VETIVER SYSTEM FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND LANDSCAPING IN AUSTRALIA AND AROUND THE WORLD

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SOME IMPORTANT FEATURES OF VETIVER GRASS

When planted close together, vetiver forms a thick barrier



Massive, deep root system



VETIVER FLOWERS

- Vetiver flowers but it set no seeds
- It flowers once a year at the end of summer
- Flowers can be used for fresh or dry flower arrangement





LANDSCAPING AND POLLUTION CONTROL

IN AUSTRALIA

Vetiver was planted here for both pollution control and beautification

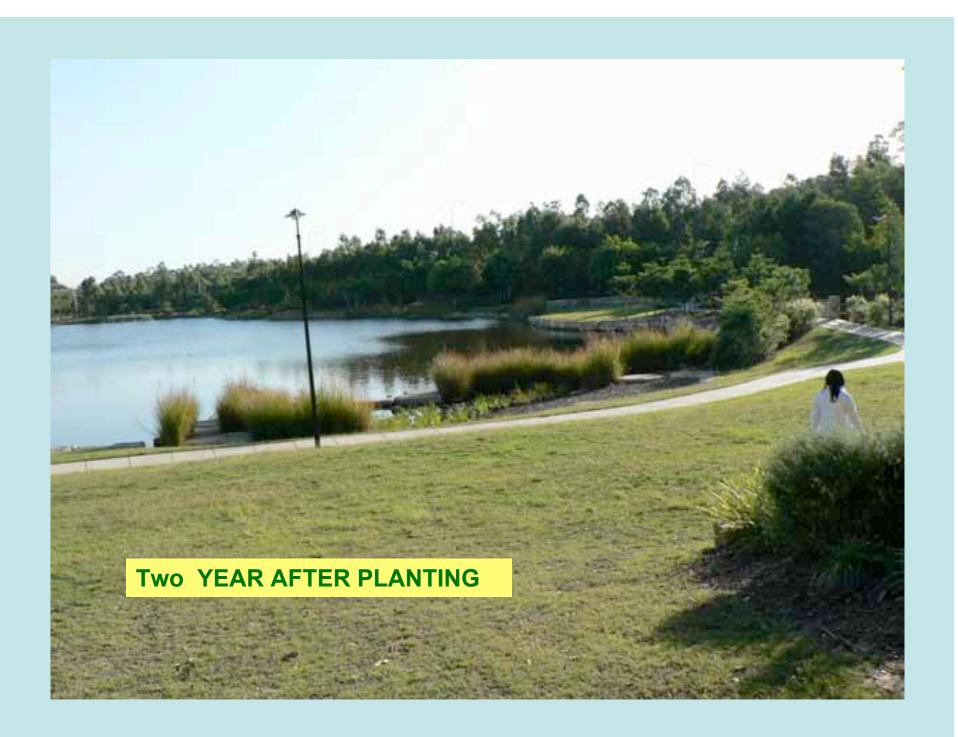


TEN MONTHS AFTER PLANTING



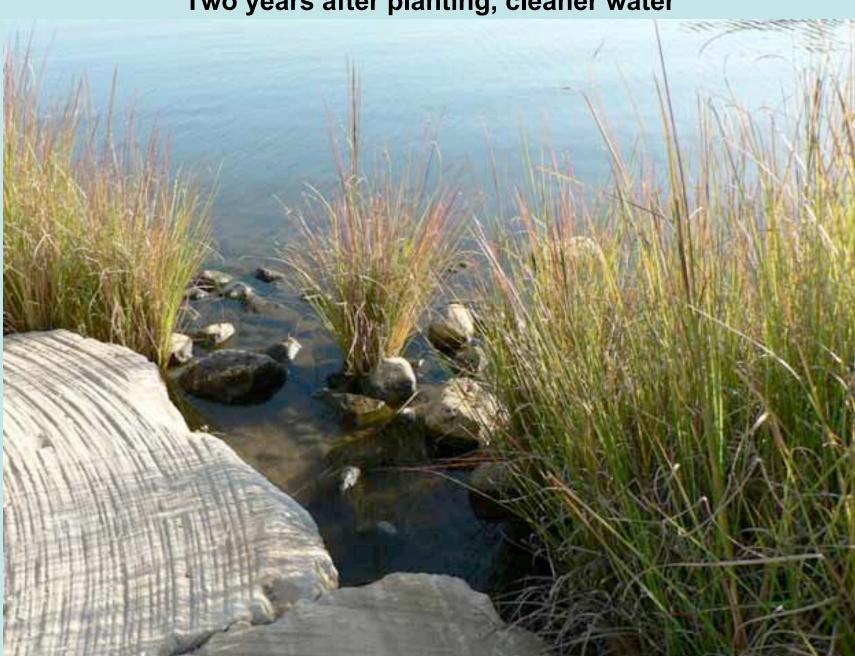






Note muddy and polluted water





Two years after planting, cleaner water





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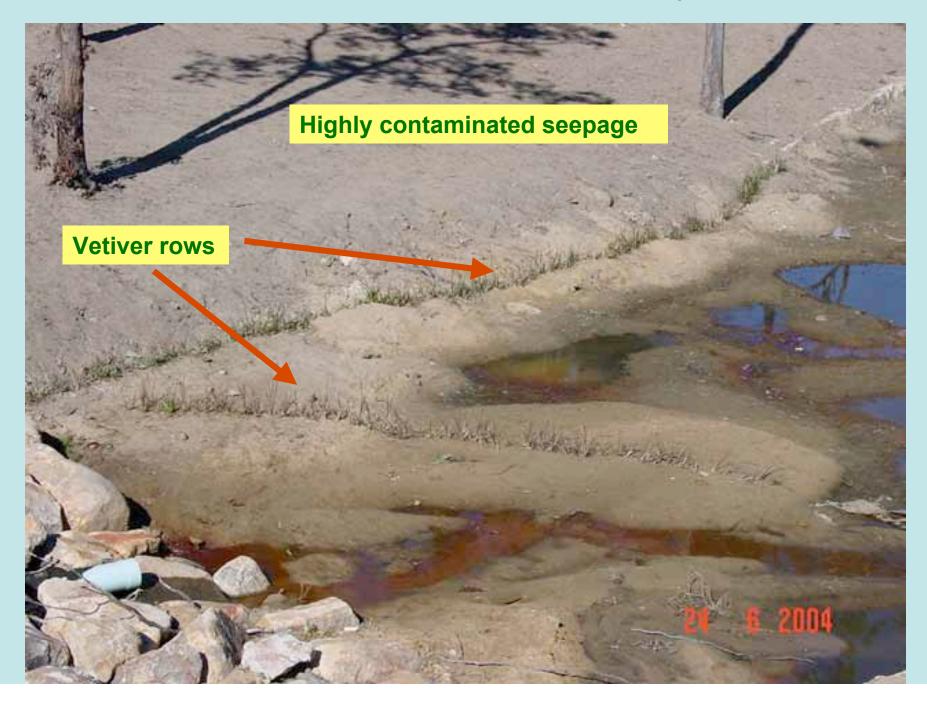


