



CVB News

Field Stations Show High Return on Investment

A [new study](#) authored by 173 conservation researchers, including CVB's Executive Director Dr. Patricia Wright, have found that the impacts of field stations goes far beyond just facilitating biodiversity research. After surveying 157 field stations across 56 countries, the results are in—funding and supporting field stations can significantly decrease forest loss, provide and protect crucial habitat for endangered species, reduce rates of wildlife crime and illegal hunting, and provide community benefits in the form of capacity-building and employment opportunities. Click [here](#) to read the report and [here](#) to read the article in Mongabay.



Welcoming Back E2M2



From March 10–16th we welcomed back 45 students and instructors from universities and institutions across Madagascar for the sixth annual [E2M2: Ecological & Epidemiological Modeling in Madagascar](#) workshop. E2M2 is an intensive week-long course led by [the Brook Lab](#) from the University of Chicago, designed to introduce students in the fields of biology, medicine, mathematics, and more from across Madagascar to the skills needed to manage and interpret ecological and epidemiological data. Workshops like this one are crucial for training the next generation of doctors, scientists, and public health officials in Madagascar to respond rapidly to emerging human health crises and develop preventative measures that can be applied effectively within communities and nationwide.

Introducing the Eco Stewards Program



We are thrilled to announce the start of our first ever Eco Stewards program—a new capacity-building initiative developed with the support of our partner [Re:wild](#). Working with local agencies like Madagascar National Parks, the Tour Guide Association of Ranomafana, and CVB's longest serving biodiversity experts and research technicians, we have developed a comprehensive curriculum designed to train the next generation of Malagasy researchers, park-rangers, ecotourism guides, and conservation managers, without the barrier of a higher-education requirement for participation. The two-month course includes lectures and hands-on workshops on identifying and studying local wildlife, national park creation and management, applications of conservation technology, preserving specimens for natural history collections, and more.



A total of 275 young adults passionate about protecting the environment applied to the program from villages on the periphery of Ranomafana National Park, some within a 15 minute drive from CVB and others within a few days' walk.

Following a rigorous interview process, seven women and five men between the ages of 19 and 28 were selected to join our first student cohort. On March 18th, we welcomed the students with opening ceremony at CVB, attended by the Mayor of Ranomafana and the Director of Ranomafana National Park. We look forward to sharing updates on the program with you over the next few months!

#SBUGivingDay is Coming Up!

Stony Brook University's Annual Giving Day is just around the corner, and we hope you'll consider investing in our mission to safeguard Madagascar's wildlife and ecosystems during our 24-hour fundraiser on March 27th. By [giving early](#), you can get a head-start on supporting...

- **Critical research** advancing our understanding of ecosystem health and human health
- **Experiential learning opportunities** for students from Madagascar and around the world
- **Conservation education** programs that empower the next generation of Malagasy environmental stewards
- **Restoration ecology** projects designed to restore ecosystem services and provide sustainable incomes to local communities

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