



Grant Final Report

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One Tree Planted Inc. extends its sincere thanks to Ellen Zaroff, President, The Forix Foundation, for the kind donation to support this important reforestation project in Chile.

Project Summary:

The purpose of this grant was to help One Tree Planted Inc. facilitate the planting of 20,000 native species trees (of which The Forix Foundation planted 5,000) in Los Lagos, Chile to assist in forest and ocean conservation in the community and help the local population develop practical agroforestry skills for sustainable living. The goal was to plant mature and younger tree saplings to establish a tree canopy in order to promote a more diverse ecosystem and a healthier and sustainable quality of life for the local community. The project also aimed to restore native conservation areas while improving water retention in the ecosystem which has been negatively impacted by lower levels of rainfall in recent years. Our planting partners conducted the planting in Chile and reported back to One Tree Planted that 20,000 trees were successfully planted.

Progress:

The project was successfully implemented to completion. It was somewhat delayed, however, due to strict Covid regulations in Chile not allowing enough volunteers to go to the site for the planting week at the beginning of June as planned. Since they couldn't get it all done in one week, they had to plant in smaller increments with fewer people over a longer period of time which delayed the completion, but didn't affect the quality of the work.

1. The sites were cleared and prepared for planting. The sites were located in a) Estación Biológica Senda Darwin, Ancud, Chile; b) Predio Huicha Norte, Ancud, Chile; c) Predio Manao, Ancud, Chile; and, d) Plaza Senador Juan Hamilton, Castro, Chile.
2. Saplings had been grown and maintained in local nurseries.
3. The saplings were delivered to the sites and hand planted by professional crew members and 400 volunteers. Native tree species included Ulmo, Patagua, Luma, Mario, Coigue, and Arrayan. The trees reforested over 10 hectares of landscape.
4. Trees are being monitored and a report has been sent to One Tree Planted.

The crew selected the areas for planting with large ecosystem value. For example, in Senda Darwin the goal was to increase and develop more biodiversity in a scientific area. The introduction of a new tree species there will help to make that ecosystem more dense in tree canopy by improving the forest and helping with the expansion of it. In Huicha, the planting will promote a touristic project in a land that was usually used for cattle rearing and will transform a meadow into a dense and varied forest, improving the use of that land for natural care purposes.

Some areas that were selected had difficult accessibility, however, this challenge was overcome and the trees were planted successfully.

Staffing:

The planting project involved fifteen professional crew members and 400 volunteers. All planting needs were met and no additional personnel was required.

Budget:

The original budget is attached. Each portion of the budget items was used for the completion of the project, as intended.

Other Funding:

There was no issue securing funds to complete the project. Along with the Forix Foundation's grant of \$5,000, an additional \$15,000 was raised and disbursed to the planting partner to successfully plant 20,000 trees.

Opinion:

The project partner reported that the project was a success. They are currently making plans for more projects in Chile and other countries for 2022.











