

Dr. Raharivololona's Extended Bio

Since 1994, I have been interested in the biodiversity of Madagascar, and more particularly in lemurs. After graduating with a DEA (Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies) in Paleontology and Biological Anthropology in 1996, I participated, as a freelance consultant, in the realization of some projects working on the conservation of Malagasy biodiversity, 'always on lemurs', such as lemurs inventories, Earthwatch and training programs for national park agents on ecological monitoring.

From 1998 to 2002, I was simultaneously Secretary of the Association GERP (Groupe d'Etude et de Recherche sur les Primates de Madagascar) and Assistant Editor of the Newsletter of the Madagascar Section of the IUCN / SSC Primate Specialist Group: Lemur News.

In 2004, I started my PhD fieldwork with financial and logistical support from Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation, QMM (Qit Madagascar Minerals), the German Research Foundation, the German Exchange Service (DAAD) and the University of Hamburg in Germany. My thesis focused on the study of gastrointestinal parasitic infestation of *Microcebus murinus* in a southeastern Malagasy littoral forest and investigating the impact of forest fragmentation on the parasite burden. To achieve this, training courses were followed in national and international laboratories during the execution of the work.

In 2010, after defending my thesis at the University of Hamburg, I was recruited as a teacher-researcher in the Department of Paleontology and Biological Anthropology of the Sciences Faculty, University of Antananarivo, Madagascar. In 2013 - 2014, the Malagasy universities switched to the new teaching system LMD (Licence - Master - Doctorat). I was among the 'leaders' in the development of the training program of the Department of Anthropobiology and Sustainable Development of the Sciences Faculty, University of Antananarivo where I currently hold my position as teacher-researcher.

I am currently the Director of the Laboratory of Primatology and Vertebrate Paleontology of the above-mentioned Department.

Besides my professional obligations (lecturing, students mentoring, research I also carry out other activities such as: evaluation and validation of data from the Madagascar Lemurs Portal Project, organization of events for environmental awareness/education (World Lemur Festival/National Lemur Day).