

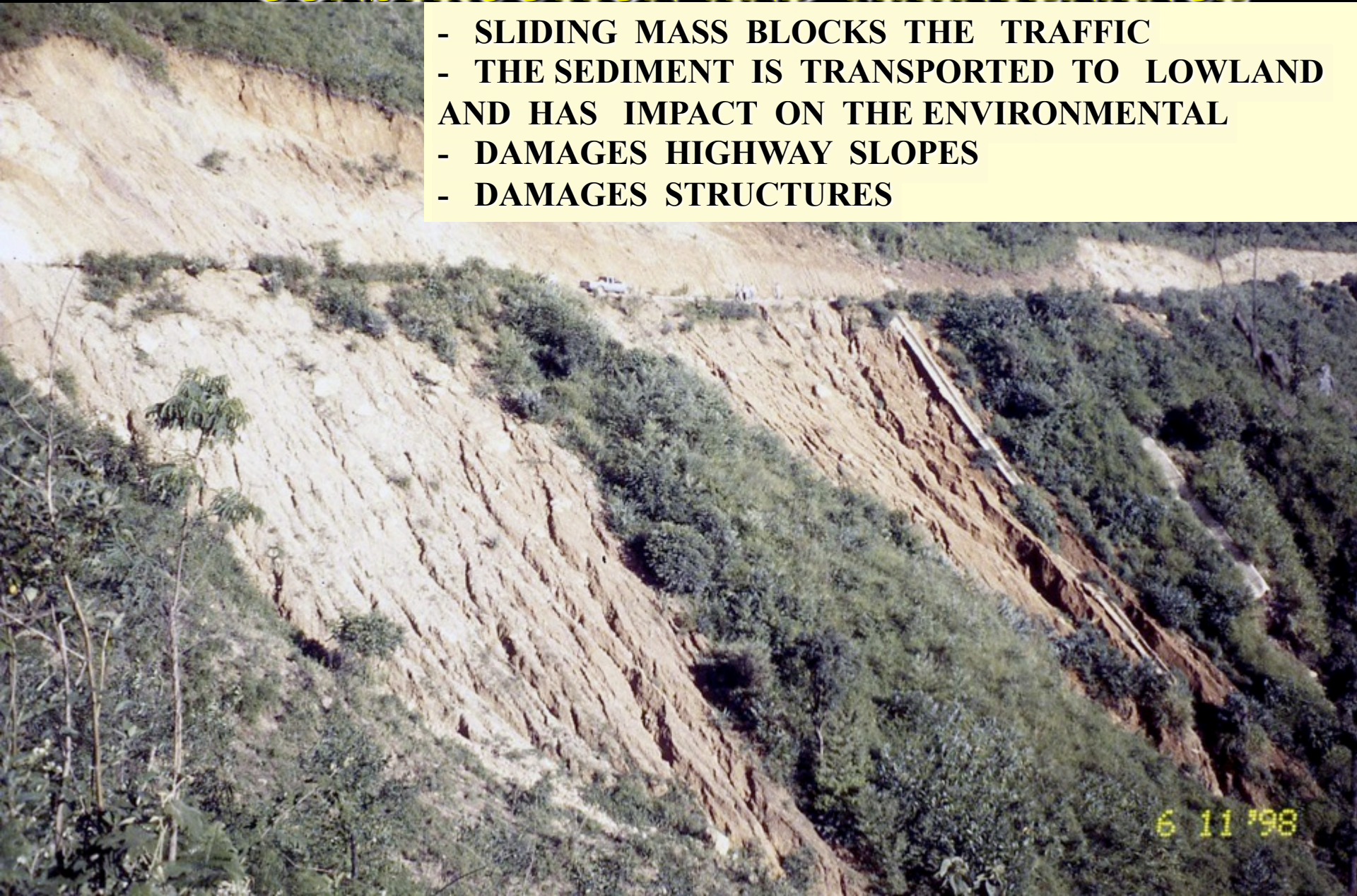


**SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM IN EROSION CONTROL  
AND STABILIZATION FOR HIGHWAYS SLOPE IN  
THAILAND ( ICV-5 , 28/10/2011 )**



# 1.1) EROSION PROBLEMS IN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

- SLIDING MASS BLOCKS THE TRAFFIC
- THE SEDIMENT IS TRANSPORTED TO LOWLAND AND HAS IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL
- DAMAGES HIGHWAY SLOPES
- DAMAGES STRUCTURES





# 1.1) EROSION PROBLEMS

## 1.1.1) EROSION ON BACK SLOPE (CUT SLOPE)



- SLIDING MASS BLOCK THE TRAFFIC
- SEDIMENTS FILL UP SIDE DITCH AND BLOCK WATER FLOW
- WATER FLOW ACROSS THE ROAD , ERODE AND



# 1.1 ) EROSION PROBLEMS

## 1.1.2 EROSION ON SIDESLOPE ( FILL SLOPE )



**SHALLOW-SEATED  
FAILURE**

**STRONG EROSION ( LACK OF ADEQUATE PREVENTIVE ) INDUCED TO  
SHALLOW MASS MOVEMENT OF SOILS ( SHALLOW-SEATED FAILURE )**



# 1.1) EROSION PROBLEMS

## 1.1.3) EROSION AT THE END OF SURFACE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS





# 1.1 ) EROSION PROBLEMS

## 1.1.4 ) STREAM BANK EROSION



**EROSION AT THE TOE OF EMBANKMENT SLOPE ALONG THE STREAM CHANNEL WAY**





**โครงการพัฒนาและรณรงค์การใช้หญ้าแฝกอันเนื่องมาจากพระราชดำริ  
กรมทางหลวง**

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3. โครงการศึกษาทดลอง ปรับปรุงพัฒนาประสิทธิภาพ

