

It's all about community empowerment with VEEP



What is the Vetiver Education and Empowerment Project (VEEP)

VEEP is a tried and tested model/ approach to introduce the Vetiver System (VS) to communities where it can benefit

What are some of the uses of vetiver grass and the Vetiver System (VS)?

- ✦ Land and slope stabilization
- ✦ Erosion control and infrastructure protection
- ✦ Soil and water conservation
- ✦ Mulching and topsoil regeneration
- ✦ Water treatment
- ✦ Natural materials & handicraft production
- ✦ Sustainable livelihoods

VETIVER HANDICRAFTS

Vetiver grass leaves and roots can be used to make baskets, mats, up-cycled chairs, soaps, fragrant root bundles, and more.



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Download the **WEClimate App** and check out our library to access more educational content about the use of vetiver grass and the Vetiver System (VS), and tag sites across T&T facing erosion and slippage which could benefit from VS solutions. In the next stages of WEClimate you will also find a growing library of content ranging from how-to's for organic gardens and farms, reforestation and conservation, to energy efficiency and renewables at home, and much more.



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BUILDING COMMUNITY CLIMATE RESILIENCE WITH VETIVER



A simple, accessible, cost-effective, green solution for many climate related issues

One of IAMovement's main areas of work over the years has been in Climate Adaptation. Given the social and financial impact of natural hazard events to the Caribbean we've focused on building climate resilience, especially in rural communities and at the national level – specifically, on bringing green and cost-effective solutions to communities to tackle important issues such as erosion, land-slippage and flooding, which often compromise and cause damages and loss to homes, property, infrastructure and lives. We have focused on promoting a greater overall climate resilience in T&T and other Caribbean nations that face soil and water related challenges through the use of the vetiver and the Vetiver System (VS) as a green infrastructure tool.



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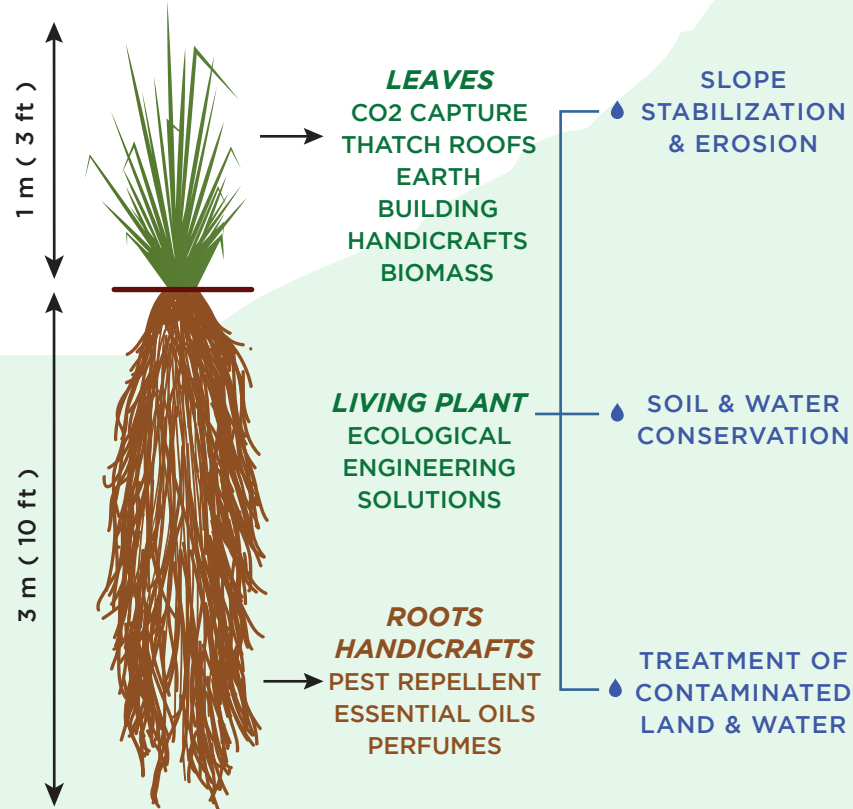
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WHAT IS VETIVER GRASS ?

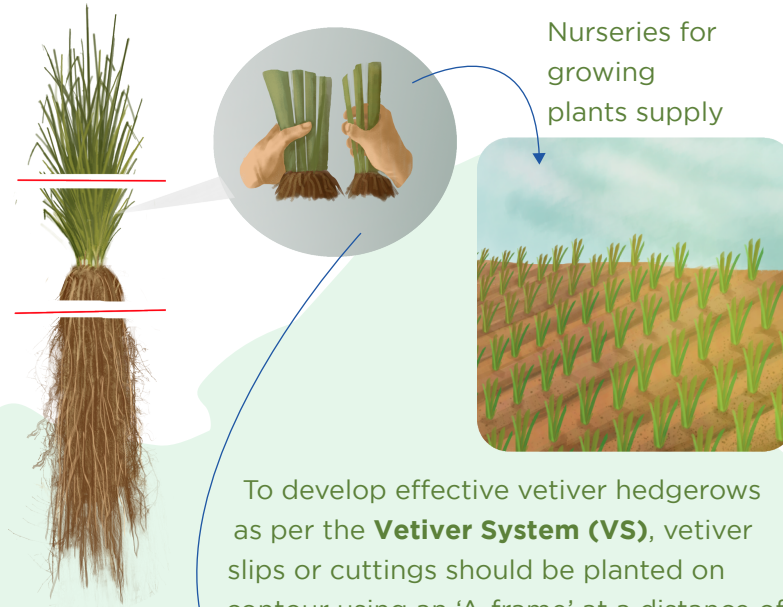


Vetiver grass is a tropical and sub-tropical plant which grows best in sunny conditions and has a deep fibrous root system that extends up to 10 ft deep, making it a very effective tool for slope stabilization & erosion control.

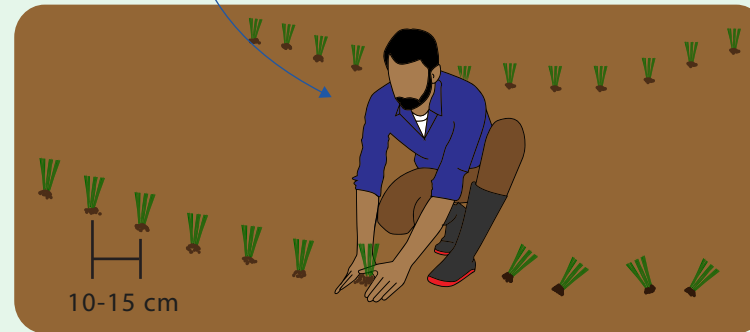
Vetiver leaves and roots can also be used in many ways to make different types of handicrafts.



THE VETIVER SYSTEM (VS)



To develop effective vetiver hedgerows as per the **Vetiver System (VS)**, vetiver slips or cuttings should be planted on contour using an 'A-frame' at a distance of 10-15 cm apart.



- ✿ Maintenance to young plants is needed in early stages to prevent overgrowth, until they are well established.
- ✿ To speed up establishment fertilizers and soil amendments like Liquid Litter and Agrical can be applied.
- ✿ Vetiver is susceptible to grass 'weed-kill', and especially glyphosate like all other plants. Where vetiver grass is implemented, it is therefore very important to avoid spraying these chemicals directly on the plants.

VETIVER GRASS USES

