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2014 Annual Report

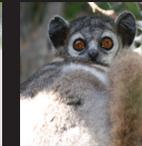


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Lemur Conservation Foundation (LCF) is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of the primates of Madagascar through captive breeding, scientific research, and education.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

2014 was a critical year for both Madagascar and LCF. On 25 January 2014, Hery Rajaonarimampianina began his Presidential term bringing the hope of economic change and stability to Madagascar. With new leadership in place, there is the opportunity for conservation efforts and tourism to return to the pre-2009 coup d'état levels.

Ecotourism is a vital revenue source for Madagascar and an important part of the IUCN Lemur Action Plan. Prior to the coup 375,000 tourists came to the red island annually to enjoy the unique flora and fauna. These travelers create jobs and income for the villagers and local people in the area of the resorts and lemur parks by providing a direct infusion of funds through fees, porters and guides as well as enhancing the value of environment and lemur protection within the local communities. It is better for the local village families to be employed to save the lemurs and habitat than to cut the trees, mine for minerals and consume lemurs.

In August, I had the privilege to lead two ecotourism groups through Madagascar with Dr. Ian Tattersall, an LCF Scientific Advisor and distinguished Curator Emeritus in the Division of Anthropology for the American Museum of Natural History. Ian is a world-renowned paleoanthropologist and a leading authority on primate research. He has been studying lemurs since 1969 and is recognized for his discovery of the golden-crowned sifaka lemur, also known as Tattersall's sifaka, in northeast Madagascar in 1974.

It was a thrill to enlighten 16 people about the fragile island of Madagascar, its endemic species of flora and fauna and the Malagasy people who struggle to provide for their families on a daily basis. It is truly a balance of empathy for Madagascar and its people while protecting the natural resources and animals that will make conservation successful on the island.

When all of these competing factors come together in a finite space, a conflict for survival takes place and the animals lose their territories to man's ingenuity to use fire, chainsaws, guns, and excavators. During our sojourn through Madagascar, the groups were able to witness successful conservation areas where animals are protected and the community members are grateful for the ability to work in the tourism profession.

Our group was able to appreciate the dedicated Malagasy people involved in-situ conservation efforts while touring the parks and sharing conversations in the evening allowing both US and Malagasy to learn more about our unique cultures, each other's families and a clear connection by sharing a reverence for lemur conservation.

Our group found hiking the trails, and carefully navigating the hillsides while looking for endangered prosimians to be an exciting and life-changing experience. Witnessing the animals in their native homes, listening to their calls and watching them at night creates a yearning to support lemur conservation efforts in Madagascar.

As you read through the pages you will learn more about our mission program successes over the past year. LCF continues to thrive and grow in meaningful ways to support the existence of both the US captive born and Madagascar wild lemurs.

Sincerely,



Lee Nesler
Executive Director and CEO



The State of Lemurs



Critically endangered mongoose lemur born at LCF

In 2014, the journal *Science* published a powerful article on the status of lemurs since the political crisis in 2009. The article, based on the new International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List assessment, is a warning of the imminent threat of lemur extinctions and a call to action

in the hopes of curtailing mass extinctions of these magnificent primates found nowhere else on earth. The fact is lemurs are now the most threatened group of mammals on the earth (Schwitzer et al., 2014). With lemurs representing 21% of all primate species and a unique evolutionary lineage found nowhere else, saving lemur populations from this unprecedented decline is the single highest primate conservation priority in the world (Lemurs of Madagascar, A Strategy for their Conservation 2013-2016; Schwitzer et al., 2014).



Endangered ring-tailed lemur infant born at LCF

The numbers are staggering and heartbreaking. The percentage of lemur taxa listed as threatened (i.e. critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable)

increased from 74% in 2008 to almost 94% in 2012. Sadly, even lemurs previously believed to be less vulnerable, like the ring-tailed lemur, are now listed as endangered. The dramatic decline in lemur populations is the result of increased habitat destruction in part due to slash and burn agricultural

practices, illegal logging of highly prized rosewood and ebony, decreased protection of protected lemur habitat, and increased levels of lemur hunting, which were particularly detrimental during the political crisis from 2009 to 2013.

Although the struggle to save lemurs is one of the greatest conservation challenges the world is facing, there is hope. The political crisis in Madagascar ended with the democratic election of President Hery Rajaonarimampianina, setting the stage for coordinated conservation strategies. In the wake of the political crisis, top conservation leaders created the Lemurs of Madagascar, A Strategy for their Conservation 2013-2016, which identifies key strategies and specific actions that individuals and organizations can do to help stop this crisis.

1. Stop habitat loss and increase lemur habitats
2. Stop the illegal logging of rosewood and ebony
3. Ensure the sustainable use of forests
4. Stop lemur hunting
5. Establish eco-tourism and research sites
6. Increase training of Malagasy scientists
7. Promote lemur conservation through international and national conservation education programs
8. Establish lemur breeding programs to act as a genetic safety net for wild lemur populations

The Lemur Conservation Foundation is deeply committed to working with conservation partners to implement these strategies. Through our managed breeding program, Ako Conservation Education Program, and our projects to increase protection of lemur habitats in Madagascar, we are fighting to prevent lemur extinctions. You can help us answer this urgent call to action by telling your friends and family about the lemur crisis, ensuring that the products you purchase do not contribute to lemur habitat destruction, and by supporting organizations like LCF. By working together we can ensure that lemurs not only play an important role in our evolutionary past but that we will continue to unravel their mysteries and appreciate their beauty well into the future.



"Fragments" by Alexis Rockman

2014 Births

Ring-Tailed Lemurs (*Lemur catta*)

Crispin was born to Molson and Sarsaparilla (aka Sassy) in early May of 2014. Keegan was born later that month to Sassy's sister Sobe, also fathered by Molson. Sassy and her sister Sobe came to LCF from Duke Lemur Center on a breeding recommendation. Crispin and Keegan are the first offspring for all three parents. This family of ring-tailed lemurs are great free-rangers and inhabit one of LCF's fenced-in 10 acre forests.

