

# Ban Lanta y Planta!



*Trees for Aruba*

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- Foundation (NGO) since december 2020
- Volunteers
- Plant trees, help local biodiversity & fighting climate change
- Funded by donations and tree adoptions



Our goal to participate in this workshop: learn how to grow mangroves and restore/protect them

- "Ban Lanta y Planta! - Trees for Aruba" (Let's go and plant! - Trees for Aruba), our intentions are clear (what's in a name?)  
And our goal: 10.000 trees for Aruba!

What we do?

- Learn from local expertise
- Collection of (local) tree & shrub seeds/cuttings
- Germination
- Growing & watering
- Search suitable terrains to plant
- Collaborate with locals & organisations
- Tree adoptions
- Planting days

Future goals & wishes:

- Green corridors
- Grow an Aruban forrest on our own terrain
- (Create) more awareness
- Better protection of existing trees/nature areas!



## Aruba



## Rainy season



- Aruba consistently ranks as having the least amount of rainfall among Caribbean islands - averaging about 15 inches (38 cm) per year
- Mainly flat, few hills, white beaches/mangrove areas (south), rough side (north)
- Windy. No hurricanes

### Other challenges & threats:

- Goats
- Deforestation due to construction/development (threatening our mangroves)
- (Adventure) tourism / irresponsible offroad traffic
- Led to decreasing biodiversity, desert like circumstances, less mangroves

## Reforestation criteria

### Trees:

- (Very) drought resistant
- Wind resistant
- Exists on Aruba
- Good for local fauna
- Non-invasive
- Endangered on Aruba

### Terrains:

- Water availability
- No goats/donkeys
- Protected from development/construction
- No harm on existing flora, fauna, river beds etc.

### Mangroves:

In 2019 we started planting: 4 sites so far

- Seida cora
- Palo di boonchi
- Pali sia cora
- Tamarijn
- Kurahout
- Foyo di cruz
- Boonchi strena
- Supi (asufro)
- Zjiron
- Calbas
- Kibrahacha
- Shimarucu
- Cawara blanco
- Brasil
- Dabaruida
- Wayaca
- Mahawa
- Huliba macho



October 2021

- Mangel blanco
- Mangel preto (~100 in total)



And growing in 3 greenhouses



## Marine Barracks - The 'Van Dasselaar park'



November 2020



September 2021



## Helping FPNA with planting in the National Park of Aruba



## Testing GROASIS boxes on BLYP site



April 2021

August 2021





## Field trip Bonaire and Mangrove Maniacs



September 2021



## Planting mangroves in Aruba with FPNA and Marines



October 2021



Two weeks later, not  
all are doing well....



Black mangroves

Too dry? Too salty? Pollution?



White mangrove under  
construction material



Good news. The trees are growing well 😊







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## VOLUNTEERS



## COLLECT



## GROW



## TREE ADOPTIONS



## COLLABORATE



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## Trees for Aruba

## GERMINATIE



## PLANT DAYS



## AWARENESS



## TRY OUT



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