Planted on lake banks for landscaping purpose only





Planted on drain for erosion control and water quality improvement

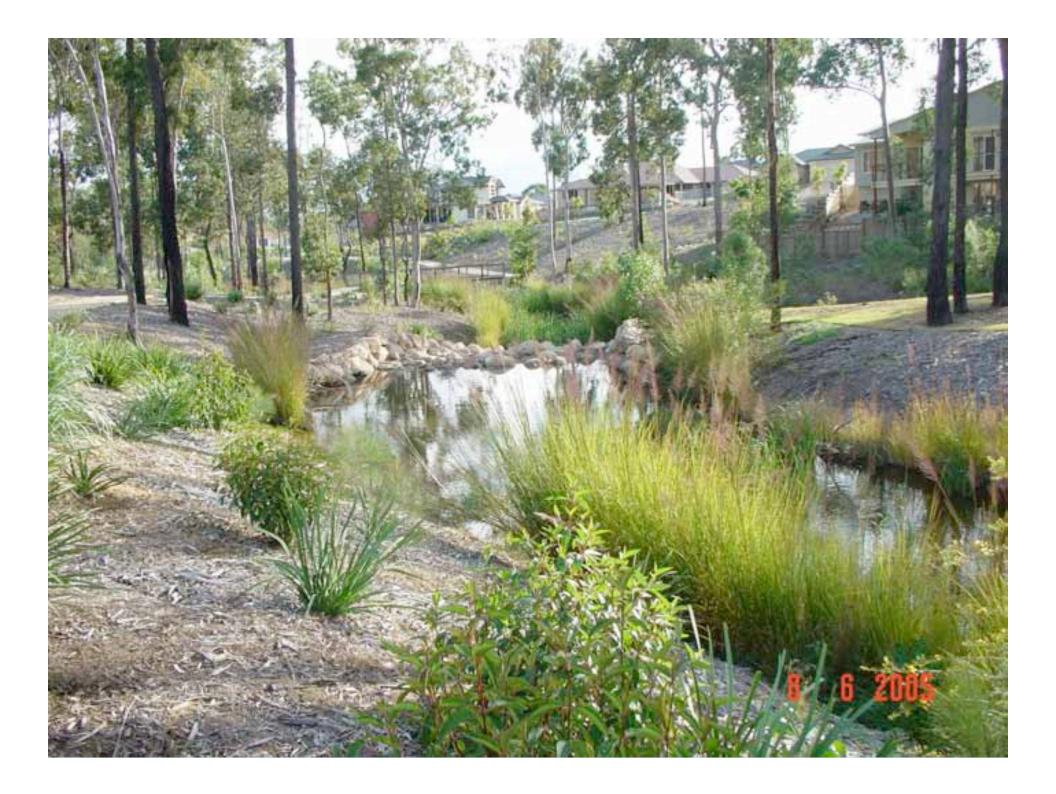


Nine months after planting





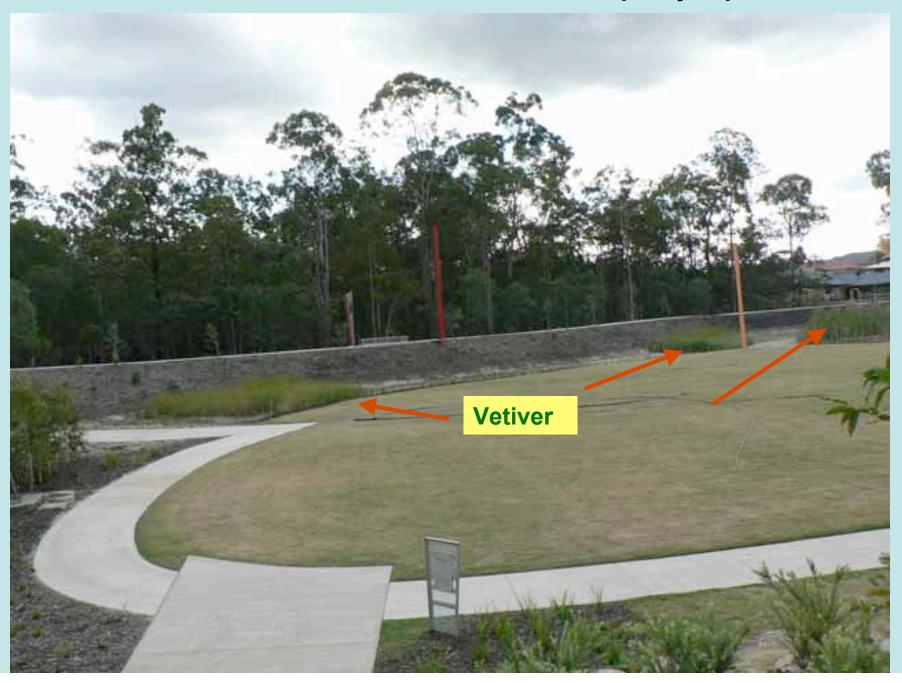








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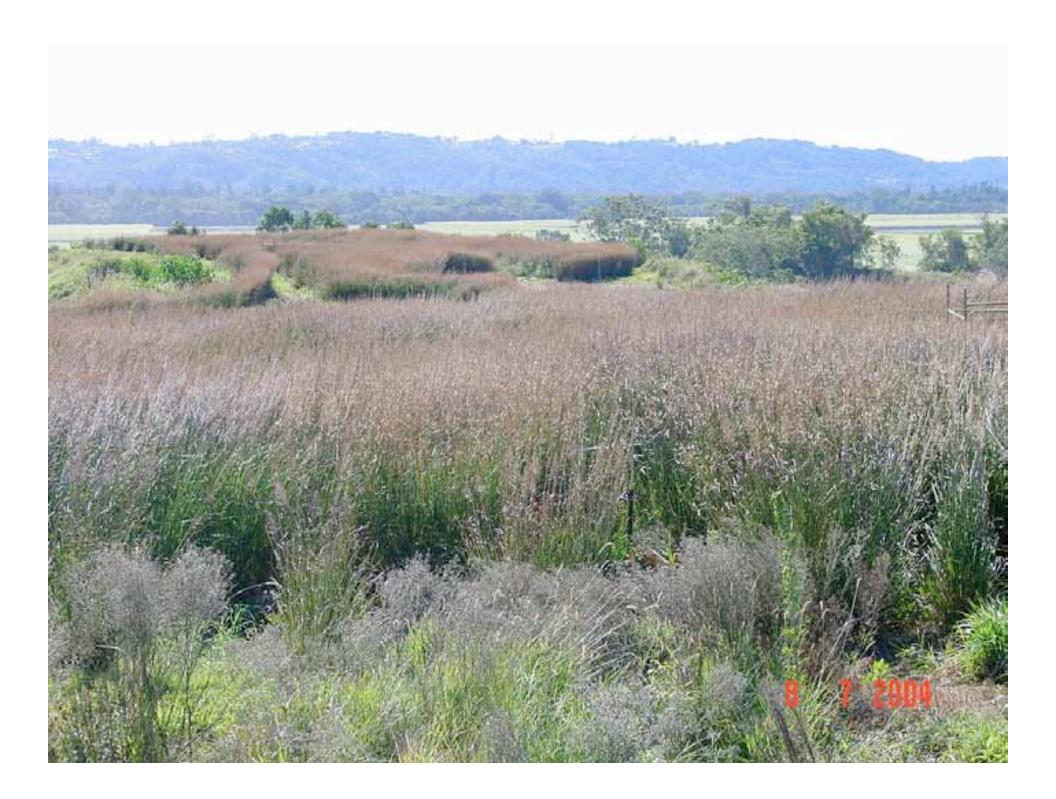
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STEEP SLOPE STABILISATION POLLUTION CONTROL AND LANDSCAPING IN QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

