



VEEP/VS EbA Training Programme Opening

Overview Intro to VEEP, Vetiver Grass and Plant Preparation

Canaries, Saint Lucia

18th August 2021

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BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

Join The EbA Project in St Lucia!



Do you face challenges of soil movement, erosion or land slippage affecting your property, agricultural land, or infrastructure?



Join the 2-week Vetiver training and field implementation programme in Canaries!



*Four (4) days per week
17th August - 27th August*



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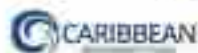
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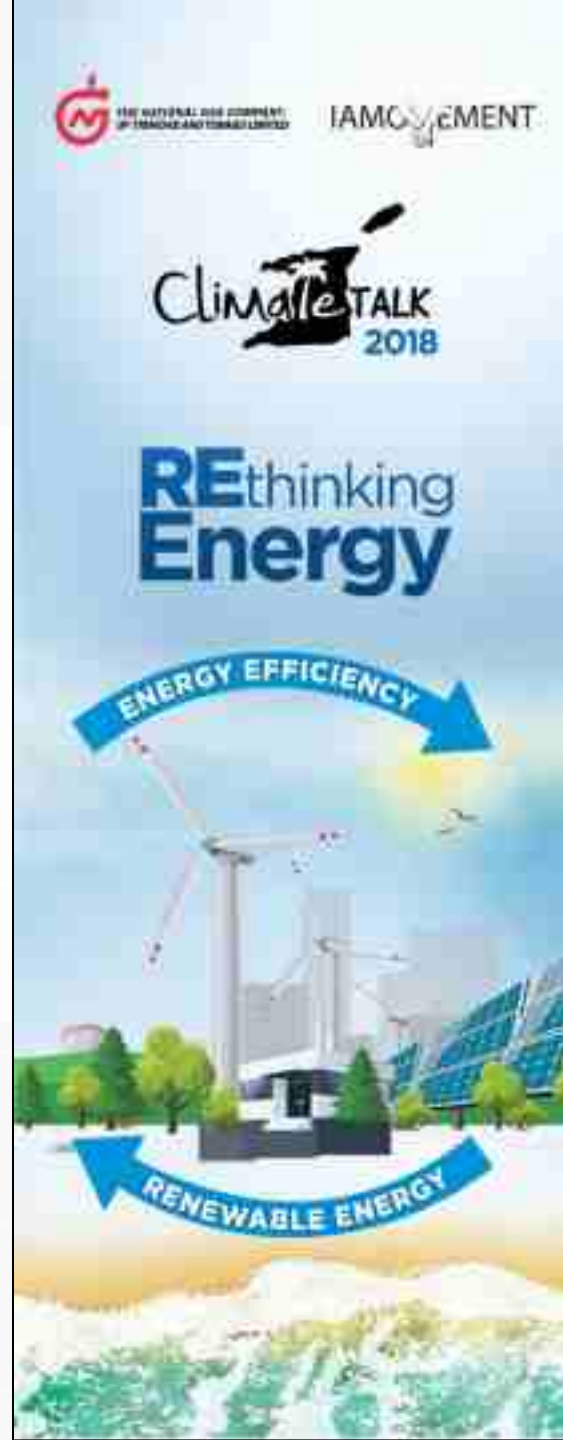
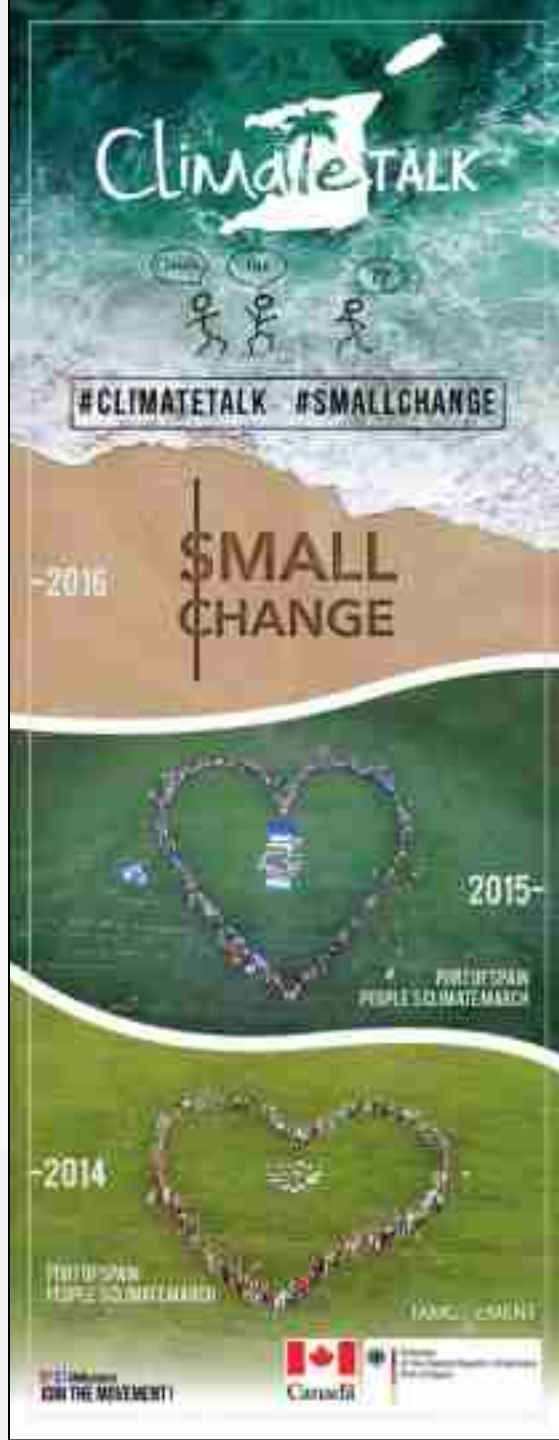
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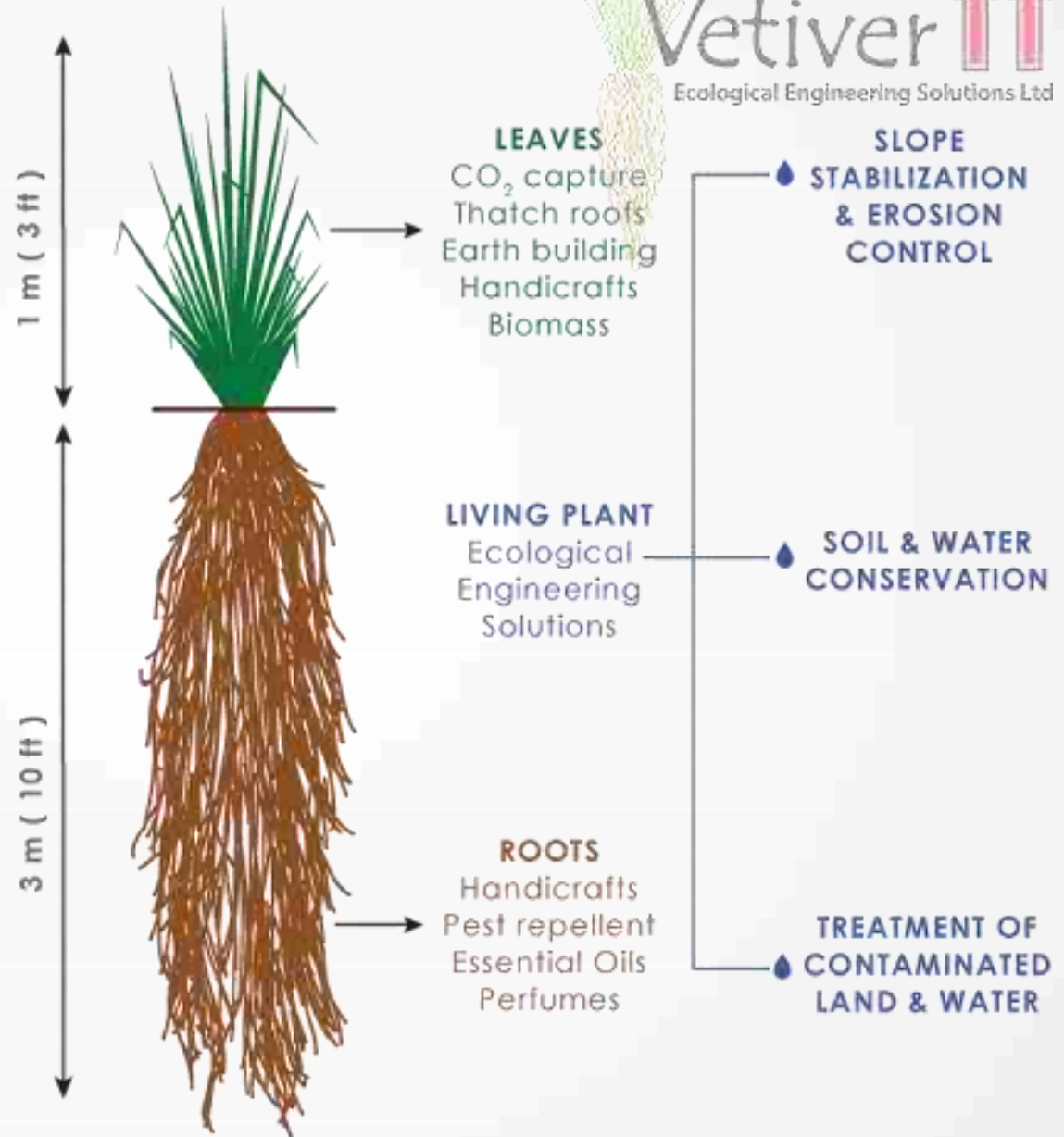








What is Vetiver Grass and the Vetiver System (VS)?



Growing Impact of REthinking



video series



ILU booklets

Energy efficiency, Cost-savings, Socio-Economic Impacts: Speaking the same language as key change agents

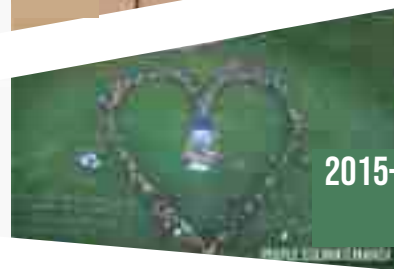
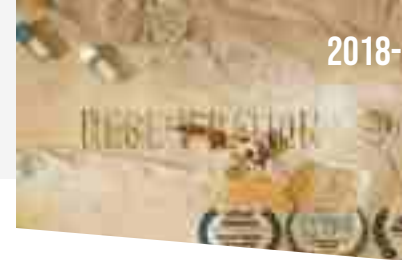
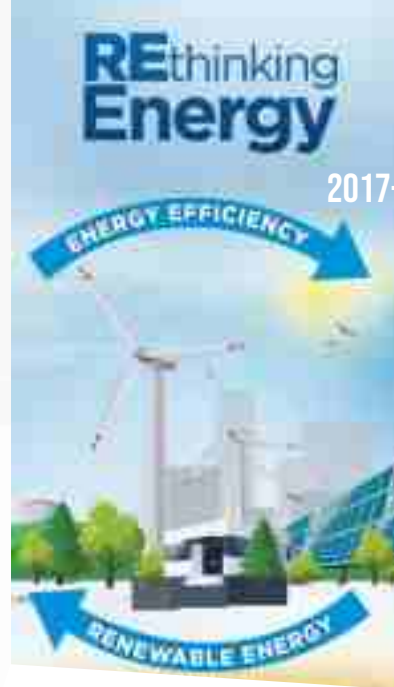
YEARS

of Climate
Mitigation &

Climate Adaptation

Projects, Tools, Skillsets

& Networks



Partnerships



What is the Vetiver Education & Empowerment Project (VEEP)?

“VEEP is a tried and tested model or approach to introduce the Vetiver System (VS) to communities where it can benefit”

The Vetiver Education & Empowerment Project (VEEP) Model

- *Identification of key project implementing partner(s)/ individual(s)*
- *Selection of project participants*
- *Establishment of vetiver nurseries*
- *Carrying out of technical project training modules (classroom and field)*
- *Project site selections and carrying out of for Vetiver System (VS-EbA) interventions*
- *Carrying out vetiver handicraft making and developing training*
- *Co-creation of educational material with the local project leads/NGO (e.g. project brochure)*
- *Production of short educational videos and/or high-quality documentary film*
- *Green business development and livelihood opportunities*

Recognition of VEEP



The Commonwealth



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Building on Vetiver!



ME-WE-GREEN PROGRAMME COMMUNITIES

1. Lopinot

2. Cedros/Icacos

3. Moruga and Environs

4. East Port of Spain

5. Santa Cruz

6. Paramin, Cameron & Diego Martin

7. Brasso Seco & Environs

8. Forres Park and Environs



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Are you located in **Lopinot**?



Do you face challenges of soil movement, erosion or land slippage affecting your property, agricultural land, or infrastructure?



Are you interested in learning how to make vetiver handicrafts?



If so, send us an email or whatsapp,
and visit our Facebook + IG pages

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Are you located in **Cedros/Icacos**?



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 Are you located in **Moruga and Environs?**

 Do you face challenges of soil movement, erosion or land slippage affecting your property, agricultural land, or infrastructure?


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 Are you located in **East Port of Spain?**

 Do you face challenges of soil movement, erosion or land slippage affecting your property, agricultural land, or infrastructure?

