

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF BAMBOO & RATTAN FOR INCLUSIVE AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT

On 19 September 2017 the [International Network for Bamboo & Rattan INBAR](#) celebrated the *Bamboo Day* and the 20th anniversary of the network.

With the slogan *At INBAR, every day is bamboo day* the celebrations have been an occasion to highlight the great potential of this renewable and versatile resource to enhance an inclusive and green development in all the countries where this plant grows.

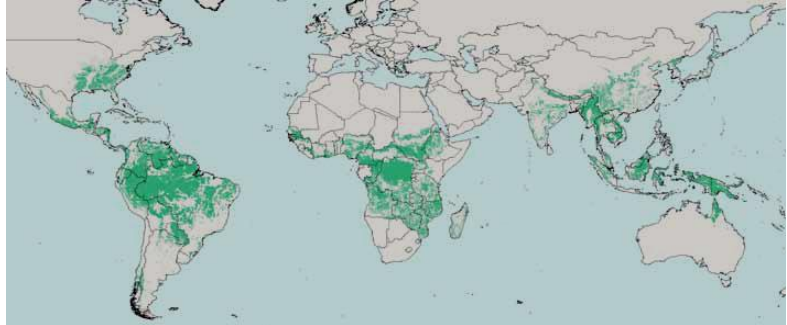
Relevant data illustrating this huge potential are presented in the INBAR website: 3 million hectares of bamboo around the world, 1.642 known species of bamboo, 60 billion USD is the annual value of the bamboo and rattan trade, and 8 million people are employed in the bamboo sector in China, the country hosting INBAR's international headquarters.

The [article published in occasion of the Bamboo Day](#) resumes the global achievements of INBAR in the promotion of this plant for a wide range of uses.

In addition to the many benefits of cultivating and using bamboo for the economy of local communities, the INBAR website also illustrates its great benefits to the environment:

- Bamboo is a renewable source of soft wood that can [substitute timber wood for many uses](#). Bamboo could substitute a large proportion of the wood used by building/construction, paper and pulp industries.
- Watershed protection, soil erosion, sustainable land management. Bamboos maintain a permanent canopy over the soil and are excellent at reducing soil erosion, whilst providing a source of softwood for activities generating income. A three year-old plantation has reduced by 75% the soil erosion at an INBAR project site in China, before canopy closure. These plantations are also often used to stabilize riverbanks.
- Eco-tourism. Bamboo resorts are becoming popular in many countries. Bamboo forests are a unique environment rarely encountered by most people, and many bamboo eco-tourism locations include well-tended bamboo species collections.

INBAR is an intergovernmental organization established in 1997 by Treaty deposited with the United Nations and hosted in Beijing, China. It currently has 42 Member States, comprising most of the countries producing bamboo and



rattan. INBAR Regional Offices are operating in Ecuador, Ethiopia, India and Ghana.

INBAR supports its members to include the use of bamboo and rattan in their sustainable development and green economy strategies, promoting innovative ways to improve rural livelihoods and protect the environment. INBAR provides solutions and advice that have been tested and used in Asia, Africa and Latin America to reach their Sustainable Development Goals and related objectives under the Rio Conventions.

Connecting a global network of partners since its creation INBAR has run projects and programs in over 20 countries, and provided capacity building and awareness raising on the productive use of bamboo and rattan in over 80 countries. It works with an international team of professionals in bamboo and rattan, forestry and natural resource management, ecosystem services, socio-economics, capacity building and knowledge sharing.

Since 1999 INBAR holds series of training courses in China that enable attendees to see how China has made bamboo successful, providing ideas and methods to take back to their own countries where they can adopt and adapt them. Each year between 50 and 80 people from all over the world join the courses.

In the INBAR website a set of manuals, guides and articles is available to support all interested actors from all over the world in enhancing and developing the important resources of bamboo for sustainable development.

To know more

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