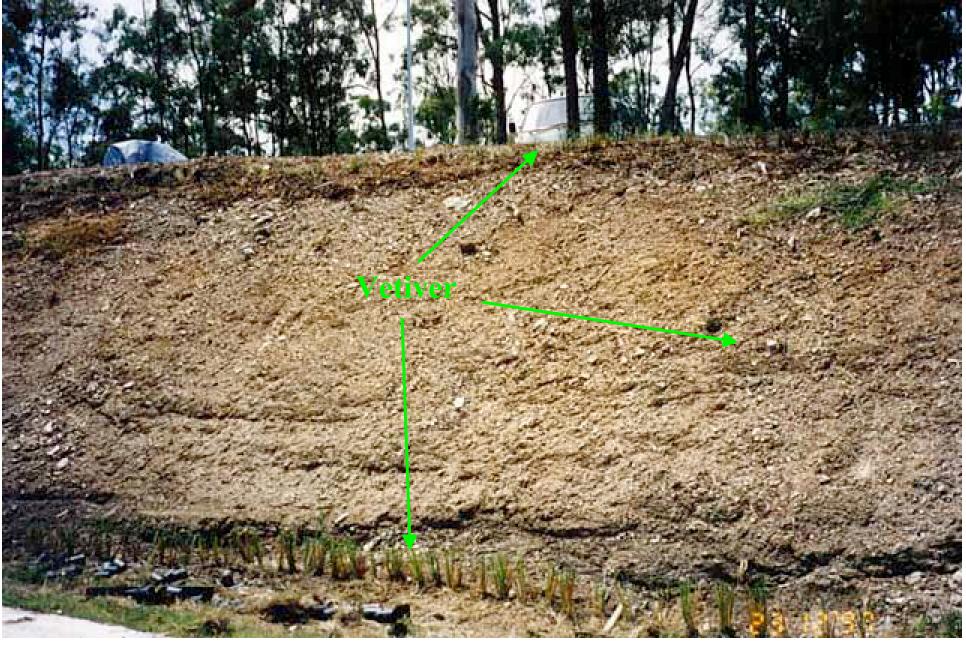
Landfill dump stabilisation







This 1.5:1 batter is made up of rock, gravel and clay which are highly erodible.



General view of the batter 13 months after vetiver planting, note the return of local plants



Two and half years after vetiver planting, note the establishment of volunteer Acacia and Eucalyptus between vetiver hedges



Vetiver hedges for erosion, sediment and runoff control can be incorporated as an integral component of general landscaping,