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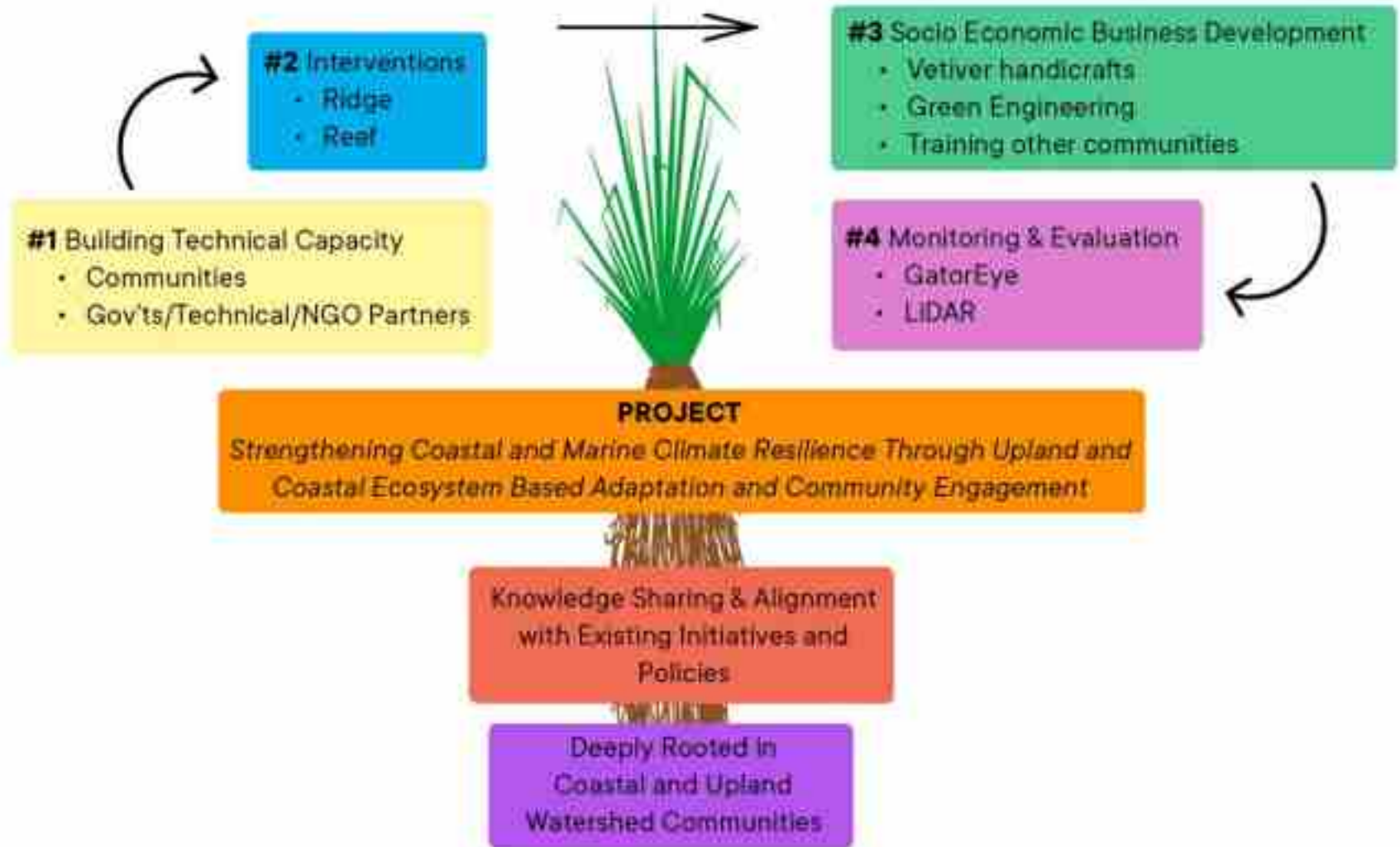


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“Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Eco-System Base Adaptation and Community Engagement”



Project Components and Approach



“Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Eco-System Base Adaptation and Community Engagement”

IICA-CBF EbA Project: Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Community Engagement

Climate Resilience: *adaptation is a must for island survival!*



Preserving coastal & marine eco-systems health: *an absolute must for SIDS!*



EbA Solutions: *what's goes on upland (poor farming practices) must come down!*



Community participation & ownership: *involving local communities in implementation - key to success & sustainability*



Observation & Monitoring: *critical to mainstream EbA solutions*



“Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Eco-System Base Adaptation and Community Engagement”

Ecosystem Based Adaptation (EbA)



“VEEP/VS-EbA solutions”

Anse La Raye Quarry - Saint Lucia



Canaries River-mouth - Saint Lucia





Petite Soufriere



Inland Roads - Dominica



Kalinago Territory - Dominica



Kalinago Territory - Dominica



***Dominica:**
Landslides and
floods triggered by
Hurricane Maria
(18 September,
2017)*



*Hurricane Maria
'triggered 9,960
landslides in
Dominica'*

Cooke Landfill - Antigua



Cooke Landfill - Antigua



L'Anse Fourmi - Tobago



Charlotteville - Tobago



Delaforde RC School - Tobago



Speyside High School Wetland - Tobago



VEEP/VS Training Programmes

| | | 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2022 | | | |
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| | | July | | | | Aug | | | | Sept | | | | Oct | | | | Nov | | | | Dec | | | | Jan | | | |
| Saint Lucia | Handicraft Training | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | VS-EbA Training | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dominica | Handicraft Training | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | VS-EbA Training | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tobago | Handicraft Training | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | VS-EbA Training | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Antigua | Handicraft Training | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | VS-EbA Training | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Core Handicrafts Training Programme

Core Vetiver System (VS) Training Programme

VS-EbA Implementation + Maintenance/Establishment Period

TRAINING AGENDA



IAMovement VEEP/VS-EbA Training Programme Agenda - Saint Lucia

Listing of Programme Training Topics

Week 1 (17th - 20th August)

| DAY | Sessions Plan and Topics | Session Times/Length | Training Dates |
|-----|---|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | <i>Morning:</i> Arrivals, Project Training Opening and Intro to vetiver grass and Vetiver System (VS) | 9:30 am - 12 pm (2.5-hrs) | 17-Aug |
| | <i>Afternoon:</i> Field visits to see nurseries, quantify stock, learn and understand plant propagation, and commence plant preparation activities | 1 pm - 4 pm (3-hrs) | |
| 2 | <i>Morning:</i> Learning technical methods for VS design and installation; individual sites design and discussions; making an A-frame | 9 am - 12 pm (3-hrs) | 18-Aug |
| | <i>Afternoon:</i> Site visits to various sites in Canaries to jointly assess and design; continuation of plant preparation activities; creation of plants storage sand-bed | 1 pm - 4 pm (3-hrs) | |
| 3 | <i>Morning:</i> Green business training session, discussion of opportunities; field planning concepts + checklist, and preliminary planning of Week-2 activities | 9 am - 12 pm (3-hrs) | 19-Aug |
| | <i>Afternoon:</i> Site assessment and design planning visit to Anse La Raye quarry with full participants group, and other relevant sites along the way | 1 pm - 4 pm (3-hrs) | |
| 4 | <i>Morning:</i> Joint planning to finalize field plan for week-2 with field team rostant/schedule; Field training at target site(s) in Canaries; including designing with A-frame, plotting for VS installation | 9 am - 12 pm (3-hrs) | 20-Aug |
| | <i>Afternoon:</i> Completion of VS installation after completing design during morning period, at target site(s) in Canaries | 1 pm - 4 pm (3-hrs) | |

TRAINING AGENDA



IAMovement VEEP/VS-EbA Training Programme Agenda - Saint Lucia

Listing of Programme Training Topics

Week 2 (23rd - 27th August)

| DAY | Sessions Plan and Topics | Session Times/Length | Training Dates |
|-----|---|----------------------|----------------|
| 5 | VS Design and Installation Activities by CCIF Field Team (Foreman, Logistical Support, Participants sub-group) at target site(s) in Canaries; and visit by IAM-IICA-CCIF technical members to Choc Bay potential sites | 9 am - 4 pm | 23-Aug |
| 6 | VS Design and Installation Activities by CCIF Field Team (Foreman, Logistical Support, Participants sub-group) at Anse La Raye Quarry | 9 am - 4 pm | 25-Aug |
| 7 | VS Design and Installation Activities by CCIF Field Team (Foreman, Logistical Support, Participants sub-group) at Anse La Raye Quarry + any other relevant sites in Anse La Raye and/or Canaries, Anse La Verdue, etc | 9 am - 4 pm | 26-Aug |
| 8 | VS Design and Installation Activities by CCIF Field Team (Foreman, Logistical Support, Participants sub-group) at Choc Bay select target site(s); assessment at any other relevant sites; VS Specialist joint planning with CCIF of 2021 Field VS Installation and Maintenance Activity Agenda moving forward | 9 am - 4 pm | 27-Aug |

Videos + Short Documentary film

Filmmaker: Lawrence Dupuis

Vetiver grass nurseries: plant preparation





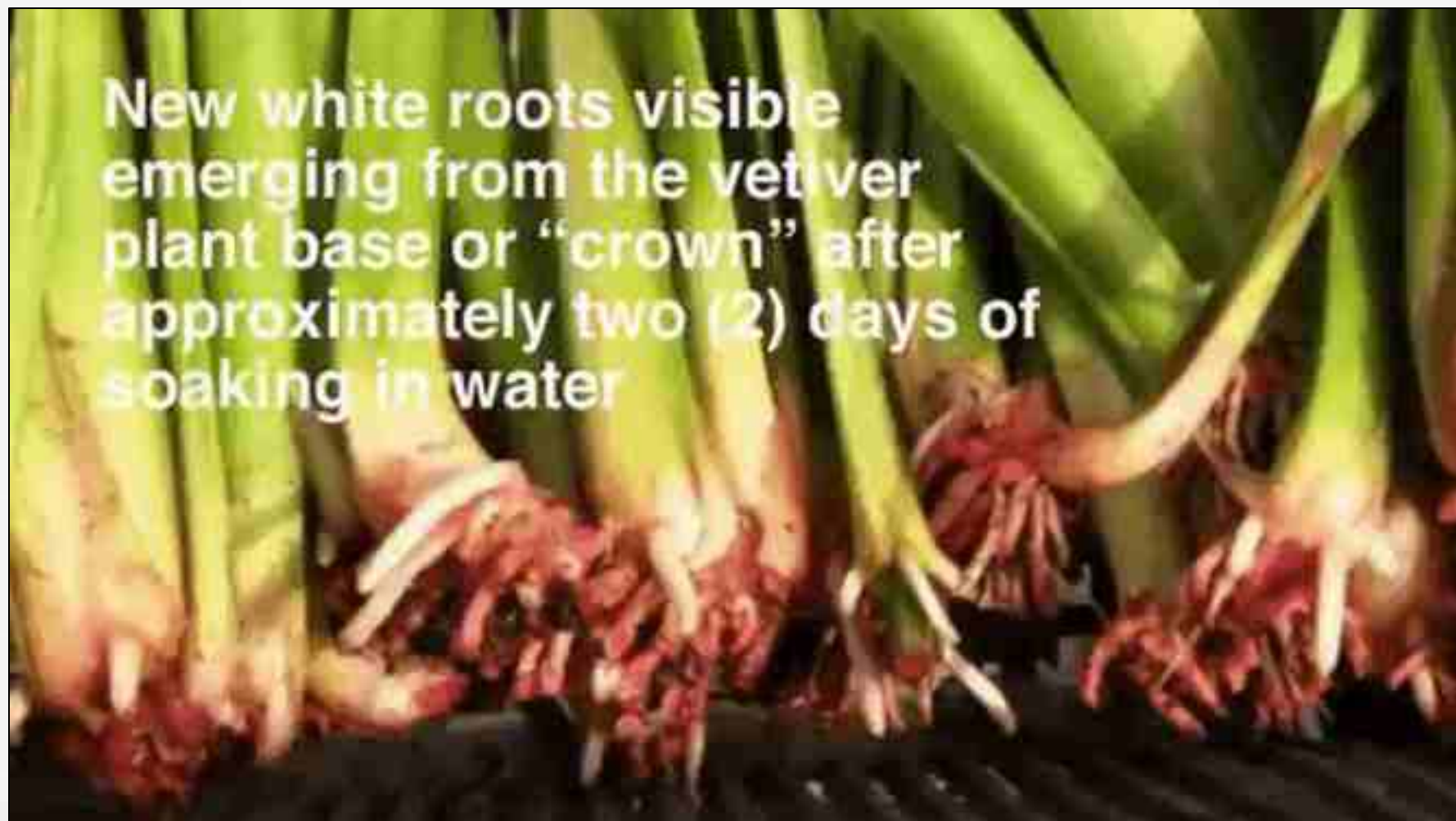
New vetiver plant (slips) cut with cutlass on piece of wood (10 cm or 4 inches length, 1 inch roots), and placed to soak in container for 2-3 days to stimulate new root growth



New vetiver plant (slips) bundles of 20 plants each, soaking in water basins for 2 days to stimulate new root growth



New white roots emerging after 2 days soaking in water



Short video



Thank you!

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VEEP + the Vetiver System (VS) Case Studies + Best Practices

Canaries, Saint Lucia

19th August 2021

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Vetiver Education & Empowerment Project (VEEP)



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THE VEEP PROJECT

Project participants discovered that the deep and strong root system of vetiver grass made it useful for solving issues of:

- Land slippage and erosion
- Property damage
- Loss of habitat
- Loss of agricultural land
- Infrastructure damage (roads, culverts, etc.)
- Safety of walking paths
- Other damages caused by uncontrolled rainfall runoff

Participants also learned many ways in which the vetiver system (VSS) can bring added value to agricultural lands, including:

- Sediment and fossil capture
- Natural fence formation
- Moisture retention and weed control through mulching of vetiver leaves
- Organic matter for forest rebuilding through mulching of vetiver leaves
- Slowdown and spreading of rainfall runoff to improve soil structure and groundwater recharge

In addition, participants also learned how to make various handicrafts using the leaves and roots of the vetiver plant.

VETIVER GRASS CRAFTS



Vetiver hat by Maureen Carreras

Handicrafts which can be made using **vetiver grass** leaves include mats, baskets and chairs.

The **roots** can also be used to make fragrant non-bonfires and Christmas ornaments.



Vetiver root ornaments by Ruth



WATER IS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE RESOURCES. WITHOUT IT WE WOULD BE LIVING ON MARSH.



FOR HILLSIDE PARAMIN COMMUNITIES, GOOD WATER MANAGEMENT MEANS:

- ✓ Managing the flow of water to prevent damage to land and property
- ✓ Retaining water on the land as much as possible in a safe way, to build soil moisture and promote ground water recharge

- WATER -

IF NOT MANAGED RIGHT, CAN BE SO DANGEROUS
IF MANAGED RIGHT, CAN BE SO GOOD



Participants installing the Vetiver System (VS) on three hillside agricultural projects in Paramin.

PARAMIN COMMUNITY MEMBERS MAY SOURCE VETIVER PLANTS FROM COMMUNITY NURSERIES UNTIL AUGUST 2019

INDONESIA (PHONE NO.): 329-2557 / 329-2557 (LA PRINCE): 323-2148
CHINA (JIAN): 485-0447 / 329-2557 (PMU): 323-2148

THE PARAMIN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC) MAY RE-CONTACTED BY: 329-2557

VETIVER IT MAY BE CONTACTED AT:
329-2557 | info.vetiverit@gmail.com
www.vetiverit.com



THE VETIVER EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (VEEP) FOR PARAMIN 2016-2017

The Vetiver Education & Empowerment Project (VEEP) was carried out to introduce the Vetiver System (VS) to Paramin as a simple, green and cost-effective tool to solve many Land and Water related challenges.



Paramin Development Committee (PDC) VEEP Project School & Earth Building Workshop in Hilmand, Paramin



This brochure was created to capture and share what was learned at the project with others in the Paramin community who would also like to benefit through use of the Vetiver System (VSS).

VEEP VS TRAINING PROGRAMME GOALS



To ensure that:

1. Participants have an in-depth understanding about vetiver grass and the Vetiver System (VS), and wider community awareness about the benefits of vetiver also grows
2. Participants gain hands on training experience and capacity with vetiver plant preparation, propagation and installation according to Vetiver System (VS) best practices
3. VS interventions commenced or completed at first set of identified project sites in Saint Lucia
4. CCIF VS EbA field team trained and outfitted to move forward with installation and maintenance programme during the remainder of 2021
5. Greater understanding by all on green business opportunities and foundations laid for VS green business development

Needs in Saint Lucia?

What is the Vetiver System (VS)?

