

PROJECT MANAGER, NICARAGUA

ABOUT US

EcoPlanet Bamboo is leading the commercialization of bamboo as a sustainable, deforestation-free, climate friendly, alternative fiber for some of the world's largest industries. We are a triple bottom line company putting equal emphasis on people, planet and profit, and building a team that is collaborative, entrepreneurial and passionate about driving sustainable development and long term positive impact through business.

Our operations span in Nicaragua, South Africa, Ghana, Rwanda and the Philippines. Our projects apply our successful model of landscape restoration, providing a solution to three of the world's most critical environmental problems: the need for effective solutions to mitigate global climate change; holistic restoration of the world's most degraded landscapes; and a growing population that requires sustainable alternatives for consumer products and markets that still contribute to deforestation and deforestation driven emissions.

In Nicaragua, we manage over 3,500 ha across three bamboo farms, of which 2,500 ha were reforested with bamboo between 2011-2017 and the remaining area represented old growth forest that was set aside for conservation. In October 2022, a hurricane swept across our farms, causing the most significant impact in the conservation areas. The bamboo reforestation area has been most affected by the large volumes of debris that was dumped by the hurricane from the conservation areas into the adjacent bamboo project areas, in some cases causing damage to the bamboo clumps and otherwise making access into the project area challenging.

Now a year later it is evident that in order to regenerate new growth, a larger scale cleanup of the farms is needed focused on the removal of the hurricane debris and the manual removal of fast growing herbaceous vegetation around the bamboo clumps. This work goes hand in hand with the aim of commercialization currently scheduled to begin in early 2025.

We are looking for a dynamic project manager who speaks both English and Spanish to lead the hurricane clean-up efforts on our Nicaraguan farms for the next 12 months. This position will spend 60-80% of the time in the field and reside in EcoPlanet's headquarters on the outskirts of the town of El Rama.

Location: Rama, Nicaragua

Duration: Fixed Term: 12 Months

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversee all aspects of hurricane clean-up operations, including:
 - Develop and implement daily, weekly and monthly operational plans and targets;
 - Expand and manage field teams, comprising own staff and contract workers, to efficiently carry out field activities;
 - Ensure targeted activities are completed on time and on budget;
- Provide Transparent and accurate reporting:

- Record operational progress on standardized reporting forms;
- Work with the finance team to provide monthly budget to actual and operational reports, tying financial spend to operational progress;
- Develop and implement field monitoring systems for operational activities, including monitoring points, photos and mapping of completed works;
- Conduct a survey of hurricane impact, including inventory counts on the bamboo and updating mapping of all farms.
- Provide support, continuous training and leadership to the field teams.
- Provide the link between field operations and EcoPlanet's corporate team.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A bachelor's degree in forestry or environmental management or proven experience in lieu of a bachelor's degree;
- 5+ years of work experience in environmental, forestry or conservation projects, including international exposure;
- Proven experience working with teams of unskilled and semi-skilled workers;
- Fluency in both English and Spanish, required;
- Proficiency with mapping & GIS, desired;
- A desire to be working hands on in the field – rain or shine;
- Ability to walk long distances to inaccessible locations;
- Driving license, with clean driving record;
- Ability to work in a fast paced environment as part of a multi-national entrepreneurial company.

WHAT WE OFFER

We offer a competitive remuneration package, growth opportunities and a platform from which to do exciting and meaningful work with an ambitious and passionate team in a vibrant global company that is working towards driving sustainable change.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates should email a cover letter expressing their interest in the position and how their background meets the requirements of the role as well as a CV to Samantha Wilde at swilde@ecoplanetbamboo.com. Candidates will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.