

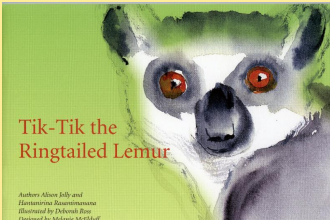


# LEMUR CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

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**Tik-Tik the  
Ringtailed Lemur**

Authors: Alison Jolly and  
Harrison's Resurrections  
Illustrated by Deborah Ryan  
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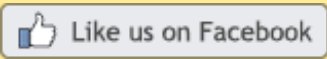
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## Zoo Educators Workshop January 18, 2014 9am-5pm Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

The Lemur Conservation Foundation's Zoo Educators Workshop is a full day workshop focused on introducing zoo educators to the Ako the Aye-Aye books, posters and educators guide. We will familiarize zoo educators with curriculum content and background information while integrating key conservation concepts into the educators guide.



This open and engaging event will provide zoo educators with an opportunity to model, practice and evaluate lessons and activities from the Ako the Aye-Aye curriculum.

Our goals is to:

- Promote awareness and support for the curriculum among zoo educators.
- Opportunity for zoo educators to give feedback, share activities and zoo extension ideas and recommendations for future Ako the Aye-Aye Workshops.
- Establish a network of zoo educators within Florida that support the curriculum and educators that use it in their classrooms.

Participants will receive conservation education materials including posters, books, and a teaching guide from the Ako Project.

This workshop will inspire, exhilarate and empower educators, teachers and students as they navigate their way through six lemur adventures in Madagascar.



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### Christina Dembiec and the Jacksonville Zoo are leading an Ako Series: Madagascar Lemur Adventures workshop for zoo educators.

We're working hard to bring the Ako Project to teachers, students, classrooms, and zoos near you, and looking forward to inspiring the next generation of Lemur Conservationists!

In 2013 LCF worked with Krissi Whipple to produce Ako Project based classroom materials that teachers can use to help meet grade appropriate goals in science, math, language arts, and more. Krissi's recent projects include Disney Nature Workbook series like African Cats, Chimpanzee and Bears as well as Pixar's Finding Nemo 3-D. She also worked on interpretive training programs for The San Diego Zoo and San Diego Safari Park.

LCF's Ako Project will begin 2014 with a one day workshop for zoo educators hosted by Christina Dembiec and the Jacksonville Zoo, Krissi Whipple, and Pattie Walsh, LCF's Director of Research and Operations. In addition to classroom based presentations and materials for teachers we are engaging with zoo educators to develop a professional, continuing education program where teachers can become 'Ako Certified.'

Bringing the Ako Project to teachers helps motivate and inspire students to pursue careers in science and conservation biology, and fosters compassion and action for animals and the environment - creating a lemur friendly world for their future.

Would you like to learn more about the Ako Project? [Click here to read about the six book series, written by Dr. Aislinn Jolly and illustrated by Deborah Ross.](#)

*'This enchanting and ravishingly illustrated little book about some of the world's most beautiful and*



## Results of Madagascar's Run Off Election To Be Announced 7 January

*The Economist* reports a nervous wait for election results, 'Some Malagasy have allowed a bit more sunlight to creep into their forecasts since the final round of a presidential election on December 20th, whose results are due to be announced on January 7th. "I have hope, but not confidence," offered Lalaiana Razamaniriana, a school administrator, as she stood outside a polling station in the capital, Antananarivo.'

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While *Business Week* reports that 'Madagascar's former finance minister, Hery Rajaonarimampianina, is leading in the race to become the Indian Ocean island nation's next president, the electoral commission said, with 95 per cent of the ballots counted. [READ MORE](#)



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## Thank You For Your Involvement & Support

We have had a very successful and exciting year at the Lemur Conservation Foundation (LCF) with some significant achievements in our conservation, education, and outreach partnerships. Thanks to your involvement, we are able to increase our impact in the communities we serve, as well as meet the challenges facing lemurs, the most endangered primates species in the world, and Madagascar's important biodiversity.

At this time we invite you to join us as we build on our successes. For example, in 2012 all three of the rare Mongoose lemurs born in the United States belonged to LCF. In addition to the Mongoose lemur births, Ansell, a Ring-tailed lemur, gave birth to twins. Ansell is an experienced mother, who gave birth in the forest for the second time and reared her infants while leading her troop, marking a significant achievement for our free-ranging colony.

***This is why we ask you to consider a year-end gift to help us expand our success in lemur propagation, the core of our mission, onsite research opportunities, and education outreach that will help build awareness about lemurs and sustain their populations in the future.***

In 2014 LCF's Ako Project, a series of six books for children 4 to 8 years old, written by Dr. Alison Jolly and illustrated by Deborah Ross, will launch a conservation education program in the United States. We are also implementing a continuing education program for teachers with our education colleagues at the Florida Association of Zoos and Aquariums. These Ako based workshops, along with our 'Teachers' Institute For Conservation Ecology' will help teachers become 'Ako Certified,' and bring this vital conservation message into classrooms across the state. Your participation helps to make conservation education programs like these possible.

*Please consider making a gift to the Lemur Conservation Foundation - to help advance lemur science, inspire young conservationists, and continue the success of our lemur colony, which holds some of the most genetically valuable lemurs in the world.*

As you enjoy this holiday season we thank you for thinking of LCF, and the things we can achieve together for education, science, and lemur conservation.

Sincerely,

Lee Nesler  
Executive Director & CEO  
Lemur Conservation Foundation

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