“A cost-effective green infrastructure solution to tackle a wide range of soil and water related challenges”

Watch short introductory video here to learn about vetiver and the Vetiver System (VS):

<https://vimeo.com/283084349/893e726b2a>

The Vetiver System (VS) refers to the correct implementation of vetiver grass through a systematic approach to achieve these benefits

This entails the most effective and successful methods for:

- *Project planning and design depending on needs*
- *Land preparation*
- *Contour plotting and correct installation*
- *Inter-cropping*
- *Maintenance during establishment and long term upkeep of the hedgerows*
- *Integration of other vetiver uses for further socio-economic benefits and to support VS application sustainability*

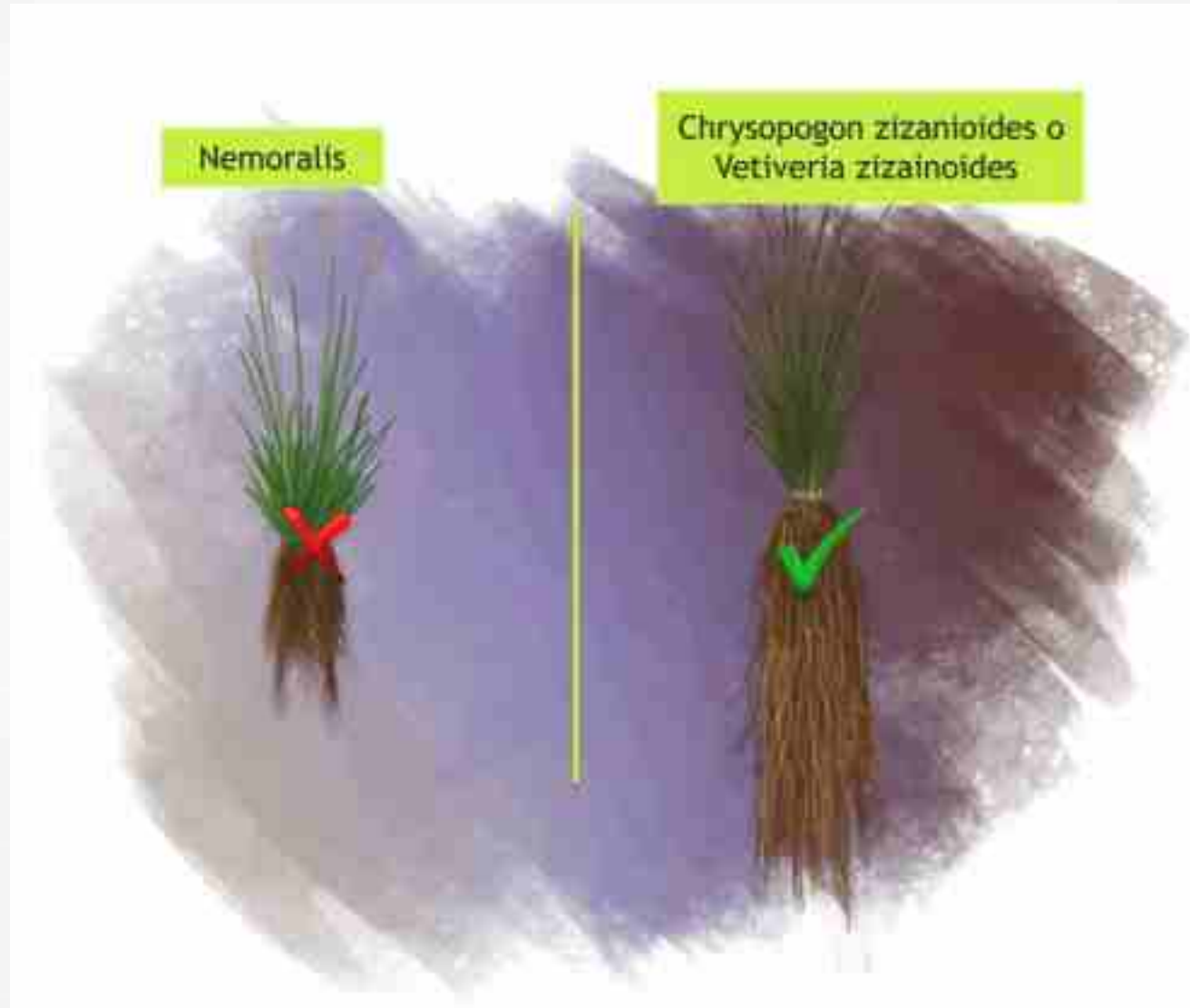
The Vetiver System (VS): Facts + Benefits

- ✓ *Vetiver roots can grow up to 10-ft deep in first 2 years*
- ✓ *Deep and fibrous root system make for powerful soil stabilization tool, proven to increase shear strength by up to 40%*
- ✓ *As a commercial solution, VS can replace alternative hard-engineered infrastructure (walls, rock baskets) in certain cases and presents approx. cost (\$) savings of 80%*
- ✓ *Vetiver grass certified non-invasive by USDA (must be propagated and installed manually and maintained during establishment)*
- ✓ *Powerful phytoremediator for treatment of contaminated water/soil (heavy metals, nutrients, etc.)*
- ✓ *Requires propagation and planting by hand (cannot be spread by seed); and therefore requires strong manual-human inputs, and through this creates livelihood opportunities*

CORRECT SPECIES – *Chrysopogon zizanioides*

Certified Non-Invasive by the USDA

(produces no viable seed and has no running stolons)



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X *Chrysopogon nemoralis*



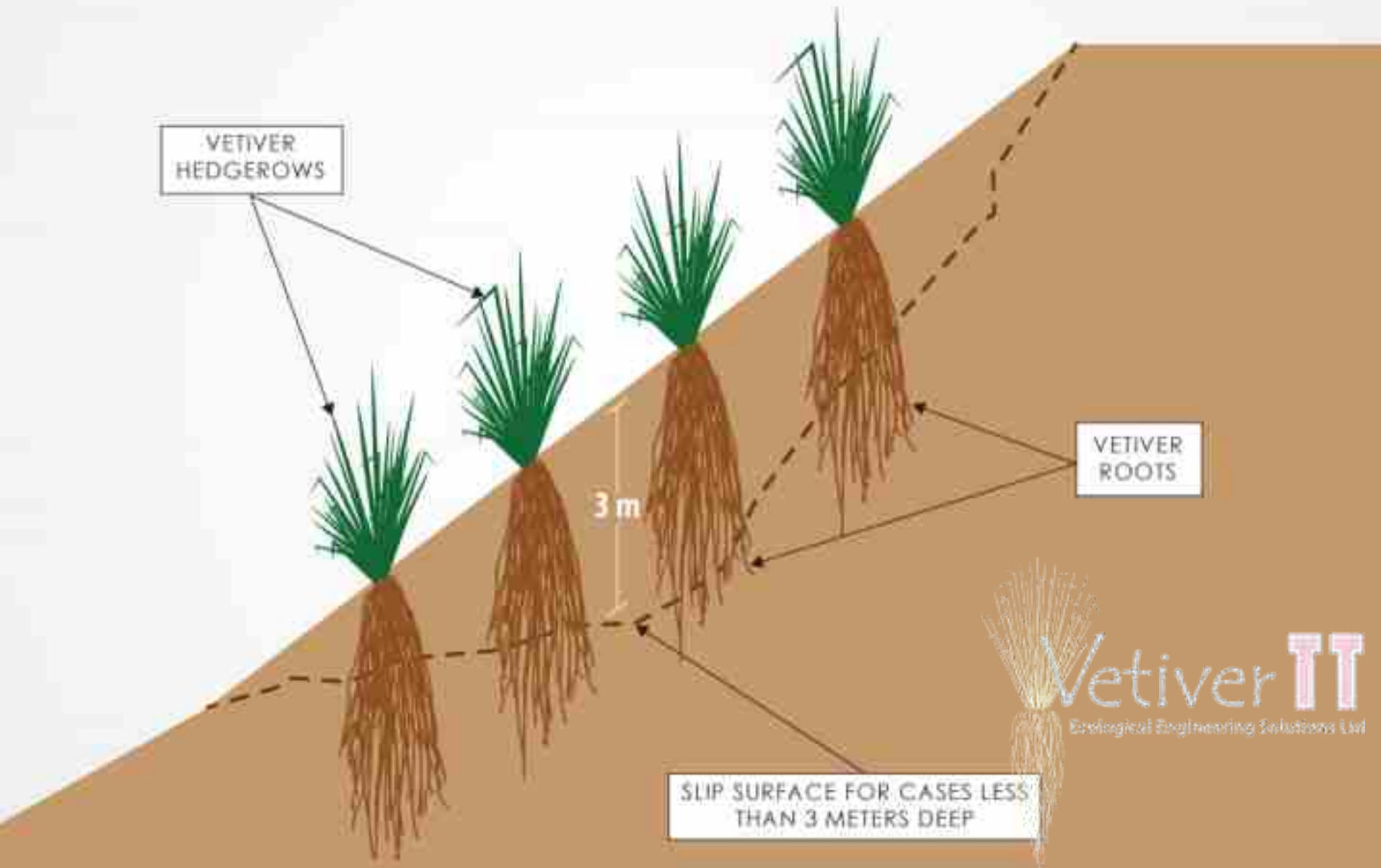
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How does the Vetiver System (VS) work as a soil/water bioengineering tool?

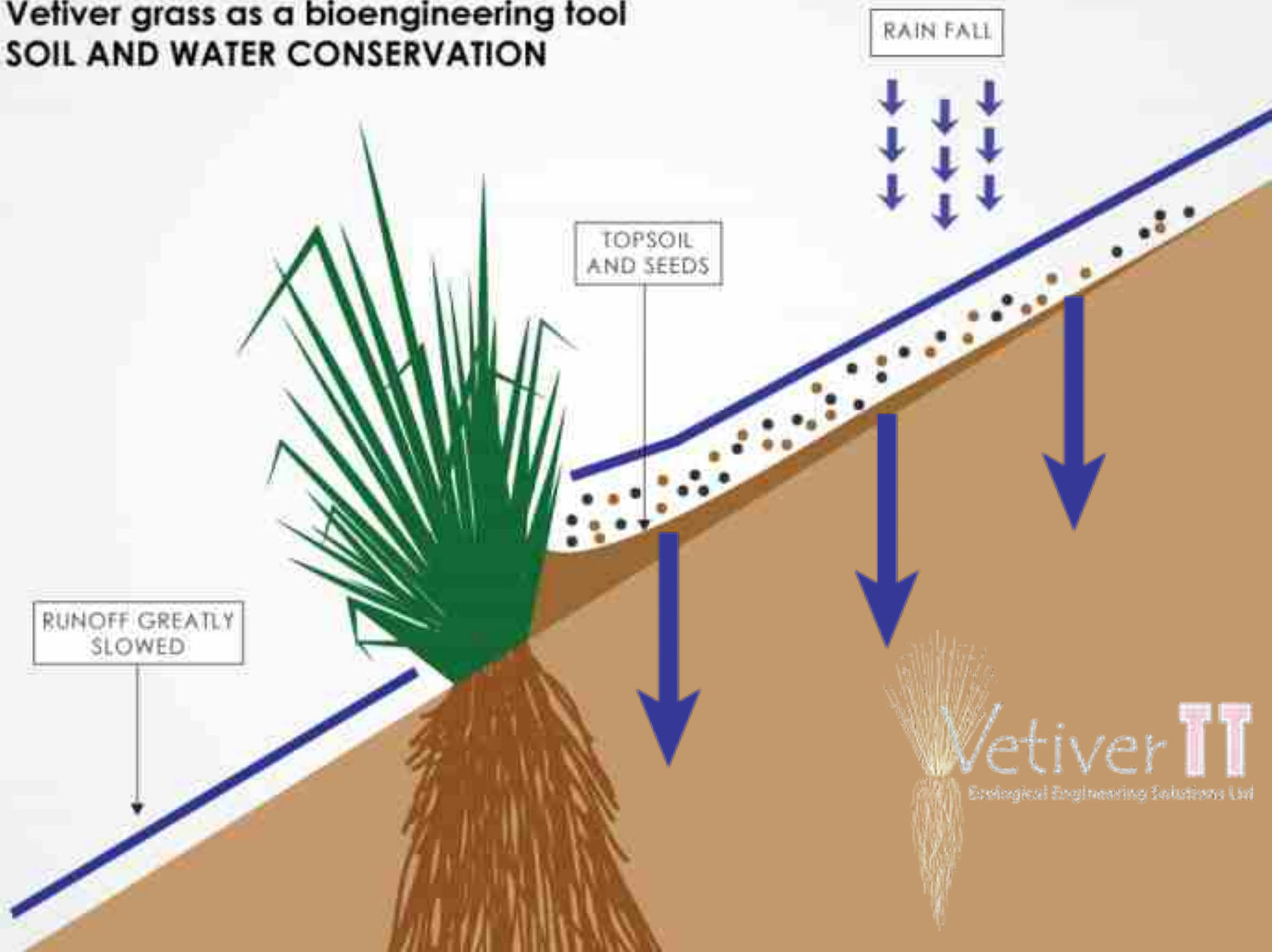
Vetiver grass as a bioengineering tool

SLOPE STABILIZATION



Vetiver grass as a bioengineering tool

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION



Topsoil retention behind vetiver hedgerow



Natural terracing occurs

Erosion & Sediment Control



Brian Lara Stadium (incorrect vetiver installation)



Eroding slopes

Drains facing sedimentation

Phytoremediation

(treatment of contaminated lands and water)



Can absorb very large amounts of nutrients N, P and organic contaminants and thrive in very toxic conditions, absorbing heavy metals





- ✓ Coliforms
- ✓ Phosphorus
- ✓ Nitrogen

| Heavy Metals |
|---------------|
| Arsenic (As) |
| Cadmium (Cd) |
| Copper (Cu) |
| Chromium (Cr) |
| Lead (Pb) |
| Mercury (Hg) |
| Nickel (Ni) |
| Selenium (Se) |
| Zinc (Zn) |



