

Lessons from Community-based Forest Restoration in Haiti & Connections to Forest Management in Vermont

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Who are we?

Our mission is to implement accessible reforestation and agroforestry projects in partnership with community, farmers, and other groups.

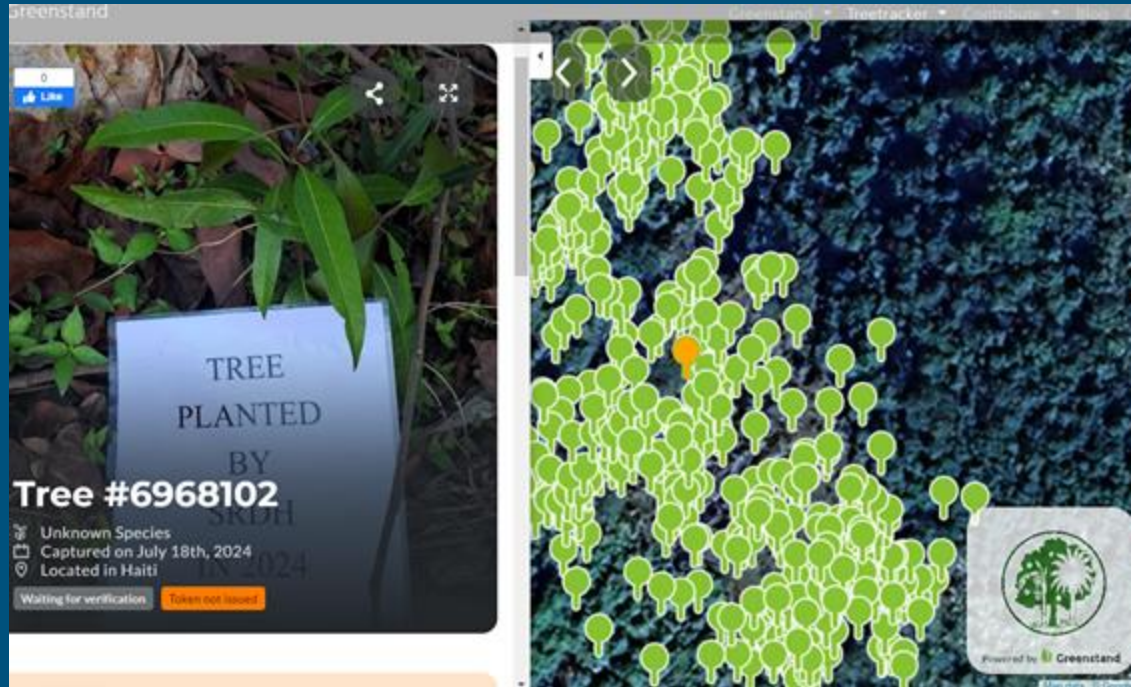
We accomplish this by providing education, training, materials, and support - facilitating a space to collaboratively replant and manage Haiti's forest ecosystems.



