

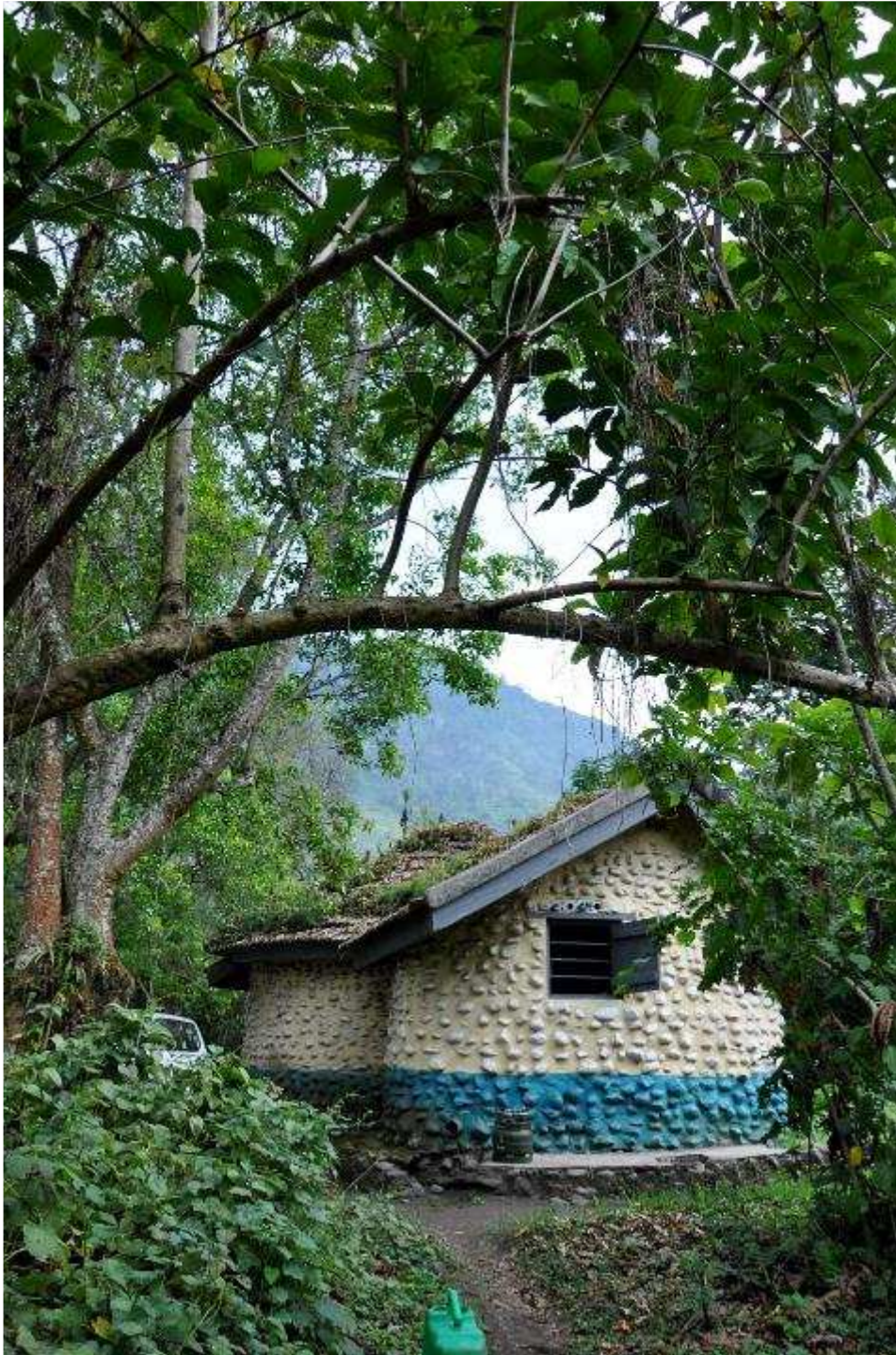


Trees for Global Benefit:

A cooperative Carbon
Offsetting Scheme Linking
Rural Poor Smallholders to the
Voluntary PES markets

Implemented by The Environmental
Conservation Trust of Uganda

ECOTRUST



About ECOTRUST

Uganda Local NGO

Mission:

to conserve biological diversity and enhance social welfare by promoting innovative and sustainable environmental management

Goal: Provide long-term sustained funding for the conservation of biodiversity and environmental management in Uganda

Approach: Building Partnerships for Conservation

Works with Government agencies but is not government
Member of IUCN

Trees for Global Benefit



- Cooperative carbon offsetting scheme linking rural poor smallholder farmers to the voluntary PES markets, using the plan vivo standard
- Combining carbon sequestration with rural livelihood improvements
- Small-scale, farmer led, forestry/agroforestry projects
- Reducing pressure on natural resources in national parks and forest reserves
- Whole community / whole household approach

Trees for Global Benefit Model





Land Tenure

- Rural Poor Smallholder farmers
- Customary land tenure
- Mostly without documentation to prove tenure
- Main form of land acquisition is through inheritance
- Land transactions are very informal
- Multiple Layers of Access, Use & control



