



Current Affairs in Madagascar

An Update from Centre ValBio



Dear Friends of Centre ValBio,

There has been civil unrest and a governmental transition in Madagascar, and we have heard from many of you expressing your concern as to the impact of these events on the Centre. We thank you for your concern, and are very glad indeed to announce that all station personnel and visitors are safe at this time, as they have been throughout the crisis.

Though the overall uncertainty fostered by the situation has created some new challenges going forward, with your support, we have accomplished a lot this year. Our Centre ValBio team has been in close contact with ICTE/SBU throughout the crisis to manage risks appropriately, and much of our work continues unabated. We are proceeding with our planned fire prevention and restoration efforts as we approach this year's fire season. The work of our health team, as well as our restoration ecology projects and environmental education programs, are all going forward with their normal scheduled activities despite the situation.

While most normal research activities have continued, several aspects of work at the station are being impacted. We rely on the station fees of visitors to and

researchers at Centre ValBio to support many of our activities. Due to the civil unrest and subsequent change in government, many Madagascar-bound travelers have canceled their flights. This leaves Centre ValBio facing an uncertain shortfall of funds in the short- to medium-term – a somewhat precarious circumstance that we would like to stabilize as soon as possible, for the sake of our staff, community, and mission. If you are interested in supporting Centre ValBio through this period, [please click on this link](#) to donate.

Your participation in the continued success of Centre ValBio allows us to do our critical work under any - and all! - circumstances. Thank you for being a supporter.

With deep appreciation,

The Team at Centre ValBio

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