Ansell and Yuengling had yet another set of twins in 2014, this time one girl and one boy. Moose (the male) and Duffy (the female) were born in late May and are growing up in one of LCF's free-ranging forests. Their names go along with the reserve's beer theme for *Lemur catta*.

Mongoose Lemurs (*Eulemur mongoz*)

Mateo was born in April of 2014 to Kikeli and Felix. This is the second offspring for the pair. They produced a male offspring in 2013 that first time mom Kikeli was unable to care for on her own and the LCF Animal Care team stepped in to hand raise him. This time around, Kikeli knew just what to do and was an exceptional mother to Mateo.

Little Luisa was our last birth of the 2014 season. She was born at the end of June to Emilia and Bimbini. She is the third offspring for this pair and joined big brother Pablo born in 2013.

Red ruffed Lemurs (*Varecia rubra*)

Ravina, another first time mom, gave birth to a son with her mate Tsikey in June of 2014. He was named Afo, which means fire in Malagasy, because of his fiery spirit. Tsikey is already a father to two of LCF's red ruffed lemur males.



Afo



Keegan



Mateo



Luisa



Moose and Duffy

Colony Update 2014

Ring-tailed Lemurs (*Lemur catta*)

IUCN Status: Endangered – Very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future. There are fourteen ring-tailed lemurs at LCF. Four of these were welcomed into the colony in the 2014 birthing season.

Mongoose Lemurs (*Eulemur mongoz*)

IUCN Status: Critically Endangered - Extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future. We now have fourteen mongoose lemurs in our colony. The LCF team said goodbye to Silvio, the male mongoose lemur that the animal care staff stepped in to hand-raise in 2013 when his mother could not care for him. Silvio went to Toledo Zoo where he was to be introduced to a female mongoose lemur from Duke Lemur Center as part of the *Eulemur* SSP Breeding Recommendations. His spunky personality is greatly missed, but we are very excited for him to have a mate and potentially future progeny. Also on a breeding recommendation, Leena, a two year old female, came from Busch Gardens Tampa to live with her new mate, Merced. Additionally, LCF welcomed two new mongoose lemurs into the colony during the 2014 birth season.

Collared Lemurs (*Eulemur collaris*)

IUCN Status: Endangered – Very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future. Today

there are five collared lemurs at LCF. Our newest collared resident Wizard, acquired from Duke Lemur Center in late 2013, is acclimating well to her new home at the reserve and really enjoys her mate Olivier.

Common Brown Lemurs (*Eulemur fulvus*)

IUCN Status: Near Threatened – Close to facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future. Six common brown lemurs are part of the LCF collection.

Red Ruffed Lemur (*Varecia rubra*)

IUCN Status: Critically Endangered - Extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future. We currently have six red ruffed lemurs in our colony, of which three are free-rangers all year round. The reserve has a new rubra resident, Afo, born in 2014. We are also saddened to announce that Masoandro, triplet to Rivotra and Volana, passed away over the summer due to gastrointestinal complications. The remaining members of his group have adjusted in his absence, but he will be missed.

Sanford's Brown Lemur (*Eulemur sanfordi*)

IUCN Status: Endangered – Very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future. LCF is lucky to have the last male Sanford's lemur managed in the United States and Europe as part of our colony. Ikoto is twenty-four years old.



Leena & Merced



Wiz and Ollie



Sobe and Sassy

LCF Provides Boundary Demarcation to Help Protect a Unique Population of Indri in Madagascar's Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve

Boundary Demarcation Project

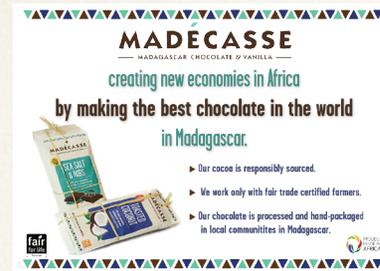
In 2014 LCF began a new conservation initiative in Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve (ASSR) located in northeast Madagascar. With the facilitation of Dr. Erik Patel, LCF's Scientific Advisory Committee Member and Project Director for the Duke Lemur Center's SAVA Conservation Program, LCF implemented a project to help protect this vital but neglected area. The project included the installation of demarcation panels by the Madagascar National Parks to designate the borders of the reserve to help protect the park from increasing human pressure and illegal mining activities. A total of 94 metal signs were installed around the eastern border of the reserve to help community members identify the park boundaries and to also signify that the area is being actively monitored and protected. Currently there are efforts to expand the western boundary of the reserve and LCF's interest in supporting demarcation of the expansion is helping to move things forward to officially approve the new border. This western extension will almost double the size of the reserve, offering critical protection for natural habitats that are disappearing at alarming rates.

Biodiversity of the Reserve

Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve is a large (270 km²), mountainous, and biologically diverse reserve, home to at least 11 species of lemurs, including Mittermeier's mouse lemur (*Microcebus mittermeieri*), as much as 40% of the critically endangered silky sifaka (*Propithecus candidus*) population, and a unique and incredibly beautiful population of indri (*Indri indri*) with black pelage. The critically endangered indri, one of the largest living lemurs, is known for its haunting song and teddy bear-like appearance and along with the silky sifaka was included on the 2012-2014 World's 25 Most Endangered Primates list. In addition to lemurs, the reserve is an important habitat for 74 bird species, including the Madagascar serpent eagle, which was previously believed to be extinct and 93 species of amphibians and reptiles. The flora is equally magnificent with an astounding

211 fern species and the ancient takhtajania shrub (*Takhtajania perrieri*), known only from a single specimen found in 1909 but re-discovered in the reserve in 1997 after numerous failed expeditions.

