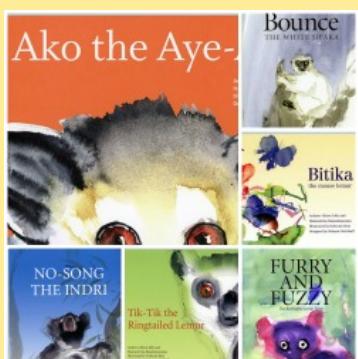




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Ring-tailed Lemur Births at LCF This Summer!

Lemur Conservation Foundation welcomed the arrival of four ring-tailed lemur infants this summer.

Ansell gave birth to a set of twins on May 24th 2014. She and their sire, Yuengling,

Left: Ansell with her twins

Top Right: Sobe's infant on its mother's back. Bottom Right: Sassy nursing her infant, with her sister Sobe wearing the pink collar.



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also produced twin girls in 2013.

Sarsaparilla and Sobe are each first time mothers this year. The twin sisters, transferred in 2013 from the Duke Lemur Center, had infants with sire Molson on May 9th and May 21st. Although Sarsaparilla and Sobe are both first time mothers, they are doing an exceptional job at caring for their newborns.

All four infants are part of family groups living in multi-acre forest habitats at LCF. This gives researchers and care staff the opportunity to observe maternal and infant behavior in a naturalistic setting.

Ring-tailed lemurs are listed as Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) due to a largely restricted habitat, habitat destruction and hunting. With rapidly declining wild populations, colonies such as ours, and our participation in managed breeding programs, play an important role in the continued survival of the species.



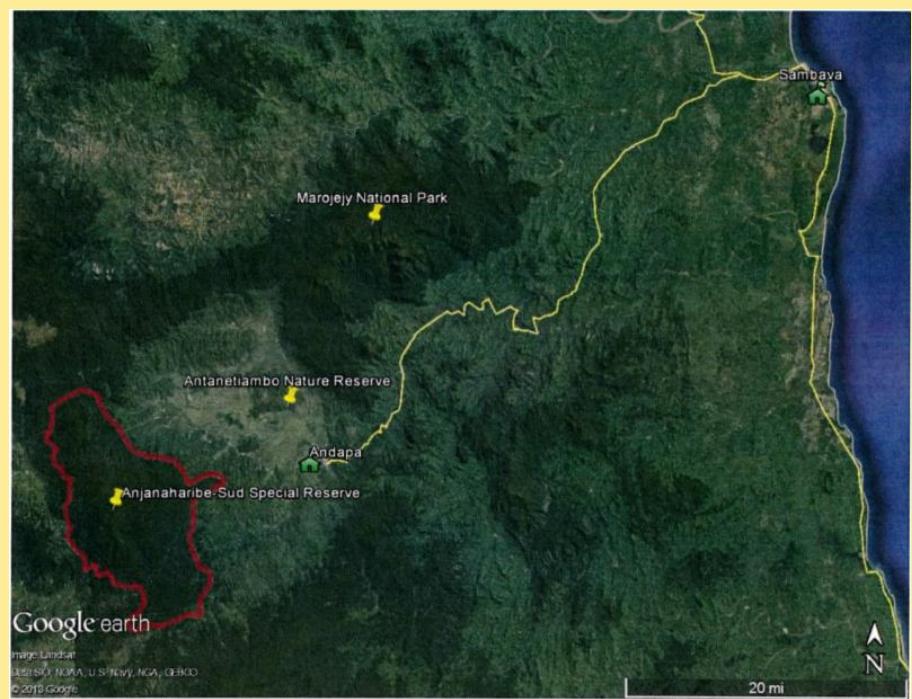
Ansell, Yuengling and their infants.

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Lemur Conservation Foundation (LCF) is funding a boundary demarcation project in the Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve (ASSR), Madagascar. ASSR, a large mountainous rainforest in northeastern Madagascar, which has long been recognized as a biodiversity priority, is home to eleven species of lemurs including critically endangered silky sifaka and indris.

