

1. Applicant

Applicant name: XXX

Address: XXX

Phone: XXX

Homepage: XXX

Description of the applicant: The applicant is a registered NGO from XXX that works in the field of development cooperation with organizations in Ecuador and Nepal.

Contact person, position and email: xxx, Chairwoman, xxx@gmail.com

Date of the proposal: 15.08.2018

Did your organization already receive support from the xxx Foundation? If yes, please indicate the year:

no

2. Further Information

I fit applies. Local partner for the project:

Fundación XXX; Puyo, Ecuador

Address, Telephone, Fax, E-Mail, Homepage:

XXXX

Puyo, Pastaza

Ecuador

+593 XXX

3. Nature of the project (more than one can be chosen)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Organic agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protection against desertification/erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oceans
<input type="checkbox"/>	Womens empowerment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Humanitarian aid	x	Protection of species	<input type="checkbox"/>	Others
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water/Wastewater	x	Protection of forest	x	Income Generation		

4. Project title

Reforestation with the Wayuri Palmtree (*Pholidostachys synanthera robusta*) in Sarayaku, Pastaza, Ecuador

5. Description of the project

Country, Region and Community:

Ecuador, Pastaza, Puyo, Sarayaku

Project Background:

Mawka Llakta is one of the seven communities of the village Sarayaku in the Ecuadorian amazon rainforest. The inhabitants are part of the ethnic group of the Kichwa. The village gained publicity through their fight against the oil industry on their territory. The village is only accessible via the river Bonbonaza in a canoe or with a small airplane.

The inhabitants of the village still live in very traditional houses and are very keen on preserving their culture. Traditionally, the houses are roofed with the leaves of the Wayuri Palm. These leaves can be used up to 30 years. Because of very high pressure on the existing trees of this species, they do not exist in the vicinity of the village anymore. To get the leaves of the Wayuri palm, the villagers have to travel 3 to 4 hours downriver to another community.

Because of the difficulty to obtain the leaves of the Wayuri Palm, many inhabitants of the village started to use other palm varieties like Toquilla or Utsha to roof their houses. These leaves deteriorate after 4 to maximum 10 years and are not apt to roof permanent houses. Because of this, some people started to use corrugated iron sheets for their houses. This is more effortful though because the sheets have to be transported at high cost via canoe from Puyo. They are also not suitable for roofing houses in the rain forest and change the traditional way of building houses. Traditions get lost this way.

One inhabitant of the village of Sarayaku started a small plantation of the Wayuri palm 10 years of. The plants grow very well and can be harvested for the first time very soon. This led to the realization for all inhabitants that reforestation with the Wayuri Palm is possible and a viable option.

Project goal:

The inhabitants of Sarayaku should be enabled to establish small nurseries for the Wayuri Palm on their own land so that in the future, the community can be self sufficient with the leaves of the palm. This way, the traditional way of building the houses can be kept. This will contribute to the preservation of the Kichwa culture of the village. Besides from using the leaves for their own houses, the surplus leaves can also be sold for a reasonable price to other members of the community. This way, a little income will be generated for the families taking part in this project.

Once there are more Wayuri plants in the area, the ecological pressure for the few remaining plants will ease. Furthermore, the plants need shadow, particularly in their first years, so that the farmers will have another incentive to leave the rainforest on the plantations intact.

The Wayuri palm is a native species of palm that has been suppressed from the area by overuse. Reforestation with this species would contribute to reestablish the original ecological diversity of the area.

Measures planned within the project:

In the community Teresamama, 3 to 4 hours downriver from Sarayaku, the organization will buy 1500 kg of seeds for the Wayuri palm. These will be transported via canoe to the community of Sarayaku. These seeds will be distributed to the 15 participating families within the framework of a training, together with fertilizer.

All families have enough land near their houses to start nurseries. The small plants need shade to grow, so that the families will have a huge incentive to leave the rainforest intact and only cut the undergrowth to plant.

The participants will be trained to learn how to grow the plants from the seeds and how to care for the saplings. Once the plants have grown up, there will be another training to refresh and to learn about caring for bigger plants and harvesting techniques. The first harvest of the leaves can be expected after 10 years.

Timeline. Please indicated the planned beginning and ending point of the project.

The project will start in October with the purchase of the seeds and end in December with planting the seeds and training the beneficiaries.

Does your organization plan in the coming years to continue working with this project? In which way?

XXX will keep supporting the community of Sarayaku in the following years and will seek an ongoing cooperation. We are planning further projects for income generation (i.e. local fishponds) and further trainings for organizational management, so that the local organization can become independent in the future.

The project "Reforestation with the Wayuri Palmtree (*Pholidostachys synanthera robusta*) in Sarayaku, Pastaza, Ecuador" will be chaperoned in the long term. If further investments in the nurseries are necessary, the organization will finance them. The further trainings and workshops that will be necessary when the plants have grown up will also be supported by our organization.

6. Expected results and beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of the project will be the 15 families that live in the community because they will be able to start a nursery with the palm trees. Once the first harvest can be taken, these families will be able to roof their houses with a cost effective, ecological and traditional technique. The surplus leaves can be sold in a reasonable price to other members of the community, which will generate a small income.

Indirectly, all inhabitants of the village of Sarayaku will benefit from the project (approximately 1500 people), because in the future, important building material will be available in their own village. The difficult and costly travel to Teresamama will not be necessary anymore to acquire the necessary material for the traditional way of roofing houses. An important part of the culture of Sarayaku will be protected this way and the use of corrugated iron sheets can be diminished.

Furthermore, the entire community benefits from the project because a native species that had been driven out of the area will return and contribute to ecologic diversity of the area.

7. Longterm goals, longterm impact of the project

In the long term, it will be secured that building material for the traditional houses will be available in the community of Sarayaku. This will strengthen the use of traditional building methods and thus strengthen the cultural cohesion of the village.

Furthermore, the beneficiaries can manage a small income that they can spend for their families.

The ecological pressure on the few remaining Wayuri palms and on the Toquilla and Utsha palms will fade. The possible use of the palm leaves will make sure that rainforest will be protected and not used for other purposes.

8. Budget

Measure/Item	Amount in €
1) Seeds of the Wayuri Palm (1500 kg)	XX €
2) Transportation of the seeds from Teresamama to Sarayaku in canoe (upriver)	XX €
3) Organic fertilizer (1500 kg)	XX €
4) Machetes	XX €
5) Transportation in Jeep	XX €
6) Transportation of the fertilizer from Canelos to Sarayaku in canoe (downriver)	XX €
Sum:	XX €

What will be payed by the applicant or other organizations?

The beneficiaries will provide the manpower for transportation, loading and making the fields ready free of charge. This will be their copayment.

Further funding was secured through our own organization.

Measure/Item	Amount in €
1) Training for planting the seeds	XX €
2) Transportation Training Puyo-Sarayaku-Puyo	XX €
3) Food for the trainings	XX €
Sum:	XX €

10. References (Please tell us at least one organization that you have worked with in the past)

Name of the Organization, Address, Contact Person:

XXX
XXX
XXX
XXX

Description of the organization:

XXX is an NGO that has already received funding from the XX Foundation. The applicant has worked as a project manager for named NGO.

11. How did you find out about the XX Foundation?

In my position as project manager for XX I have already worked with the XX Foundation in the past and have made very good experiences.

12. Bankdata

Address of the bank: XXX

Name: XXX

IBAN: XXX

BIC/SWIFT: XXX