**1.2) BACKGROUND OF THE VETIVER GRASSING PROJECT OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, THAILAND**



# **1.2 ) BACKGROUND OF THE VETIVER GRASSING PROJECT OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, THAILAND**

## **1.2.1 VETIVER SYSTEM FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.**

**VS FOR EROSION CONTROL AND STABILIZED ON DEEP  
CUT AND HIGH FILL SLOPE**





# 1.2 ) BACKGROUND OF THE VETIVER GRASSING PROJECT OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, THAILAND

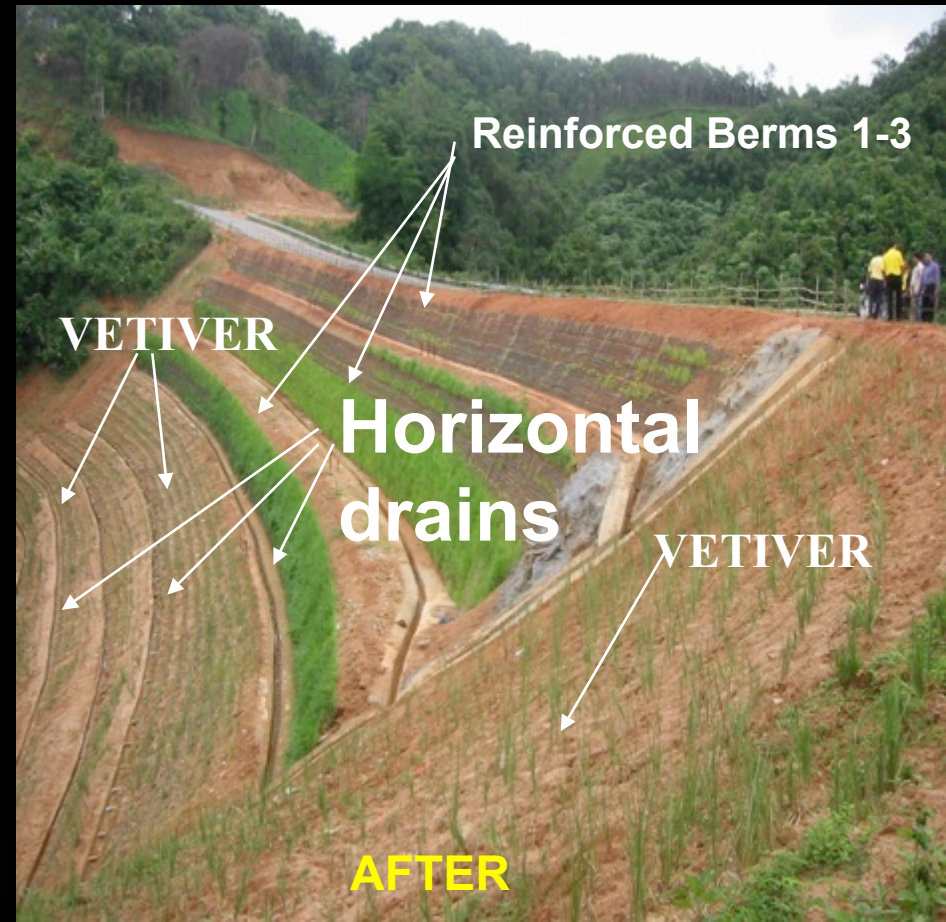
## 1.2.2 VETIVER SYSTEM FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE





## 1.2 ) BACKGROUND OF THE VETIVER GRASSING PROJECT OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, THAILAND

### 1.2.3 VETIVER SYSTEM FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE IN REHABILITATION OF COLLAPSED EMBANKMENT SLOPES