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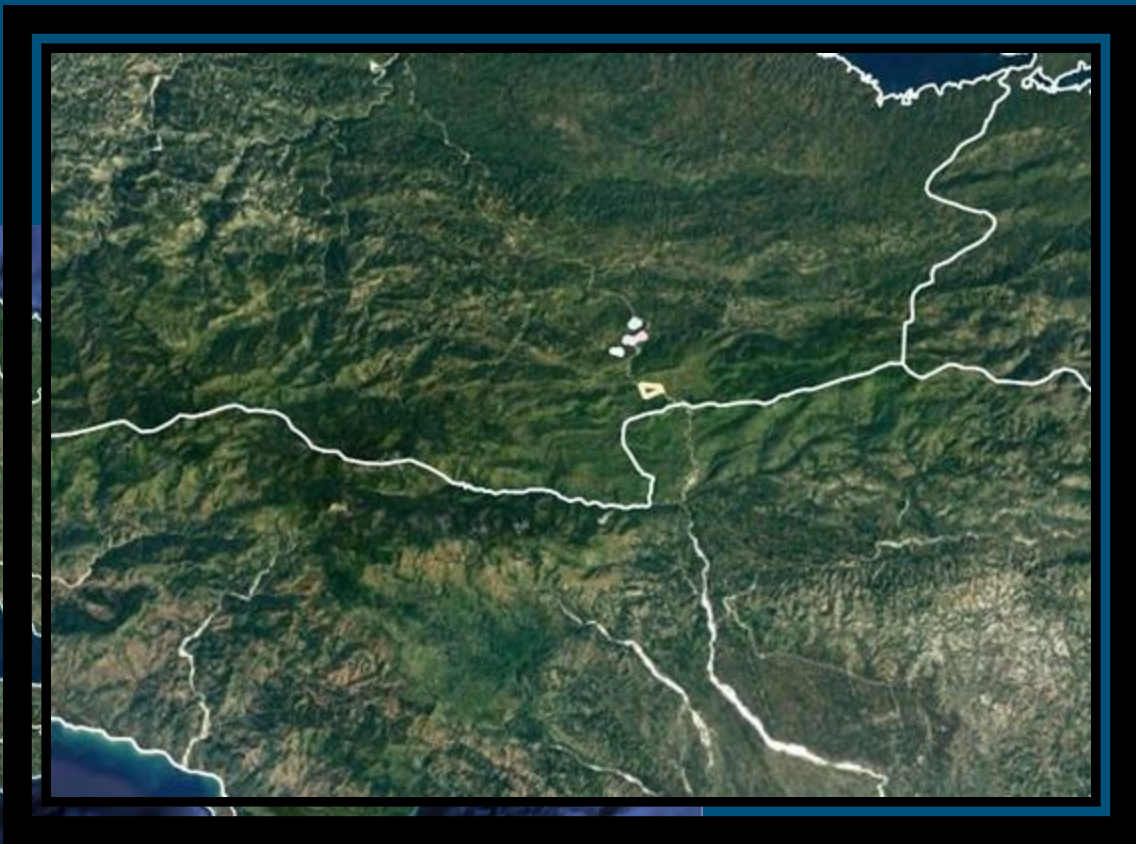
Our Approach

- Meet with multiple stakeholders during project planning phase
- Provide workshops and education
- Follow up and monitoring
 - TreeTracker



TreeTracker

Regional context



SRDH Projects



Education



Reforestation



Agroforestry

Education

May 1 (Arbor Day) Event

- ▶ Partner with schools
- ▶ Invite community
- ▶ Hands-on learning
- ▶ Increases interest in learning

Agroforestry materials and support for farmers

Capacity building training series



May 1 2024 © SRDH

Reforestation and Agroforestry

Community forests

- ▶ Duchity community forest (22.5 acres)
- ▶ Dorvilier Family forest (13.47 acres)
- ▶ Working on a lease for a third forest