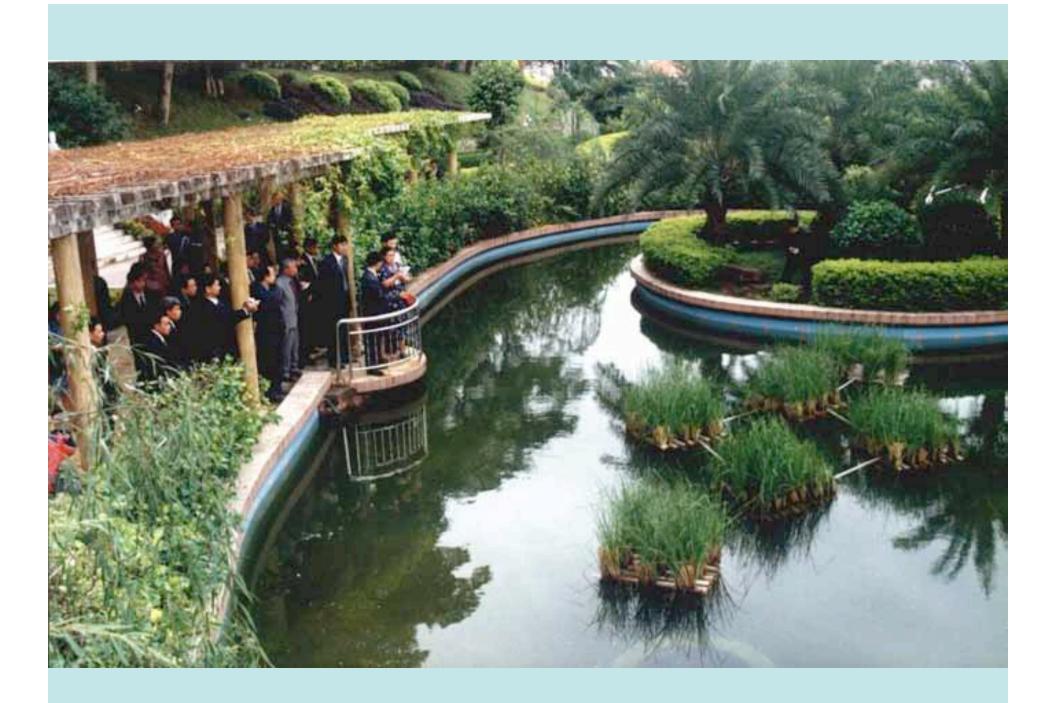






LANDSCAPING IN CHINA



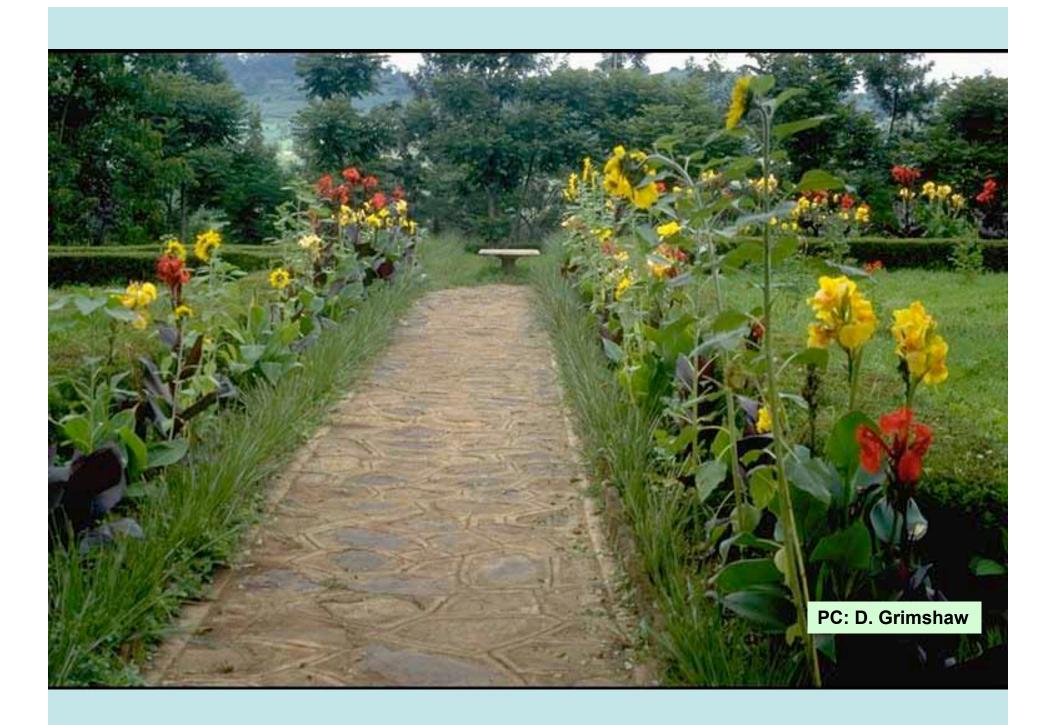