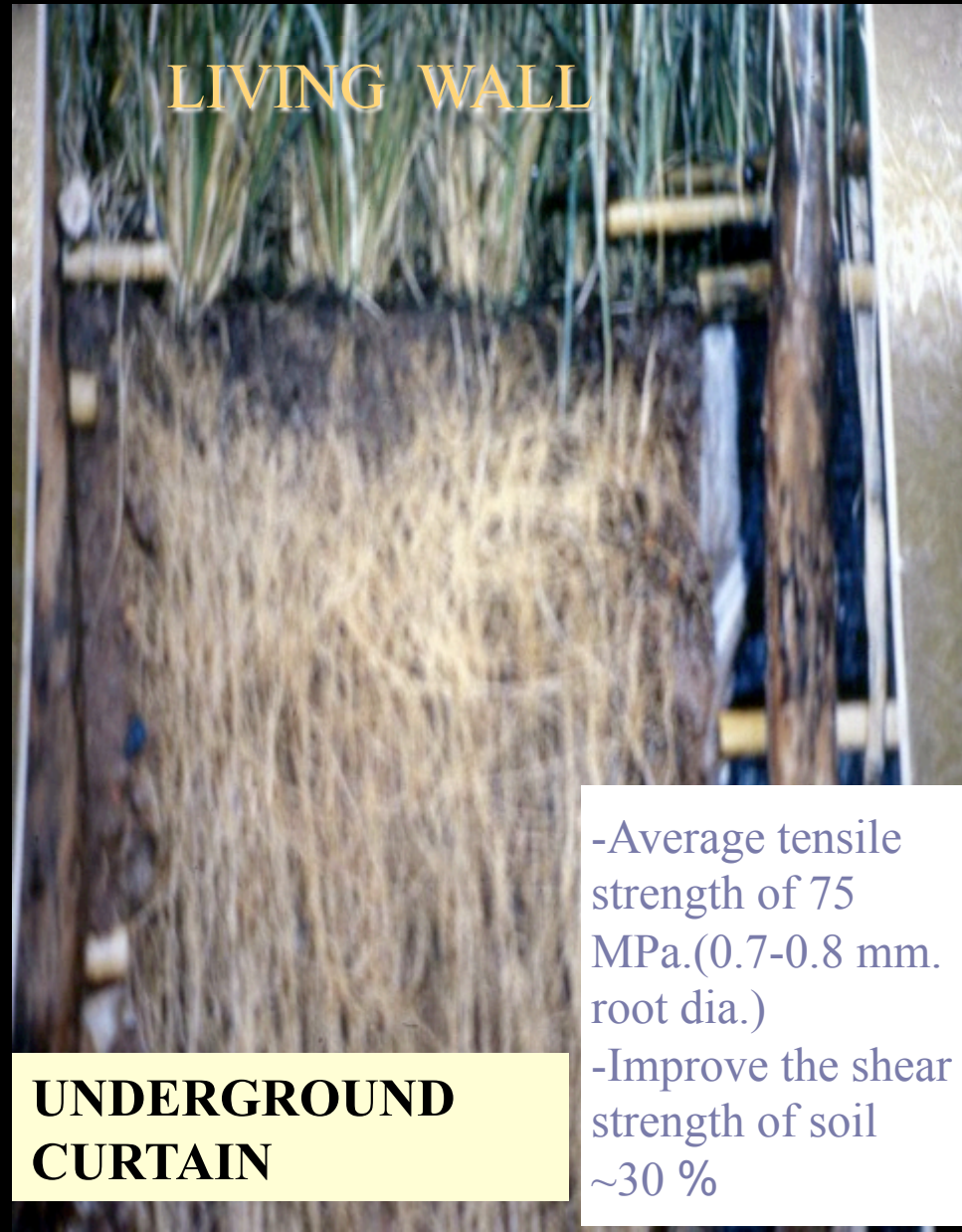
## 2) SLOPE EROSION CONTROL AND STABILIZATION MECHANISM BY VETIVER

### LIVING SOIL NAIL

( 2 – 3 M. )



### LIVING WALL



- Average tensile strength of 75 MPa.(0.7-0.8 mm. root dia.)
- Improve the shear strength of soil ~30 %

### UNDERGROUND CURTAIN



# **VETIVER CONTRIBUTING TO EROSION CONTROL AND STABILITY OF SLOPE BY :**

- 1) SLOW DOWN RUNOFF**
- 2) ROOT REINFORCEMENT**
- 3) EVAPOTRANSPIRATION**

**REDUCE RUNOFF ~  
70%**

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# 3 ) APPLICATION OF THE VETIVER SYSTEM IN EROSION CONTROL AND STABILIZATION OF HIGHWAY SLOPES

## 3.1) THE PATTERN OF VETIVER GRASSING ON HIGHWAY SLOPE

### 3.1.1 ) ON SLOPES WHERE EROSION IS NOT SEVERE



June  
2007



May,  
2008

- PLANTING THE VETIVER IN LARGE SCALE AREA FOR GENERAL

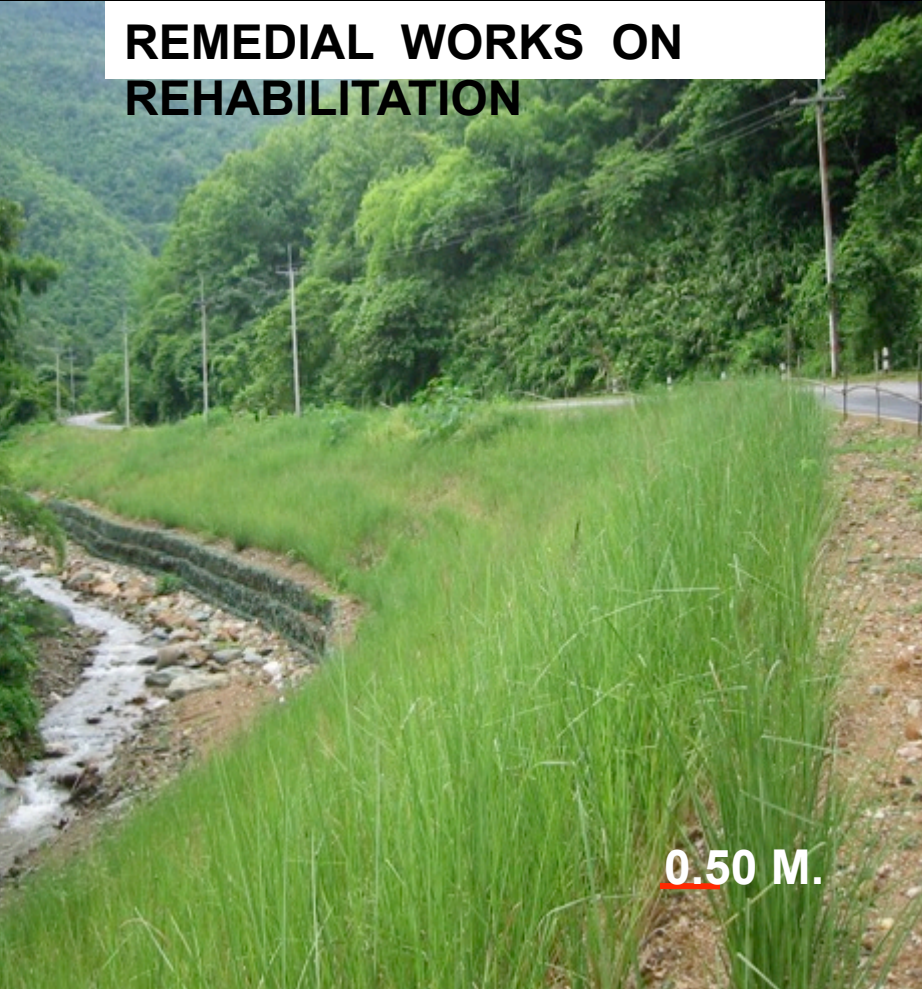
PREVENTIVE PURPOSE - THE SPACING BETWEEN THE PLANTING ROWS CAN BE 1 METER APART AND 10 CMS. BETWEEN THE CLUMPS.



