

Dear friends of *Vafoka Vakiteny*.

It was great to hold the book *Madagascar - a living museum* in our hands for the first time in July! We are sure that it is going to be a great success and contribute to a lot of knowledge and awareness about nature and environment among Malagasy youth and adults.



There is so much unnecessary destruction of nature in Madagascar. For example, when we were in Madagascar in the summer, we witnessed that some children tried to kill a chameleon because they were afraid of it. After they learned that chameleons cannot hurt people, they left the poor animal in peace.

We want to thank all of you who supported the publishing of this book and help us to spread love for books and nature in Madagascar!

Best wishes,
Mparany Rakotondrainy
Manager of ***Vafoka Vakiteny***

School visits

Mrs. Hanta continues the book distribution in Madagascar. On the picture below, she is distributing *Hazobe Farany* to a primary school in Mahazoarivo outside of Antsirabe. 130 children in the primary school classes received books.

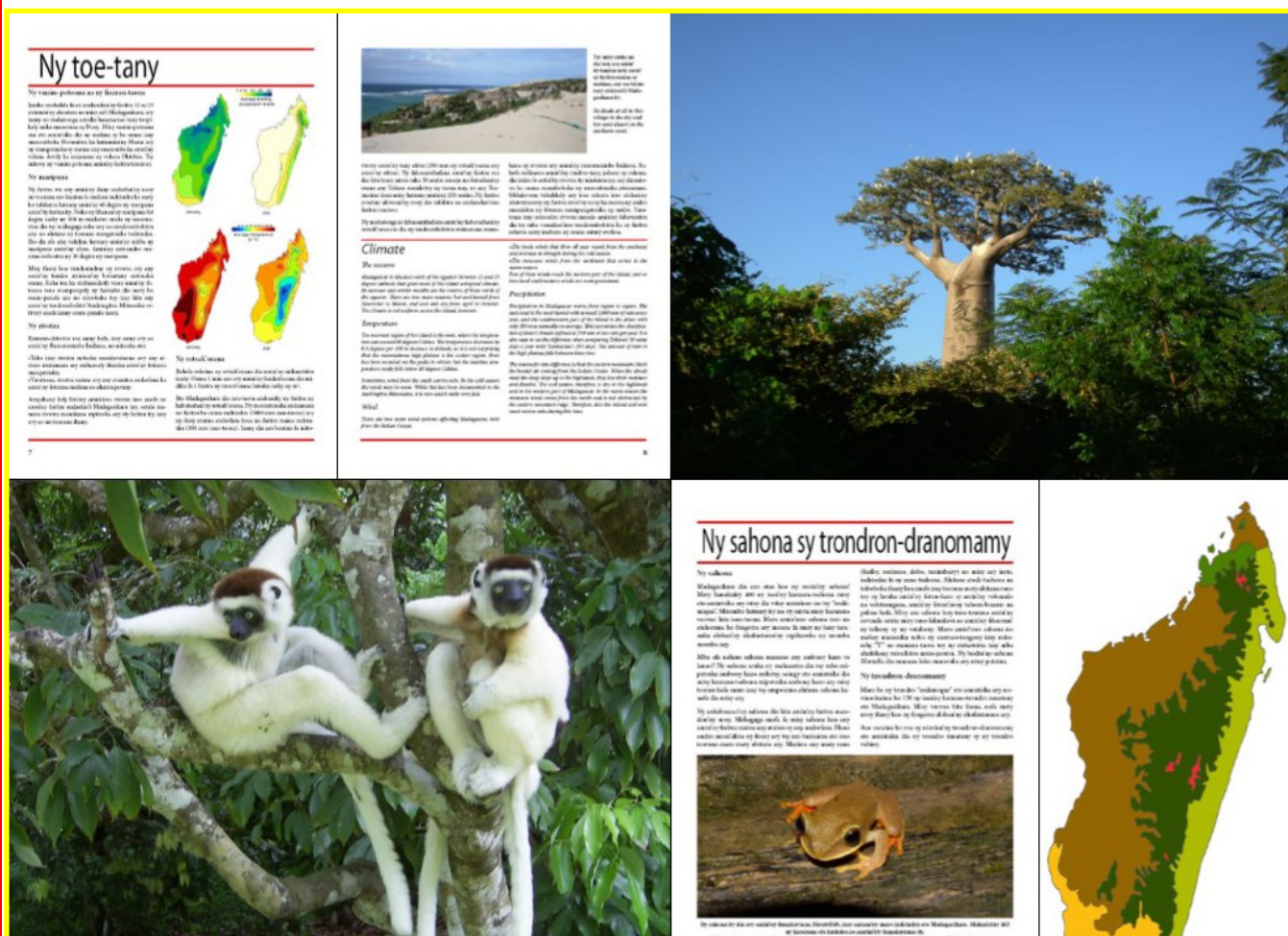
On the wall you can see Vakoka Vakiteny banners. They are new and will be taken around whenever Vakoka Vakiteny is organizing any events. It will make people more aware of our books and familiarize the friendly little Vakoka Vakiteny lizard, Dangaligny, with the joy of reading.



