What word or phrase best captures your thoughts on this two day workshop?
What do you expect from the face-to-face meeting later in the year?

- Interactions, involvement with DiverseK and other groups
- Collaborations, group activity, involvement with PAGES
- Is paleoecology helpful for people in Madagascar and other islands or East African states? Does it help to change perception of communities and policy makers?
- Exciting to meet all of you in person
- Meet stakeholders and researchers in Madagascar and beyond to understand how our research findings can help to address pressing environmental problems. Identify contacts for research engagement.
- Construction of some kind of collaborative project or academic-conservation partnership that can enable the topics discussed to come to fruition
- Unlikely to be able to travel but the focus on bringing many different voices to the table will be very exciting which will lead to exciting outcomes
- To know more paleo-ecological program and research
- Further networking opportunities. Also, discussions around possible collaborations, the ideas for which have been sparked by this workshop. We are often limited by funding, so it would be wonderful if funding opportunities also featured.
What do you expect from the face-to-face meeting later in the year?

- To meet and learn from local researchers and organizations.
- Learn about tools to engage with communities to exchange research. How would environmental education work best to make a difference?
- Concrete project ideas and greater collaboration between palaeoecologists and stakeholders.
- More group discussions and maybe also preconference tasks so that we come out from the workshop with outputs.
- More understanding of how researchers can better lift-up local voices and concerns.
- Can we also arrange so that those who are not able to be there physically can interact to.
- A diversity of stakeholders and opportunities for junior researchers to connect with more senior researchers to get advice on networking, research processes, and interaction with policy makers.