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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

Ph.D., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, November 2015

- Title: "Spatial processes in ecology and evolution, and implications for conservation."
- Advisors: Otso Ovaskainen, Prof. and Ilkka Hanski, Prof.

# University of Antananarivo, Madagascar

M.Sc., Combinatorics, April 2010

- Topic: Flag major index on colored permutation group
- Advisor: Arthur Randrianariyony, Prof.

B.Sc., Numerical Analysis, Decembre 2007

# Appointments University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA

Postdoc., Department of Integrative Biology, 2016-2019

- Topics: Abrupt Changes in Ecological Systems (ACES)
- Advisors: Monica Turner, Prof. Anthony Ives, Prof.

#### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN, USA

Postdoc. Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, 2014-2016

- Topics: Energy budget models and phylogenetic comparative methods
- Advisor: Emma Goldberg, Assistant Professor

# Research INTERESTS

Mathematical ecology, theoretical ecology, statistics, landscape ecology, conservation biology, energy budget, macroevolution, abrupt change, disturbance, stochastic processes

# Refereed Journal **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. Ramiadantsoa, T., Stegner, M.A, Williams, J.W., Ives, A.R., in press. "The potential role of intrinsic processes in generating abrupt and quasi-synchronous tree declines during the Holocene." Ecology, 100(2): e02579
- 2. Ramiadantsoa, T., Hanski, I., Ovaskainen, O., 2018. "Responses of generalist and specialist species to fragmented landscapes." Theoretical Population Biology, 124:31-40
- 3. Ratajczak, Z., Carpenter, S.R., Ives, A.R., Kucharik, C.J., Ramiadantsoa, T., Stegner, M.A., Williams, J.W., Zhang, J. and Turner, M.G., 2018. "Abrupt change in ecological systems: inference and diagnosis." Trends in ecology and evolution, 33(7): 513-526
- 4. Ihantamalala, F.A., Rakotoarimanana, F.M., Ramiadantsoa, T., Rakotondramanga, J.M., Pennober, G., Rakotomanana, F., Cauchemez, S., Metcalf, C.J., Herbreteau, V. and Wesolowski, A., 2018. "Spatial and temporal dynamics of malaria in Madagascar." Malaria journal, 17(1): 58
- 5. Ramiadantsoa, T., Sirén, J., Hanski, I. 2017 "Phylogenetic comparative method for geographical radiation." Annales Zooligica Fennici, 54:237-257
- 6. Ramiadantsoa, T., Ovaskainen, O., Rybicki J., Hanski, I., 2015 "Large-scale habitat corridors for biodiversity conservation: a forest corridor in Madagascar." PLoS ONE, 10(7): e0132126

#### IN PREPARATION

- 1. Kucharik, C.J, **Ramiadantsoa, T.**, Zhang, J., and Ives, A.R., "Spatiotemporal trends in crop yields, yield variability, and yield gaps across the USA." Under review in Crop Science.
- 2. Ramiadantsoa, T., Ratajzak, Z., and Turner, M.G., "A Goldilocks model for the response of fire-prone forests to changing fire regime: a case study of Yellowstone Nation Park." (for Journal of Ecology)
- 3. **Ramiadantsoa**, **T.** and Ives, A.R., "Consequences of the structure of environmental variability on population and community stability." (for Ecology Letters)
- 4. **Ramiadantsoa**, **T.** and Goldberg, E.E., "Exploring the role of body size in shaping thermal performance of insects."
- 5. McCary, M.A., Phillips, J., **Ramiadantsoa, T.**, Nell, L.A., McCormick, A.R., Botsch, J.C., "Transient top-down and bottom-up effects on resources pulsed to multiple trophic levels." (for Oikos)
- 6. Perrotti, A.G., Traschel, M., Ramiadantsoa, T., ..., Williams, J.W., "Optimal counting methods for coprophilous fungal spore analysis."
- 7. Ramiadantsoa, T., Metcalf, C.J.E., "Selection of extreme life-history traits under hypervariable environments: a theoretical perspective."
- 8. **Ramiadantsoa, T.**, Fritsch, C., "Modeling the transient dynamics of orphaned plants."
- 9. Ramiadantsoa, T., Temba, E.M., Rakouth, H., Rakotoniriana, H.J., "Evidence of biodiversity loss in Madagascar? A multi-taxa review."
- 10. Rakotoarivelo, O., **Ramiadantsoa, T.**, "Economic impacts of political instability in Madagascar."

