

Mamoní Valley Preserve Association - Landowner Partnership Pledge

As an owner of property in the Mamoní Valley, I _____, agree to be a partner in the Mamoní Valley Preserve Association under the following terms:

As a partner in the Mamoní Valley Preserve Association, I recognize that its mission is to promote biocultural leadership – the practice of creating sustainable communities and institutions in harmony with nature enriched with biological and cultural diversity – and to engage in large-scale land conservation and habitat restoration.

As a partner in the Mamoní Valley Preserve Association, I recognize that the welfare of the inhabitants of the Valley, of Panama as a country, and of the world, are best served by sustainable intervention. This includes development, management, and preservation of the ecology of the area, It also includes the creation of sustainable livelihoods for the local community through training, productive agroforestry, ecotourism, renewable energy, and sustainable commerce.

As a partner in the Mamoní Valley Preserve Association, I recognize the importance of protecting the watershed from loss of water flow; reduced water and soil quality; reduction in wildlife and biodiversity; and the resulting lower productivity, ecological value, and economic value.

Examples of the use and management of land that protect the land and its biodiversity value include well-planned commercial agroforestry, trails used for walking and bicycles, and conservation projects such as the forthcoming Mamoní Wildlife Conservation Center.

Examples of the use of land that can be temporarily beneficial for the mission of the Mamoní Valley Preserve but do not ultimately enhance its ecosystem services are cattle raising and single-species tree plantations.

Examples of the use of land that may be beneficial for the mission of the Mamoní Valley Preserve but do not enhance its ecosystem services are homes and roads.

As a partner in the Mamoní Valley Preserve Association, I pledge to support the mission of the Mamoní Valley Preserve.

As a partner in the Mamoní Valley Preserve Association, I pledge to respect my neighbors' efforts to honor their pledges to support the mission of the Mamoní Valley Preserve;

As a partner in the Mamoní Valley Preserve Association, I pledge to manage my property as follows:

I pledge to not destroy any natural, native forest older than 15 years in age on my land that exists on the day of this pledge without a permit. Even with a permit I will not destroy more than 5% of the original natural, native forest over 15 years old.

I pledge to use my land, as described in the attached page(s), in ways that maximize the protection of my land and minimize destructive uses.

Signed this ____ day of the month of _____ in the year _____

Owner of: _____

Signed: _____