Future work in ASSR



To ensure the future of ASSR and its wildlife, LCF is continuing to work with the Madagascar National Park Staff, local leaders and community members to implement conservation priorities and increase research and eco-tourism for the reserve. One of the newest partners to join in our efforts to protect the area is Madécasse, a fair trade company with a chocolate line made in Madagascar. Next year we will partner with Madécasse to implement our next project to develop much needed infrastructure for Camp Indri, the sole

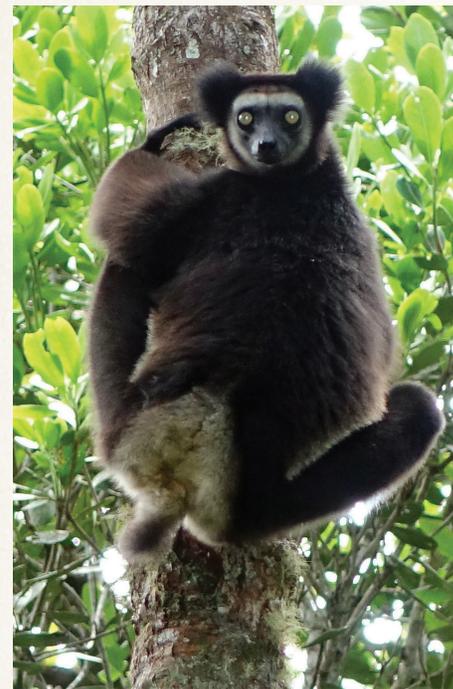
campsite to accommodate researchers and tourists visiting the reserve. We are excited to be partnering with so many wonderful organizations to start this new initiative and look forward to sharing more news on how LCF is helping to protect the lemurs of Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve.



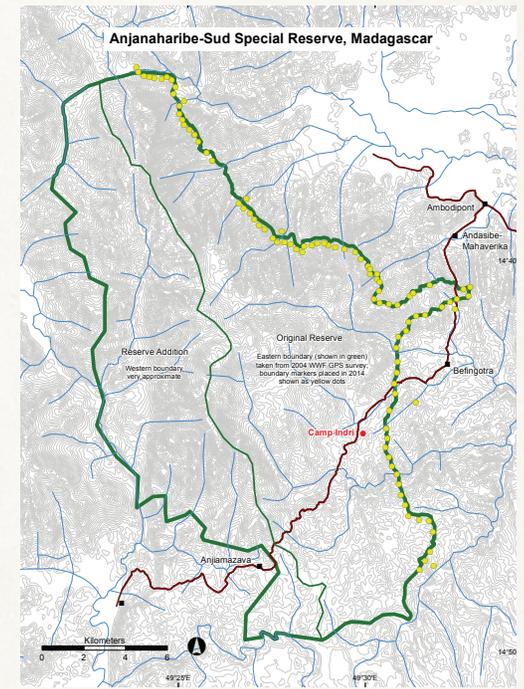
Silky sifaka in ASSR



Dr. Alison Grand at ASSR Boundary Demarcation Panel



Indri in ASSR. Photo by Dr. Erik Patel



Demarcation panels (yellow dots) installed by Madagascar National Parks and LCF. Map by Paul Atkinson

LCF Continues Support of Conservation Projects in Madagascar through its Partnership with the Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group

The Madagascar Fauna and Flora Group (MFG) is a consortium of zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, and universities working together to develop and implement strategies to conserve the biodiversity of Madagascar. LCF has been a managing member of MFG since 2008, supporting important programs such as habitat restoration and research in Betampona Reserve and environmental education lessons in agroforestry and social conservation training at Parc Ivoloïna's Conservation Education and Training Centers.

Betampona Reserve contains 11 species of lemur, 10 additional mammal species, 95 bird species, and over 100 reptile and amphibian species. The forest also contains a large variety of plant species, a number of which are highly endangered. Parc Ivoloïna is a zoological and educational park operated by MFG where local and international visitors are able to develop an appreciation for Madagascar's unique wildlife and learn ways to help protect these important species and their habitats.

In August 2014, LCF's Dr. Alison Grand attended MFG's Annual Meeting and Workshop, hosted by the St. Louis Zoo and Botanical Gardens. MFG staff and collaborators, including Mamy Rakotorijaona, Director of Operations for

Madagascar National Parks, delivered presentations on the accomplishments of MFG and identified priority projects for the next Strategic Plan. Attendees focused on disease threats, conservation of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates, plant and forest health, and human factors. Alison also worked with Andrea Katz (Duke Lemur Center), Gina Ferrie (Disney's Animal Kingdom), and Christie Eddie (Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo) to develop a collection plan for the lemurs at Parc Ivoloïna.

LCF is proud to support MFG's efforts to protect wild lemur populations and lemur habitats, while working to build sustainable, managed populations to act as a critical safety net for wild populations. LCF and MFG's work is an integral part of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Lemur Conservation Action Plan to stop habitat loss and reverse the decline of lemur populations on the verge of extinction. The 2015 meeting hosted by the Isle of Wight Zoo (UK) will focus on education programs and activities in Madagascar, including a presentation by Lee Nesler on LCF's Ako Conservation Education Program.



Attendees of the 2014 MFG Meeting and Workshop



Mamy Rakotorijaona, Director of Operations for Madagascar National Parks presenting at the 2014 MFG Meeting and Workshop

LCF-Supported Field Research Provides Training for the Next Generation of Malagasy Conservationists

LCF supports two long-running field programs to study changes in lemur populations and their habitats. These projects not only help us to better understand and conserve lemurs in Madagascar, but they also provide excellent training opportunities for Malagasy scientists to develop the skills necessary to become leaders in lemur conservation.

