

Bali Super-Farmer Project To Save Farmers Launched By Green Warrior

Summary

In the face of long-term threats to tourism in Bali, Green Warrior has launched the Super-Farmer Project which aims to save the farms and livelihoods of Bali's farmers.

Main Content

With the increase in farmers losing their farms due to low incomes when using conventional farming methods, Green Warrior has launched the Super-Farmer campaign to teach Bali's farmers more profitable and sustainable farming practices.

Full details of the program can be found at <https://greenwarriorpermaculture.wordpress.com>

As the Bali tourism industry is buying and converting farmlands into unsustainable developments, Bali's ecosystems, terrace farming, and natural beauty are disappearing, which will eventually kill local tourism. The launch of the Super-Farmer project will help stop farmers from being forced to sell up due to poor returns from conventional farming practices.

Most conventional rice farmers make the equivalent of only \$1.13 - \$2.20 USD profit per day. Profits are spent on pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers, hybrid seed, transport, threshing, and milling, which are the necessary costs of conventional farming and make returns unsustainably low.

The Super-Farmer project teaches farmers to save money on external inputs using LEISA (Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture) organic farming methods and crop diversity while increasing the volume, quality, and market value of produce, which can increase incomes three-fold within one year.

Farmers are incentivized to join the Super-Farmer collective and experiment with new crops with offers of financial support in the form of a one-year price guarantee on existing crops and the opportunity to borrow money from the collective. Additionally, participating farmers receive a set of superior-quality Super-Tools, non-hybrid seed, field academy training, and LEISA extension workers.

With over 20 years of experience in sustainable community development and Permaculture Aid, the Super-Farmer project is the latest node in an ever-growing network of training programs.

"The only future the human race is a sustainable one. In other futures we don't exist," says Steve Cran, the founder of Green Warriors. The aim of the project is to help farmers develop a set of ethics tied in with their cultural beliefs, which can ultimately save the tourism industry in Bali.