



Trees for Global Benefit, Uganda



Location: Bushenyi, Masindi and Hoima Districts, Uganda

Status: Plan Vivo Project since May 2003

Project Team:

Implementation and administration – ECOTRUST, Uganda
Training, technical advice – Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Management, UK
Technical support – The World Agroforestry Centre, ICRAF

Description: Over 400 farmers are currently registered into the project in the three districts of Bushenyi, Masindi and Hoima. The project takes advantage of established community structures to mobilise farmers and enable ongoing monitoring of carbon stocks. Participating farmers receive personalised training and attend workshops to identify forestry activities that are most suitable to their needs. Once farmers are registered they enter into sale agreements which specify the amount of carbon that they will sell and the conditions. Activities include mixed woodlots of native or naturalised tree-species. The project uses the Plan Vivo System (www.planvivo.org) which is a set of guidelines, procedures and standards representing a tried and tested system for generating carbon offsets whilst promoting sustainable land-use and improving livelihoods.

Benefits: This project generates significant benefits beyond carbon sequestration. Revenue generated through initial sales of carbon enables rural farmers to invest in sustainable resource management using payments received in instalments after activities have been monitored. Participants will also gain access to local and national markets for timber, poles, fuel wood, fruit, medicinal extracts and fodder. Extra activities (e.g. nursery establishment and production of seedlings) provide additional income to rural communities. In these ways, the project builds local and regional capacity. Furthermore, small-scale production of fuel wood and timber reduces pressure on nearby forest reserves and national parks. Native tree-planting also contributes to soil conservation and habitat restoration, and helps communities adapt to climate change.