# 3 ) APPLICATION OF THE VETIVER SYSTEM IN EROSION CONTROL AND STABILIZATION OF HIGHWAY SLOPES

## 3.1.2 ) ON SLOPES WHERE EROSION IS SEVERE

REMEDIAL WORKS ON  
REHABILITATION



-STRONGLY ERODING SITES OR  
COLLAPSED SLOPES



THE SPACING BETWEEN THE PLANTING ROWS IS 0.5  
METER APART AND 5 TO 10 CMS. BETWEEN THE



# 5) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

## 5.1 OPTIMUM PLANTING TECHNIQUES

### 5.1.1 SUITABLE VETIVER TILLERS

NURSERY VETIVER SLIPS IN POLY-BAGGED FOR 45-60 DAYS TO PRODUCE ACTIVE TILLERS





# 5) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

## 5.1 OPTIMUM PLANTING TECHNIQUES

### 5.1.1 SUITABLE VETIVER TILLERS

ACTIVE TILLERS AT AGE OF 45-60 DAYS MUST BE PLANTED



ACTIVE  
TILLER

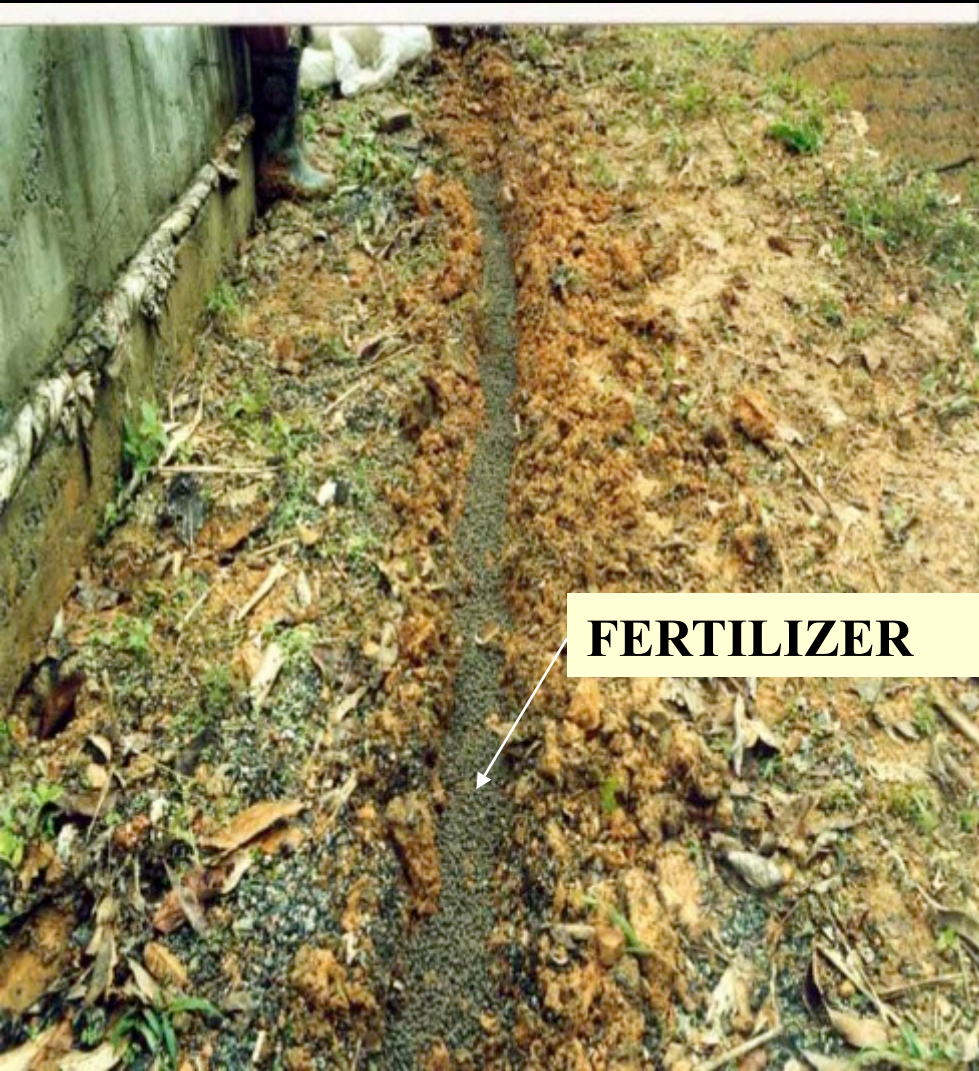
UNGROWTH  
ORIGINAL  
SHOOT



# 5) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

## 5.1 OPTIMUM PLANTING TECHNIQUES

**5.1.2 SOIL FERTILITY IMPROVEMENT:** FERTILIZE THE SOIL WITH BASAL APPLICATION OF CHICKEN MANURE OR FARMYARD MANURE MIXED WITH CHEMICAL FERTLIZERS





# 5) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

## 5.1 OPTIMUM PLANTING TECHNIQUES

### 5.1.3 PLANTING DURING SUITABLE PERIOD (AT LEAST 2 MONTHS FOR VETIVER GROWING IN RAINY SEASON)



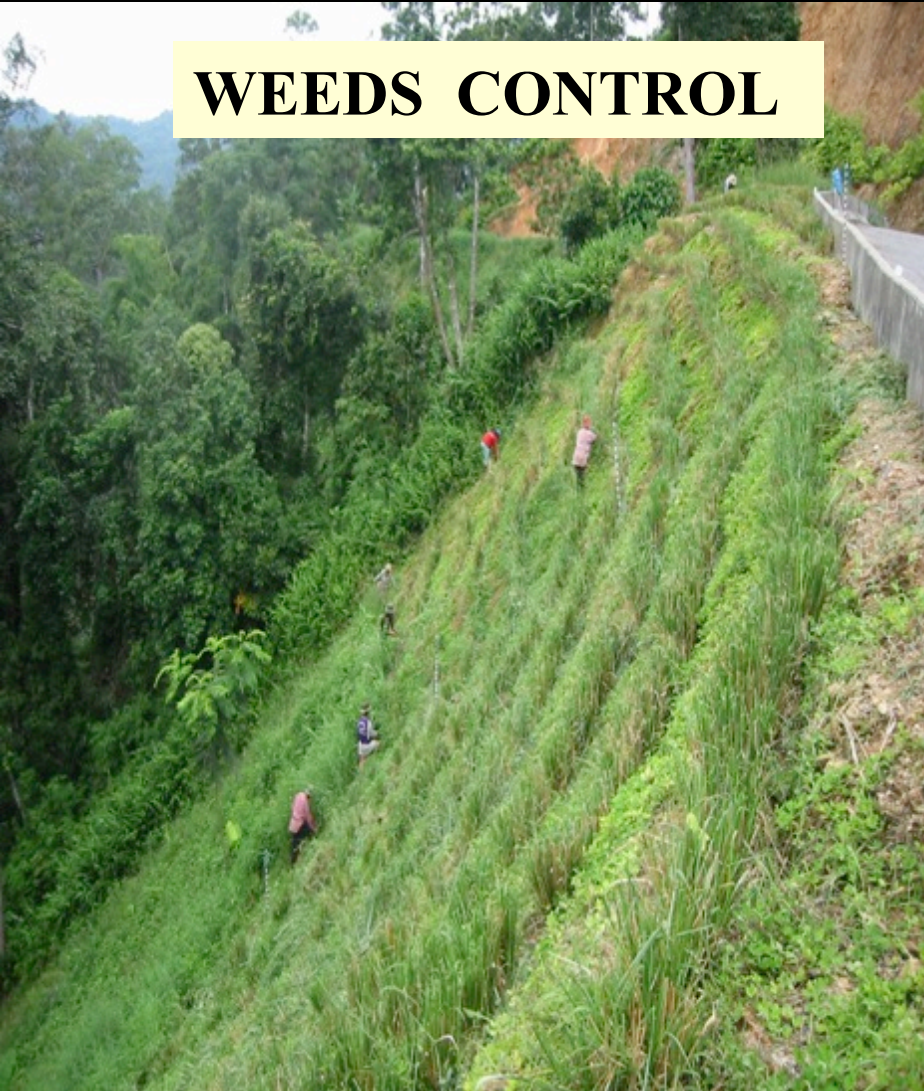
**ACTIVE TILLERS AT AGE 45-60 DAYS ( IN POLY-BAG )**



