

# Presentation „ForestFinance Group“

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# About the company: sector leading in the E.U.

## The ForestFinance Group – dates and facts:

- 16 years of experience and sector leading in the E.U.
- Management of more than 15.000 hectares / 37.000 acres reforestation, afforestation and forest conservation with sustainable timber production
- Since 1998 in carbon forestry projects
- Vision: „We built forests!“ We unite economics, sustainability and ethics
- More than 10.000 customers and more than 120 employees worldwide
- CSR-state-of-the-art-company, Sustainability-Award 2011, FSC-Award „Financial Services“ 2010



The management board

# Projects

- Panama
- Columbia
- Peru

- Germany
- Egypt?

- Vietnam



# References

## **Highly specialized and experienced team**

- Forest scientists and managers with university degrees and many years of experience in tropical forestry and agroforestry in Latin America and South East Asia
- International experts in cacao agriculture
- Professional advice and analyses of potentials by forest scientists particularly in the tropics, but also in Germany (valuation of existing forests and areas with regard to their suitability for afforestation/renaturation, for instance energy forest studies etc.)

## **Ecologically and socially sustainable forest and agroforest management**

- Development of optimized forest use and forest management concepts
- Implementation of forest management concepts, conversion of monocultures into mixed cultures, development of agroforestry systems suited to the location
- Monitoring, educational trainings, training of own forest units, community training etc.
- Provision of GIS documents such as aerial photo analyses and (interactive) maps

## **Worldwide network of excellence**

- Close cooperation with TU Munich, Smithsonian Institute Panama, Universities in Panama, University of Applied Sciences Rosenheim, CATIE in Costa Rica etc.

# Ecological sustainability through local reforestation economy

## Our forests – increasing biodiversity:

- ✓ Reforestation of degraded grass-land
- ✓ Mixed tree species reforestation with mostly native species
- ✓ Creation of natural recovery
- ✓ Stop of erosion and degradation
- ✓ Creation of a natural habitat for endangered species
- ✓ Step stone function of already existing and conserved rainforest areas



*ForestFinance Reforestation  
Before and after*

# Social sustainability through local reforestation economy

## Long-term social benefits arising from our reforestation projects

- ✓ Creation of long-term social employments
- ✓ Employment of mostly indigenous communities in rural areas of Panama (Embera)
- ✓ Fair payments above national minimum loans
- ✓ Integration in the national social- and health-insurance systems and free accident- and life-insurance for the protection of the employees and their families
- ✓ Interest-free microcredits
- ✓ Free education courses in writing and reading, PC-courses, etc.
- ✓ Capacity building and Know-How transfer in sustainable forestry
- ✓ Employment fund (Panama)





# Standards to prove social and biodiversity benefits

**Triple standard approach: ForestFinance Project „CO2OL Tropical Mix Reforestation Panama“ has been successfully validated under three standards:**

- ✓ **CCB Standard (validated ecological and social benefits):**

([www.climate-standards.org](http://www.climate-standards.org))



- ✓ **CarbonFix Standard (validated carbon accounting):**

([www.carbonfix.info](http://www.carbonfix.info))



- ✓ **FSC Standard (certified sustainable forestry management):**

All ForestFinance project areas in Panama have been FSC-certified since 1997  
„FSC Global Partner Award“ 2010



# Thank you very much for your attention!

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