Vetiver System (VS)
phytoremediation in
constructed wetlands

Sapote Clays



Road and Infrastructure Protection

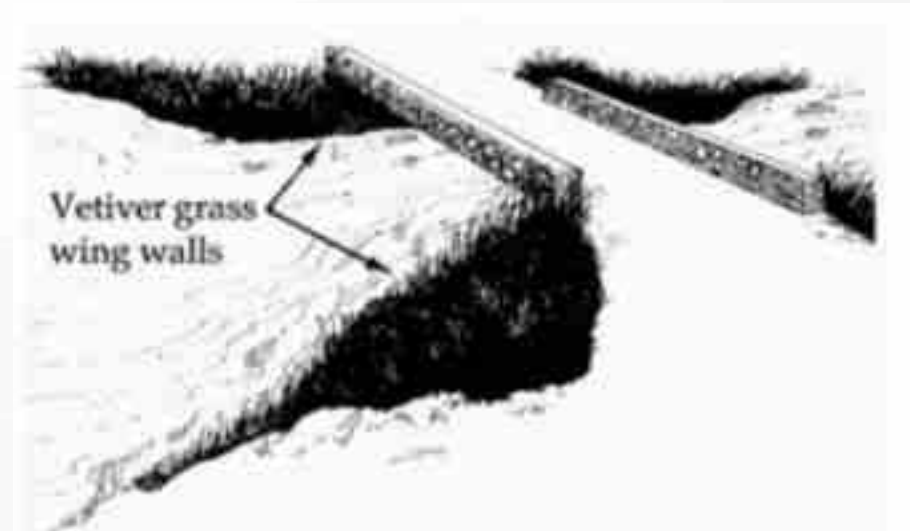
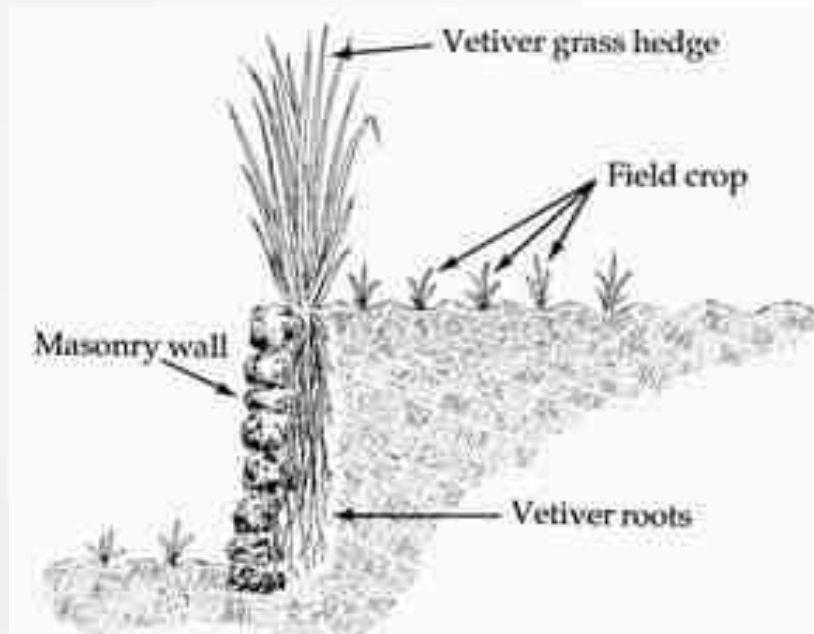


El Salvador - concrete/vetiver interface

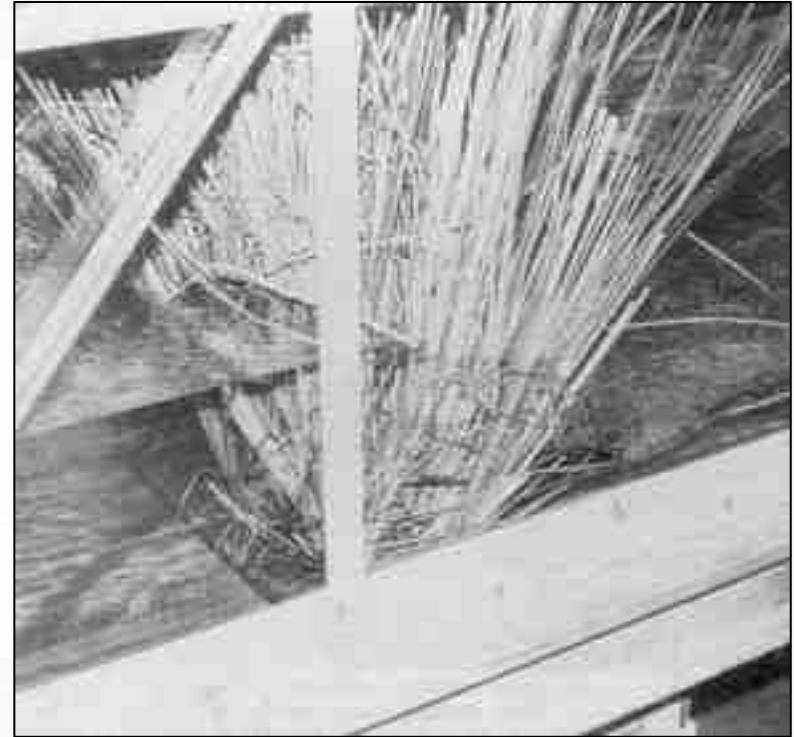
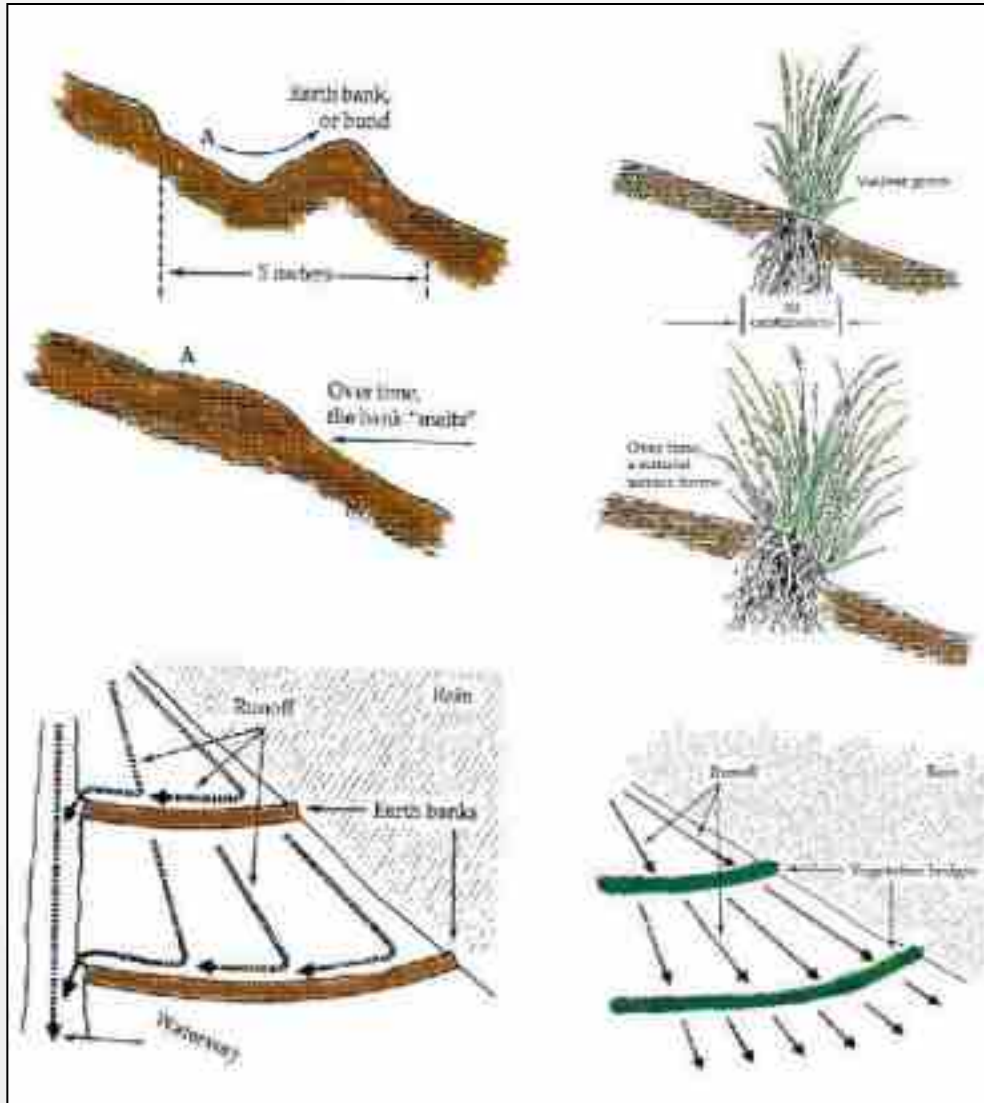


Australia, Queensland - Vetiver used to stabilize this fill slope

Infrastructure protection

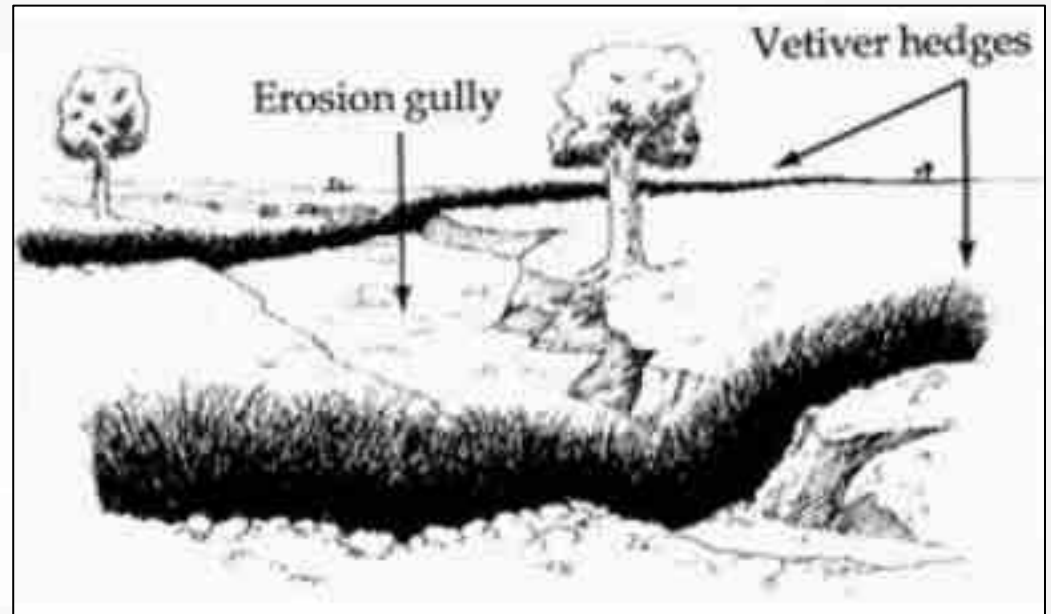
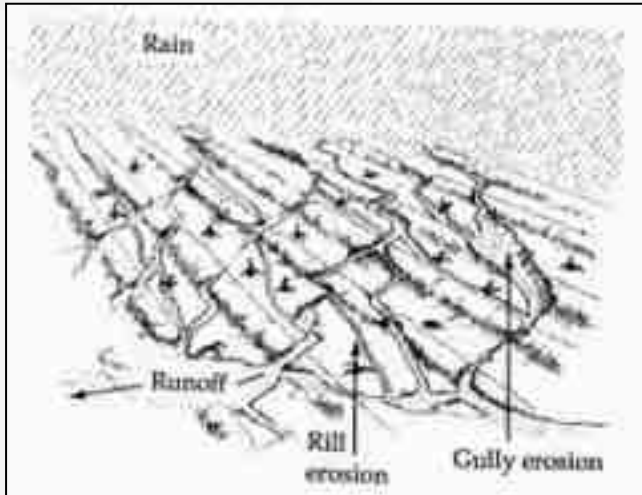


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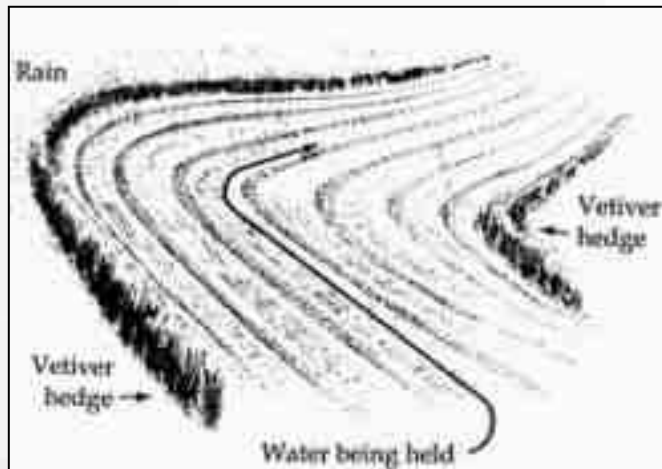


**Soil & Water
Conservation**

REPAIRING EROSION GULLIES AND PREVENTING FUTURE ONES

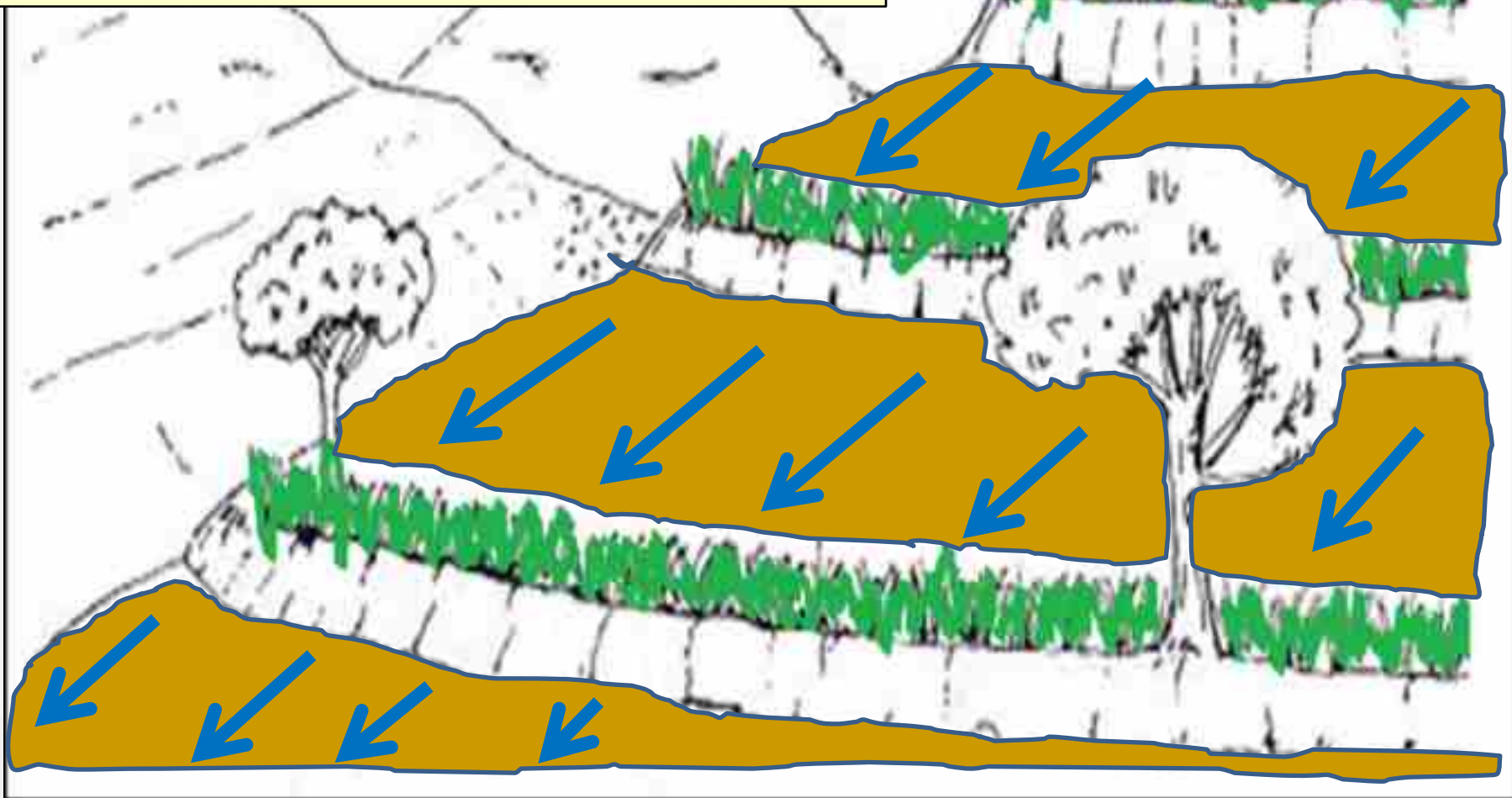


DISTRIBUTING WATER EVENLY ON
THE LAND



Soil & Water Conservation

- ✓ Each hedgerow halts runoff to $vel = 0$ m/s
- ✓ Cumulatively can change overall hydrology
- ✓ Promotes Water Conservation & Ground Water Recharge





