













USE OF VETIVER GRASS IN ORGANIC CULTIVATION OF AROMATIC CROPS

A 35 Acre Certified Orgainc Aromatic Farm

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WHY ORGANIC?

- ✓ Even during unsure economic times, parts of the organic industry are still enjoying double-digit growth
- ✓ The fastest burgeoning part of the organic industry is in personal care, which of course, includes fragrances
- ✓ Potentially this represents major opportunities for manufacturers of organic essential oils
- ✓ Aroma chemicals will eventually fall into the category of products, which, as they become available as organic

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District: Mahasamund (South-West)



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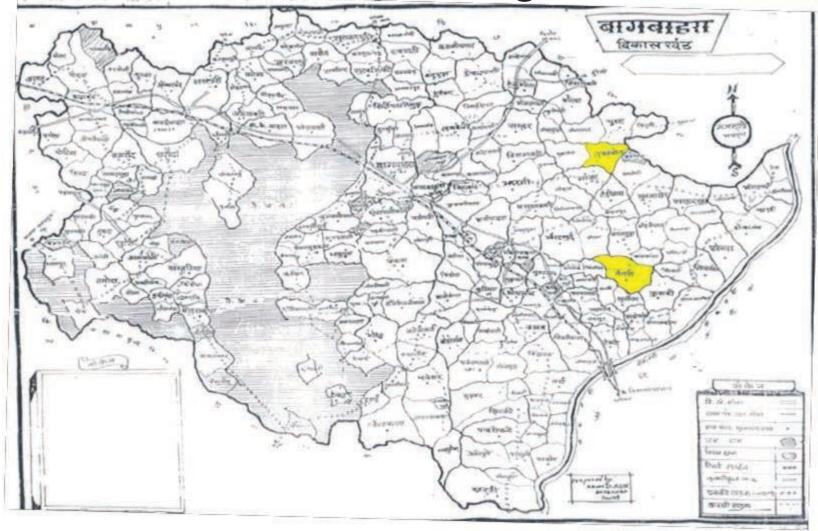


Tehsil: Baghbhara



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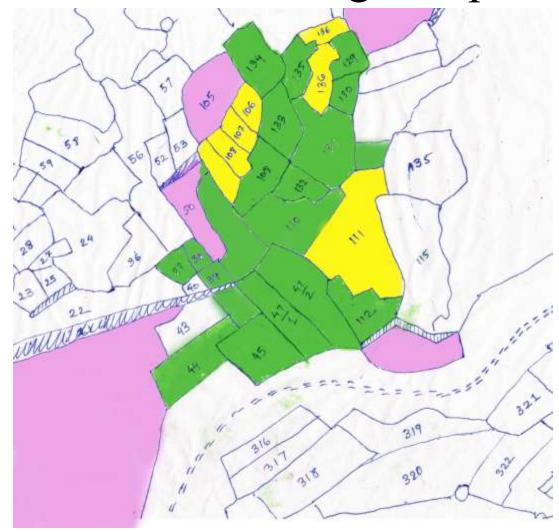
Block Map of Baghbhara







Revenue Village Map



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Farm as on 7th June 2009











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During preliminary inspection of our farm in June 2009 the inspector indentified the following shortcomings in the land which we wanted to certify.

- ✓ The run-off water during monsoon led to large amount of earth being washed off in an adjacent water body.
- ✓ Presence of paddy fields in the vicinity which uses synthetic pesticide/fertilizer inputs posed a threat of cross contamination







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Leveling of land effected by erosion



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Portion of farm affected by erosion



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Vetiver Plantation in Process



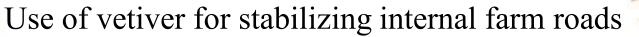
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Vetiver Plantation on effected land





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Same plot after 1 year



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1 Year Old vetiver harvested





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Planting Material raised in plastic bags



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Planting material raised in sacks



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Vetiver used near septic tank











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Boundary between farm and adjacent paddy fields









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CONCLUSION

Use of vetiver thus enabled us overcome the following shortcomings which came in the way of certification process whereby granting our farm organic status in June 2010

- ✓ Vetiver reclaimed the entire patch of land which was prone to erosion by holding back the earth which otherwise got washed away in the nearby water body. It not only benefitted us also curtailed the recurring expense which gram panchayat used to spend on increasing the depth of pond every year.
- ✓ In presence of an inorganic field one has to keep a buffer zone of 50 m in order to avoid contamination however vetiver plantation on the borders were convincing enough to the inspector as a barrier which would act as a firewall between the fields.

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