

AMAZONIA REFORESTATION FAQ

Who are we?

Our group first became involved with reforestation in India in 1995. Since then we have worked with projects in Costa Rica and began our first major project in Colombia in 2006. Our company is called *Planeta Verde Reforestación S.A.* (Green Planet), and Amazonia Reforestation is our South American division. In 2009 we are planting over 100 hectares (250 acres) with over 127,500 tropical trees in the Orinoco basin, and we are gearing up to plant 500,000 trees in 2010. More information, including pictures, can be found on www.myreforestation.com/gallery.html

How does the program work?

We invite people committed to improving the environment and providing habitat for endangered wildlife to join us as Joint Venture Partners ("JVP") in our financially sustainable afforestation and reforestation efforts. As a partner you provide the money for us to plant trees in your name. That means everything from establishing the tree nursery, raising seedlings, planting trees and maintaining them through to maturity, harvest and sale in 10 years time.

What are the projects main eco-benefits?

Our projects increase wildlife habitat, remove carbon dioxide (CO²) from the atmosphere, combat global warming, fix nitrogen in poor soils, and support green education at a local and international level. We are committed to teaching both local people and visitors to the plantation about the benefits of conservation and good forest practices. Possibly most important of all, the more plantation hardwood we produce and sell in international markets, the less old growth rainforest trees are in demand.

How does this make money?

At the 10 year maturity of the tropical trees you funded, we sell some of the hardwood for you at a significant profit. The international wood market has seen steady growth since the 1940's, with more people and less available wood fuelling global demand for everything from building materials to furniture and from pulp and paper to cooking fuel.

Why do we cut down our trees?

Returning extremely poor soil conditions to rainforest is a very long and difficult task, and it can take up to 50 years of structured management and replanting before it even begins to look like true rainforest. Known as a primary ecology, these areas are sandy and nearly dead soil that lacks nutrients and organic layers. Our biology and agriculture teams use specific hardwood trees which are a mix of nitrogen fixing trees, fruit trees, and native species that help to rebuild the organic layers and draw wildlife back into the area to further the soil recovery. After 10 years certain trees must be culled out to make room for more delicate species to be planted. Many rainforest plants cannot survive in the current soil conditions and must be introduced only after soil and overhead shade cover is re-established in the area.

What is so special about 10 years?

The primary tree species that we remove from the managed plantation, mainly *Acacia mangium* and *Eucalyptus pellita*, have such a fast growth rate they begin to rot and break down after about 12 years, leaving the wood useless if left in any longer. They are very good at fixing nitrogen in the soil. Also, these species are most effective at sequestering CO² within the first 10 years of their lives. Within 1.5 years of being planted as a seed *Acacia Mangium* is often twice the height of an adult human.

How does this protect current rainforest?

Plantation grown hardwoods are very important for protecting currently existing rainforest. The more plantation hardwood there is on the market, the less demand there is to cut down currently existing rainforest.

Can I come and see my trees?

Our plantation is open for you or your representative to come and physically see the project on the ground . Please let us know your plans and we will help organize a trip to this amazing part of the world . Our subsidiary, *Plantación Amazonia El Vita S.A.* , is located on 2,880 hectares (approx. 7,116 acres) of land about 1 hour and 20 minutes out of Puerto Carreño, in Vichada, Colombia. Access is by air from Bogotá, Colombia's capital, and then by gravel road to the plantation. It is located around 06° 05' 51" North and 67° 43' 48" West. The tree farm lies along the banks of the *Rio El Bita* river, which flows into the mighty Orinoco .

How do I become a joint venture partner?

Our joint venture partner tree purchase contract can be sent to any interested person or business to read over. We can then assist you over the phone or by e-mail with any questions you may have and with instructions on how to become a joint venture partner. Purchases can be made by SWIFT wire transfer, or by cheque or money order .

What are the returns like?

Our smallest order is \$100 USD for 10 tropical trees, which will return \$340 USD in 10 years. That is a return of 24% a year non-compounded. Any purchase over \$400 USD earns bonus trees. Most of our joint venture partners purchase \$4,000 USD or 400 tropical trees, which earns them 100 bonus trees. Those 500 tropical trees generate a return on investment of \$17,000 USD after 10 years, a return of nearly 33% per year non-compounded!

What are the risks like?

Our risk factors are limited and manageable. The trees could be destroyed by acts of god, like a drought, flood, disease, or major fire. However, these risks have all been factored in to our calculations, and can be greatly mitigated with modern forestry practices. For instance, our fire breaks are not just the largest recommended size, but are made with significant undergrowth control to eliminate fire risk. As a company, we gain nothing if our tree plantations are not successful, so we are dedicated to good forest management and profitable outcomes.

Anything else I should know?

Purchases should be made in United States funds (USD). If you wish to make your purchase in another currency, please discuss it with us. We can accommodate you, but there are some special requirements . If payment is made directly by SWIFT wire transfer to our plantation accounts, then you can avoid the application of sales or state taxes, goods and services taxes (GST) or value added taxes (VAT).

We have a licensed agent in Canada, who is able to accept cheques, bank drafts or money orders made payable to *Amazonia Reforestation*. If you are Canadian and you choose this option please add 5% GST to your purchase price.

I have more questions!

Please feel free to contact us directly through several means: *(The VOIP lines are for North American dialling, but connect to our offices in Costa Rica.)*

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