*Paramin
(Trinidad)*







“Ridge to Reef” Erosion & Sediment Control



Vetiver System (VS) Solutions in T&T

Residential Projects



Residential Projects



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Residential Projects



Sapote Clays - South Oropuche (Tucker Energy Campus)



Sapote Clays - South Oropuche (Tucker Energy Campus)



Coastal Protection Works - Quinam (CPU)



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Commercial Works (Sapote Clays)



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Slope stabilization in clay soils in Trinidad



Water Management Facility in Trinidad



Landslide Rehabilitation Arima/Blanchisseuse Road



Landfill Leachate Pond Embankment Stabilization



Landfill Leachate Pond Embankment Stabilization



Contaminating Landfill Leachate



Landscaping



Landscaping



Landscaping



Vetiver System (VS) Solutions Globally

Disposal of Landfill Leachate

Case study in Australia

SEEPAGE CONTROL: Landfill leachate is highly polluted with heavy metals





**Vetiver planted on
seeping leachate.**

**Six months after
planting, excellent
growth, unaffected
by heavy metals.**



**One year after planting,
landfill leachate was
completely dried up**



La Grecia, Costa Rica



Infrastructure Protection



El Salvador - concrete/vetiver interface

Vetiver System (VS) as a
‘band-aid’ for soil-
concrete interface along
drains, roads, etc; to
prevent washout and
eventual infrastructure
collapse







Road + Bridge Embankments



Three weeks and three months after vetiver planting at Doria bridge approach

At Installation



2 months later



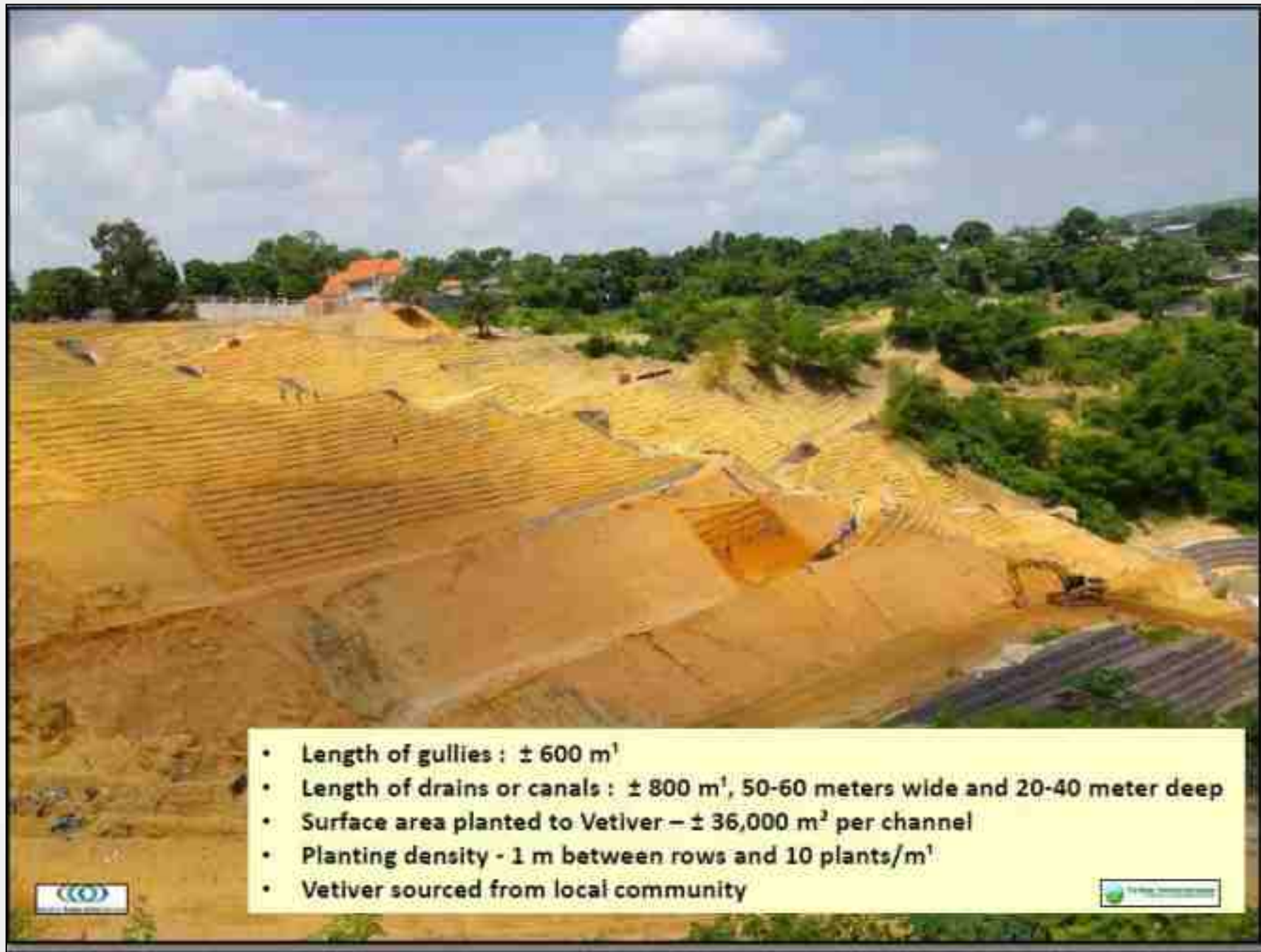
18 months later



Side Slope Rehabilitation in progress

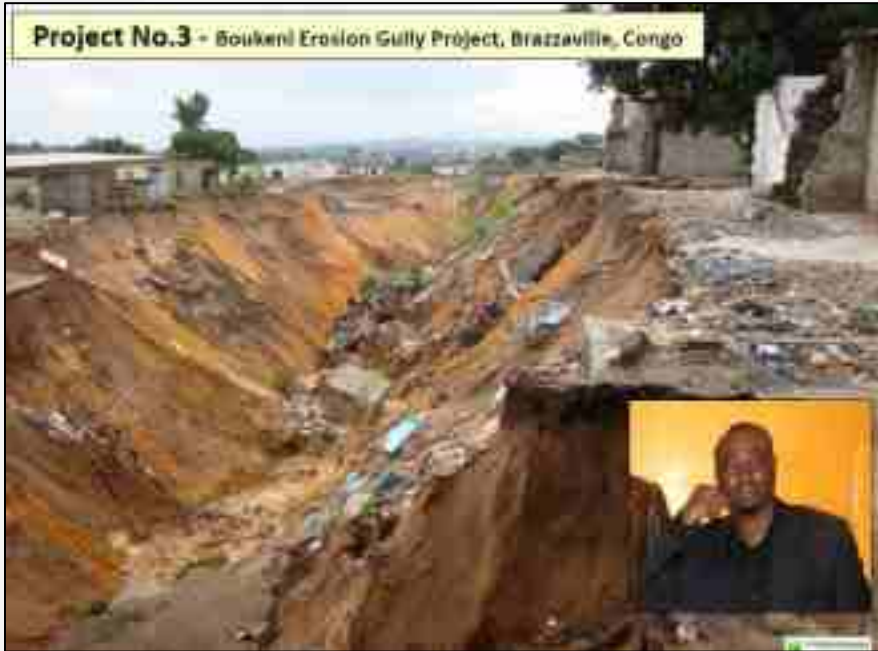
45° slope angle with benching at 10 m intervals on average.



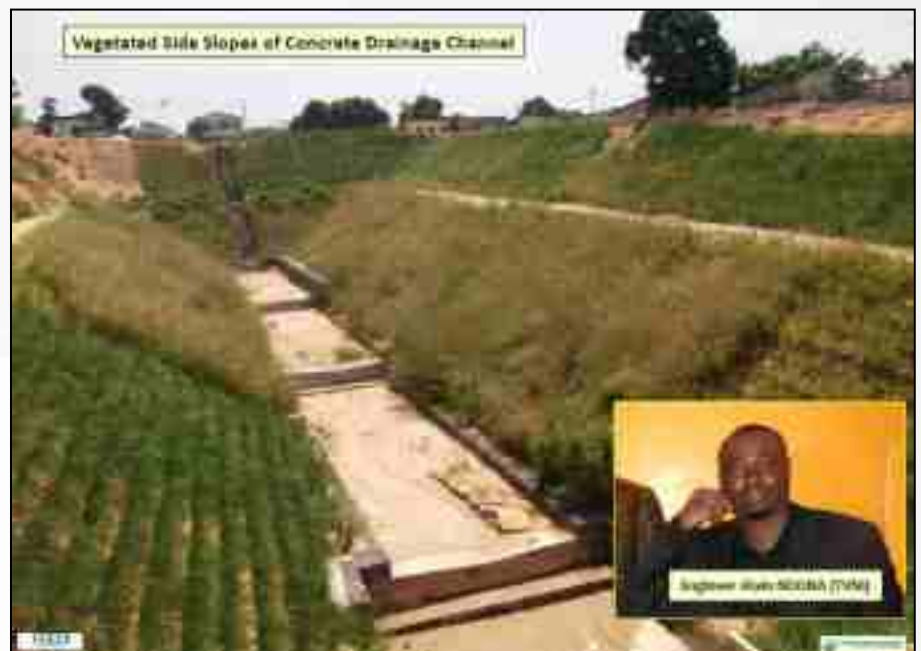


- Length of gullies : $\pm 600 \text{ m}^1$
- Length of drains or canals : $\pm 800 \text{ m}^1$, 50-60 meters wide and 20-40 meter deep
- Surface area planted to Vetiver – $\pm 36,000 \text{ m}^2$ per channel
- Planting density - 1 m between rows and 10 plants/ m^1
- Vetiver sourced from local community

Project No.3 - Boukoni Erosion Gully Project, Brazzaville, Congo



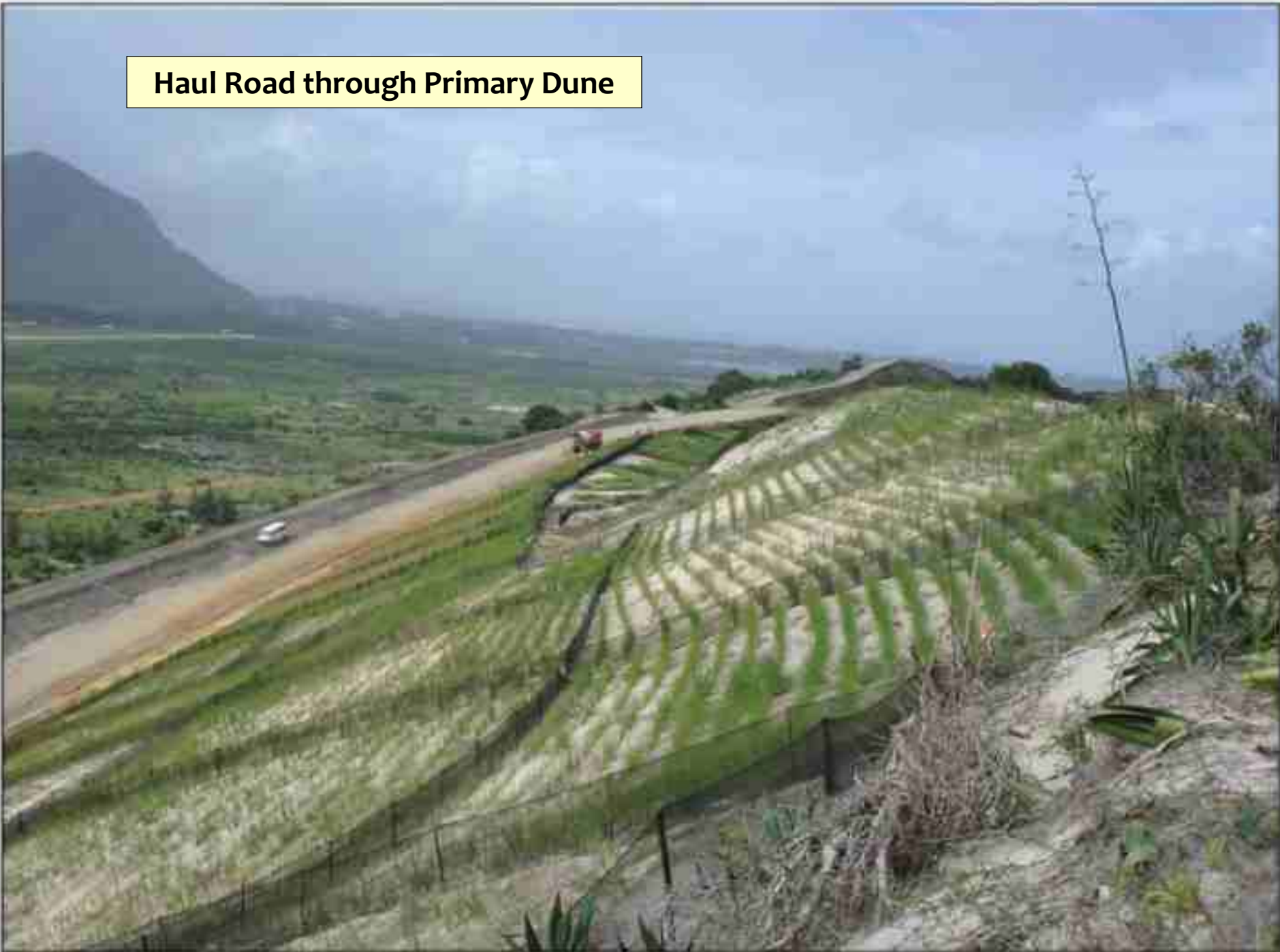
Vegetated Side Slopes of Concrete Drainage Channel



