

17 Members Follow an Intensive Silkworm Training in Ambodivoangy:

From October 10th to November 10th, Denis Ramasy conducted an intensive silkworm training with the members of TMA and FTTFA. The 17 participants learned important techniques, followed the silkworms through every stage of their life cycle, and ultimately produced more than five times the number of chrysalides that they started with.

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TMA Group (6 trainees):

- Jaonary Jean
- Raso
- Odette
- Flodette
- Pierette
- Marivelo

FTTFA Group (11 trainees):

- Mani
- Perline
- Fenozara Justin
- Odeline
- Izudore
- Jao II
- Victorien
- Homat
- Soalaine
- Ortha
- Rakotomena

Missions and Farmer's Meetings:



Cay on her way to Mahalevona

The month of October also included a visit from CPALI President Catherine Craig to the SEPALI program. During her month-long stay, Cay worked with Mamy on the SEPALI program for 2013, visited the new community of Mahalevona and attended Denis' silkworm training in Ambodivoangy. Before her departure, SEPALI also hosted a Lead Farmer's Meeting where members discussed current production challenges with Mamy and Cay.

On November 3rd, 2012, just before Catherine Craig's departure from Madagascar, SEPALI hosted its third Lead Farmer's Meeting of the year. In attendance were lead farmers Jaonary Jean, of Ambodivoangy TMA, Felicien of Sahafotra, Retefy Rene of Antsanofia, Mani of Ambodivoangy FTFA, and Rafanoela of Ambinanitelo.



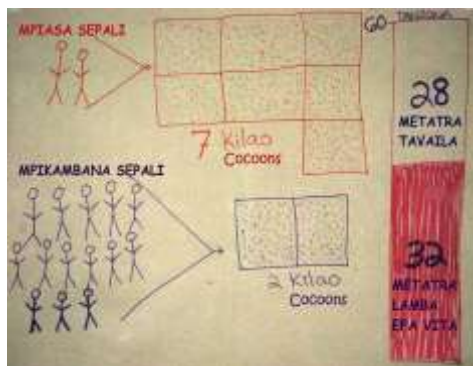
Lead Farmers Meeting



Membership Breakdown, Updates for 2012

At the meeting, participants discussed updates from SEPALI, the current status and goals of the program and production statistics. Currently, the SEPALI program boasts 269 members (red circle), 51 of which have already planted their trees (orange circle), 45 of which received silkworm rearing training and equipment (green circle), and 14 of which have already produced cocoons (black circle). SEPALI members have already planted over 20,000 trees and 25,000 more are growing in their nurseries. Our women's groups sewed over 32 meters of textile this year.

Despite obvious successes, SEPALI will fall short of its goals for 2012. While the learning curve is steep, SEPALI members are not yet producing enough cocoons. So far this year, SEPALI has only produced 9 kilos of cocoons. That leaves us 28 meters short of our 60 meter goal for textile production this year. The Lead Farmers discussed this issue, voiced their group's challenges with production, and brainstormed solutions for the coming year.



Production Summary for 2012

SEPALI PURCHASES NEW LAND NEAR THE AIRPORT:

On October 5, 2012, SEPALI purchased half a hectare of land in Varingohitra (near the airport). Wide and spacious, the land will be a good place to expand the SEPALI demonstration site and continue the silkworm rearing operations. The presence of over 15 people was required to finalize the transaction including town officials, witnesses, and representatives from the surveyor's office.

- Mamy, SEPALI Director
- SEPALI staff: Mario, Eddy, and Bertrand
- SEPALI Members: Jaonary Jean and Mani
- Representatives of the Commune
- Representatives of the Domaine
- President Fokontany, Varingohitra



SEPALI's New Land, Varingohitra