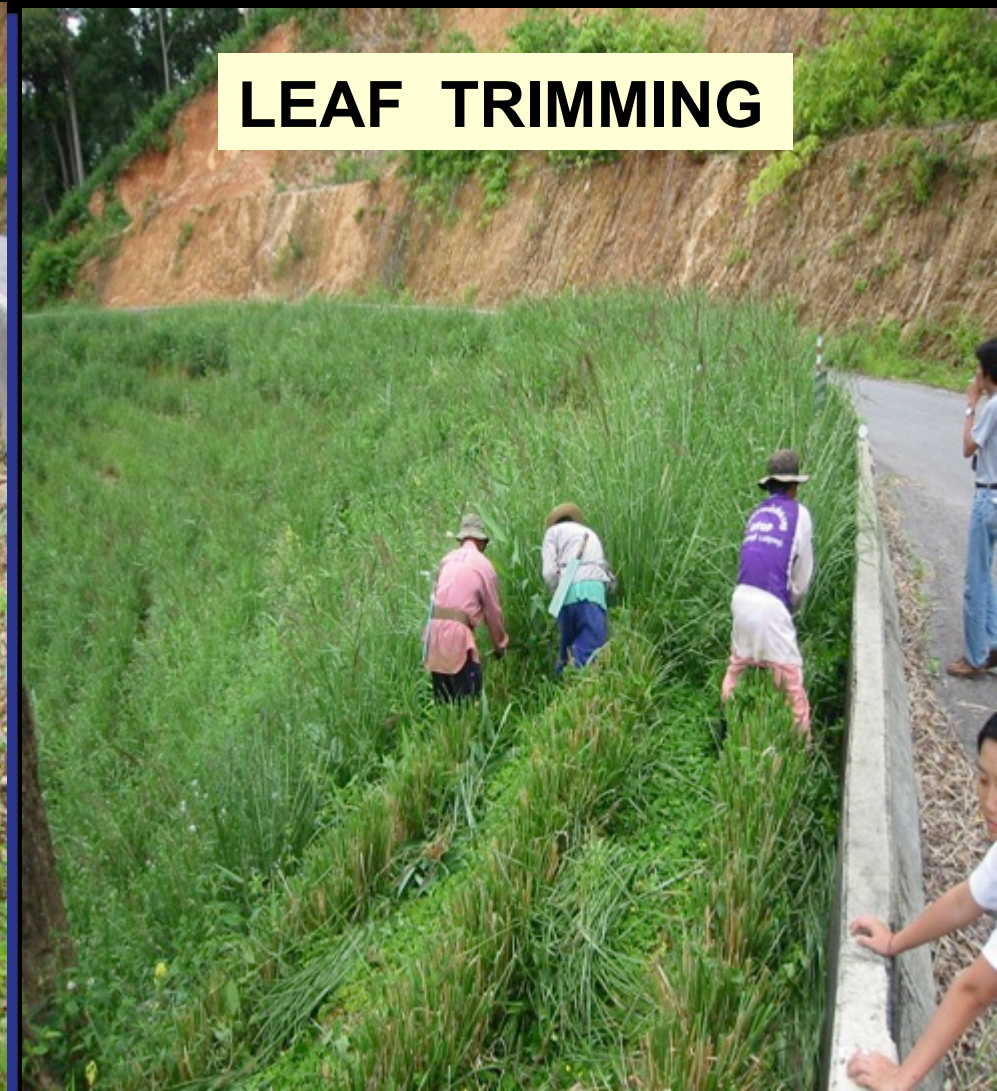
# 5.1) OPTIMUM PLANTING TECHNIQUES

## 5.1.4) MAINTENANCE OF WEED AND FERTILIZATION ARE NECESSARY FOR 1-2 YEARS AFTER PLANTING

**WEEDS CONTROL**



**LEAF TRIMMING**



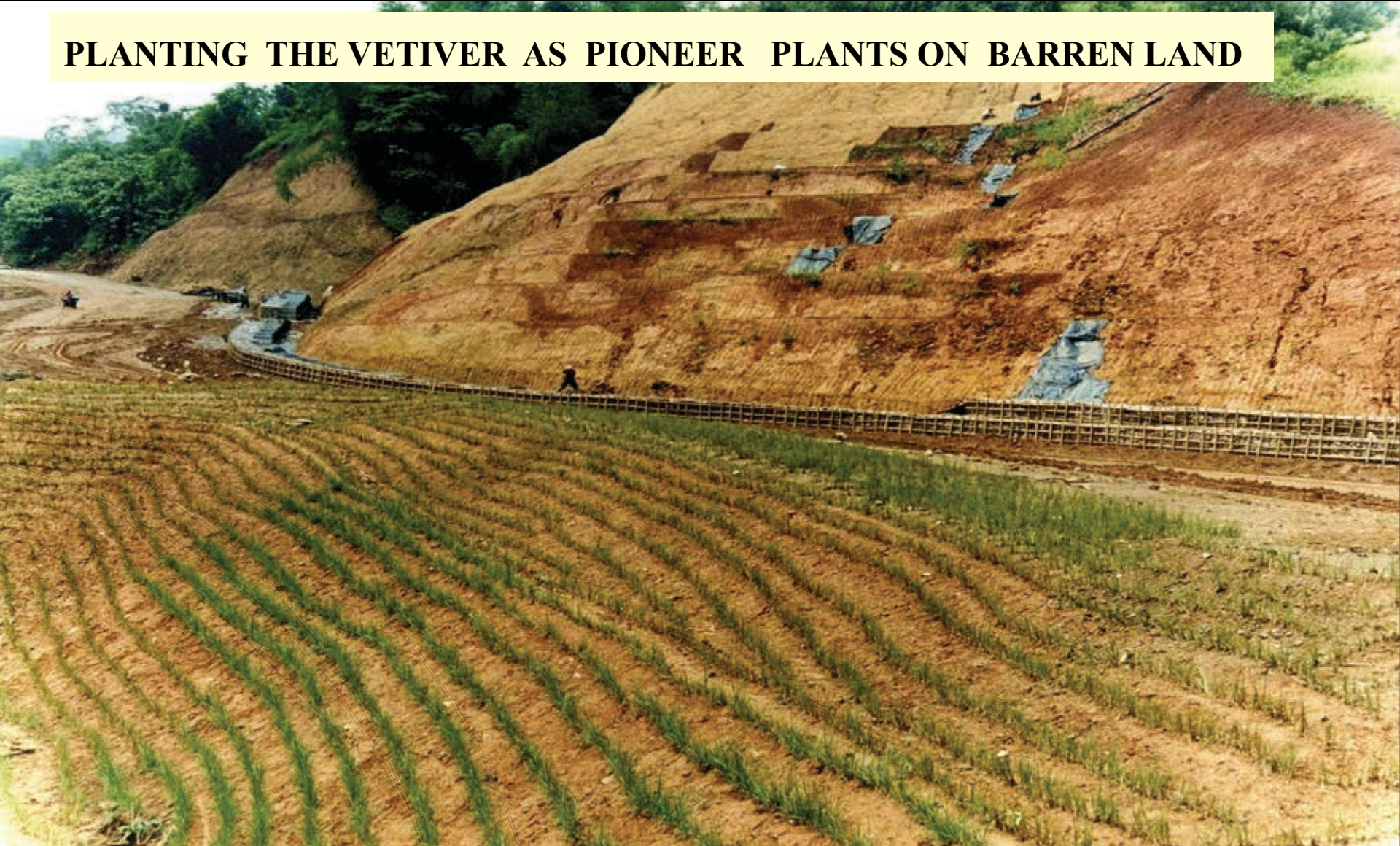


# 5) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

## 5.1 OPTIMUM PLANTING TECHNIQUES

### 5.1.5 THE EFFECT OF LAND SURFACE

PLANTING THE VETIVER AS PIONEER PLANTS ON BARREN LAND





# 5) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

## 5.1 OPTIMUM PLANTING TECHNIQUES

### 5.1.6) EFFECT OF SLOPE INCLINATION ON THE GROWTH DEVELOPMENT







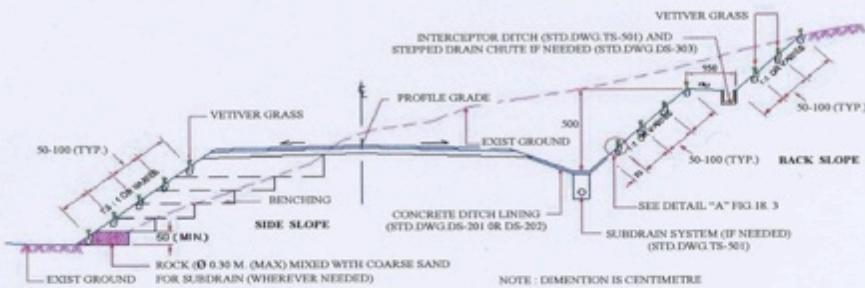
**VETIVER SLIPS CAN DEVELOPS A COMPLETELY DENSE HEDGEROW THAT TO BE EFFECTIVE FUNCTION ABLE AFTER 3-4 MONTHS**



# 5) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

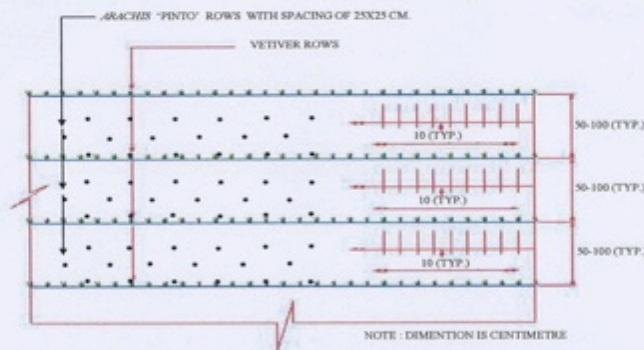
## 5.2 DRAWING: VETIVER GRASS PLANTING FOR HIGHWAYS SLOPE PROTECTION, SP- 205 / 2 ( 2006 )

Fig.18 Standard Drawing "Vetiver grass planting for highways slope protection" (2006)



- Spacing of vetiver grass rows varies from 50-100 cm. and in clump 10 cm. which depend on severe erosion problems on soils.
- Drainage system i.e. interceptor ditch, drain chute, subdrains are also necessary.

Fig.18.1 Cross-section : Vetiver grassing on back slope and side slope



- For not serious cases, planting in rows is 1.00 m. apart and in clump 10 cm spacing.
- For serious cases, planting in rows is 50 cm. apart and in clump 10 cm spacing.
- For minimal maintenance of weeds and fertilization, *Arachis 'Pinto'* is planted between the rows of vetiver.