Installation of Erosion Control Systems on the Dune Cutting on the Primary Dune



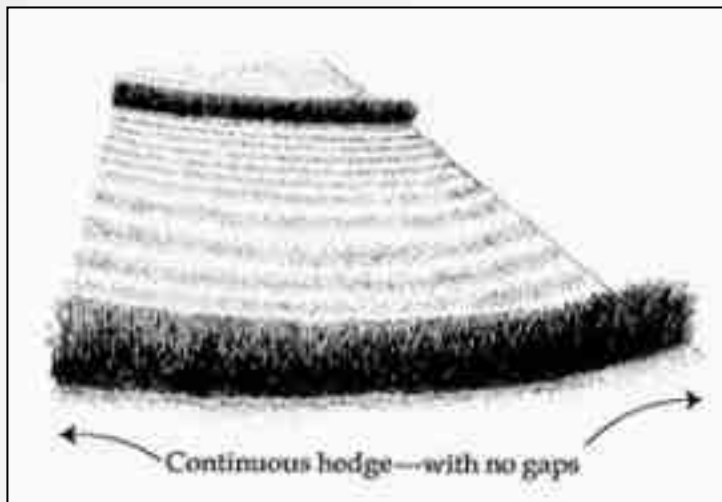
Haul Road through Primary Dune



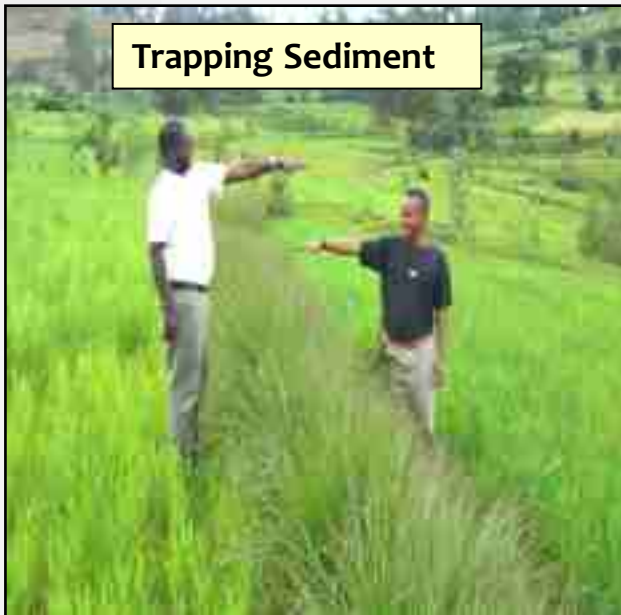
**Stabilised Coastal Dune at Rio Tinto Fort Dauphin
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Climate Smart Agro-Ecology



Trapping Sediment



Ethiopia - Rehabilitation of Degraded Land
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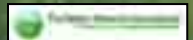
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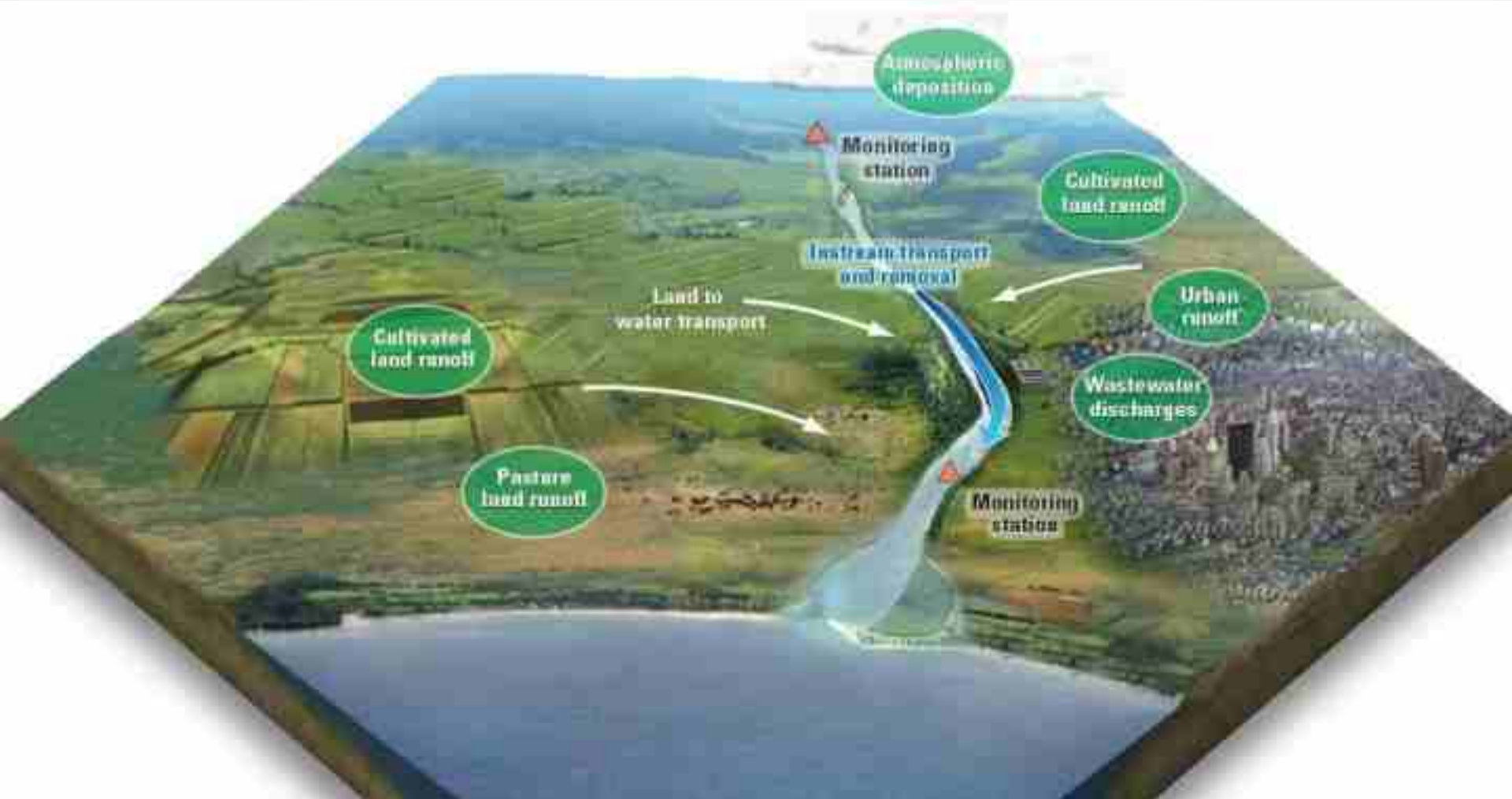


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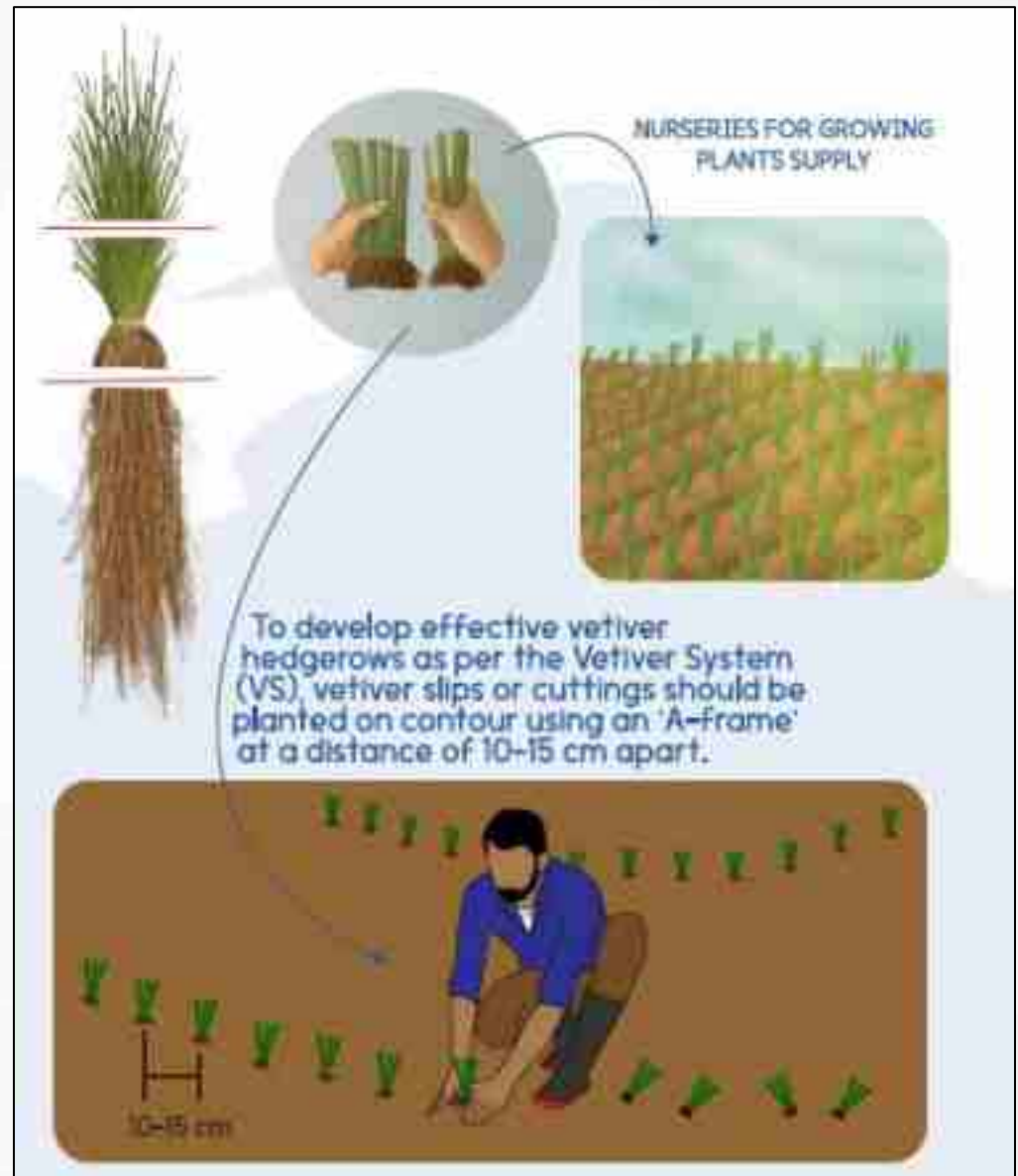




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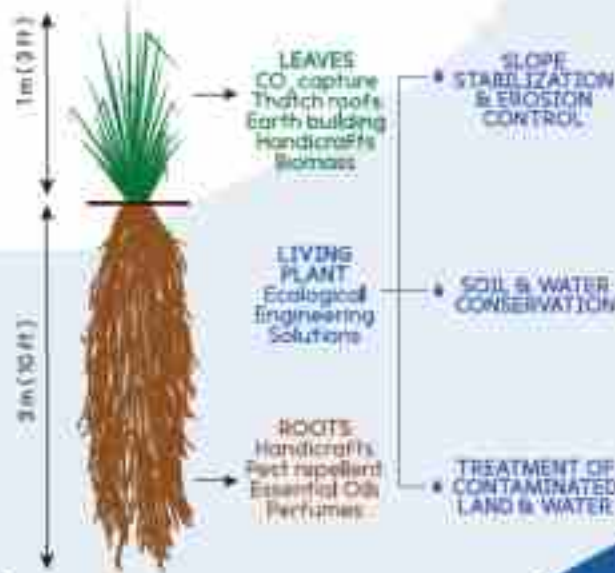


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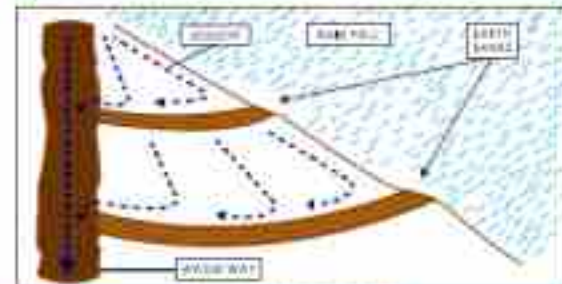


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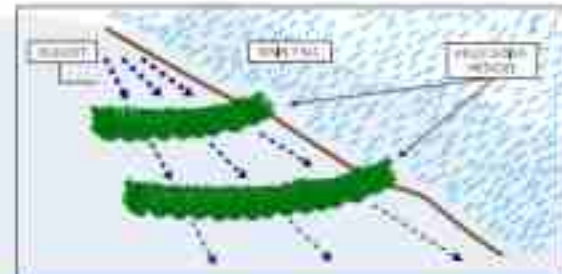


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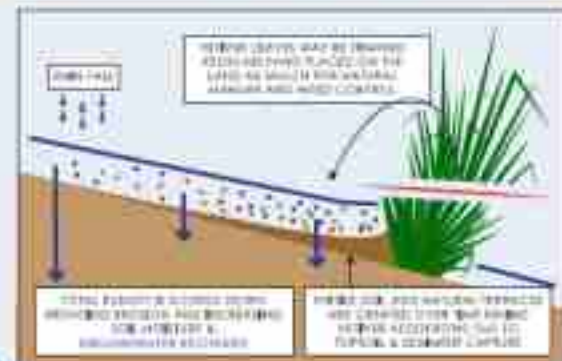
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TRADITIONAL EARTH DAMS



VETIVER HEDGEROW FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION



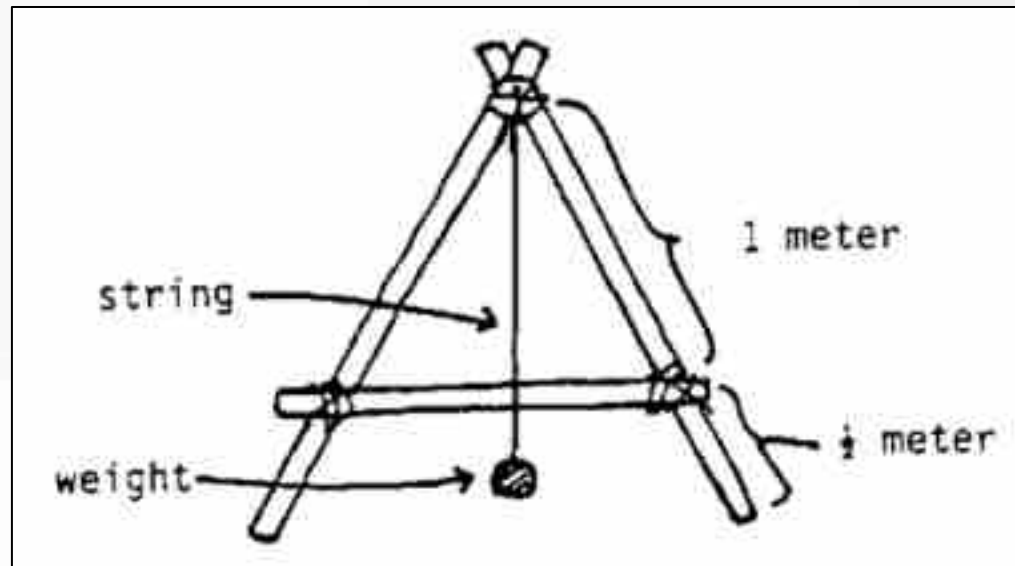
TOPSOIL CAPTURE AND GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

VETIVER SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Planting on Contour Using an A-Frame



A-Frame Tool for Contour Mapping



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GEF SGP UNDP and EMA-IWEco Rehabilitation of Quarries (ROQ)



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Thank you!



