

## Madagascar

France Telecom's subsidiary FCR is a strategic partner of the Ministry of Telecommunications of Madagascar and holds a 33.3 percent stake in the national and international carrier **Telecom Malagasy**.

In 1995, FCR and **Telecom Malagasy** established a joint venture, **Data Telecom Services (DTS)** -which FCR holds 49 percent - offering value-added data transmission services to companies through the national VSAT network, and also providing Internet access.

FCR acquired a 66 percent stake in the wireless carrier the **Société Malgache de Mobiles (SMM)**, which launched the Antaris GSM services in March 1998, now serving 24,900 subscribers by May 2000.



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