

Japan Fund for Global Environment
“2012 the Jussara palm tree agroforestry support project by VERSTA”
Japan & Brazil co-project activities report

1. Summary

By Japan Fund for Global Environmental Fund in 2012, NPO VERSTA conducted joint project meetings for the promotion of Jussara palm tree agroforestry in Rio-Preto village, Sete-Barras city of Sao Paulo state, Brazil.

In addition, since VERSTA conducted to visit the site of Rio-Preto village, to do memorial planting, and to visit counterpart organization of Brazil, we report “2012 the Jussara palm tree agroforestry support project activities” with below.

2. Dispatch Schedule

July 6 (Fri) - July 17 (Tue), 2012

3. Japanese Committees dispatched by VERSTA

Dr. Masaaki Yamada (Senior Assistant Professor of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology Graduate School of Agriculture, Advisor of VERSTA)

Dr. Yoshikazu Onose (Management Consultant, Managing Director of VERSTA)

4. Main Activities

1) Exchange of views VERSTA and GUAPIRUBU agricultural cooperative: July 9

According to the description of Mr. Gilberto Ohta, organization of GUAPIRUBU agricultural cooperative begins in 1996, 500 people total of three corporations and 150 farmers have participated in GUAPIRUBU agricultural cooperatives. The youth club activities were formed Ecology Incorporated. Land possession farmers account for 10-15% of 150 farmers. Major crops are exported to the United Kingdom to produce 2,000 tons per year at 90% ginger.

In the near future, GUAPIRUBU agricultural cooperatives hope to work together with VERSTA.



P1. GUAPIRUBU agricultural cooperatives's meeting place



P2. Exchange of views VERSTA & GUAPIRUBU agricultural cooperative①



P3. Exchange of views VERSTA & GUAPIRUBU agricultural cooperative②



P4. Gilberto Ohta's AF farm①



P5. Gilberto Ohta's AF farm②



P6. Gilberto Ohta's AF farm③

2) Exchange of views VERSTA & Rio-Preto farmers and memorial planting Jussara palm tree: July 10

Mr. Geraldo Ohta was greeted it has begun to start agroforestry PJ and handicrafts PJ in Rio-Preto. Mr. Olympio Silvawho representative of Rio-Preto farmers cooperatives was greeted it is very important to maintenance forest may lead to future children. Dr. Yoshikazu Onose was greeted VERSTA's support activities has started in earnest this year by the grant from Japan Fund for Global Environment.



P7. Exchange of views VERSTA & Rio-Preto farmers①



P8. Exchange of views VERSTA & Rio-Preto farmers②



P9. Memorial photo with Rio-Preto farmers



P10. Welcome poster from Rio-Preto for VERSTA



P11. Memorial planting Jussara palm tree with Rio-Preto farmers



P12. Memorial photo with thanks banner for VERSTA in Rio-Preto



P13. Jussara palm seedling bed



P14. PR Panel for Jussara palm tree AF by VERSTA



P15. Welcome luncheon meeting with Mayor Miyashita of Sete-Barras