

## STARTING OUT STRONG: SEPALI BRINGS IN THE NEW YEAR WITH SILKWORM TRAININGS

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### NEWS FROM THE FIELD:



*TMA Training, Ambodivoangy*

After a month of rice harvesting and holiday festivities, SEPALI farmers are eager to start making silk! The SEPALI team has implemented an intensive schedule in order to provide training to the new breeders. Over the past month, SEPALI has provided extensive training workshops to 45 new breeders, 29 of which will start rearing silk worms this month.

The SEPALI training workshops include a half-day overview of the silk rearing process, a demonstration in the field with hands on activities, and a personal follow-up session at each farmer's land. In addition, each new breeder receives a detailed, 40 page training manual about the silk rearing process and all associated rearing equipment including 3 to 5 nets, 5 spinning baskets, and 2 chrysalide baskets.



*Denis, SEPALI Trainer*

### SEPALI GOALS FOR 2012...

- To help the 8 veteran members of SEPALI produce at least 3 kilos of cocoon in 2012
- To help all new breeders produce at least 500-1000 cocoons this year
- To produce enough cocoons to hold a regular silk processing workshop every three months with our women's groups
- To train at least 99 farmers to rear silk worms before the end of this year
- To have a total of 250-300 farmers working with the SEPALI program by December
- To set up an intercropping program to allow farmers to intercrop their Talandoha trees with food crops
- To continue experimenting with Ceranchia and to identify the comet moth (Argema) food plant and introduce the Argema program into the communities by 2013



*Ambalamahogo training with Mamy*



*Ambinanitelo Training with Lalaina*

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## *The Fast Track...*

Fenzara Justin, a relatively new member of the SEPALI community, has taken the fast track to success. After joining the group in October, Fenzara prepared a tree nursery and planted an additional 10 trees from trunk cuttings on his property. Even before his first formal training, Fenzara Justin jumped into larvae rearing head-first. By January, the 10 trees were already big enough to rear larvae and by the end of the month, Fenzara had collected and produced over 160 chrysalides from the forest, supplied a total of 66 chrysalides to other group members, and produced over 450 cocoons.



***Fenzara Justin,  
Ambodivoangy***



***Rearing tree that has  
been consumed by larvae***

Fenzara recently achieved formal SEPALI membership when he finished planting his 250 seedlings, but he will not stop there. The new SEPALI star has already completed his first rearing training, has become an expert at finding volunteer larvae, is rapidly learning the rearing process, and continues to plant trees. We are sure to continue to see great things from Fenzara Justin.

## *Growing by leaps and bounds...*

SEPALI would also like to welcome the 7 new members who joined our community this month. Ambinanitelo welcomed 4 new members over the past month, Marovovonana welcomed 2 new members, and a new farmer in the forest community of Ambatofotsy entered the group as well.



***Jaonirina Seraphin***

Jaonirina Seraphin of Ambohisoa, and Rasolo Jasmin of Ambinanitelo, already have over 250 mature Talandoha trees on their respective properties and can begin rearing trainings directly. Jaonirina Seraphin became a member of SEPALI and completed the rearing training on the same day. He and his father will begin rearing the volunteer larvae on his land over the coming months.



***SEPALI trainer Mario  
discusses the rearing process  
with the new breeders in  
Ambohisoa, Marovovonana***



***FTTFA Training, Ambodivoangy***

## **THE NEWLY TRAINED SEPALI BREEDERS OF 2012:**

### **AMBODIVOANGY FTTFA: (8)**

- RASOAZAFY
- RAMARISOA Emilienne
- JAO II
- ISUDOR
- HOMAT
- RAKOTOMALALA Victorien
- SOALAINA
- FENOZARA Justin

### **AMBODIVOANGY TMA: (7)**

- RAKOTOARISON Jean Bernard
- JAONARY Jean
- MARIVÉLO
- RAZANATSOA Celestine
- PIERRETTE
- RAZANAKOLONA Odette
- RASOA

### **MAROVOVONANA: (14)**

- RAMANANJATOVO Simon
- RAFARASOA Etienne
- RAMARO Sahany
- SASIDY Venant
- MAIVOSON RAZAFINDRA Jules
- IAVANA Kolette
- JAOJIFENO
- CHERIL
- RAVAOZANDRY Gerthride
- JAONIRINA Seraphin
- RABESONINA Jean Louis
- RAZAFIHARISOA Denise
- MANOELY Denis
- RAMANANJATOVO Marceline

### **AMBINANITELO: (10)**

- RAFANOELA
- BEMIHEVITRA Roger
- RABE Jean Damacien
- JACKY ARMAND
- CLEMENT Leonard
- RASOADELINE
- TRAZIE
- NAFOSONINA Eloi
- ZANAMAHO Aliette
- ZAFINIRINA Helene

### **AMBALAMAHOGO: (7)**

- JOELISON Samuel
- RAZAFINDRASITRAKA Girane
- NOROZAFY Celine
- LAZAROSY
- ZELINE Marthe
- CLOTILDE
- RAZAFINDRAKALO Justine