In 2014, LCF continued its work with the École Normale Supérieure (ENS) program by providing scholarships to teachers for training in field biology. This Master's degree program, supported by the late Dr. Alison Jolly, gives teachers the experience necessary to bring important research skills into their classrooms to inspire and educate the next generation of scientists and conservationists. This year's scholarships continued to support the work of Felaniaina Rafenoarisoa, Tolotra Randrianirina, Mirana Ratovolala, and Lambert Milvain. Under the direction of ENS Professor Hantanirina Rasmimanana, and Dr. Josia Razafindramanana and Fefy Ravahatramananjarasoa (former ENS graduates), students conducted forest assessments and a census of Verreaux's sifaka (*Propithecus verreauxi*) and collected data on the social behavior of the lemurs in the Berenty Reserve. Students also had the opportunity to visit Ranomafana and Isalo National Parks. The ring-tailed lemur and brown lemur (*Eulemur rufus x Eulemur collaris*) census was conducted by ENS students Rabakoarino Volatantely and Rakotoniary Iando with the assistance of Chuck and Anne Farrell.

The results showed that work to remove invasive *Cissus quadrangularis* and *Opuntia stricta* and plant native vegetation is leading to regeneration of native plants that are important lemur feeding and sleeping sites. Overall Verreaux's sifaka populations increased from earlier surveys; however population decline continued in the Ankoba area, possibly due to competition from brown and ring-tailed lemurs and low levels of quality and preferred vegetation to support a higher density of sifaka. Results from the ring-tailed and brown lemur survey showed an overall increase in the ring-tailed lemur (663 individuals in 85 groups) and brown lemur (459 individuals in 48 groups) populations since the 2010 and 2013 censuses. The results provide some evidence that the ring-tailed lemurs may be slowly recovering from the ecological competition with the introduced brown lemurs.

Another project supported by LCF's Field Training Program, led by Dr. Natalie Vasey, is focused on populations of the critically endangered red ruffed lemur in the Andranobe Forest on the Masoala Peninsula in Northeast Madagascar. In 2014, under the direction of Dr. Vasey (Portland State University Professor and LCF Scientific Advisory Council Member), Zo Samuel Ella Fenosoa, graduate student at the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar, and Monica Mogilewsky, former LCF staff member and Ph.D student at Portland State University, completed an inventory of red ruffed lemurs identified during previous field seasons and gathered identifying information on new residents. Dr. Vasey's team included local assistants Be-Roza, Be-Noël, Charles-Leon, and Zakaria. Cumulative data will allow for the examination of demographic patterns from year to year in a natural population of red ruffed lemurs. Initial demographic assessment of this population began in the mid-1990's, prior to the establishment of Masoala



ENS students, Tolotra Randrianirina and Mirana Ratovolala



Patrick, Lambert, Fierena, Remana, Olivier, and Ben conducting census



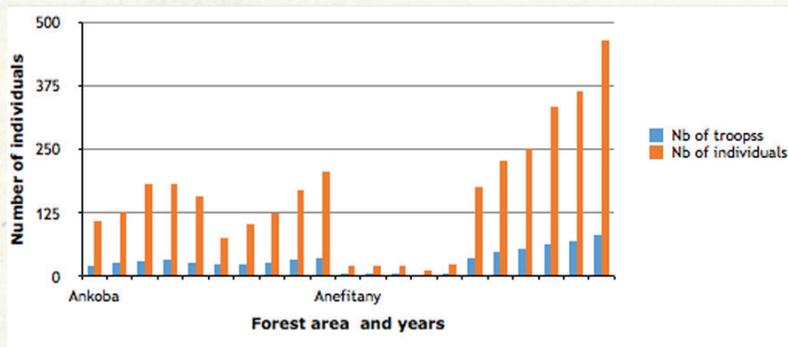
Felana and Ben observing a ring-tailed lemur group at Berenty

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~~2014 Propithecus verreauxi census in the private reserve of Berenty, south of Madagascar~~

National Park. Demographic assessments resumed in 2007, after 12 years of protection, straddling the government coup (2009) and the precipitous increase in illegal rosewood logging, Masoala being the region most severely affected by illegal international trade in rosewood. In addition to the census data collection, Monica Mogilewsky and Eddy Christin Manatijara, a Malagasy national with a Bachelor's degree from IMGAM Technical Management Institute, mapped 89 canopy gaps caused by tree falls along the 3.7 km of trails in the study area and placed hair traps in the canopy for the collection of hair samples for genetic analyses.

We are thankful to all of our partners that are collecting this long-term demographic data and providing field training opportunities for the next generation of conservationists. The data collected by these two groups are critical to understanding how lemur populations are faring in the face of increased habitat disturbance and growing human pressure. In addition to providing valuable data, researcher interest in protected areas demonstrates the importance of preserving lemurs, the national treasures of Madagascar.



LCF Art Initiatives in 2014

The art-science-conservation intersection has been an intrinsic part of LCF's mission and *modus-operandi* since the Foundation's inception. LCF was seeded by science and conservation and art helped it grow and flourish. We believe art is an essential part of the human experience because it interprets how we relate to the world around us and creates empathy and understanding in ways that words and numbers cannot express – it completes the "story" begun by facts and empirical evidence. Art helps us broadcast our critical message because it provides an emotional link between lemurs and people.

2014 brought significant artistic contributions to LCF's efforts to raise awareness about the lemurs' plight:

"Vanishing Species: Art from the Lemur Conservation Foundation Collection."

In May, Art Center Sarasota presented "Vanishing Species: Art from the Lemur Conservation Foundation Collection." The exhibition, curated by Mark Ormond, Curator of Exhibits at Ringling College of Art and Design, celebrated LCF's stunning collection of lemur art, some of which LCF calls "art with teeth", beautiful but often disturbing or provocative pieces intended to move the viewer to action for conservation. The collection comprises work from national and international artists, some of whom are renowned and represented in museums around the country (i.e. Jean Blackburn, Katharine McKenna, Judy North, Alexis Rockman, Barbara Sandler, Joseph Santore, and Craig Rubadoux).