# TEACHING AND MENTORING

# Original ideas and main organizer

- Mathematics, Satistics, Computer Sciences: Applications to Ecology and Conservation Biology September 2019
  - University of Fianarantsoa, Madagascar
- $E^2M^2$ : Ecological and Epidemiological Modeling in Madagascar 2016 & 2018 Centre ValBio, Ranomafana, Madagascar

January 2014

• Introduction to Mathematical Ecology Université d'Antananarivo, Madagascar

#### Lecturer

- Data manipulation and visualization with R August 2019 Instructors: Finaritra Randimbiarison, Veronarindra Ramananjato University of Antananarivo, Madagascarf
- Reserve Planning in the Tropics. Finnish study abroad Fall 2011 & 2012 Instructor: Mar Cabeza, Prof.
  Centre ValBio, Ranomafana, Madagascar
- Conservation Biology in Fragmented Landscapes
   Topics: Extinction, Spatially Realistic Metapopulation Models
   University of Helsinki, Finland

# Professional Activities

#### Organizing committee

• Workshop, ATBC, Antananarivo, Madagascar August 2019
Theme: "E2M3: Ecological and Epidemiological Mini Modeling in Madagascar"

• Inspire session, ESA, New Orleans

August 2018

Theme: "Understanding extreme events: linking empirical observation to concepts and theory"

• Spring Symposium University of Helsinki, Finland March 2012

#### Field assistant

• Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, USA Post fire forest regeneration (Monica Turner, Prof.) Summer 2017

• Mulu National Park, Borneo

Spring 2013

Dung beetles survey (Ilkka Hanski, Prof.)

Fall 2010

• Sundsvall, Sweden
Wood-decaying fungi survey (Otso Ovaskainen, Prof.)

Professional Services

- Member of the Association for the Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC)
- Student judge award, theory section ESA
- Member of Ecological Society of America (ESA)
- President of Finland-Madagascar Association

2012-2015

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

#### 2019

# Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation conference

Antananarivo, Madagascar, 30 July–3 August 2018

Title: "Community dynamics in stochastic environments and implications for biodiversity conservation"

#### 2018

# Ecological Society of America annual meeting

New Orleans, LO, USA, 5-10 August 2018

Title: "Developing Goldilocks models to understand ecological responses to extreme events: fire and trees in Yellowstone National Park"

# Institut Pasteur de Madagascar

Antananarivo, Madagascar, 22 January 2018

Title: "Importance of large scale habitat corridor for biodiversity conservation"

#### 2017

#### Ecological Society of America annual meeting

Portland, OR, USA. 5–11 August 2017

Title: "Community-level modeling of abrupt changes in paleoforests"

# Biological Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Madison, WI, USA. 2 March 2017

Title: "A generalist approach to niche specialization"

#### 2016

### **Kellog Biological Station**

Kellog, MI, USA. 15 August 2016

Title: "Species' responses to habitat destruction"

#### Ecological Society of America annual meeting

Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA. 7–12 August 2016

Title: "Exploring the potential of energy budget models and body size in determining species' niche"

# Midwest Mathematical Biology Conference

La Crosse, WI, USA. 21–22 May 2016

Title: "Exploring the potential of energy budget models and body size in determining species' niche"

#### 2014

# Evolution seminar, University of Minnesota

Twin cities, MN, USA. 21 April 2014

Title: "Phylogenetic inference of geographical radiation"

#### Spring Symposium, University of Helsinki

Helsinki, Finland. 3–5 March 2014

Title: "The efficiency of a habitat corridor between two large national parks in Madagascar"

#### 2013

# Spring Symposium, University of Helsinki

Helsinki, Finland. 4-6 March 2013

Title: "Geographical radiation in Malagasy dung beetles"

# Biomathematics day, University of Helsinki

Helsinki, Finland. 23 October 2013

Title: "Model of evolutionary radiation and geographical range dynamics applied to Malagasy dung beetles"

### **International Prosimian Congress**

Ranomafana, Madagascar. 5–9 August 2013

Attendee

#### 2012

### Biomathematics day, University of Helsinki

Helsinki, Finland. 18 April 2012

Title: "Parsimonious mechanisms behind community- level patterns"