Agroforestry on farmers' land

- ▶ Future: Lakou project

Marketable forest products

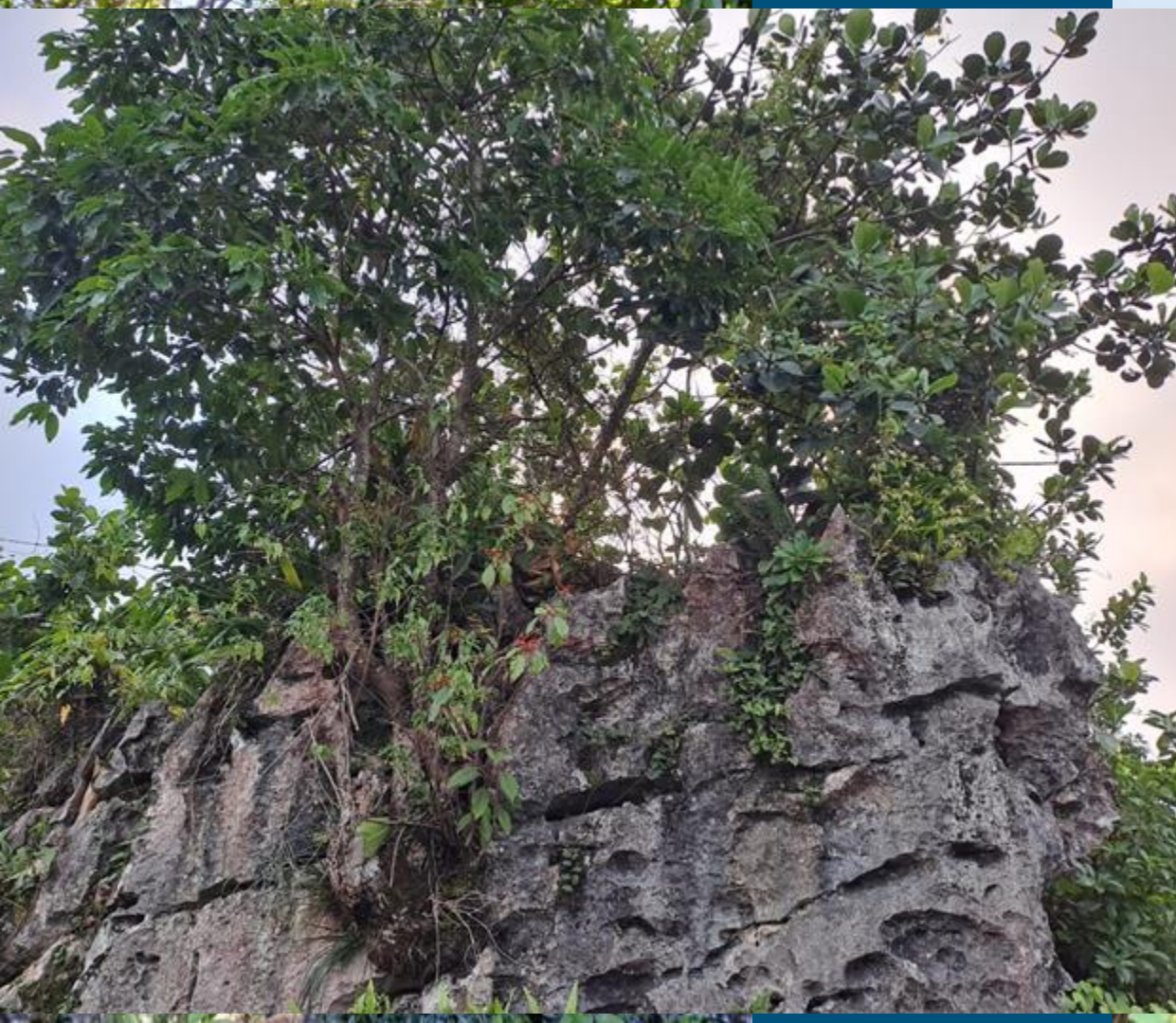
- ▶ Women's Empowerment program with Trees that Feed Foundation



Women's Program



trees that feed
foundation



Connections to Vermont

- Migratory birds
 - Bicknell's Thrush (*Catharus bicknelli*)
- High level of private land ownership
 - In VT: ~80% land privately owned
 - In Duchity region - mostly private ownership, federal land still used by people



Bicknell's Thrush © Adam Jackson, iNaturalist

Lessons from our work

- While high levels of private land ownership create complexity, there are many opportunities for projects.
- Opportunities for agroforestry and food forests in Vermont
 - Additional marketable products
- Projects/ management plans truly represent communities
- Embracing complexity...



Reforest Unused Communal/Private/Public Lands:

- community forest IN Duchity; reforest surrounding land too, buffer Macaya Reserve
- Use of native species (80%) and non-native.
- Multi-use, food, non-timber forest products
- Job creation: community hires for forest management; monitoring
- Provide "work for timber/forest products" strategy for sustainable distribution of resources
- Live fences – goat fodder, keep them off the trees
- Buffers of fast-growing charcoal/timber species for community use

Invest in Local Farmers (Agroforestry on farmer's lands):

