



IRF ROAD ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION | 2009

Colas Madagascar was the recipient of the International Road Federation's 2009 Road Achievement Award in the Environmental Mitigation category for the RN 6 Highway project. The International Road Federation (IRF) is a global platform that brings together public and private entities committed to road development.

This project, which necessitated the mobilization of significant human and equipment resources, also implemented a rigorous organizational approach to prevent and limit potentially negative environmental and social impact of the work involved.

- Combating deforestation:
 - use of butane bottles as an alternative to wood charcoal
 - planting of nearly **16,000** trees of different types
- Safeguarding natural resources (Madagascar is renowned for its rich biodiversity and its unique flora and fauna, with a high degree of endemism):
 - establishment of procedures for eliminating or reclaiming waste
 - limitation of clearing, grading and landscaping
 - use of containment bins and hydrocarbon separators
- Health care:
 - one medical center per provisional camp, staffed by a physician and a nurse
 - raising awareness among staff and the local population about STDs and malaria
- Provisional camps: upon the completion of work on the project, three villages handed over to the local population (800 homes for **2,000** inhabitants)
- Safety: personal protective equipment for each member of staff, consistent with the specific requirements of each task

Owing to the stringent safety and environmental standards observed, this project serves as a benchmark for Colas Madagascar and as an example for all other projects pursued in the country.

