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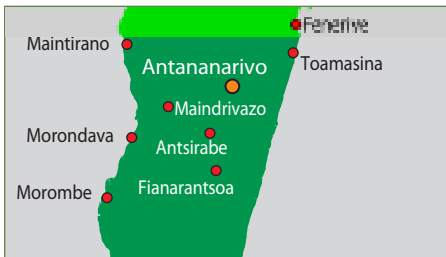
Tree Planting, Madagascar

Caring for Madagascar's unique biodiversity

In their own words

'Tree planting is needed in our country. Our collaboration with USPG gives us strength for us to continue this important work.'

The Rt Revd Gilbert Ratelison Rakotondravelo, Bishop of Fianarantsoa



Madagascar factfile

Capital: Antananarivo
Languages: Malagasy (official), French
Religion: Indigenous beliefs, Christianity
Export: Vanilla, coffee, seafood, cloves, petroleum products, fabrics
Geography: Madagascar is the world's fourth biggest island after Greenland, New Guinea and Borneo.
Further reading:
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madagascar

USPG in Madagascar

USPG has been supporting the church in Madagascar since 1864 and now gives over £50,000 towards grassroots initiatives of the church in Madagascar, Mauritius and the Seychelles.

About this Project...

▶ **Target: £6,280/ €7,220 | Project 503**

An increase in Madagascar's population is threatening the island's extraordinary biodiversity. The Diocese of Fianarantsoa, in South Central Madagascar, is addressing this through a community tree planting programme.

Madagascar is home to five per cent of the world's plant and animal species, of which more than 80 per cent are found only in Madagascar.

An estimated 80 per cent of Madagascar's population lives below the poverty line, with the majority depending on subsistence farming for their survival making use of whatever resources they can find.

Through this Project, trees are being planted and nurtured over 25 acres of land. Also, working together with the government and environmental groups, young people and students are getting involved and learning about the importance of protecting the environment.

This valuable work is providing employment for the local community as tree nursery workers are needed to plant trees and look after the trees.

This work is helping to restore nutrients to the land, leading to more sustainable development, meeting human needs while preserving the environment.

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Your donations will help us to cover the full costs of the Project, including a direct grant to the partner church and the cost of monitoring the Project and sharing regular news. Any money received over the Project target will be allocated to where the need is greatest.