"MadagaSCARS"

Camille Wainer, LCF artist and professional filmmaker, created a poignant five-minute flash animation that informs and educates the viewer about urgent environmental and social issues that threaten the future of wildlife and humans on the island of Madagascar. The film is currently being presented at international and national animation festivals. LCF holds various pieces of art created by Camille, most notably her 2005 calendar image depicting portraits of every lemur in the colony present at the time.

"2015 Calendar Image – Red Lemur"

Richard Thomas created a beautiful and intense image of a red ruffed lemur crammed into a box with nowhere to go because of deforestation. Richard is a prolific fine artist whose work has been exhibited in numerous one and two-man shows in art galleries throughout Florida.

"Portrait of Lemur Conservation Foundation"

This work-in-progress is a sound and visual video portrait created by Christine Southworth, a composer and video artist based in Lexington, Massachusetts. With degrees from MIT and Brown University, Christine is inspired by intersections of technology and art, nature and machines, and music from cultures around the world. She is currently creating a series of institutional portraits documenting the work of local conservation initiatives with global impact.

"The Natalee Lee Quay Lemur Lotus Tower" Update

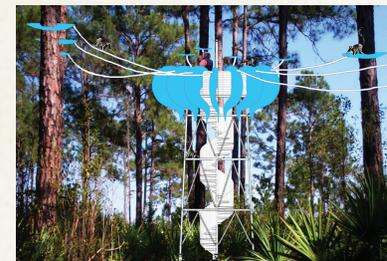
The fabrication of "The Natalee Lee Quay Lemur Lotus Tower" is near completion and should be installed soon. The Tower was designed by Ringling College of Art and Design teachers Michael Wyshock and Mark Anderson. This participatory sculpture epitomizes the LCF art-science-conservation concept because its uses are threefold. First, it will enrich the lives of the lemurs as they use the aerial highways branching from the platform to the trees. Secondly, the platform will provide scientists and researchers the opportunity to study lemur behavior from the tree canopy where the animals live. Thirdly, it will be beautiful, evoking a lotus rising from the muck into the light – symbolic of hope for the survival of lemurs.



Still image from Camille Wainer's "MadagasSCARS"



Still images from Christine Southworth's sound and visual portrait of LCF



Sketch of the Natalee Lee Quay Lemur Lotus Tower



2015 calendar image entitled "Red Lemur" by Richard Thomas



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"Vanishing Species: Art from the Lemur Conservation Foundation Collection" presented by Art Center Sarasota

LCF is Pleased to Welcome the Following New Trustees to Our Board

Anne Essner

Anne Essner has lived in Sarasota since 2008. She is a board member of the Lemur Conservation Foundation and the Lido Shores Property Owners Association, where she serves as President. Anne is also an active volunteer for Mote Marine Laboratory and the Sarasota Orchestra. Sculling and tennis occupy much of her free time.

Prior to moving to Sarasota, Anne lived in the Philadelphia suburbs and the Metro New York region. While living in Villanova, Pennsylvania, Anne served on The Women's Board of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where she chaired its fine arts fair, USArtists. Anne also served as a Trustee for The Gladwyne Montessori School. After her family's move to Morristown, New Jersey, Anne worked with several organizations, including Newark Academy; Deirdre's House, a center for abused and neglected children; and she served as Chair of The Great Swamp Watershed Association, which protects and improves regional water resources.

Anne is a graduate of Skidmore College and received her MBA from Columbia University. She has worked in publishing and the pharmaceutical industry. She and her husband, Bob, divide their time between Sarasota and New York City. They have children and grandchildren in New York and Boston.

John Freeman

John A. Freeman is a Financial Advisor at Raymond James, a national financial service firm serving individuals and businesses in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida. Prior to his current position, he was with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and has held various positions with IBM and Archer Daniels Midland Company while often working overseas in South America and Asia-Pacific.

John currently resides in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, where he met his wife, Dr. Jennifer L. Swanson MD, a local Ob/Gyn. They have two young children in Pre-School.

John received his bachelor's at Wake Forest University and masters at Louisiana State University. He is completing his Doctorate in Environmental Science at the University of South Florida (USF) and is an Adjunct Professor in Environmental Science & Policy. He is responsible for teaching Environmental Science, Ethics, Law, and Policy courses the USF Sarasota-Manatee campus.

John is active in local and international leadership and community service initiatives. He is a past Board member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Association and VP of Business Development for the Sarasota Sister Cities Association. John is a 2006 graduate of the Leadership Sarasota County program and a recent 2014 graduate of the Manatee County Leadership program. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Crowley Museum and

Nature Center and participates on the ShelterBox USA Finance Committee. John is a ShelterBox Response Team member, having responded to flooding disasters in Niger, Africa and flooding and landslides in Peru, South America. When not working and volunteering, he enjoys international travel, reading, fly-fishing, boating, and playing tennis.

Elizabeth Moore

Elizabeth Moore is an active supporter of scientific, natural history and educational institutions. She is married to Stuart Moore and the mother of 5 children. Elizabeth and her husband live in Bradenton, Florida.

Elizabeth earned a M.A. in International Affairs from American University, 1986, and a B.A. Economics & French Literature from Denison University, 1983.

She serves on several boards, including St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Bradenton, Florida, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County, the South Florida Museum in Bradenton, the Museum of Science in Boston, the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, and the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana.

Elizabeth's interests include tennis, gardening, skiing, scuba diving, ballroom dancing, amateur paleontology, conservation, and reading books on evolution and anthropology.