Challenges

- Unable to enter contracts that require proof of tenure
- Inability to access loan financing
- Short term resource utilisation decisions
- Land fragmentation
- Very small & scattered landholdings
- Very costly carbon scheme to manage



TGB Approaches

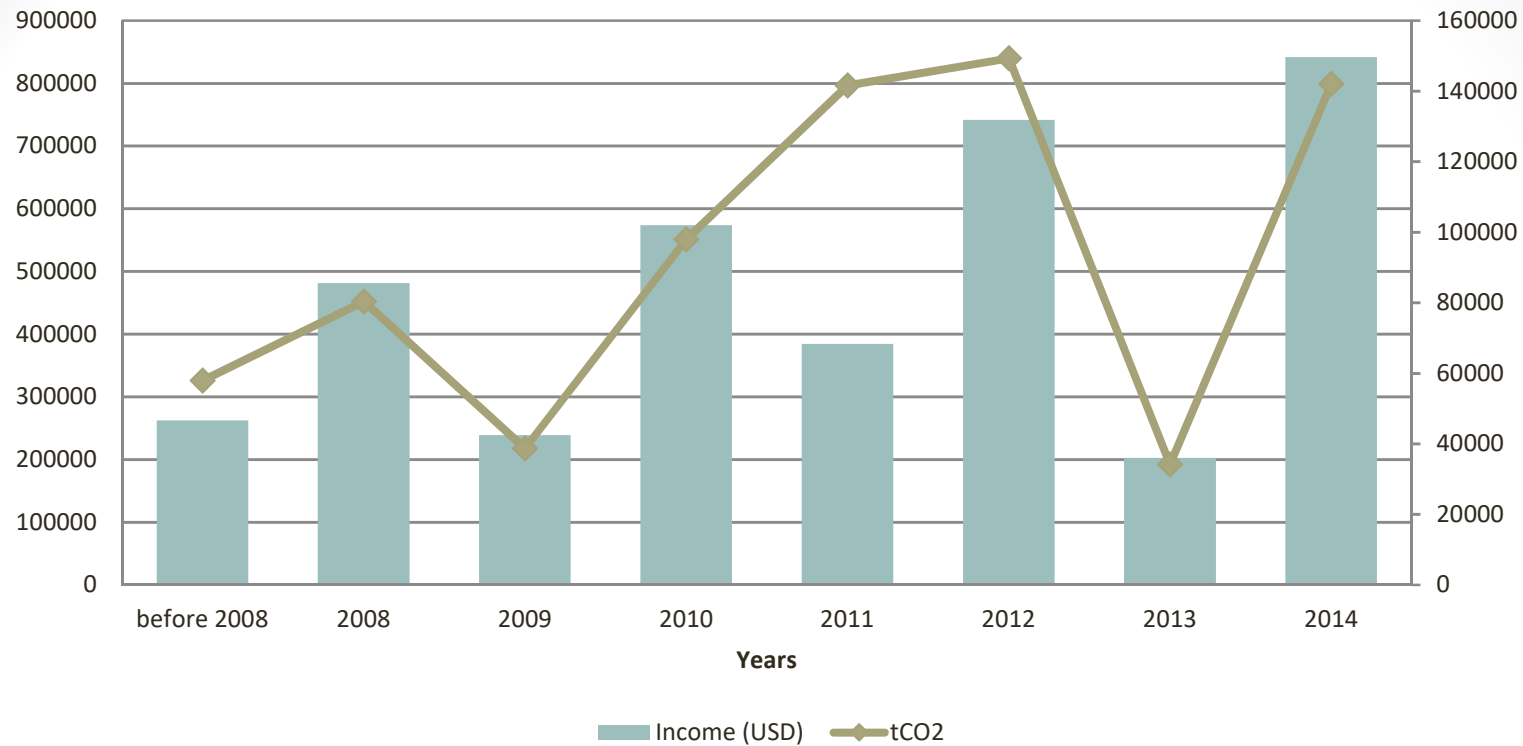
- Based on the Plan Vivo Standard
- Achieving scale through aggregation
- PES agreements recognise the Rights of Access, Use and Control
- Managing Risk through a buffer of unsold carbon & a self-managed risk fund



TGB Approaches

- Building Farmer – led institutions
 - Communal Land Associations
 - Collaborative Forest Management Arrangements
 - Resource user agreements
 - Village savings & loans associations
- Empowering farmers to invest in the long-term productivity of their land
 - Participating farmers receive training and attend workshops to identify forestry activities that are suitable to their needs.
 - Households develop landuse /business plans

TGB's Carbon Trading Performance



- More than 6,000 farmers & over 6,000ha put under improved management
- Up to US\$850,000 in Private Sector led Foreign Direct Investment in smallholder agroforestry
- Per capita income generated from sale of tCO2 is: \$985
- Additional income from sale of NTFPs – fuelwood, honey, fruits, medicinal extracts, etc.
- Farmers are able to access loans using their PES agreements as collateral