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Eco-Carbone is pleased to announce that its Malian jatropha project (<u>JMI</u>) has been registered under the Verified Carbon Standard. This is the first "programmatic" VCS project related to agro-forestry. This achievement is a major milestone in the development of the project, and strengthens Eco-Carbone's carbon strategy on its other jatropha projects. More information in <u>our announcement</u>, and on the <u>VCS website</u>.

Mach 2012

The "Forum pour la gestion des villes et des collectivités territoriales", of which Eco-Carbone is member, has released an interview of Olivier Kreiss (see video here).

January 2012

Eco-Carbone, in partnership with a Truffle Group Investment Holding, founded Capnodis. This company's activities will be focused on researching, defining and commercializing, integrated pest management solutions including bio-pesticides, to control different jatropha pests in tropical areas and a pest attacking fruit trees in the Mediterranean region: the capnode.

November 2011

The UNIDO and QUINVITA have announced a cooperation agreement to support the sustainable development of bio-energy crops in tropical regions. Eco-Carbone considers this support by a UN agency to QUINVITA - Eco-Carbone's strategic partner for the development of high performing jatropha genetic material - as a very positive perspective for the development of jatropha. More information here-nergy-crops in tropical regions.

September 2011

Eco-Carbone and Quinvita enter into a strategic alliance on a joint Jatropha development program. Under the signed agreement, Eco-Carbone will benefit from Quinvita's cultivars for planting in its global operations. Both companies have also agreed to start an extensive R&D collaboration program. More information available here">here.

July 2011

Eco-Carbone is now a member of the "Forum pour la gestion des villes et des collectivités territoriales", a recognized network between French companies and local public authorities. More information here.

Eco-Carbone secures an Emissions Reductions Purchase Agreement (ERPA) related to the methane utilization project located in the Nykanor-Nova coalmine, Ukraine. With this agreement, Eco-Carbone strengthens its partnership with the Louganskvougillya Holding, and will remain responsible for all the JI procedures on this project.
March 2011
The AFD, France's development institution, grants a loan to Eco-Carbone's subsidiary in Mali, JMI. In its announcement (in French), the AFD mentions that the French institution and JMI "have signed a loan agreement for an amount of 260,000 Euros. Through this financing granted by the AFD, JMI will continue its industrial investment strategy for the development of jatropha oil based biofuel." As part of its support, the AFD considers in particular that "the JMI project in Mali fulfils required sustainability criteria such as [] the promotion of agro-forestry farming schemes encouraging synergies with traditional food crops with the objective to preserve food security". Eco-Carbone is very pleased about this loan agreement with the AFD, of which the signing at Bamako was reported by the media (in French): L'essor and Le Quotidien.
February 2011
The FAO has released two reports linked to the integration of bionergy crops within smallholder farming systems:
- Jatropha: A Smallholder Bioenergy Crop, the Potential for Pro-Poor Development.
"As developing countries face increasing local demand for energy in rural areas, they also must deal with both economic and environmental pressure on agricultural lands in general. The possibility of growing energy crops such as Jatropha curcas L. has the potential to enable some smallholder farmers, producers and processors to cope with these pressures."
- Making integrated food-energy systems work for people and climate, an overview,
"A safe integration of food and energy production may be one of the best ways to improve national food and energy security and simultaneously reduce poverty in a climate smart way. [] Farming systems that combine food and energy crops present numerous benefits to poor rural communities."
The Eco-Carbone's approach to jatropha is reviewed against the recommendations made by these FAO reports; please read this analysis for the first FAO report here and for the second FAO report here .
December 2010
Yangquan Nanmei (Group) Co., Ltd. Coalmine Methane Utilization Project is registered by the Executive Board of the CDM.

Hegang Coal Industry (Group) Co., Ltd. Coalmine Methane Utilization Project is registered by the Executive Board of the CDM.

September 2010

Eco-Carbone will be selling its lao subsidiary's castor grain production. The latter is expected to exceed 500 tons of grains. Should you be interested, do not hesitate to contact us at info@eco-carbone.com.

March 2010

Eco-Carbone expanded its activities to Vietnam (Binh Thuan and Quang Binh provinces) and Laos (Savannakhet province). In association with local entrepreneurs, Eco-Carbone created three joint venture companies that will develop jatropha and castor projects in the region.

February 2010

The first CERs of the Zhengzhou and Yima projects have been certified and delivered successfully. On these projects, Eco-Carbone manages all the CDM procedures, from the project identification to the certification of carbon credits. This delivery underlines the expertise of Eco-Carbone on the complete CDM cycle.

Besides, this delivery of carbon credits certified under the CDM for the Zhengzhou project is a global first for the abatement of low concentration coalmine methane, through the Vocsidizer technology. Eco-Carbone has been actively involved in this transfer of ventilation methane abatement technology.

December 2009

Eco-Carbone secures its first Emissions Reductions Purchase Agreement (ERPA) with the Nanmei mining group. Eco-Carbone thereby strengthens its position in the CDM sector, and is in addition responsible for all the CDM procedures on this project.

December 2009

As part of its strategy, Eco-Carbone has raised € 3 million from its long-term shareholders. This financing will sustain the up-scaling of the jatropha projects, which are today in a fast expansion phase.

January 2009

Creation of Eco-Emerald Pte Limited, a Joint Venture between Eco-Carbone France, majority shareholder, and Emerald Planet. Eco-Emerald will develop the Jatropha projects in the Indonesian province of Papua.

September 2008

Zhengzhou Coal Industry (Group) Co., Ltd. Coalmine Methane Utilization Project is registered by the Executive Board of the CDM.

August 2008

Pingdingshan Coal (Group) Co., Ltd. Coalmine Methane Utilization Project is registered by the Executive Board of the CDM.

August 2008

Yima Coal Industry (Group) Co., Ltd. Coalmine Methane Utilization Project is registered by the Executive Board of the CDM.

March 2008

Eco-Carbone secures first round of financing of € 2.1 million from Truffle Capital, a leading independent European private equity firm. (...) Read more

October 2007

Eco-Carbone has been awarded the status of an "entreprise innovante" (innovative company) by French government authorities, allowing it to benefit from financial aid in its agronomic research program.

September 2007

Mali Jatropha Project: the objective for plantation in 2007 has been achieved. As of September 2007, 300 ha of Jatropha plantations were established in Mali with the help of local partners. Onsite variety tests to select higher yielding seeds are ongoing.

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