Razia Said

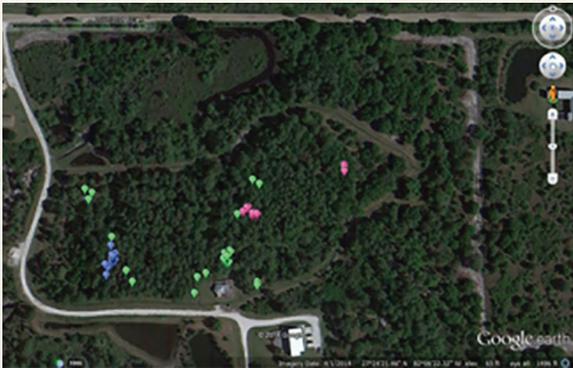
Singer and songwriter Razia Said's nomadic life has taken her across Africa to France, Italy, Ibiza, Bali and New York City, but despite these wanderings her heart and soul remains inexorably tethered to Madagascar, the land of her birth.

Her musical explorations have also been wide ranging, and over the years Razia has experimented with French chanson, rock, jazz and even smooth Sade style R&B. But it took reaching back to her cultural roots for Razia to uncover her true artistic calling as one of African music's most promising talents and in February 2007 Razia returned to Madagascar to reconnect with the land she left as an eleven-year-old child.

For six weeks, Razia and her band traveled around the island and discovered along the way the environmental damage taking place as the result of unfettered slash and burn agriculture, illegal logging and climate change. Zebu Nation released on Cumbancha Discovery in February 2010, was the outcome of this journey and Razia's longing to protect and preserve the environmental and cultural heritage of her homeland permeates the songs on the album, giving it a powerful, real-world significance.

Razia is preparing for the release of her next album Akory which will be available this fall in Europe and February 2015 in the USA.

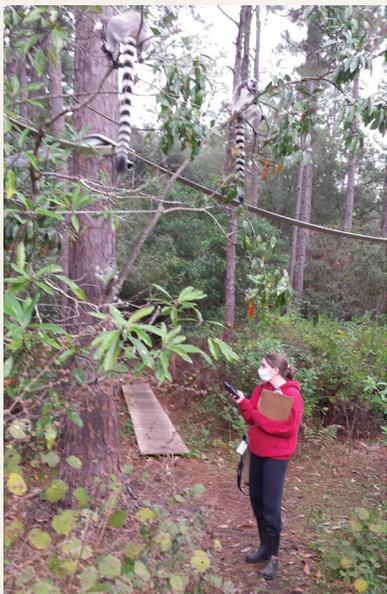
LCF Engages Students in Lemur Research and Conservation through Partnerships with New College of Florida, Eckerd College, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Portland State University



GPS points of lemurs in one of LCF's forest habitat

use, and activity patterns of the ring-tailed, mongoose, and red ruffed lemurs. New College students, Jessie Rowley, Rachel Kerr, and Kayla Evans and Eckerd Students, Garret Dunne and Tanner Morris learned about important field biology skills like mapping techniques and also obtained course credit through their universities.

In 2014 students from near and far had the incredible opportunity to study LCF's lemurs in their forest habitats. Under the direction of Drs. Alison Grand, Heidi Harley (New College and LCF Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Member) Lauren Highfill (Eckerd College and LCF Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Member), and Erik Patel (Duke Lemur Center and LCF Scientific Advisory Council Member), students learned techniques for studying the feeding ecology, habitat



Jessie Rowley, New College of Florida student, taking a GPS location for the ring-tailed lemur group



Dr. Francine Dolins, instructor of U. of Michigan-Dearborn's Primatology Field Course

In 2014 LCF also hosted two Field Training programs through the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Portland State University. The Portland State University's Primatology Field Methods course, led by Dr. Natalie Vasey (LCF Scientific Advisory Council Member) trained students in field biology methods, with a percentage of the funds going to support Dr. Vasey's long-term research program of red ruffed lemurs in Madagascar's Masoala Peninsula. The ten students enrolled in the course spent a week at LCF learning about lemur husbandry, research design, and behavioral data collection, fecal analysis, and phenological transect survey techniques.

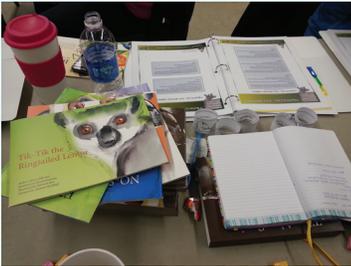
The University of Michigan-Dearborn's Primatology Field Training Course, taught by Dr. Francine Dolins was organized to allow each student to design and implement a behavioral research project on a particular group of lemurs. Students studied tail signaling behavior, dominance hierarchies, and interactions between species in LCF's forest habitats.

Lemur research and inspiring students to pursue careers in lemur conservation have been part of LCF's mission since our organization was founded, and we are grateful to all of the students that participated in our Field Training Programs in 2014. Their dedication to endure the heat, mosquitos, and rain demonstrated the true spirit of field work and lemur conservation.



Dr. Natalie Vasey's Field Group from Portland State University

LCF Hosts Zoo Educators Workshop to Promote Lemur Conservation through the EnviroKidz Ako Education Program



Ako Conservation Education Workshop

This year the Lemur Conservation Foundation introduced our Ako Conservation Education Program to Zoo Educators. The full day workshop, held at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, focused on introducing the educators to the Ako the Aye-Aye children's book series and the accompanying educational posters and lesson plan. The workshop led by Pattie Walsh, Kris Whipple (LCF Education Consultant), and Christina Dembiec (Jacksonville Zoo and LCF Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Member) guided educators through the curriculum content and provided background information about lemur conservation and the history of the Ako Conservation Education Program. The interactive section of the workshop allowed attendees the opportunity to model, practice and evaluate the conservation lessons and activities from the Ako the Aye-Aye curriculum.

