



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