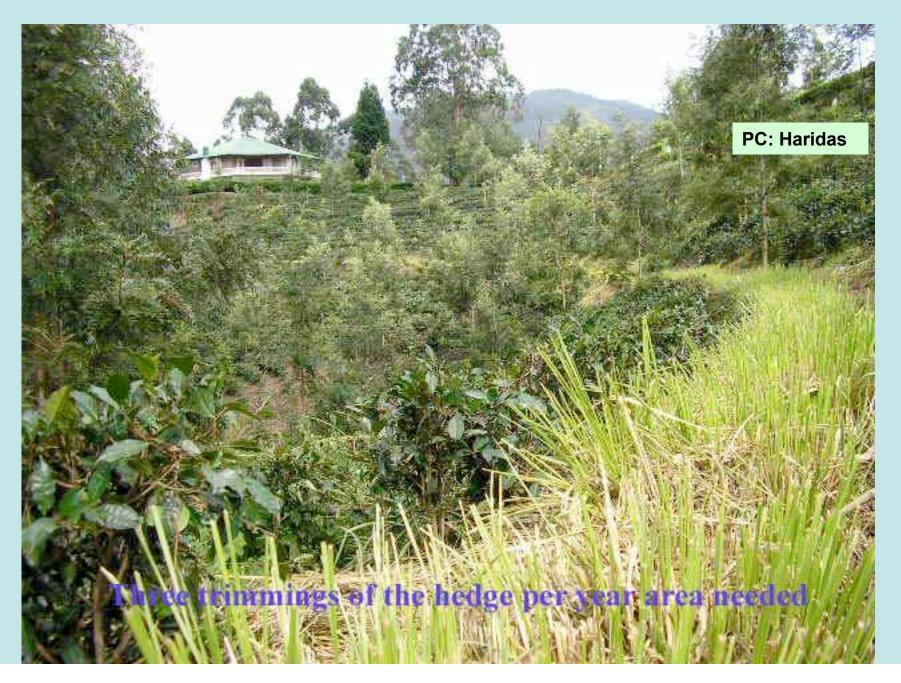
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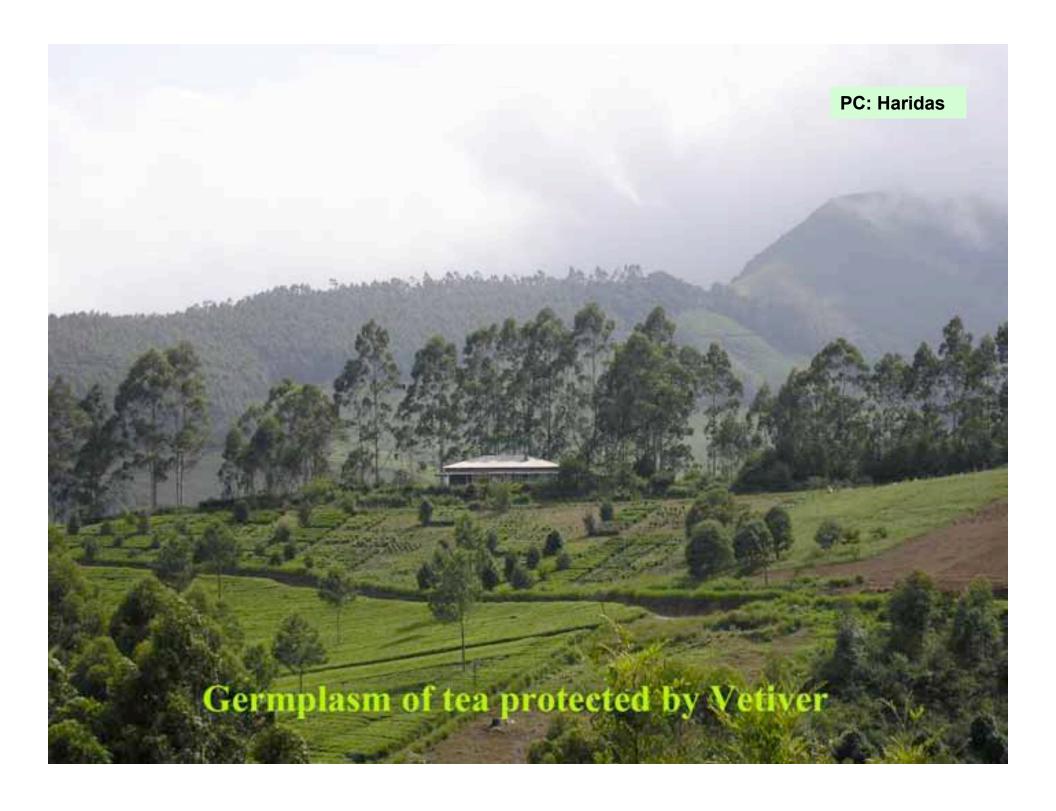
