



Jeji Restoration Project Report - 2021

Over the past year, Jeji Restoration has successfully planted 4,800 trees across 4 ha of land in two different communities. In line with the scope of the project, we infuse agroforestry as a key focus of our restoration strategy. Through this process, we have successfully rehabilitated and restored the degraded landscapes in which we have carried out the pilot project. The trees planted are all indigenous tree species such as Moringa (drumstick Tree), African locust bean, shea tree, Tamarind, African Baobab, jackalberry, Guarea, Abachi (African whitewood), Iroko (African Teak), Mango, Avocado, Orange, Tangerine, and Guava. We continuously work with locals, especially farmers to help them adopt farmer-managed natural regeneration of trees, and adaptive multi-paddock grazing systems.

All trees planted are tagged with a number to ensure accountability, and to simplify the monitoring process. We manage the initiative through ongoing project management and administration. This includes ongoing technical assistance for the development of optimal regeneration strategies, the adoption of agroecological agronomic practices, and the acquisition of basic restoration and conservation skills, as well as marketing and cash-flow management.

At 1 - 5yrs the project will have the potential to sequester 1,519 tonnes of carbon per year

At 5-10yrs with the potential to sequester 5,442 tonnes of carbon per year

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Resource utilization is proceeding according to budget. We have allocated funds for seedlings, site preparation, and maintenance - land clearing and land management, labor wages, monitoring, water provision for trees (both fetching and buying), animal manure, equipment/tools, wire fencing protection from animals/illegal logging/theft, and so on.

Given the status of the project, Jeji Restoration will continue to expand as we hope to restore between 5-10ha in 2021, depending on resource availability and safety, given the Covid-19 pandemic.

The team has been working hard to organize and coordinate the project despite challenges such as securing funds, difficulty with post-planting sustainability due to limited resources, and poor community cohesion. While we have recorded success, we are far behind our target of restoring 500ha in 5 years. This can be attributed to internal and external factors like lack of access to resources and funding for the project along with other social and environmental factors.

However, we are optimistic that the situation will change over time.



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