



A recently-planted plantation of mixed native species near a patch of remaining native forest created by the Azuero Earth Project in 2014.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM PROVIDE?

- Native and fruit-bearing saplings (including timber-producing varieties) selected by the producer, and labor and organic fertilizer for planting
- Materials for fencing (wire and clips) and the results of soil samplings
- Report of reforestation and planting certificate with Azuero Earth Project
- Five years of technical support and access to a network of contacts for reforestation
- Processes to monitor the health and survival of the saplings for a five-year period
- Assistance with paperwork to register the planting
- Reforestation process that works closely with the producer and offers future productive benefits, increasing the value of the farm

Who are we?

About us

Azuero Earth Project is an organization dedicated to sustainable land management, reforestation, habitat restoration, and environmental education in Panama's Azuero peninsula. We work with an expansive network of scientists, students, teachers, landowners, and local and international actors to promote sustainable environmental practices in the Azuero region. The NGO is legally constituted in Panama, with the R.U.C. number 2161354-1-36636 D.V. 90. Donations to the organization are tax-exempt (Resolution No. 201-9122, July 29, 2013). We are affiliate of the National Alliance for the Reforestation of a Million Hectares, coordinated by MiAmbiente.

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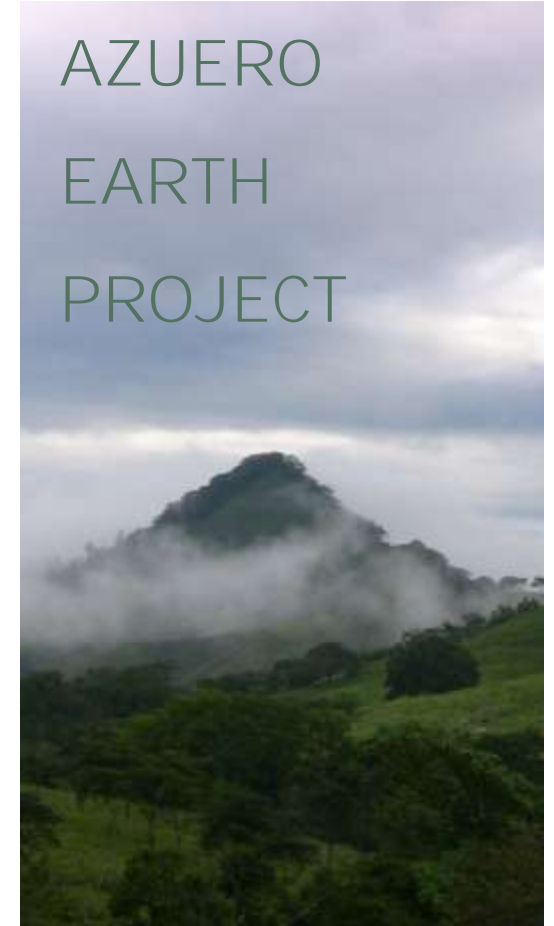
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Visit us: Our office and Environmental Resource Center are located in Pedasí, Los Santos, Panama. Once you have arrived at Pedasí from Las Tablas, make the first left turn. We are across from Distribuidora LIBADI, behind BDA, on the corner of the street that goes to Playa el Arenal /Bajadero.



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AZUERO EARTH PROJECT



WATERSHED REFORESTATION PROGRAM





Program staff from past years in the field for a data collection trip.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REFOREST YOUR WATERSHEDS?

Azuero Earth Project invites farm owners who are interested in reforesting their watershed to apply for entry in our 2017 reforestation program. The program incorporates a series of activities to ensure that the reforestation of your farm is successful and offers future ecological and productive benefits:

1. **Initial interview and tour of the farm (March-April):** Azuero Earth Project staff meet with the producer for an initial conversation to determine if the farm will be included in the 2017 program.
2. **First meeting and signing of letter of commitment (April):** The producer officially enters the program, we determine the area to be reforested and take soil samples to inform the selection of species.

3. **Second meeting--Species selection (April-May):** The producer chooses his/her species based on the land parcel's characteristics and our recommendations.
4. **Third meeting (April-May):** Approval of reforestation plan and confirmation of planting plans.
5. **Informational tour (April-May):** The producer will have an opportunity to visit farms with already-reforested parcels and to share with other producers from the program.
6. **Pre-planting visit (May-July):** The Azuero Earth Project team will visit the farm with the producer to ensure that everything is ready for planting (fencing, cleaning, etc.) and to stake out the parcel, mapping the locations of the plantings.
7. **Planting (June-July):** The Azuero Earth Project team and volunteers will come to the farm for a day of planting with the farmer.
8. **Distribution of planting documentation (July-November):** After the planting, the producer will receive a certificate of participation from the program and a report about the planting.
9. **Cleaning (July-December of 2017, 2018, 2019):** The producer will selectively clean around the saplings to ensure that they grow well. The Azuero Earth Project will accompany producers during the first cleaning trips.
10. **Monitoring (2+ times per year in 2017, 2018, 2019):** The Azuero Earth Project will come monitor the planting and health/survival of the trees. Staff will also speak with the producers about relevant information.



A producer from past years participates actively in planning the reforested parcel, explaining the characteristics of his farm to the Azuero Earth Project team.

WHAT ARE THE PRODUCER'S OBLIGATIONS?

- Participate actively in all of the program meetings and visits
- Provide cleaning and maintenance for the planting
- Provide labor and materials for fencing and identifying planted seedlings
- Take appropriate steps to protect the plants against risks identified in the technical report
- Provide the Azuero Earth team access to the farm to monitor the planting for a minimum of 5 years