

IRG Project Profiles



Training in Tulear

ENABLING CONDITIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND POLICIES IN MADAGASCAR (PAGE)

Financial support for natural resource management programs is essential for their long-term viability. Likewise, their financial sustainability and overall success depend greatly on effective management at all levels. Achieving long-lasting success requires a fundamental integration of these issues into national, regional, and local policy, as well stakeholder awareness of the importance of managing natural resources well.

Activities

Known as PAGE (Projet d'Appui à la Gestion de l'Environnement), this project helped establish the conditions necessary for the sustainability of the environmental sector. This, in turn, contributed to

better environmental management and economic development in Madagascar.

Project aims. Designed as a support project, PAGE's main objectives were to work with the key environmental institutions to:

- Make sure these environmental institutions are financially autonomous
- Improve the integration of environmental issues into national, regional, and local policy, regulation, and decision making efforts
- Make sure that environmental institutions use environmental information effectively to monitor environmental changes.

Results. IRG achieved notable results in areas of critical interest to the Government of Madagascar

Region: Africa
Country: Madagascar
Sector: Environment and Natural Resources
Duration: May 1999–July 2002
Client: USAID

Key Accomplishments

- ◆ Formalized a process for undertaking a statistical viable and defensible measure of forest cover change caused by the country's environment program
- ◆ Developed and applied a methodology for setting biodiversity priorities
- ◆ Supported the Biodiversity Analysis Platform (REBIOMA), a conservation planning tool and vehicle for repatriating data on Madagascar's biodiversity
- ◆ Facilitated grants to seven NGOs
- ◆ Assisted in implementing a strategy for improved forest governance

and USAID. For sustainable financing, considerable progress was achieved in the areas of trust fund development, long-term development of financing mechanisms, carbon offset projects, conservation contracts and the marketing and image development for the National Park System. For environmental policy, IRG partnered with the Ministry of the Environment to undertake and complete a medium-term strategic plan with specific financial targets—the first time such a plan

had been completed for the Ministry. IRG also provided support to regional policy development in Anosy in the south and Toamasina in the east, in both cases helping regional leaders establish plans taking environmental opportunities and risks into account. A highly successful program to develop national capacity in environmental valuation generated a series of specific estimates about the environmental contribution to economic development relating to different resources.



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