The Ako Conservation Education Program, which is funded through a grant from Nature's Path Food EnviroKidz, was developed to utilize the Ako Book Series, written by the late Dr. Alison Jolly and illustrated by Deborah Ross, to peak children's curiosity about lemurs and give them the knowledge and tools to become engaged in lemur conservation.

The workshop was a wonderful way to promote awareness and support for the Ako curriculum among zoo educators and provided an opportunity for LCF to receive valuable feedback and recommendations for the program. Participants received conservation education materials including posters, books, and a teaching guide from the Ako Project to use in their zoo education programs. We are excited to inspire and empower educators, teachers, and students to utilize the Ako stories about six lemur species in Madagascar and learn about lemur conservation.



Open House 2014

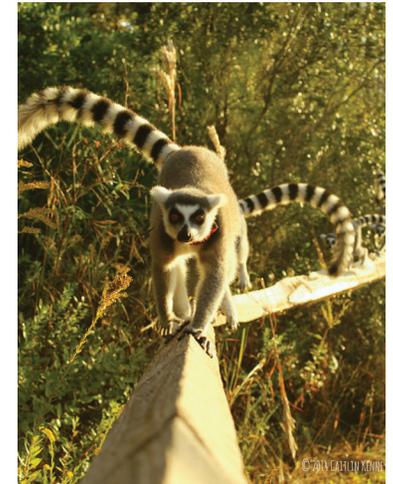
On November 8th, 2014, the Lemur Conservation Foundation was pleased to welcome over 200 people to the Myakka City Lemur Reserve for our Open House event. Once a year, the reserve opens its doors to give the public an opportunity to view the lemurs, and learn about what LCF is all about. Our guests had the chance to chat with the LCF staff, husbandry interns, and knowledgeable volunteers about the plight of lemurs and Madagascar and the role LCF plays in the preservation and conservation of these incredible animals and their natural habitats.

Booths were set up to display lemur nutrition and their typical diet, as well as LCF research going on at the reserve and our conservation efforts in Madagascar. We also exhibited a poster on the perils of owning non-human primates as pets. For the younger lemur lovers, we had a crafts booth where kids could make their own lemur masks, lemur hand puppets, and face painting. There were also educational games for the children to enjoy. We held a naming contest to solicit the help of our supporters in picking out names for two of our ring-tailed infants that were born earlier that spring. We were delighted to announce that the names Crispin and Keegan received the most votes.

Along with our gift shop where we sold items like lemur photo postcards, trinkets from Madagascar, and LCF merchandise, we also held raffles for a large painting created by our resident lemurs and two large framed photos of select lemurs in our colony.

The highlight of the day was of course the lemurs! Just before the rain started drizzling down, the mongoose and ring-tailed lemurs lined up for the Lemur Parade down the fence line of their forest habitat where everyone stood camera ready to get pictures of this unique occasion. Even the red ruffed boys came down from the trees to join the parade.

This Open House event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors EnviroKidz, Peace River Electric Cooperative, Inc., LCF's founder Penelope Body-Sanders, and the invaluable commitment from our event volunteers, both the day of, and those who helped with the preparation beforehand. Included in our awesome volunteer troop was a group of educators and keepers from Disney's Animal Kingdom and students from nearby Eckerd College.



Ring-tailed lemurs walking along forest trail during the lemur parade



Conservation and Research booth at LCF's Open House



Volunteer Ryan Taylor from Disney's Animal Kingdom teaching children about lemur conservation

LCF Interns

LCF offers a seven month primate husbandry internship which presents an exceptional opportunity to receive training at an AZA certified-related institution with a strong commitment to conservation, education, and animal care. In 2014, LCF had four new Animal Husbandry Interns at the reserve. Our busy interns provide intensive support while completing daily animal care, training projects, and continuing professional development by attending workshops and conferences. Special thanks go out to our dedicated interns from 2014.



Erica Engstrom

Erica is from Mill Valley, California and graduated from UCLA with a BA in International Development Studies. She shifted her professional focus to animal care and management after spending a year as a residential volunteer at the Heifer International ranch in Arkansas, where she worked extensively with a wide variety of farm animals. Erica joined LCF in February 2014, just in time for baby season. LCF thanks Erica for her dedication and willingness to work 10 hour days to provide support for the seven infants born in 2014.



Caitlin Kenney

Caitlin is from North Attleboro, Massachusetts. She is a graduate of Delaware Valley College where she earned her B.S. in Conservation and Wildlife Management. Caitlin was an Animal Care Intern at Buttonwood Park Zoo where she worked in the 'North America West' section and completed a training project with the Canadian lynx. Caitlin also started with the LCF team in

February 2014, joining Erica in caring for the 2014 infants. In July 2014, LCF opened a Primate Keeper position, hiring Caitlin on as an employee. Caitlin joined former intern Casey Krause in attending the 2014 AAZK Conference in Orlando, FL where Casey gave a presentation on a family of lemurs from the LCF colony entitled 'A Successful Hand-Rearing & Reintroduction of an Infant Mongoose Lemur'. LCF thanks Caitlin for her hard work, dedication, and her never-ending supply of beautiful lemur photographs.

Katie Virun



Katie is a graduate of Moorpark College's Teaching Zoo in California where she received a degree in Exotic Animal Training & Management. As part of her degree, Katie completed a one-week internship with LCF in April 2014. After graduation, Katie returned to LCF to volunteer from June to July. While here, Katie received an internship working at the Center for Elephant Conservation, leading to her full time employment on the elephant crew for Ringling Brothers traveling circus.

Monica Uhl



Monica is from Solon, Ohio and a recent graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Zoology. Last summer, Monica interned at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans in the hoofstock department, working with their extensive collection including southern white rhinos, red river hogs, and reticulated giraffes. Monica joined LCF in July 2014, facing summer temperatures and increasingly rowdy infants in order to provide our colony with the best care. LCF appreciates all the hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm Monica showed to the staff and the lemurs during her time here.

