

To all my Ghanaian friends

This message is to let know that we make some progress in promoting bamboo plantations. See below. Why we do this? Bamboo provides a means of livelihood for local people. Bamboo is very important self-regenerating and renewable non-timber natural recourse. It grows very quickly once establish, is self-sustaining and does not need replanting after harvesting. Compared to the cost of growing and tending some vegetables or fruit trees, bamboo growing can be relatively inexpensive.

Requirement of timber industry in Ghana is 4 million m³/yr. That is the harvest of 2000 km². That means that the half of all fallow land in Ghana should be planted with bamboo. But that means also a good income for harvesters, processors and manufacturers.

Do you know people with fallow land? Together with INBAR and the FORIG we will help these people to start a bamboo agriculture. See the video on <http://www.guadubamboo.com/uses-of-bamboo.html>

So, please, contact land owners and tell me the size and co-ordinates of their land.

Best regards
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