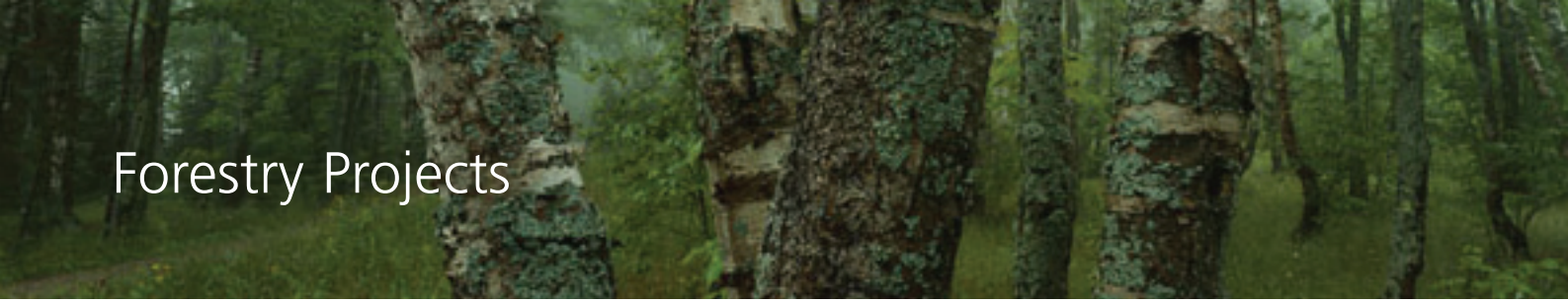

Forestry Projects

Trees for Global benefit
The latest Plan Vivo (www.planvivo.org) project to be set up, it is based in south-western Uganda and aims to work with the local communities to provide employment and a sustainable timber resource. Our initial support to this project will help to offset about 10,000tCO2 over a 100 year period.

Project partner
Ecotrus

Country
Uganda

About your forest

Description:

Sixty-five farmers are currently registered into the project, and expansion to other members of the community is in progress. The project takes advantage of well-established community structures to mobilise farmers and to maintain communication and contact to enable ongoing monitoring of carbon stocks.

Participating farmers received personalised training and extension support to identify tree planting activities that are most suitable for their needs. Once farmers are registered into the project they enter into sale agreements which specify the amount of carbon that they will sell and the conditions. Tree planting activities include mixed native woodlots and boundary planting for fuel wood and timber, including mahogany, cedar, African cherry, laurel, and silk trees.

The project uses the plan Vivo system (www.planvivo.org) which is a set of guidelines, procedures and standards. Plan Vivo offers a tried and tested system for generating carbon offsets while promoting sustainable land use and improving livelihoods.

Benefits:

This Project will result in significant benefits beyond offsetting greenhouse gas emissions. Carbon payments provide a significant boost in income to farmers, which will be administered in five instalments over ten years. Revenue generated through initial sales of carbon will largely cover start up cost for tree planting activities, thus enabling rural farmers to invest in sustainable resource management using income from environmental services. Participants will also gain access to local and national markets for timber, poles, fuel wood, fruit and fodder. Nursery establishment and production of seedlings will also provide additional income to rural communities.

In addition, the project will build local and regional capacity and develop generic carbon management systems that may be replicated in communities throughout the country. Furthermore, small-scale production of fuel wood and timber will alleviate pressure on nearby forest reserves and national parks. Tree planting contributes to soil conservation, and the intended emphasis on native tree planting will contribute to habitat restoration and protection in Uganda.

Location: Bushenyi District, Uganda
Status: Pilot Phase, project began in May 2003
Carbon credits available for purchase
Project Team: Implementation and admin – ECOTRUST, Uganda Review, training and technical advice – ECCM, UK
Technical support: The World Agroforesty Centre, Uganda

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