



Madagascar is an island off the east coast of Africa that has truly evolved into a unique country entirely separate from its neighboring countries. The island is teeming with biodiversity



and is rich in endemic and exotic flora and. Over the years there has been an increase in environmental degradation throughout the island, resulting in a loss of important species and an increase in the number of endangered species.

captive breeding program that aims to help freshwater fish conservation in Madagascar.

The island of Madagascar is also home to over 70 species of lemurs. Denver Zoo works with these unique primates in a medical evaluation of free-ranging primates, which is part of a larger project to collect biomedical information and access health and disease in free-ranging lemur populations. This ongoing project evaluates the health of several free-ranging lemur species.



Denver Zoo's conservation efforts in Madagascar have primarily focused on the discovery and ex-situ breeding of the island's endemic freshwater fishes. Denver Zoo has been involved in the discovery of many new species and has played a vital role in expanding the ichthyological

Conservation efforts in Madagascar are made possible through a collaboration of various organizations and researchers, including the following:

- Alex Saunders (Denver Zoo)
- Felicia Knightly, (Denver Zoo)
- Tim McCaskie & Cindy Lee (Toronto Zoo)
- Randall Junge, DVM (St. Louis Zoo)
- Edward Louis, PhD, DVM (Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo)

Over the past fifteen years Denver Zoo has played an integral part in the discovery, study, and captive propagation of these critically endangered fishes since 1994. In the field, the project involves the assessment of fish habitat; measuring water chemistry, flow, available cover, and food; and looking for the presence of exotic competitors and predators. Denver Zoo also supports a

