

PURPOSE

- Help maintain a long-standing local activity and defend biodiversity and ecological balance of the forest.
- Forest coffee harvesting is an extremely valuable resource in defending biodiversity, as it reduces environmental impact to a minimum.
- Direct intervention to support small communities will make an enormous contribution in achieving the double objective of conservation and sustainable resource use.

TARGET GROUP

Directly

- 4 kebele (the smallest administrative unit of Ethiopia): Irba, Burkitu, Wabero, and Chiri
- 280 producers ages ranging from 25 to 40

Indirect beneficiaries (secondary stakeholders)

- 3,915 households in the 4 kebele affected by the project (23,330 people)

HARENNA FOREST WILD COFFEE SLOW FOOD PRESIDIUM

ETHIOPIA - approved by the Efico Fund on 20/11/2009

Location

Oromia

Description

Develop Harenna Forest Presidium in Ethiopia to promote wild coffee growing in the forest at altitudes between 1,300 and 1,800 meters and to protect its area of origin. Coffee originally comes from Ethiopia. It is the only country in the world where coffee (*Coffea Arabica* variety) grows in the wild. These Ethiopian conditions produce an excellent quality natural coffee (not washed) with significant market potential.

Project Budget

Total budget: € 41 500

Efico Fund contribution: € 20 000

Project Duration

October 2009 to October 2010

PARTNERS

Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity

www.slowfoodfoundation.org

- Project applicant, Italian NGO
- Defends smallholders and their communities and food biodiversity
- Protects the environment

EOSA

Ethio Organic Seeds Action

- Ethiopian NGO; local partner

CSC

Specialty Coffee Certification

www.caffespeciali.com

- Italian technical partner
- Selects and certifies quality coffee



EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1) Creation of a producer association and a collective trademark.
- 2) Improved quality and quantity of forest coffee with particular attention to eliminating the fermentation problem in the finished product; promotion of the product in the domestic and international markets.
- 3) Reduced participation of intermediaries and shorter chain to get better prices for the producers.
- 4) Strengthened cooperative structure and inclusion of processing communities in the network.
- 5) Inclusion of the Presidium in the Terra Madre network to facilitate exchange and communication between producers.

CONSERVATION OF COFFEE BIODIVERSITY IN ETHIOPIA



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