



Maya Nut Tree Programme

Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Honduras and Nicaragua

Project Description

This project helps finance the Equilibrium Fund and its partners in Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The programme works directly with rural communities to establish Maya Nut “food forests”. The programmes have been awarded numerous awards, including the most prestigious Saint Andrews Prize for the Environment.

These food forests provide the following direct and tangible benefits for rural people and the environment:

- ▤ Helps secure food sources and combats poverty
- ▤ Halts the destruction of the rain forest
- ▤ Provides nutrition for school children
- ▤ Provides valuable raw materials that are used to produce medicine
- ▤ Trees provide an excellent fodder for livestock
- ▤ Reforested areas provide valuable ecosystem services including carbon sequestration, flood mitigation and soil/groundwater protection

Each Maya nut tree sequesters/absorbs over 1 tonne of carbon dioxide over 40 years.

The Equilibrium Fund partners with and is endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and also the following institutions:



- ▤ The Ford Foundation
- ▤ Heifer Project International
- ▤ The World Wildlife Fund
- ▤ Rainforest Alliance
- ▤ The United Nations Small Grants Programme
- ▤ Global Environment Facility
- ▤ IUCN - International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- ▤ National Institute of Forests, Guatemala
- ▤ German Development Agency
- ▤ Re-Green Guatemala Program
- ▤ Kimberly-Clark, El Salvador
- ▤ El Salvadoran Ministry of the Environment
- ▤ Enterprise for the Americas Fund
- ▤ Embassies of Luxembourg, Norway and Germany
- ▤ Global Facilitation Unit for Underutilized Species, Bioversity International
- ▤ Guatemalan Ministries of Education and Agriculture

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