

**AIDE MEMOIRE**  
**MEETING ON THE WHALES EVENT in ANTISOHIHY – la LOZA BAY**

**Date: June 9, 2008 – 6:00 p.m**

**Location: Conference room MINENVEFT Tsimbazaza**

**Attendees: Following entities are represented**

- **MINENVEFT** Ministry of Environment, Water & Forest and Tourism : Directeur de Cabinet
- **MAEP**: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries: Directeur des Peches et des Ressources Halieutiques
- **MEM** Ministry of Energy and Mines: Directeur des Hydrocarbures
- **ONE**: DG, USPP, UEIE, SF
- **ANGAP**: DG
- **NGO's**: WWF (2)
- **ExxonMobil**: Environment Consultant & Logistics Supervisor

**Focus: information on the situation**

**Situation**

- International Experts arrived in Antananarivo on Sunday 8 June (night). One (1) is from Argentina and six (6) from USA of which one (1) is ExxonMobil expert (Dr. Darlen Ketten, - She is fully in charge by ExxonMobil). They are split into two groups (pathology and safeguard).
- Two flights (7:00 and 12:00 p.m) on Monday 9 June from Antananarivo to Antsohihy
- Directeur de cabinet MAEP, Responsable Gestion especes from MINENVEFT and ONE representative flew with the airplane and pretend to collect all information. But arrived in Antsohihy, the airplane had technical problem after the second flight, and could not fly back to Antananarivo. An other airplane will fly from Antananarivo on Tuesday 10, to assist.
- CSP boats are in charge of collecting all information from the other boats (location and observations)
- Other sites and seawater parameters have to be monitored as well.
- Since Sunday 8 June 2008, three (3) more whales are died; in total died whales are estimated to be 53.
- Five (5) boats ensure the beach survey; fuel and diesel are supplied by the means of purchase order with Jovenna
- Coordination Contact :
  - On site: The Secretaire General of Region Sofia is the only person mandated to clear and sign any required expense.
  - In Antananarivo, the Directeur de cabinet MINENVEFT is the only person mandated to clear and sign any required expense.
- Special bank account: will be created on Tuesday 10 June: entitled SOS WHALES; one in USD and in Ariary. Double signature: Directeur Administratif et Financier and the Directeur de Cabinet - MINENVEFT
- Directeur de Cabinet - MINENVEFT who is the Coordinator of Whales rescue operations will *communicate to ExxonMobil the Bank account reference as soon as possible and to the other potential partners.*
- Following entities are addressees of a governmental invitation letter: WWF, WCS, GTZ, ANGAP, OMNIS, EXXONMOBIL, ROC OIL and ENERMAD. They are invited to contribute in financial assistance
- Press release and Note to the Government have been transmitted to whom it may concern.

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**SUGGESTIONS:**

- *In order to optimize the intervention of these experts: a post intervention conference is requested and could be organized. The Conference will be focused on technology transfer with respect to whales rescue methodology.*
- *DG ONE raised the need to document (documentary movies and photos) all rescue operations.*