Jamie Dowling



Jamie is from Yorktown, Virginia and a graduate of Christopher Newport University. Jamie interned at Black Pine Animal Sanctuary in Albion, Indiana where she worked with rescued exotic animals including primates, big cats, bears, canines, reptiles, and birds. Jamie also arrived at LCF in July 2014, joining Monica in one of the busiest seasons at LCF. Jamie and Monica assisted the staff with the Open House event, moving animals between enclosures as pairings and social dynamics changed, and behavior monitoring during breeding season. LCF thanks Jamie for her dedication to the continued care and consideration of each individual lemur.

Where are they now?

Erica Engstrom (2014)

Executive Assistant at The Nature Conservancy in Little Rock, AR

Bonnie Fischer (2012)

Primate Keeper at Birmingham Zoo in Birmingham, AL

Caitlin Kenney (2014)

Primate Keeper at the Lemur Conservation Foundation

Lindsay Krapfl (2013)

Zookeeper at Wildwood Wildlife Park in Minocqua, WI

Casey Krause (2013)

Soccer Instructor at Soccer Shots Central Alabama in Birmingham, AL while applying to Ph.D. programs

Rachel Mattes (2013)

Wildlife Educator at Brukner Nature Center in Troy, OH

Rachael Pipitone (2011)

Center for Great Apes in Wauchula, FL

LCF Professional Development

The Lemur Conservation Foundation participated in several important conferences and workshops in 2014. Fortunately, many of these professional events were in close proximity to LCF, allowing several of our staff members the opportunity to participate and represent our organization.

In 2014, Disney's Animal Kingdom hosted the Annual Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK) Conferences. Former intern, Casey Krause, and LCF animal keeper, Caitlin Kenney, attended the AAZK workshop and operated an exhibitor booth for LCF, the Prosimian Taxon Advisory Group (TAG), and the Endangered Primate Foundation. Casey also presented a paper written by former research intern Macy Madden, former husbandry intern Rachel Mattes, and Alison Grand, that summarized the protocol LCF followed with our mongoose lemur Silvio and the data collected by Macy on our successful efforts to reintroduce him to his group after being cared for by staff when the dam provided insufficient maternal care.

Dr. Alison Grand and Felicia Spector attended the AZA Conference and presented a poster co-authored by Lee Nesler, Penelope Body-Sanders, Christie Eddie and Gina Ferrie (Prosimian TAG Species Survival Plan Chair and Vice Chair), Linda Taylor and Natalie Vasey (LCF Scientific Advisory Council Members), and Kris Whipple (Ako Education Consultant). The poster highlighted LCF's work with the Prosimian TAG, our Field Training and Conservation Education Programs, and the infusion of art into our conservation efforts. As the studbook keeper for ring-tailed lemurs, Dr. Alison Grand also gave a presentation on the status of the current population and announced that LCF and New College of Florida would be hosting the 2015 Prosimian TAG meeting. Alison was also elected to represent LCF as the secretary for AZA's Behavioral Advisory Group.

Alison Grand additionally represented LCF at the Prosimian TAG Meeting, hosted by Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in September 2014. Alison presented a Species Survival Plan update on ring-tailed lemurs and worked with population biologists and zoo representatives to create the next season's Breeding and Transfer Plan for ring-tailed lemurs. The Prosimian TAG Chair for the European Association of Zoos and Aquariums (EAZA), Achim Johann, also attended the meeting to give updates on Europe's programs and discuss ways that EAZA and AZA could partner to ensure better global management of lemur populations.

LCF also participated in regional professional development workshops hosted by the Florida Association of Zoos and Aquariums (FAZA). In February, staff attended a training workshop hosted by Natural Encounters, Inc., where they observed and practiced training techniques. Guest speakers included Steve Martin, a world renowned trainer and President of Natural Encounters Inc. and Dr. Susan Friedman, a professor in psychology at Utah State University who has pioneered the application of Applied Behavior Analysis techniques to animals. Staff also expanded their knowledge of training techniques at the FAZA workshop hosted by Busch Gardens Tampa. Dr. Alison Grand gave a presentation at the final workshop of the year, hosted by Lowry Park Zoo on LCF's husbandry internship program. Having the opportunity to talk about LCF's successful program and our amazing and dedicated interns was the perfect ending to this year's conference and workshop season.



Casey Krause at the 2014 AAZK Conference



Silvio after his successful integration into his family group



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Statement of Financial Position for the year ended December 31, 2014

	2014	2013	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 248,485	\$ 329,040	
Investments	3,360,711	3,466,927	
Accrued interest receivable	19,158	7,444	
Prepaid expenses	14,422	200	
Inventory	11,907	23,821	
Pledges receivable	220,000	7,900	
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,751,285	1,769,854	
Collections	36,251	36,251	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,962,219	\$ 5,641,437	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 14,649	\$ 10,716	
Accrued expenses	9,090	9,539	
Deferred revenue	24,500		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	48,239	20,255	
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted – operating	2,053,944	1,986,322	
Unrestricted - board designated	3,560,711	3,366,927	
Temporary restricted	299,325	267,933	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	5,913,980	5,621,182	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 5,962,219	\$ 5,641,437	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue			
Contributions	\$ 467,758	\$ 111,490	\$ 579,248
Operations	35,367		35,367
Unrealized and realized gain on investment	229,218		229,218
Interest and dividends, net	173,402		173,402
Released from restriction	80,098	(80,098)	
Total revenues	985,843	31,391	1,017,235
Expenses			
Program services	439,459		439,459
Management and general	232,120		232,120
Fundraising	52,858		52,858
Total expenses	724,437		724,437
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	261,406	31,392	292,798
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,353,249	267,933	5,561,182
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 5,614,655	\$ 299,325	\$ 5,913,980

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