

Information Sheet



Makay Nature Project, Madagascar

Organisation – This new French conservation organisation, Naturevolution, aims to advise on the human, biological and landscape diversity all over the world, raising awareness of and combating environmental issues.

Project - Despite a record number of endemic plant and animal species, in just a century, Man has reduced 90% of Madagascar's primary forest cover to cinders, putting the island on the world's list of priorities for the preservation of its biodiversity. Thanks to its extraordinary and convoluted relief, the Makay mountain range has protected many different and endemic ecosystems. However, due to farming and bush fire practices, the biological and ecological richness will not be preserved for much longer and it is a matter of urgency to protect this threatened area. The project aims to:

- Draw up an inventory of Makay's biodiversity
- Raise awareness of the biodiversity issues
- Educate local people about the preservation of their natural resources
- Create eco-tourist trails
- Obtain Protected Area status

Project nominated by Petzl Foundation