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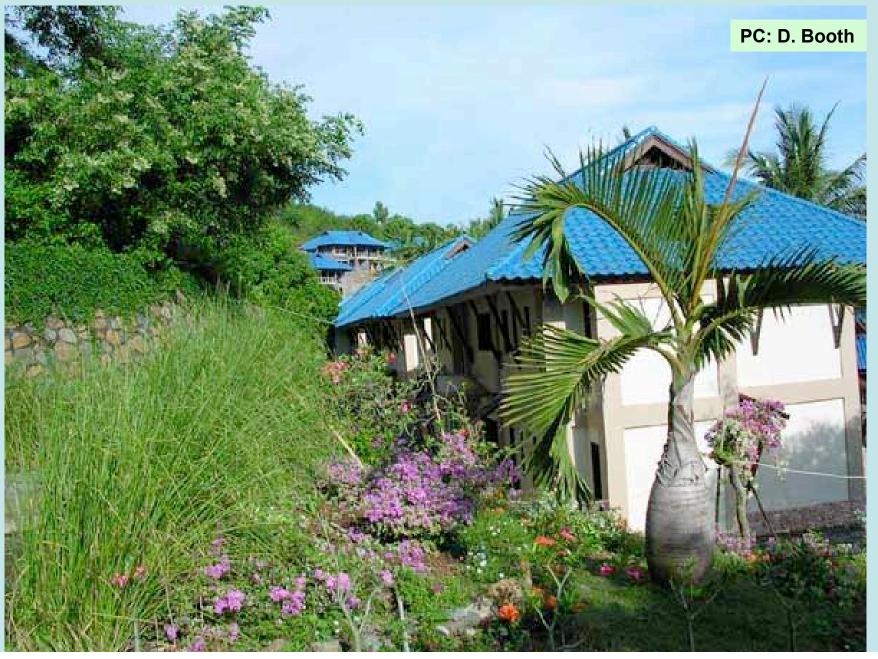