The Vetiver System (VS): Project Design + Installation and Maintenance during establishment, Nursery Propagation and Green Businesses / Sites Planning + tracker sheets

Canaries, Saint Lucia

20th August 2021

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Agenda

- ***Nursery Propagation***
- ***Project Design + Installation***
- ***Maintenance during establishment***
- ***Green Business Development***
- ***Saint Lucia Project Sites + Scheduling***
- ***Harness Demonstration***
- ***Site visit (if practical)***
- ***Plant preparation in nursery***



Digging up vetiver clumps from a traditional nursery



HOW MANY PLANTS??



Selecting the location for a vetiver nursery

- ❖ Quantity of land available
- ❖ Topography of the land
- ❖ Vehicular access to the nursery
- ❖ Abundance of sun
- ❖ Type of soil
- ❖ Existing vegetation
- ❖ Proximity of nursery from caretaker or nursery manager
- ❖ Water access for irrigation if necessary



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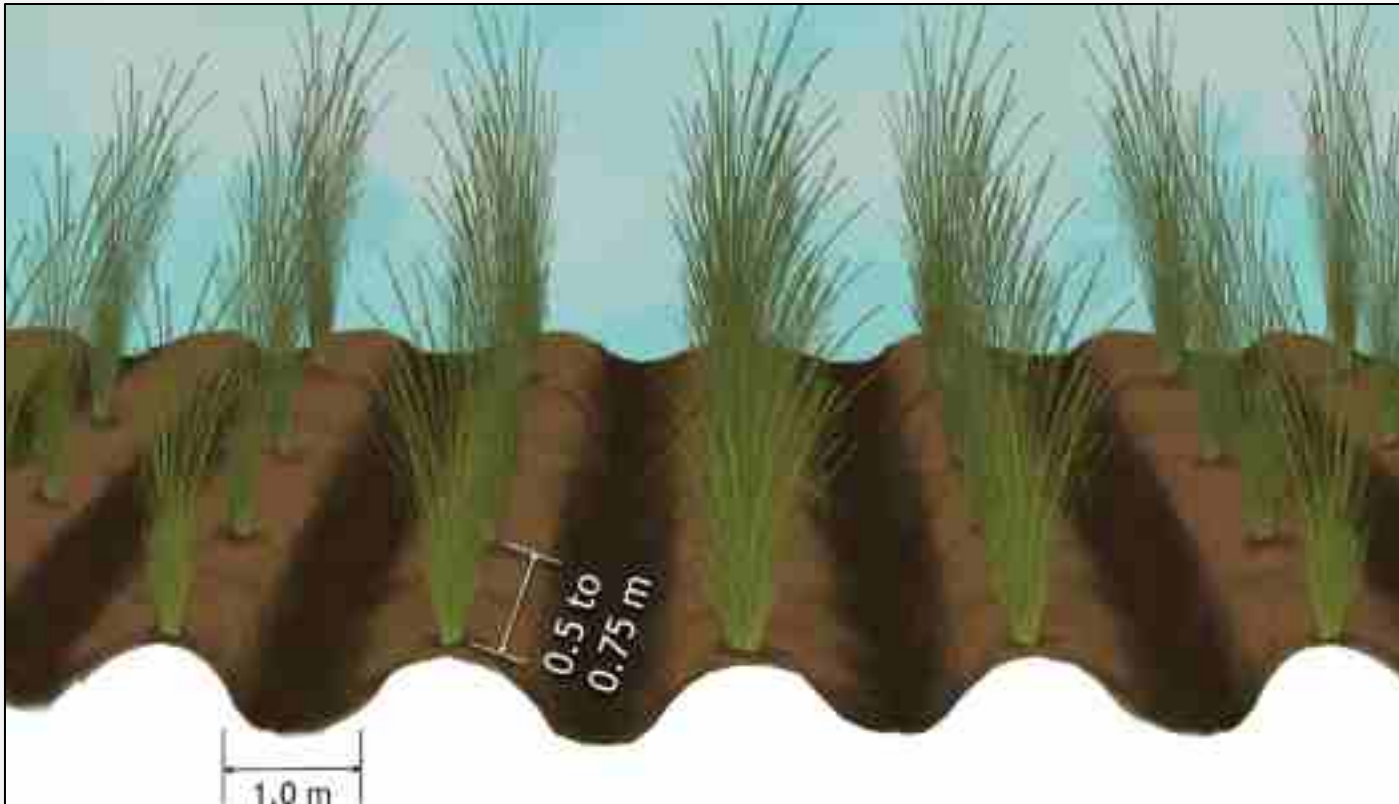
If land space is limited, then these numbers can change. However to create the most effective nursery for large scale, **for easy access and so plants can bush out fully**, these are the recommended spacing between plants



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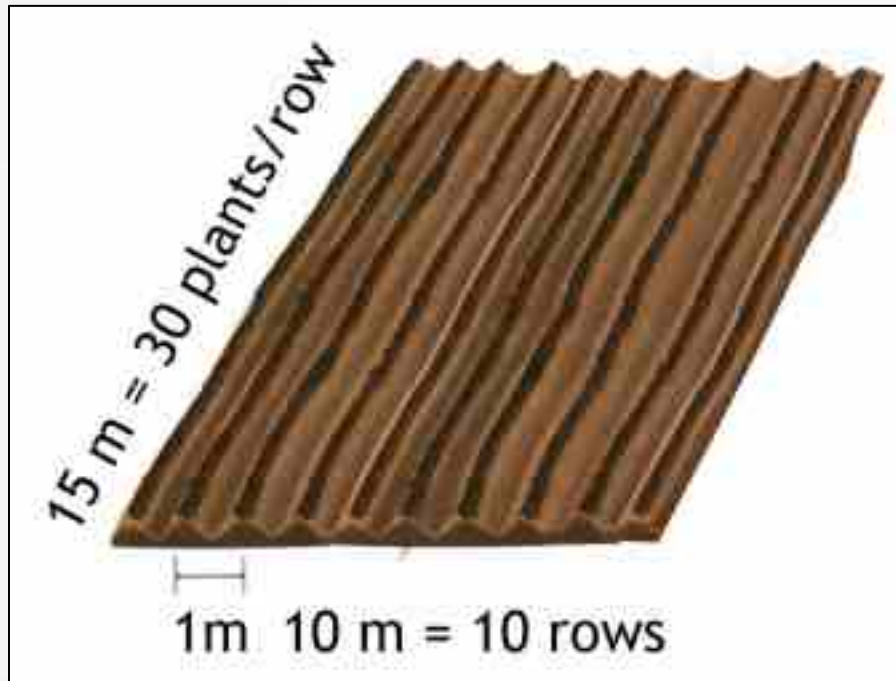
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Generally:

- ❖ A plant which matures for **6 - 9 months with good soil, sun and water** (and fertilizer if soil is poor) can produce about **50 new slips**
- ❖ A plant which matures for **1.5 years** can produce about **100 new slips**

These numbers can be higher for plants in very good soil and/or which are fertilized well

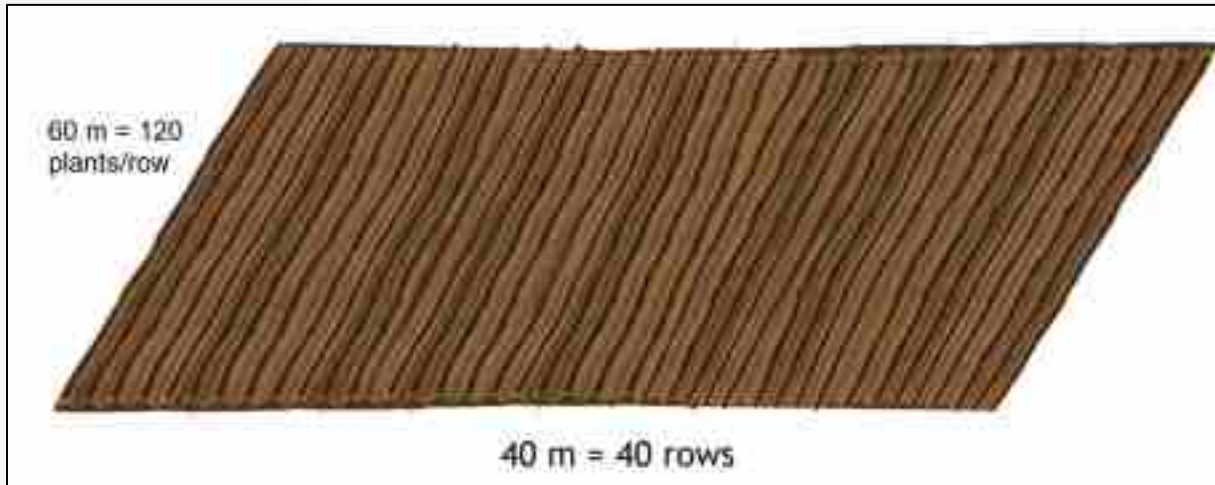
Small Private or Community Nursery



- ❖ After two (2) years, how many new slips can be produced?
- ❖ 300 starters x 100 slips per mature clump = 30,000 slips

- ❖ 10 m = 10 rows
- ❖ 15 m = 30 plants per row
- ❖ $10 \times 30 = 300$ starter plants
- ❖ After one (1) year, how many new slips can be produced?
- ❖ 300 starters x 50 slips per clump = 15,000 slips

Large Commercial Nursery



- ❖ 40 m = 40 rows
- ❖ 60 m = 120 plants per row
- ❖ $40 \times 120 = 4800$ starter plants
- ❖ After one (1) year, how many new slips can be produced?
- ❖ 4800 starters x 50 slips per clump = 240,000 slips
- ❖ After two (2) years, how many new slips can be produced?
- ❖ 4800 starters x 100 slips per clump = 480,000 slips

Vetiver Nurseries



Pre-establishing plants in trays or bags







New vetiver plant (slips) cut with cutlass on piece of wood (10 cm or 4 inches length, 1 inch roots), and placed to soak in container for 2-3 days to stimulate new root growth















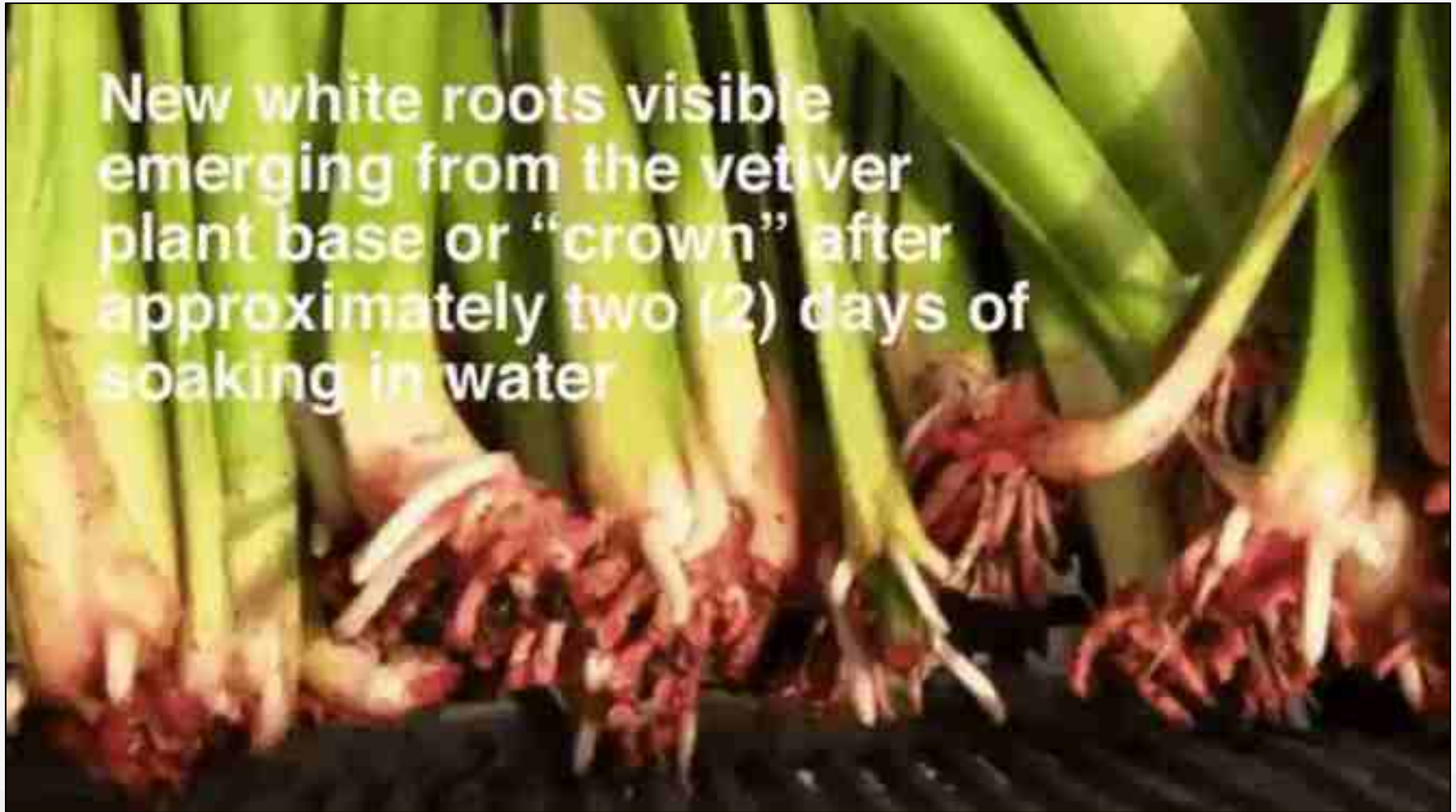




New vetiver plant (slips) bundles of 20 plants each, soaking in water basins for 2 days to stimulate new root growth



