



## Agroforestry in Madagascar

Tamatave & Akamasoa, Madagascar

## 500 trees planted

In Madagascar, social enterprise Bôndy and Go Forest focus on planting trees in an agroforestry system, combining the cultivation of trees with crops or livestock on the same plot of land, and where all the trees planted have (quick) economic benefits for the local farmers. We have developed a model where we plant high-value species on farmer lands that will bring economic and environmental benefits to the local populations. This creates a more diverse ecosystem, promoting sustainable use of agricultural land. Field engineers provide training on new agricultural approaches that are cost-effective and sustainable. Through our commitment to agroforestry, we aim to create a balance where nature thrives, the soil is preserved, and local communities prosper economically. In doing so, we also create a substitute for the remaining primary forests and thereby protect the country's national treasure. Planting with the farmers (called agroforestry) is, therefore, something that changes lives. For the local population in Tamatave and Akamasoa, it is vital to plant trees that not only offer cooling but also fruits, nuts, and other products. This added value supports their livelihood and is also the motivation to take care of trees and to realize that trees are life companions. The trees are no longer seen as producers of charcoal, but as continuous sources of income that should not be cut down.



## Care for communities

At Go Forest, we don't just plant trees. We engage in much more, such as ensuring sustainable support for local communities. We do so by using the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which serve as a blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and in the future. Depending on the region and the project, you'll be supporting different SDGs.