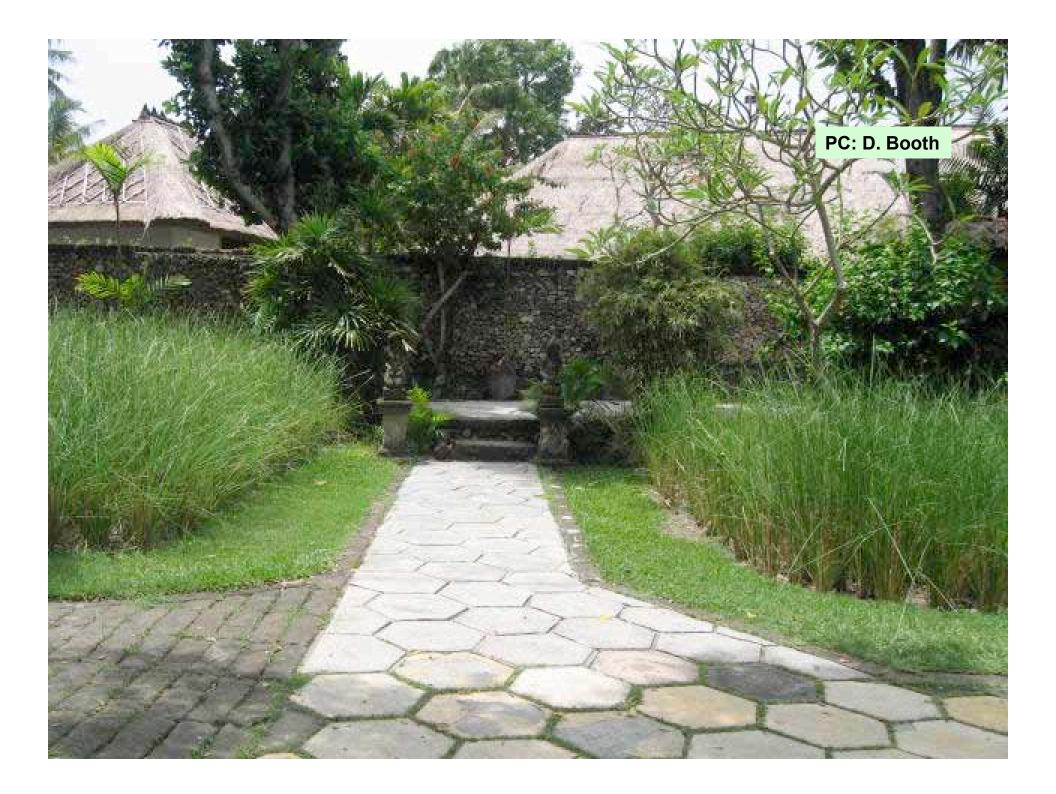
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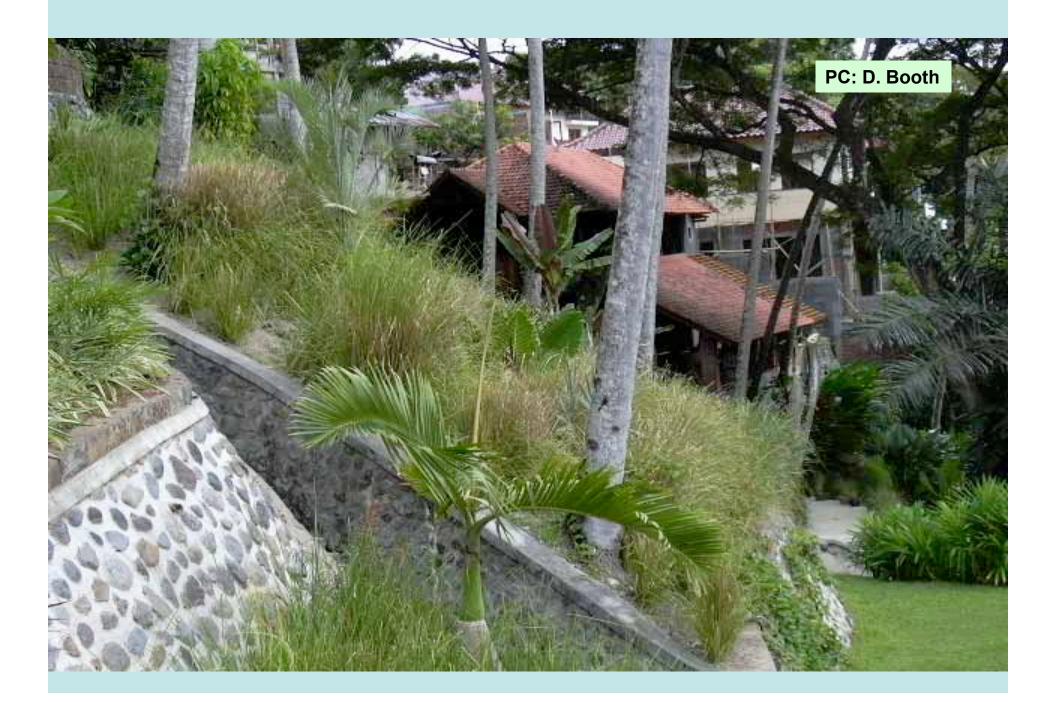
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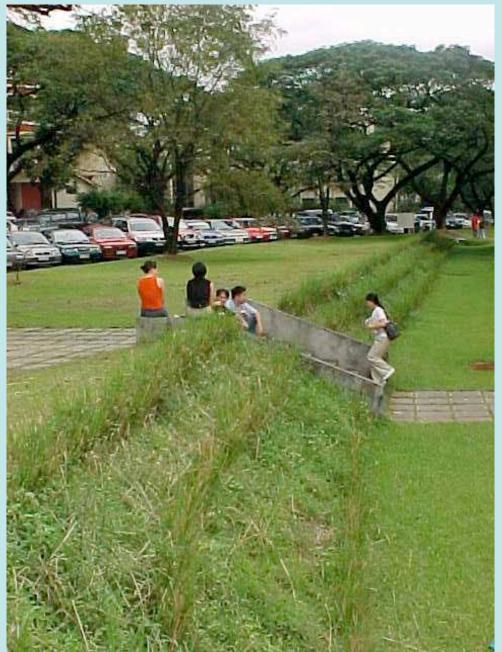








LANDSCAPING IN PHILLIPINES



LANDSCAPING IN PORTUGAL



Vetiver and lavender on traffic island



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LANDSCAPING IN SENEGAL

Beach Stabilisation Landscaping at a Beach Resort, DAKAR







LANDSCAPING IN SOUTH AFRICA





LANDSCAPING IN THAILAND



LANDSCAPING IN VIETNAM





Lotus pond edging