Fig. 18.2 Plan : Vetiver grassing on back slope and side slope

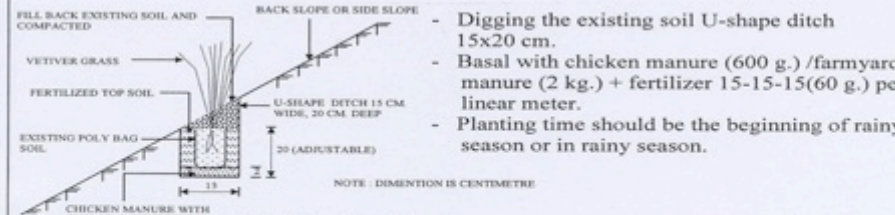
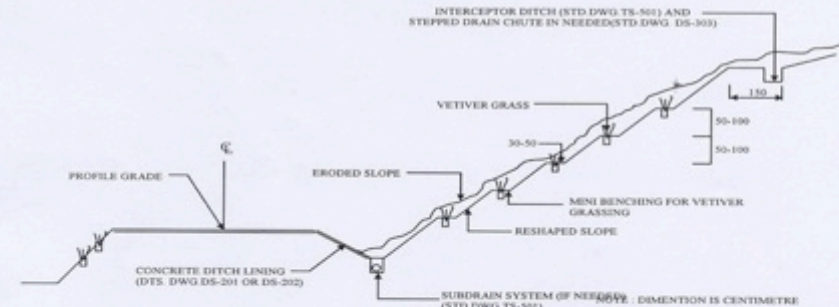


Fig.18.3 Detail "A"

- Digging the existing soil U-shape ditch 15x20 cm.
- Basal with chicken manure (600 g.) /farmyard manure (2 kg.) + fertilizer 15-15-15(60 g.) per linear meter.
- Planting time should be the beginning of rainy season or in rainy season.



- Reshape the eroded back slope
- Make mini benching 30-50 cm. wide, 50-100 cm. height
- Plant the vetiver grass on the bench
- Together with drainage systems

Fig. 18.4 Cross-section : Vetiver grassing on existing eroded back slope

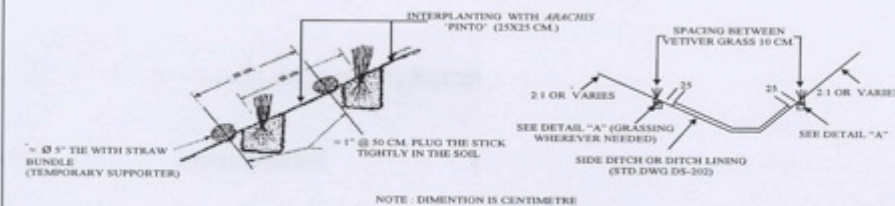


Fig. 18.5 Vetiver grassing on high erosible area and side ditch.



# **DRAWING BASED ON TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS : VETIVER GRASS PLANTING FOR HIGHWAYS SLOPE PROTECTION, SP- 205 / 2 ( 2006 )**

- 1) THE SPECIFICATION OF VETIVER TILLER**
- 2) GROUND PREPARATION AND HOLE DIGGING**
- 3) SOIL FERTILITY IMPROVEMENT**
- 4) PATTERN OF VETIVER GRASSING**
- 5) SUITABLE PERIOD FOR PLANTING**
- 6) PLANT CARING**
- 7) MAINTENANCE AFTER PLANTING**
- 8) MINIMAL MAINTENANCE ( THE VETIVER IN COMBINATION WITH *ARACHIS 'PINTOP'* )**
- 9) VETIVER GRASSING ON DEEP CUT AND HIGH FILL SLOPES**



# 5) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

## 5.3 UNIT RATES OF VETIVER GRASSING FOR HIGHWAY SLOPE PROTECTION

<b>A) GROUND PREPARATION COST</b>	<b>0.10 BAHT/ TILLER</b>
<b>B) MATERIALS COSTS</b>	<b>1.10 BAHT/ TILLER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MATERIALS FOR MULTIPLICATION IN PLASTIC BAGS</li><li>- COST OF VETIVER TILLER</li><li>- MATERIALS FOR BASAL APPLICATION</li><li>- MATERIAL FOR MAINTENANCE</li></ul>	
<b>C) LABOUR COSTS</b>	<b>1.50 BAHT/ TILLER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- LABOUR COST OF NURSERY FOR 60 DAYS</li><li>- LABOUR COST FOR PLANTING AT THE TARGET AREA</li></ul>	
<b>D) TRANSPORTATION COSTS</b>	<b>0.55 BAHT/ TILLER</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- IN CASE OF BARE ROOT SLIPS</li><li>- IN CASE OF TILLER IN PLASTIC BAG</li><li>- FROM NURSERY TO TARGET AREA</li></ul>	
<b>E) MAINTENANCE COST AFTER PLANTING</b>	<b>0.50 BAHT/ TILLER</b>
<b>F) MISCELLANEOUS COST</b>	<b>0.25 BAHT/ TILLER</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>4.00 BAHT/TILLER</b>



# 5 ) SUSTAINABLE VETIVER SYSTEM

## 5. 4 MIXED PLANTING WITH SUITABLE PLANT (*Arachis pintoi*)



DECEMBER, 2005





*Arachis pinto*

***Arachis pinto* : LEGUMINOSAE ( CREEPING FORAGE PEANUT )**  
**-1) VERY DENSE MAT-FORMING PERENNIAL ( HIGH EFFICENCY ON**  
**BLOCKING OR CONTROLING WEEDS )**  
**-- 2) BIOLOGICAL NITROGEN FIXATION ( TO FERTILE SOIL )**





**‘PINTOI’ IS A CREEPER THAT GROWS CLOSELY TO THE GROUND SURFACE AND SHADE TOLERANT CAN GROW WITH TALL GRASS AS VETIVER**





