

CENTRE ECOLOGIQUE LIBANONA (CEL)



The Libanona Ecology Centre was launched in 1995 in Fort Dauphin, southern Madagascar, to provide learning and higher education opportunities for local Malagasy students and professionals. It was dedicated to the memory of Andrew Lees and the Trust supported the development of the Centre and its environmental training programme over six years. The Trust continues to provide student bursaries in the name of **Andrew Lees** and **Marek Mayer**.

It was originally set up by Mark Fenn of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Raoul Mulder of the University of Australia. It is now a registered Malagasy NGO and managed by a Committee d' Orientation.

Where is the Centre

The Libanona Ecology Centre is situated on a beautiful promontory on the southern coast of Madagascar, near Fort Dauphin. It is housed in several wooden bungalows built by the Lutheran missionaries nearly 100 years ago and situated close to some of the most diverse habitats in the country.



Providing a Local Resource

The Centre provides higher educational opportunities for students and local people and now hosts an accredited university programme, the only one of its kind in South East Madagascar.



The Centre is ideally located for training students being situated within a range of habitats probably unparalleled in any other area of the world. Even by Malagasy standards the south-east is exceptional in the diversity of ecosystems. Marine habitats, mangroves, littoral forests, montane rainforest, large rivers, small streams and the unique spiny desert can be found within a 50km radius.

The Centre also acts as a meeting place for other local NGOs and partner organisations and affords opportunities to share resources and information.

The Centre is within walking distance from Fort Dauphin (Fort Dauphin) which makes it accessible both to Tulear and the capital Antananarivo.

Find out more at the CEL website: <http://cel-ged.org/>