



dedicated Malagasy staff has assimilated the member zoos' expertise to evolve into what all modern zoos aspire to be – their community's centralized resource for conservation information and inspiration. Through MFG education programs that help rural primary school children succeed in school, workshops that introduce and train villagers to use alternative techniques from the traditional but environmentally destructive practice of slash and burn farming, and by assisting Malagasy universities train future wildlife and natural resource managers, the MFG has developed an inter-disciplinary program that contributes to meeting the region's conservation challenges.

Like other progressive zoo-based organizations, the MFG also works outside Parc Ivoloïna's immediate borders to conserve precious habitat for endangered plants and animals. The MFG's second major program has been serving as the Madagascar National Parks' conservation research partner in Betampona Natural Reserve since 1990. One of Madagascar's few remaining lowland rain forests, Betampona is home to 11 lemur species including endangered indri, diademed sifaka and black and white ruffed lemurs. MFG researchers have discovered Betampona's amphibian diversity is significantly greater than previously believed; more than 110 frogs have been identified to date.

Naples Zoo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization cooperating in conservation programs both in and outside the wild for endangered species. Daily presentations include the hand-feeding giant reptiles at Alligator Bay, Meet the Keeper Series, Snake Sunbathing, along with two premiere presentations: Planet Predator and Serpents: Fangs & Fiction. Both of these feature shows take place in the Safari Canyon Theater where guests see live animals from feline predators to venomous snakes along with exciting video footage. And one of the zoo's most popular activities is the Primate Expedition Cruise where guests embark on a guided cruise through islands inhabited by monkeys, lemurs, and apes.

The all day pay-one-price ticket includes admission to both the nationally accredited zoo and historic garden along with all shows, botanical tours (offered on Sundays), exhibits, and the boat ride. (\$19.95 adults age 13+/ \$11.95 children 3 to 12, under 3 free. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age). **Zoo memberships and discount tickets are also available online at [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org).** Visitors enjoy healthy meals at the SUBWAY® Cafe and shop for wild gifts at tame prices in The ZOO Gift Shop. Naples Zoo welcomes guests daily from 9:00 to 5:00 with the last ticket sold at 4:00 and is located at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road across from the Coastland Center mall in the heart of Naples. To learn more, click [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org) or call (239) 262-5409 or **follow the Zoo at [www.twitter.com/NaplesZoo](https://www.twitter.com/NaplesZoo).**

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