

Social Impact of The ForestFinance Fine or Flavour Cacao Projects

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The ForestFinance Group

Who we are

- Pioneer in tropical reforestation as direct investment (since 1995)
- More than 13.000 clients
- Approx. 16.000 hectares of managed area
- 114 direct, 514 indirect employees
- Project consultancy for outside companies:

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Impact Land Use Consulting

Sweet Return with Cocoa

- Investment in 50% sustainable cocoa plantation and 50% forestry system
- Annual returns from cocoa and timber yields from year 5 on
- Certification strategy:



in progress



The Gold Standard
Premium quality carbon credits

accomplished in Panama

Our Cocoa Projects

Bocas del Toro, Panama and San Martín, Peru



Panama: cultivation area of 150 ha
Since 2009



Peru: so far, cultivation area of 80 ha
Since 2012

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Sustainable Agroforestry Systems



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Employees

Panama (currently 35 employees):

- 50% of the field workers are cacao smallholders
- 90% belong to the Ngäbe-Bugle (two indigenous peoples)
- 25% of the staff are women, young or disabled people
(2 deaf-mutes)

Peru (currently 20 employees):

- 85% of the field workers are cacao smallholders
- 40% of the staff are women or young people

Our Cocoa Projects Men at Work



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Women in Leading Positions

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Meivis Ortiz
Technical Leader
Panama



Marisol Najarro
Head of ForestFinance Peru
Elania Tejita
Technical Leader Peru



Women in Leading Positions



Marisol: “Our workers have secure long-term jobs, giving them a perspective for the future. Now they can afford to buy houses and motorbikes – and they send their children to school. This makes me happy.”



Elania: “The rural society in Peru is very traditional and Peruvian men are very proud. However, male team members always accept me as a leader as I am treating them kindly and respectfully.”



Meivis: “We train our workers in grafting, nursery care and post-harvest procedures. They apply their new skills on their own farms and they offer assistance to others, thus advancing local knowledge.”

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Nursery and Grafting

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Technical Support and Planting

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Cocoa Harvest and Post-Harvest

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Agreements with Cooperatives

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- Putting Panama on the Annex C of the next ICCO agreement
- Submission of disease-tolerant Trinitarios
- Farmer trainings

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Social Impact

- Transfer of knowledge and plant materials
- Supply of jobs
- Conjoint initiatives and events
- Donations



Thank you for your attention!



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