We are very happy that the distribution now is starting and that this knowledge about the



The first schools receiving books will be a public school in the outskirts of Antsirabe, close to lake Andraikiba, and also on the countryside outside of Toliara.



New book projects

After the publishing of *Madagascar - a living museum*, we have now started to think about new projects. Two Malagasy authors have already asked us to print their books, and we are very happy that more and more people are approaching Vakoka Vakiteny for promotion of Malagasy authors and artists.

One of the authors who has already sent his stories to us is Mr. Nirry (Manirisoa Rasolomahenina). He is a poet and traditional speech holder (mpikabary) from Antsirabe. The other author is Pascal Rakotonirina, also from Antsirabe. He has five children and loves to tell them stories. Unfortunately, there are few opportunities for Malagasy story tellers to make a living, so Vakoka Vakiteny might be his first chance to publish.



Mr. Nirry

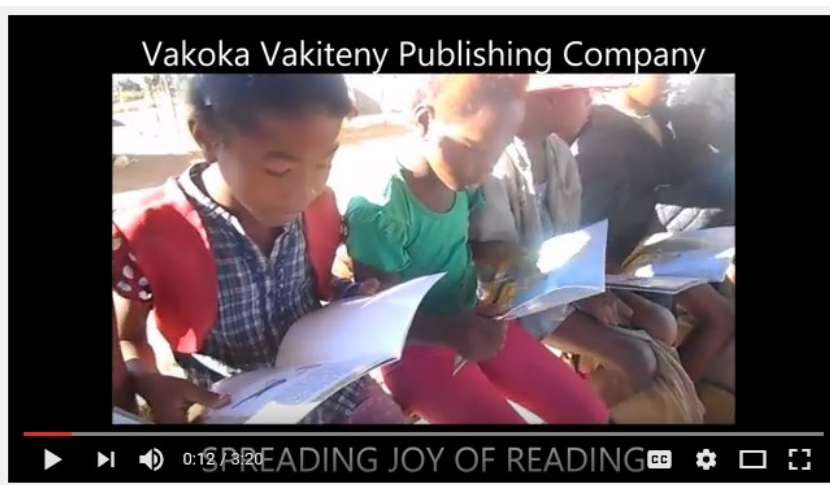


Mrs. Hanta is not only promoting reading for teachers, parents and children, but is also recruiting Malagasy authors and artists when she is having public appearances

Vakoka Vakiteny on YouTube

We have made a small information video which can be found on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKgxikG3tw>

Please use the film as much as you like! You can share it, post it on social media, show it to friends...



Just send us an email if you want to download the film and don't know how.

We will try to make more films in the future, and we'll keep you informed about them.

Annual meeting of the association



Hellmut Bauer Klaus-Christian Küspert Hubert Kienzler
Christel Schelshorn Anna Lena Kienzler Clemens Däschle
Sonja Küspert Elham Matin
Alma Küspert

The members of the association; this year with three new members: Mr. Hellmut Bauer (first from the left), Mrs. Alma Küspert (number 5 from the left) and Mrs. Elham Matin (second from the right)

On 22nd July, 2017, the Association for School and Children's Books in Madagascar held its Annual Meeting 2017 in Baden-Baden, Germany. As usual, it was hosted by our faithful supporter, Mrs. Christel Schelshorn (2nd from the left on the picture above).



Hubert Kienzler and Sonja Küspert

The year 2016/2017 was particularly successful with regard to fundraising. More the 10,000 Euro was collected, mainly due to major donations from the Association *Eine-Welt-Verein Kenia Hilfe e.V* and *Albert-Schweitzer-Gymnasium, Gernsbach*.

We want to especially appreciate the effort of Mr. Hansjörg Willig who organised the major part of the donations, mainly through the *Eine-Welt-Verein*.

The board of the association is the same as the previous two years, and we are very grateful for their effort to support our work:

- Chairperson: Dr. Klaus-Christian Küspert
- Deputy Chairperson: Mrs. Christel Schelshorn
- Secretary: Mrs. Sonja Küspert
- Treasurer: Mr. Hubert Kienzler



Hellmut Bauer and Klaus-Christian Küspert



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Vafoka Vakiteny has since 2008

- ... published 14 titles
- ... distributed 26,000 books
- ... encouraged thousands of children to read
- ... introduced reading in hundreds of schools
- ... strengthened the Malagasy language
- ... promoted Malagasy authors and artists
- ... participated in many cultural events
- ... supported the Malagasy natural environment through books and campaigns

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