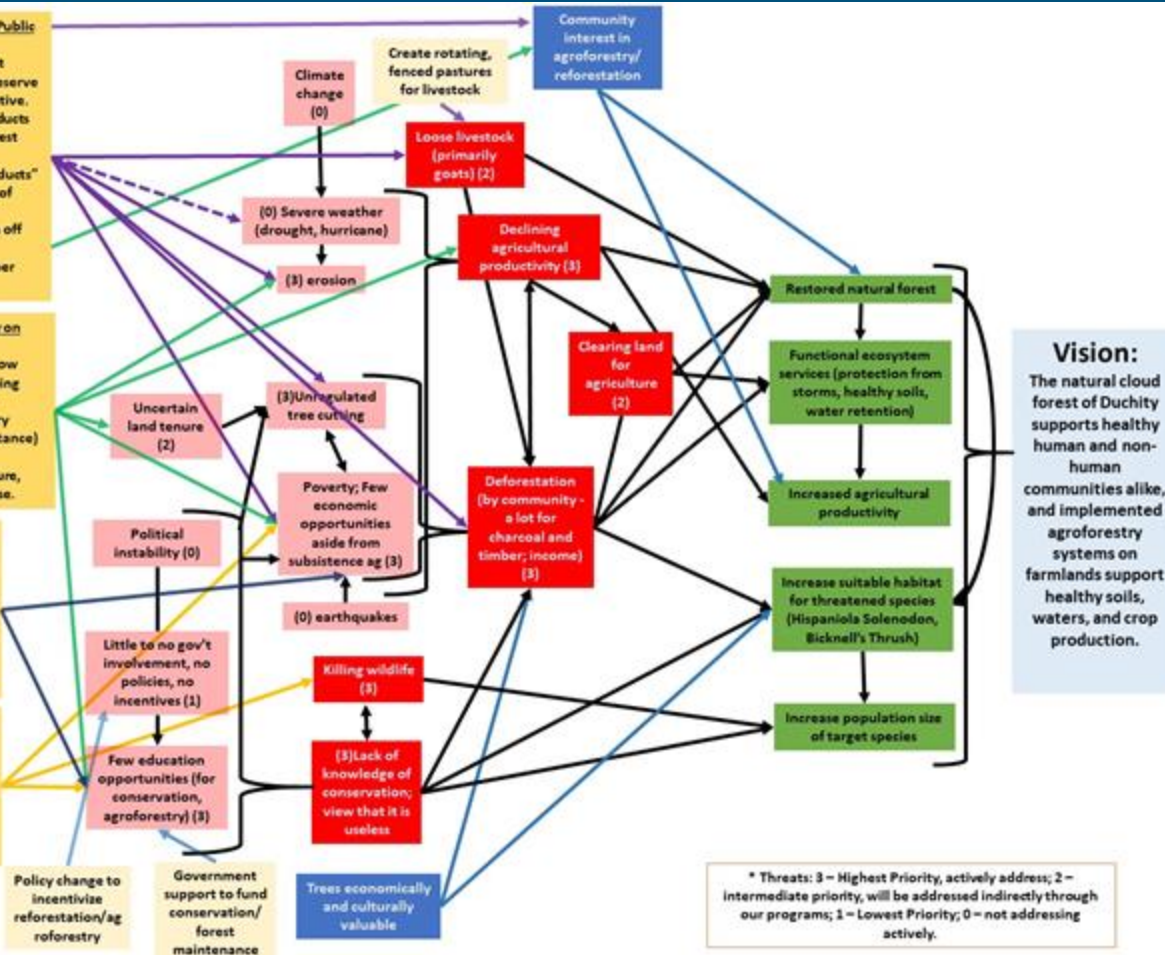
- Trainings in agroforestry (hedge, row cropping, windbreaks)/mixed cropping techniques
- Provide materials for agroforestry implementation (seedlings, tools, assistance)
- Live fences
- Meetings: feedback, work out tenure, determine standards for harvest/use.

Community Tree Planting days:

- educate and engage community and youth in SRDH strategies and projects
- connect conservation to reforestation and agricultural productivity
- opportunity for community feedback and discussions

Conservation:

- educate and engage community and youth
- Local and international partnership opportunities
- Haitian stories of animals
- job opportunities: monitoring



Vision:

The natural cloud forest of Duchity supports healthy human and non-human communities alike, and implemented agroforestry systems on farmlands support healthy soils, waters, and crop production.



Questions?

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