Sustainable Community Launches Initiative to Aid Bali Farmers Amidst Increased Tourism

Green Warrior Permaculture, a community of sustainability specialists, announced a new project to train and support Bali farmers to strengthen farming techniques and crop diversity to make higher profits. The specialists develop strategies to aid in the restoration of impoverished communities.

More information can be found at https://greenwarriorpermaculture.wordpress.com.

The announcement comes in response to the increase in tourism that has caused indigenous farmers to give up land to developers whose attractions are unsustainable for agriculture. It was designed to help farmers retain the land by teaching organic farming methods.

Some studies also show the negative impacts of tourism on indigenous people, including influences on the economy and culture.

The business opportunities brought about by tourism can attract an influx of expatriates, which crowd out work opportunities for indigenous people and increase unemployment rates.

Green Warrior Permaculture partnered with THK Bali to create a Super-Farmer collective to educate farmers and convert the land from conventional farming into polyculture systems. Farmers must sign an agreement to farm according to a set of guidelines to preserve the soils and the environment.

The first stage of the project involves training farmers and implementing several variations of the multi-crop system to yield optimum results. Farmers who have excelled at this stage will be given the option to become trainers, which furthers the partnership's goal of having farmers train farmers.

The Super-Farmer project allows farmers to use LEISA (low external input sustainable agriculture) methods to increase income by no longer paying for pesticides, herbicides, seeds, and fertilizer.

Farmers are guaranteed the price of the existing crops for 1 year and can borrow money from the Super-Farmer collective for upgrading their land.

"Most poverty is brought about when a county's, city's, or community's ecosystem is depleted or destroyed." A spokesperson for the community said. "True sustainability can only be achieved with a fully intact, productive ecosystem. Repairing the ecosystem as well as the people's lives has to be the main aim of a sustainable aid project."

Interested parties can find more information about the Super Farmer project by visiting <u>https://greenwarriorpermaculture.wordpress.com.</u>

Summary: Green Warrior Permaculture launches the Super-Farmer Project to aid Bali farmers to retain land and improve profits through sustainable agriculture. The project aims to educate farmers about organic farming and polyculture systems to increase profits.