**COVERING 40 - 60 % OF AREA WITHIN 5 MONTHS**





VETIVER

*Arachis 'Pinto'*

**COVERING 80 - 90 % OF AREA WITHIN 8 - 12 MONTHS**



**THE EFFICIENCY OF  
*ARACHIS 'PINTOI'* TO  
CONTROL WEEDS ON  
ROUTE NO. 107 ( Km. 10.150 –  
Km. 10.450 )**



**MAY,  
2008**



**VETIVER**

***ARACHIS 'PINTOI'***

**1 YEAR AFTER PLANTING**



**2 YEARS AFTER PLANTING  
( MAY,**



# 6) EFFICIENCY OF EROSION CONTROL AND STABILIZATION OF HIGHWAY SLOPES

## 6.1 PROTECT THE SOIL AGAINST EROSION AND SHALLOW-SEATED FAILURE



FAILURE ARC  
(ACTIVE)



FAILURE ARC (UNACTIVE)

BEFORE STABILIZED BY  
VETIVER

AFTER STABILIZED BY  
VETIVER FOR 2 YEARS



# 6) EFFICIENCY OF EROSION CONTROL AND STABILIZATION OF HIGHWAY SLOPES

## 6.2 SLOPE OF HIGH WATERTABLE STABILIZED AGAINST EARTHFLOWS BY VETIVER

**Landslide / Earthflows**





# 6) EFFICIENCY OF EROSION CONTROL AND

## STABILIZATION OF HIGHWAY SLOPES

### 6.2 SLOPE OF HIGH WATERTABLE STABILIZED AGAINST EARTHFLOWS BY VETIVER



: Landslide / Earthflows on highway cut slope of high groundwater table and seepages ( Route No. 107 : KM. 78+500 – KM. 78+600 ).

**In 2006, the slope was stabilized with vetiver**



**6) EFFICIENCY OF EROSION CONTROL AND  
STABILIZATION OF HIGHWAY SLOPES  
6.2 SLOPE OF HIGH WATERTABLE  
STABILIZED AGAINST EARTHFLAWS BY VETIVER**

**KM. 78.500**

**KM. 78.600**

**Highway cut slope was stabilized with vetiver for stopping the earthflows ( in 2007 ).**



**6) EFFICIENCY OF EROSION CONTROL AND  
STABILIZATION OF HIGHWAY SLOPES  
6.2 SLOPE OF HIGH WATERTABLE  
STABILIZED AGAINST EARTHFLAWS**

KM. 78.500

**STABLE DRY SLOPE**

**Vetiver stopped the flowage of earthflows in 2008 .**



**VETIVER PLANTING AREA**

**NON-PLANTING VETIVER AREA**



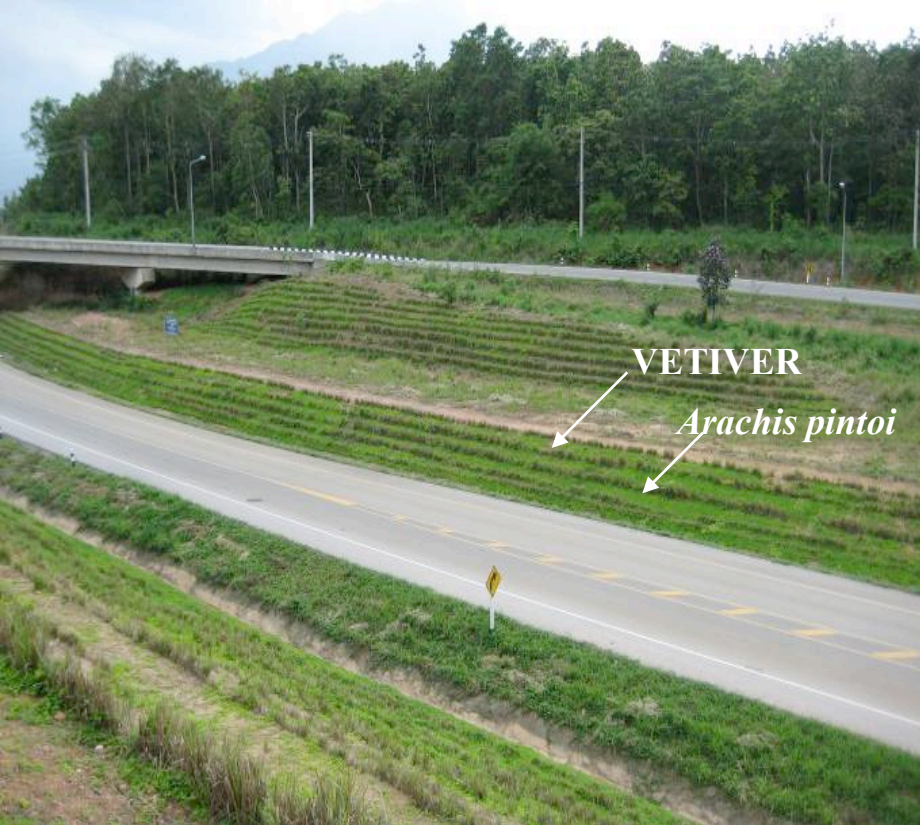
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## 7) CONCLUSIONS

### 7.1 OPTIMUM PLANTING TECHNIQUES

### 7.2 PLANTING THE VETIVER AS PIONEER PLANT ON BARREN LAND.



**7.3 ARACHIS 'PINTO' HAS EFFICIENCY TO CONTROL WEEDS.**



## 7 ) CONCLUSIONS

**7.4 VETIVER STABILIZED THE SOIL SLOPES NOT ONLY ROOT REINFORCEMENT BUT BY GETTING SOIL TO DRY BY EVAPOTRANSPIRATION .**

**7.5 VS IS AN EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR EROSION CONTROL AND STABILIZATION AGAINST EROSION, SHALLOW-SEATED FAILURE AND EARTHFLAWS ( SLOW MOVEMENT OF SATURATED SOILS ).**





## 7.6) VS IS MULTI-TECHNOLOGY



VETIVER

VETIVER

MSE WALL

VETIVER

VETIVER SYSTEM WAS APPLIED WITH MSE WALL ON  
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ROUTE NO. 11

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A photograph of a grassy hillside. At the top of the hill, there is a concrete retaining wall. Above the wall is a rocky cliff face. The hillside is covered in green grass, with some rows of grass appearing to be planted in a grid pattern. There are several trees on the left side of the hill. The text "THANK YOU" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, serif font.

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