New white roots emerging after 2 days soaking in water









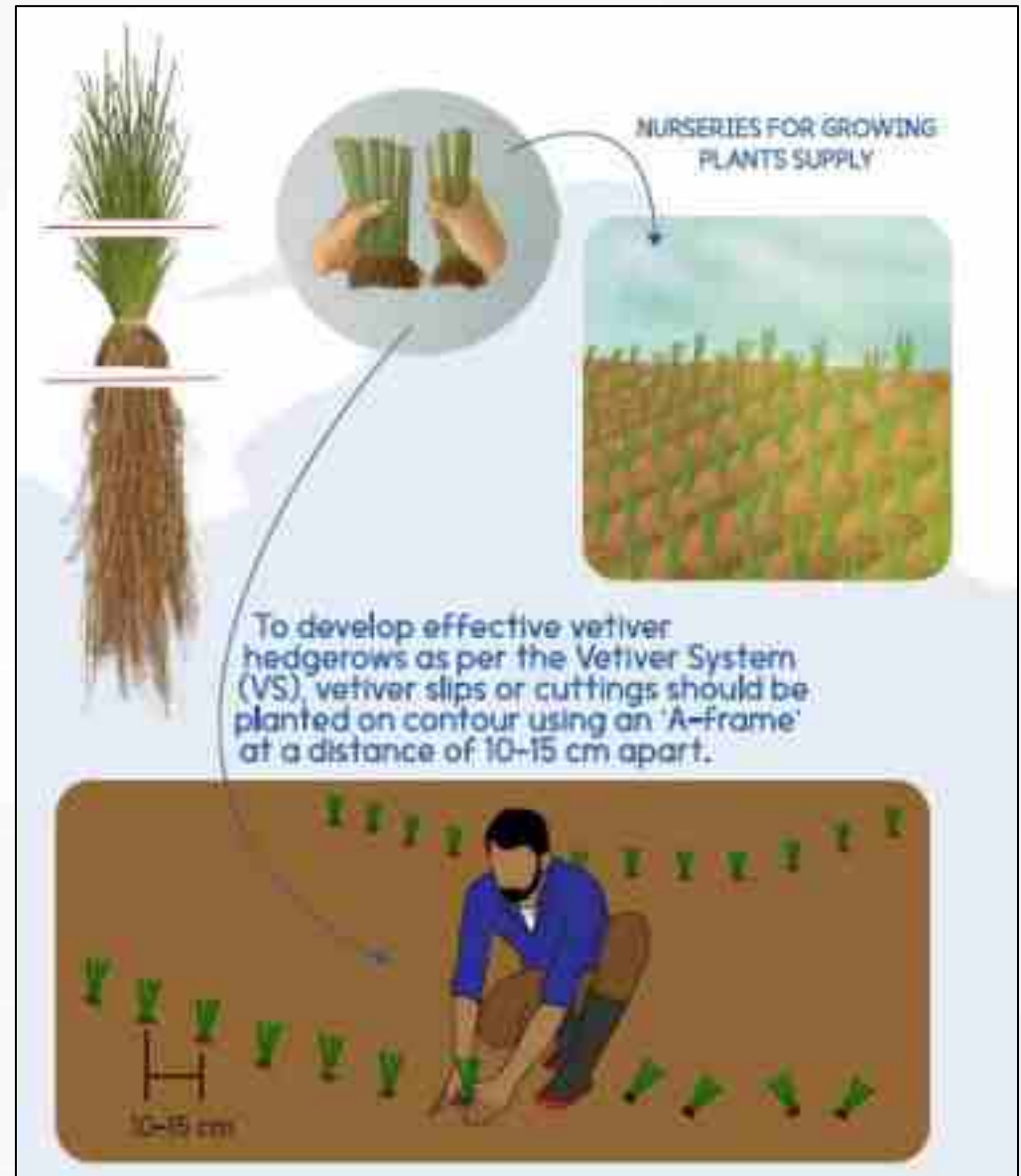
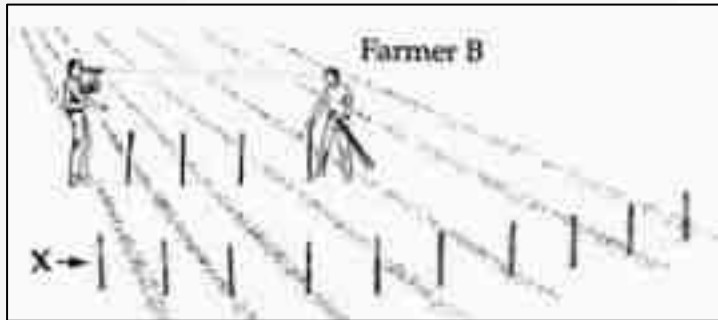




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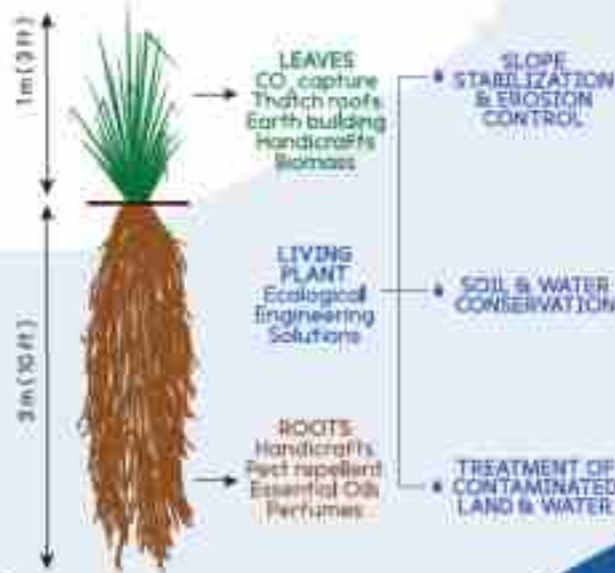


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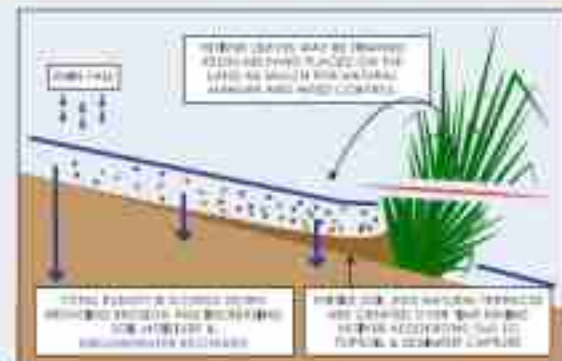
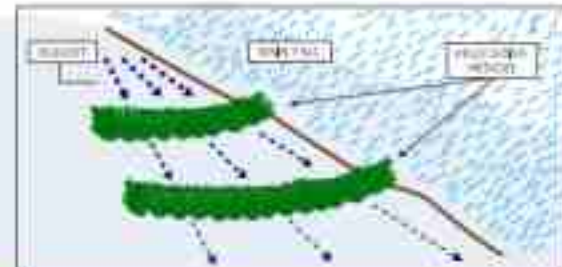
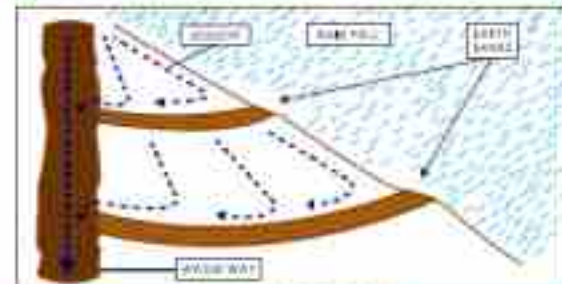


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LAND PREPARATION for INSTALLATION

- ✓ *Chop or weed-wack to the ground and remove cut bush*
- ✓ *Use shovel or hoe to remove top vegetation where plants will be installed*

If land is already cleared and there is no existing major vegetation, just small weeds, then no additional land preparation is needed.

LAND PREPARATION for INSTALLATION



Clearing: Vetiver doesn't grow well in shade - need to remove competition for young plants



What do we need? (Tools, Equipment + Materials)

- 1. Vetiver plants**
- 2. Manure/Soil Amendments**
- 3. Luchette/cutlass/diggers**
- 4. Hoe to remove weeds/clear soil**
- 5. Fertilizers (spray can)**
- 6. Soil amendment (Cal or Ash)**
- 7. Vetiver leaves or similar for mulching**
- 8. Watering can, or irrigation system**



Residential Project Installation



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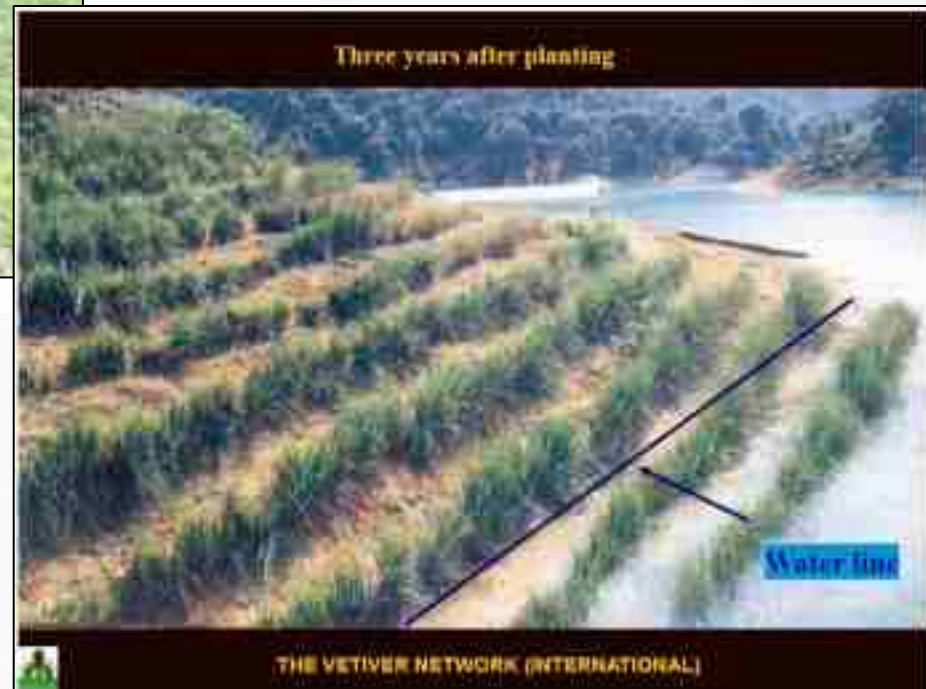






Riverbank Protection

VS survives 2-4 months underwater















Slope Stabilization



La Grecia, Costa Rica



MAINTENANCE DURING ESTABLISHMENT (first 6 MONTHS; and afterwards)

- ✓ *Water plants if needed to compliment the rains*
- ✓ *Remove weeds/vegetation overgrowth*
- ✓ *Fertilize, add mulch and soil amendments (lime)*
- ✓ *Trim hedges at 3-4 months old, and after that a minimum of once/year; or more frequently as preferred to maintain aesthetic*



Landscaping



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Green Businesses with Vetiver grass

- ❖ *Cost-effective green engineering solutions*
- ❖ *Handicrafts*

Vetiver TT costing (\$USD)

Vetiver System (VS) cost - less per sq ft than *rolled lawn grass*

Project design • Light vegetation removal • Vetiver plants supply and installation
Soil amendment and fertilization • One year maintenance during establishment

| Total number # of plants | COST (\$TT) per established plant | COST (\$TT) per square meter (m ²) | COST (\$TT) per square square foot (sq ft) | TOTAL PROJECT AREAS (corresponding to given number # of plants) | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | Area (m ²) | Area (sq ft) | Area (Acres) |
| 10,000 | \$19.88 | \$159.00 | \$14.75 | 1,250 | 13,450 | 0.31 |
| 20,000 | \$18.50 | \$148.00 | \$13.75 | 2,500 | 26,900 | 0.62 |
| 30,000 | \$17.88 | \$143.00 | \$13.25 | 3,750 | 40,350 | 0.93 |
| 40,000 | \$17.13 | \$137.00 | \$12.75 | 5,000 | 53,800 | 1.24 |
| 50,000 | \$16.88 | \$135.00 | \$12.50 | 6,250 | 67,250 | 1.54 |

Vetiver TT also offers combined solutions where applicable and can provide the following additional products and services:

Irrigation systems • Earthworks for land preparation and terra-reformation
Large vegetation removal • Geotextiles • Coconut-fiber matting
Temporary silt fences • Gabion baskets • French drains

Vetiver TT Quotations



**QUOTATION: 2020_39 Dan Martineau, Seaview
Gardens**

Date: 16-Sep-20

**PROJECT SCOPE: Supply and install of the Vetiver System (VS) hedgerows for slope
stabilization and erosion control on benched slopes**

| Item | Description | Quantity notes | Total |
|------|---|---------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Total number of Vetiver Plants 6 hedgerows @ 12 m length; 8 plants/m 1 hedgerow @ 20 m length; 8 plants/m | 736 plants @ \$5/plant | \$3,680.00 |

Vetiver TT Quotations

| | | | |
|--------------|---|--|-------------------|
| 2 | Project design & management: Vetiver System (VS) installation incl labour, supervision, transport and logistical costs, daily expenses | 1-Supervisor, 3-Installation Crew (1 day) | \$2,500.00 |
| 3 | Soil/Manure, Fertilizers & Soil Amendments, water retention crystals - supply and application | LS | \$300.00 |
| 4 | Two (2) return visits over three (3) month period after installation: to replace dead plants if applicable, re-fertilize, remove vegetation overgrowth, and train client on long term best-care-practices | 1-Supervisor, 2-Maintenance Crew (2 days) | \$2,500.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$8,980.00 |

NOTES:

- 1) Appropriate Health and Safety Equipment will be used where necessary.
- 2) Vetiver Hedgerows will be installed in hedgerow formation according to the Vetiver System (VS), or according to other specifications as required

COMPLETION SCHEDULE

Vetiver TT Quotations

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|---|--|--|-------------|
| 4 | Supply and installation of drip irrigation system: PVC, drip lines, valves, battery operated timer, 2000 gal tank rental (16 drip lines for hedgerows on main slope; 3 drip lines for hedgerows on side slope) | Materials supply; and 1-Supervisor, 3- Installation Crew (2 days) | \$12,900.00 |
| 5 | 1-month truck borne water refill supply for 2000-gal tank and timer-operated irrigation system (est. 10 refills) | LS | \$7,500.00 |
| 6 | Geotextile fabric (26 m x 2 m), with anchoring pins (approx 50) | LS | \$1,000.00 |
| 7 | Soil/Manure, Fertilizers & Soil Amendments - supply and application | LS | \$1,700.00 |



Vetiver Handicrafts



Leaves drying for handicraft making





Vetiver Handicrafts





Vetiver Oil Home Distillation



Saint Lucia Sites for VS-EbA interventions

- 1. Anse La Raye Quarry**
- 2. Anse La Verde Roadside**
- 3. Belvedere, Canaries**
- 4. Canaries River Mouth**
- 5. Presbyterian Church Yard, Canaries**
- 6. Flora Villa Site 1**
- 7. WASCO Sites, Sediment Dam + Roadside**
- 8. Canaries Water catchment (up river)**
- 9. Anse La Raye Riverbank w/ gabion baskets**
- 10. Anse La Raye Hillside Property**
- 11. Agricultural Plot**
- 12. Hillside homes, Canaries**











Week-2 Schedule

Monday 23rd Sept - Anse La Raye Quarry

Tuesday 24th Sept - Anse La Raye Quarry, Canaries Rivermouth, and Anse La Verde Roadside

Wednesday 26th Sept - Anse La Raye Quarry

Thursday 27th Sept - WASCO Sites, Sediment Dam + Roadside

Friday 28th Sept - Presbyterian Church Yard, Flora Villa Site, and Hillside Homes, Canaries; and visit to Agricultural Plot



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Vetiver Hedgerow Installation Tracker

Country: Saint Lucia

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