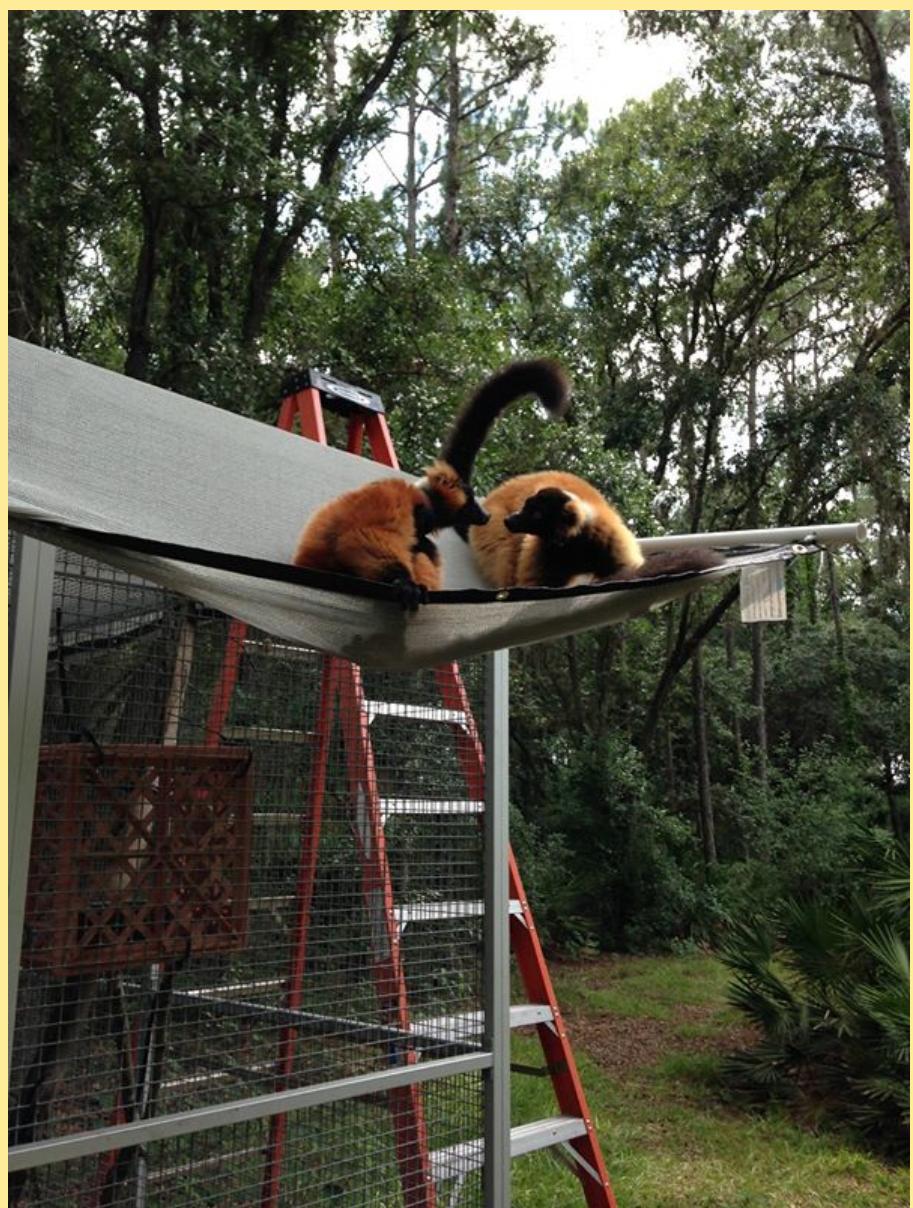
We are pleased to be participating in efforts to protect ASSR, an important area for lemur habitat. [Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve](#) (ASSR) was established as protected area in 1958. In 1993, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) began a large "integrated conservation and development" (ICDP) program around ASSR and nearby Marojejy National Park. The WWF managed these reserves until 2004 when all management authority was transferred to Madagascar National Parks (MNP).

ASSR has long been recognized as one of the most biologically diverse protected areas in Madagascar. At least eleven species of lemurs, including critically endangered silky sifaka and indri are found in the reserve. Silky sifaka are one of the rarest mammals in the world. Fewer than 2,000 individuals remain in the wild and none are in captivity. The indris living in ASSR are the northern most indris in Madagascar.

Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve is one of the larger rainforests in Madagascar. 74 bird species have been found there, along with 93 species of amphibians and reptiles, and 180 ant species. Although extensive botanical inventories have not yet been completed in ASSR, botanical diversity is known to be remarkable. Over 200 species of ferns have been identified. In addition, a significant tourist attraction is the ancient takhtajania shrubs. These are one of the first flowering plants to have evolved and may have been growing in Madagascar since the time of the dinosaurs.

The comprehensive plan for the Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve includes conservation priorities like boundary demarcation, development of Camp Indri, a lemur survey, reforestation project, and work with local communities. The project is implemented by the Madagascar National Parks (MNP) office in Andapa, supervised and facilitated by Duke Lemur Center SAVA Conservation.





Red ruffed boys demonstrate uses for a shade cloth recently installed at our forest domes!

Keeping the Domes Cool With Shade Cloth

Do you know how our staff helps lemurs beat the summer heat in our forests? Shade cloths are one way! In an effort to help stave off the blistering summer heat and sun, the staff here at LCF have been installing shade cloth at all the domes. It is the same kind of cloth you use in your garden.

The shade cloth is laid out atop the domes and secured, providing the lemurs with a space to retreat to during the high heat of the afternoons. We used a blue gray colored cloth, so it does not get too hot to climb and sit on.



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