

News from the Ayamaru Lakes

In "Rainbowfish" 4-2015 I reported about Ayamaru Lakes, its inhabitants, the beauty and the threats to the Lakes and reported also about my initiative "Save Ayamaru Lakes".

Settlements around the lakes are rapidly stretching out and urban structures are growing up. The formerly untreated rivers and creeks, all of them habitats of *Melanotaenia boesemani*, are massively polluted, in particular with plastic waste. I attach a photo of the creek flowing through the village of Ayamaru, full of empty plastic bottles.

My plan is to clean up these creeks around the lakes from plastic waste and involve the local people in this project. The aim is to preserve the habitat of *Melanotaenia boesemani*. I will promote this project with a media campaign and produce docu-

mentary videos. I need your support in order to obtain garbage bags and an underwater camera. Thank you in advance!

INFO

At our annual IRG convention in June money was collected to support Marten. In particular he needs an underwater camera. We couldn't collect enough money for the camera, but IRG will finance this camera and ship it to Marten, as well as some literature. All of you who want to support this project are invited to send a donation to the IRG account with the key word "Salossa".

By the way, next year Marten will tell us about his experience and his project at the IRG convention!

Photo by Marten Luter Salossa

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Pseudomugil gertrudae „Aru II“ (oben) und *Pseudomugil laminatus* (unten) im präparierten Wohnzimmeraquarium. Fotos: Gilbert Maëbe

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Fundort 2 von *Pseudomugil laminatus*. Foto: Andreas Wagnitz



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