

# Tropical Mix

## Reforestation and Cocoa cultivation in Panama

Degraded land, originally forest land, later used for extensive cattle ranching, is reforested with mostly native tree species and gradually converted into mixed forests. The project provides sustainable timber production and cocoa cultivation; it protects biodiversity and restores a healthy forest ecosystem. Sustainable forest management and cocoa production offer employment opportunities, therefore improve the economic and social situation of rural communities and families. Tropical Mix has been one of the first in line to be successfully certified under the renowned Gold Standard for land use and forestry projects. The cocoa production areas have been the first agroforestry systems to be certified under the Gold Standard.



### Social benefits

- » Long-term and fair employment for local communities
- » Integrates capacity building and environmental education programmes
- » Sustainable sources of income: sale of certified tropical timber, carbon credits, cocoa and seed material
- » Supporting local schools with financial programs and education materials

### Ecological values

- » Reforestation with 20 native tree species and protecting more than 30 other tree species
- » Biodiversity hotspot - home to 15 endangered and vulnerable animal species, including brown-throated sloths and anteaters
- » >25% of project area is under special protection as conservation area
- » Creating ecological corridors between different project locations

In addition, the forest management received FSC certification (Forest Stewardship Council) and the cocoa production is UTZ certified.

Projecttype:	Reforestation
Projectnumber:	156
Certifier:	Environmental Services/ SCS Global Service
Standard:	<div> Climate Security &amp; Sustainable Development</div> <div></div>
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