Trees for Global Benefits

A Cooperative Rural Community Carbon Offsetting Scheme

Based on the Plan Vivo System

Implemented by ECOTRUST
About ECOTRUST

- **VISION**
  A healthy environment with prosperous people

- **MISSION**
  Conserve biological diversity and enhance social welfare by promoting innovative and sustainable environmental management

- **GOAL**
  Provide long-term sustained funding for the conservation of biodiversity and environmental management in Uganda
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- Carbon Offsetting Scheme
- Plan Vivo System
- Small – Scale landholder farmers
- biodiversity and environmental conservation
- livelihoods
Key Activities

Cost effective CO2 sequestration activities based on improved land management

- **Tree Planting**
  - Single species woodlots
  - Woodlots of Mixed native trees
  - Boundary planting
  - Agro Forestry

- **Improved Forest Management**

- **Assisted regeneration**
Delivering Environmental Services

- Select Sites where tree planting has multiple environmental benefits
- Technical Specifications are used to estimate the carbon potential
- Performance – Based Payments
- Third Party Verification
Methods for Engaging Communities

- **Target Communities**
  - Neighboring areas of ecological importance

- **Collaborative Natural Resource Management groups**
  - Participatory process
  - Farmer field schools
  - Identify activities responsive to community needs
  - Assist community to access finance

- **Small Scale Landholder farmers**
- **Private Land**
- **Communal land Associations**
Major Achievements

- Mobilizing resources for conservation action
  - Communities Investing in production of non-food crops
    - Timber, fuel wood, building poles, medicinal extracts, fodder
  - Apiary
  - Supporting other economic activities e.g. capitalizing village banks
Challenges

- Efficiency vs Fairness
- Balancing Science with Practicability
- Involvement of the poorest of the poor
- Land Tenure
- Misunderstandings over role of carbon finance
Thank you