

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in Antsiranana, Madagascar on the Masoala Peninsula located in the northeast part of the island. This area is rich in a great diversity of endemic fauna and flora due to its huge size and variety of habitats. Unfortunately, during 2009 and 2010, the area was invaded by thousands of illegal loggers searching for rosewood.

Madagascar is a huge island nation, the fourth largest island in the world, located off the southeast coast of Africa. Madagascar split from the Indian peninsula approximately 88 million years ago, allowing native plants and animals to evolve in relative isolation. Consequently, Madagascar is a biodiversity hotspot; over 90 percent of its plants, primates, birds, reptiles, and amphibians are found nowhere else on earth. The island’s diverse ecosystems and unique wildlife are threatened by the encroachment of the rapidly growing human population and other environmental threats.

The project in Madagascar is both a reforestation of a degraded forest and a community nursery. The planting of your gift tree in Madagascar will help plant 11 varieties of native trees, including eucalyptus, acacia, grevillea (a type of oak), giroflier, cocoa tree, and coffee trees. The nursery production is open to local inhabitants who will plant fruit-producing trees. The yield from these trees will provide the participants with a marketable product and thereby promote the local economy. The remaining trees will be of a fast-growing variety that will help with afforestation, the establishment of a forest where there previously was no tree coverage, helping reduce pressure on the wild forest by creating an energy source for the local population.

You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link: <https://binged.it/3mrsyAQ> . Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in Africa and the world.

Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at www.TheGiftedTree.com.

