



Trees4All Project

Q&A for Sponsors

Introduction



Q: Why was the Trees4All project started in Nan Province?

A: Nan Province is an important source of water—at around 40 percent—of the Chao Phraya River. Over the years, however, Nan has lost more than 1 million rai of forest due to monoculture cultivation. This is affecting the supply of water to the Chao Phraya River. Our initiative in Nan is a start towards resolving the problem of deforestation and can be replicated in other provinces in the future.

Q: Where will the trees be planted?

A: We will plant mainly on agricultural plots that the government, in years past, allocated to farmers in the National Reserved Forest, including the watershed area identified by the National Land Policy Committee. Those areas have been used predominantly for monoculture crop cultivation. By planting trees that are suitable to the area, the Trees4All project will help diversify tree species and thus help restore the ecosystem in the area.

Q: What kind of trees will be planted? How do you know the trees are suitable to that area?

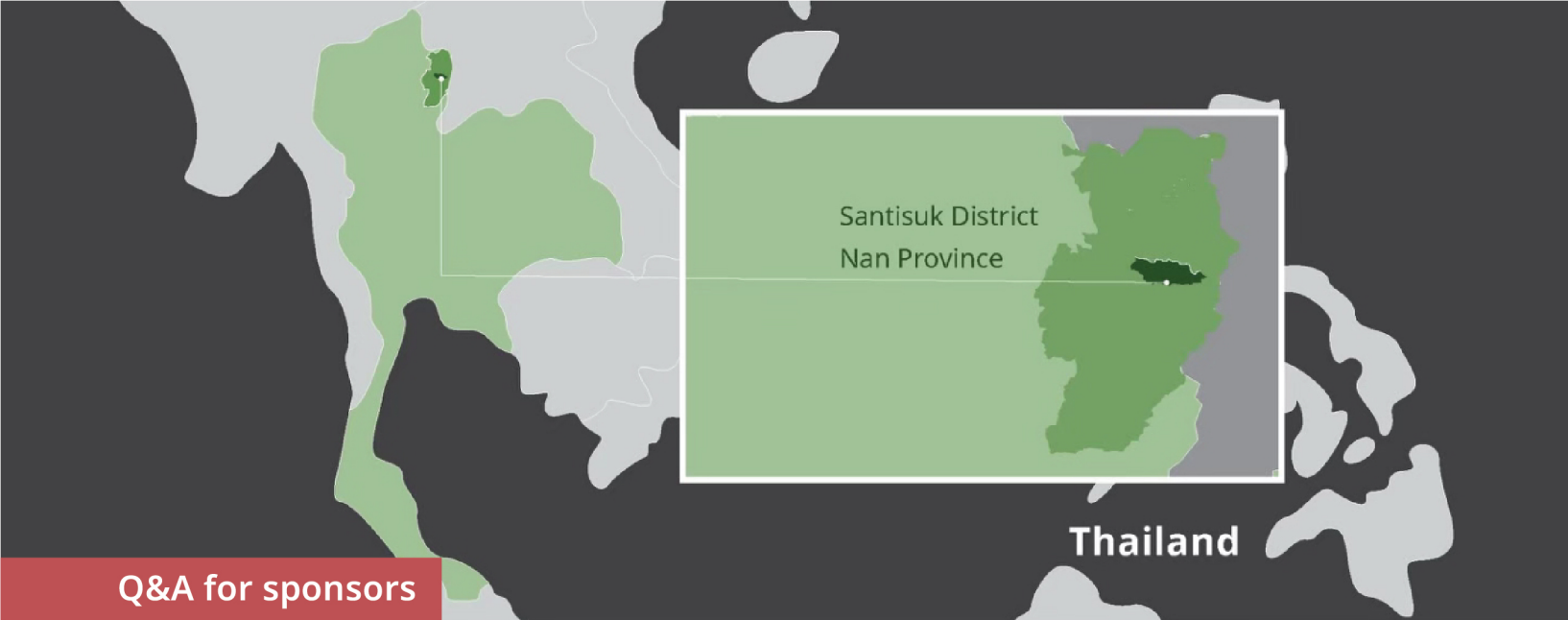
A: The project has obtained a combination of native tree species and commercial tree

species that research indicates would thrive in Nan Province and potentially restore forest landscape. The farmers have selected the types of trees they say are suitable for their area and that will lead to bountiful harvests of produce that will increase their incomes over time.

Q: If I donate a tree, can I track the progress of my tree? What will be included in the monitoring report?

A: The project will assess and report on the progress of the trees once a year (around January to February) for three years. The project will report on the survival and growth of each tree on an annual basis and provide an overview of the ecological, social and governance-related impacts of the project. The information will include the estimated amount of expected carbon dioxide sequestered, improvements in biodiversity and statistics on how much farmers are earning through the project. Each tree that is planted will be registered with its geographic coordinates. This will allow the reporting on the environmental, socioeconomic and governance aspects of the project.





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Q: Who will look after the trees after three years?

A: Care of the trees will be the responsibility of the farmers who earn their living from the land. The trees will produce crops that benefit the farmers in the long term. Thus, after three years, the farmers will continue taking care of the trees and harvesting the produce from the trees. They just won't be obligated to monitor each tree's growth after the three-year period. This process will ensure that the trees will be sustainably maintained and managed by fostering ownership and enabling the farmers to benefit from the trees.

Q: How are donations managed? Will this process also be monitored?

A: All donations are managed by the Trees4All Community-based Enterprise, which has created a donation-accounting system and a system for farmer registration. The enterprise also has set up committees consisting of various organizations to monitor how the Trees4All project is operating as well as the budget expenditures. It will conduct an annual financial audit for the three-year period.

Q: How do the community and the farmers participate in the project?

A: The project works with community organizations, such as the Trees4All Community-based Enterprise, the local-level committee that manages the project. The project staff and these community groups are working together to develop a system and procedures for monitoring the progress of the project. The farmers received information on their role and the conditions and benefits of the project before they decided to participate.

Q: Can donations be used as a tax deduction?

A: Donations are tax-deductible via the Taejai website, at this link taejai.com/th/d/tree-for-all

Q: Where can I find more information and follow updated news?

A: You can see the progress of the trees and the project on trees4allthailand.org. For more information about the project, please go to www.recoftc.org/en/thailand/projects/trees4all. If you have inquiries about the Trees4All project, please email trees4all@recoftc.org.

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