#### 2011

#### Spring Symposium, University of Helsinki

Helsinki, Finland. 7-9 March 2011

Title: "Competitive species communities in spatially heterogeneous habitats"

#### 2007

### Study abroad seminar US embassy, Antananarivo

Antananarivo, Madagascar. November 2007

Title: "Deforestation in Ambodiaviavy community forest"

# WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

#### **Dynamics and Differential Equations**

Minneapolis, MN, USA. 22–25 June 2016

Organizers: Michael Jolly (Indiana U), Peter Polacik (U of Minnesota, Twin Cities), Geneviève Raugel (U de Paris XI), Roger Temam (Indiana U), Edriss Titi (Texas A

& M U), Yingfei Yi (U of Alberta)

# Mathematics for an Evolving Biodiversity

Montréal, Canada. 16-20 September 2013

Organizers: Jonathan Davies (McGill), Amaury Lambert (UMPC Paris 6), Nicolas Lartillot (Montréal)

# Qualitative Behaviour of Stochastic Systems and Applications

Bielefeld, Germany. 18–20 June 2012

Organizers: Leonid Bogachev (Leeds, GBR), Benjamin Bolker (Hamilton, CAN), Yuri Kondratiev (Bielefeld, GER), Otso Ovaskainen (Helsinki, FIN)

# Stochastic Demography in Fluctuating Environments: Theory and Empirical Patterns

Lovund, Norway. 23–27 April 2012

Organizers: Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Centre for Conservation Biology

# Assessing the Impacts of Climate Change on Madagascar's Biodiversity and Livelihoods

Antananarivo, Madagascar. 28–31 January 2008

Organizers: Conservation International, WWF, WCS and USAID

# Species Distribution Modeling: Methods for Conservation Biologists

Antananarivo, Madagascar. 21–25 January 2008

Organizers: ReBioMa and University of Berkley, California

# EXTERNAL COURSES

### Issues in Diversity

Oulu, Finland. 3–7 September 2012

Organizer: University of Oulu

# Theory of Speciation: Helsinki Summer School 2012

Turku, Finland. 19–26 August 2012

Organizers: Biomathematics Group, University of Helsinki

# Markov Chain Stability and Applications: 22nd Jyväskylä Summer School

Jyväskylä, Finland. 13–17 August 2012

Organizer: Faculty of Mathematics and Science and the Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Jyväskylä

### **Stochastic Differential Equations**

Lammi, Finland. 25–27 September 2010

Organizers: Finnish Doctoral Programme in Computational Sciences and National Graduate School in Materials Physics

#### Study abroad Madagascar

Ranomafana, Madagascar. September–November 2007

Organizers: SUNY Stony Book University

#### Grants

# HiLIFE BIORESILIENCE, University of Helsinki

2019

Beyond the species-area relationship: theoretical advances and empirical testing  $(\in 12,000)$ 

Institute on the Environment (IonE), University of Minnesota

2015

Using experiments to root mathematical models of environmental niches (\$2,000)

Peer Reviewing Bioscience, Conservation Letters, Global Ecology and Biogeography, Journal of Applied Ecology, Nature, Oikos, Plos ONE, Population Ecology, National Science Foundation, The American Naturalist

OUTREACH

• Interview and appearance in the UW-Madison news

By Kelly April Tyrell, UW-Madison

From Helsinki to Minneapolis to Madison, scientist gives back in Madagascar

• The life of a scientist and researcher
Organizers: T. Ramiadantsoa, N. Ratsimbason
Ecole B.I.R.D. Antananarivo, Madagascar

• Girl solve It! With Mathematical Biology
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, USA

June 2017

• UW Science Expeditions, scientific open-house April 2017 Organizers: University of Wisconsin-Madison

January 2013

• What is theoretical ecology?
Organizers: T. Ramiadantsoa, N. Ratsimbason
Ecole B.I.R.D. Antananarivo, Madagascar

• Introduction to Madagascar November 2011 High school, Helsinki, Finland

• Fundraising to helping underpriviledged students in Madagascar May 2010 Organizers: Madagascar-Finland Assocation Helsinki, Finland

• Interview and appearance in the journal Finlands natur 2010

Computer skill

C++, R, Mathematica, LATEX, GitHub, ArcMap.

Language skill

Malagasy: Native French: Fluent English: Fluent