

Central America

Location | RAAS, Nicaragua
Species | *Guadua aculeata*
Certifications | FSC, VCS, CCBA
Annual Yield | 280,000 tons

EcoPlanet Bamboo's *Guadua aculeata* plantations are split between 3 unique farms within the El Rama area of Nicaragua's Atlantic Coast. This area underwent severe deforestation during the 1970s and 1980s for agriculture. Once exposed to severe rainfall, the shallow top soil was quickly eroded, and productivity of the soils rapidly decreased. Agriculture was stopped, and low intensity cattle farming occurred, resulting in high levels of soil compaction. Native *Guadua aculeata* is one of the few plants that is able to withstand these conditions. The plantations have been grown from seed and represent the first commercial plantations of Guadua Bamboo globally.

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Southern Africa

Location | Eastern Cape, South Africa
Species | *Bambusa balcooa*, *Oxytenanthera abyssinica*
Certifications | FSC
Annual Yield | 25,000 tons

EcoPlanet Bamboo's Kowie Bamboo Farm is located in the South Africa's agricultural belt. The farms in this area were under intensive chemical agriculture for the production of pineapples for over a century, resulting in soils that are highly depleted. With the decline of South Africa's pineapple industry many of the farms in this area went out of production. This plantation is focused on the production of naturalized *Bambusa balcooa* grown from tissue culture plantlets. It represents the first bamboo plantation globally to successfully transition tissue culture plantlets to a commercial plantation setting.

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West Africa

Location | Ashanti Region
Species | *Dendrocalamus asper*, *Bambusa balcooa*, *Bambusa sp*
Certifications | Planned for 2017

Annual Yield | 750,000 tons

EcoPlanet Bamboo has undertaken a Public Private Partnership with the Ghana Forestry Commission for the development of commercial bamboo plantations. The first plantation is located in the Ashanti Region, in an area that underwent severe deforestation in the 1970s. The plantation represents a unique and innovative relationship in a country whose forestry sector has traditionally been focused on the production of teak.

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