

Raining Forests



What we are doing

- We plant trees to regrow forests
- We spread the art and the consciousness of planting trees to protect and care for the eco-systems of the planet.
- We build and sell necklaces that may be planted to make a tree grow, which are called Raining Forest Seed Balls (Rain-balls).

Raining Forests Seed Balls (Rain-Balls)

- Every effort of the project will be financed by selling Rain-Ball necklaces made with a seed-ball enclosed in a cotton rainbow wire

Rain-Ball necklaces



The Rain-Ball necklaces is a pendant that people may use as a jewelry and/or to plant their own tree, using the seed inside the clay-ball

How 1

- We use aerial reforestation inspired by Fukuoka's techniques

How 2

- We collect wild seeds native to a specific area and we use them in Raining Forests Seed Balls (Rain-balls): clay balls with active microorganism and seeds that are spread in Raining Forests events of aerial reforestation.

How 3

- We collect the seeds and we organize workshops to teach how to prepare the Rain-balls and how to use Fukuoka's technique of clay balls.
- We rain the seeds over the areas that have been chosen for the reforestation of the ecosystem.

Where

- The project begins in the Canary Islands, where the Laurisilva is still present and an incredible biodiversity can be protected by a well aimed action.
- The project can be deployed all over the world thanks to the flexible use of Basic Work Units (BWUs), to answer to the worldwide need of reforestation and target the ecosystems most in need of help.

When

- We're organizing the first Raining Forests event in February 2019 in the Rainbow Crystal Land Community, Firgas, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands

Context

- Planet Earth
 - We divide the world in 3 kind of places:
 1. Blind zones - any place where we don't have any contacts useful to initialize a reforestation project
 2. Building zone - we have in the area one person committed to be part of a Basic-Work-Unit (BWU)
 3. Active zone - we have a whole BWU in the place

Basic work unit - BWU

- Every **active-zone** has at least a BWU made of
 - 1 Local Seed expert (LS)
 - 1 Local Volunteer responsible (LV)
 - 1 Elicoper(ist) (E)

BWU Skills LS

- Local Seed expert should know or being very committed in knowing:
 1. Where to find and collect a huge number of ancient local seeds (seeds of plants native to the area or naturalized in the last 100 years)
 2. How the local eco-system works and which species will help the target forests regrow faster

BWU Skills LV

- The Local Volunteer responsible should know or being very committed in knowing how to:
 - Create together with us the local workshops where volunteers come together to prepare Raining Forests Seeds Balls (Rain-balls)
 - Coordinate the volunteers who want to work in the area (managing the contacts and staying in touch with them, before, during and after the Raining Forests event)
 - Evaluate the proposal that volunteers may submit in order to help the project and organize the realization of the ones they believe best

BWU Elicoper(ist)

- The Elicopter of the area should be available at least once per year there should be at least one person that can pilot it

KEY-WORDS Project

- SERENDIPITY —> feeling at home, peace, joy, trust . . . serendipity is essential to make this project work!
- FRIENDSHIP —> we will build bonds of friendship with all the participants, in order to create a team of people who work together with pleasure and ease, helping and supporting each other

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