AGRICULTURE SUCCESS STORY
Anaerobic Biodigesters in the Yucatan Peninsula
Mexico
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OVERVIEW:
This project consists of 13 wastewater management systems for 44 swine farms. These systems capture methane and improve air quality. The effluent is used to provide forest plantations with nutrients and water.

Each system includes an anaerobic biodigester, enclosed flare, solid separator, storage lagoon, and forest plantation. This project is registered as a Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project and is currently starting its 4th verification.

Currently, we are implementing electricity generation systems fueled by biogas to supply electricity to all our farms.

PROJECT START UP DATE: May 2009

ACTUAL ANNUAL EMISSION REDUCTIONS: 62,000 MTCO₂E

ACTUAL METHANE EMISSIONS

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[1] Information from CDM PDD
[2] Calculated
[3] Information from CDM PDD
[4] Onsite measurement
[5] Calculated using CDM Methodology AMS III-D V12, without PE
This project was the first of its kind in the Yucatan Peninsula. It successfully provides water treatment systems combined with methane reduction systems. It also promotes reforestation because the effluent from the water treatment system provides water and nutrients.

Keken has a sharecropper production system. Most of the sharecrops have adopted the systems implemented by Keken. This contributes to the evolution of regional swine production into sustainable activity.

We are installing electricity generators fueled by biogas in order to reduce the operational cost of the farms and avoid the use of electricity from the electricity company.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN HEALTH BENEFITS

• Reduces water pollution by: treatment before land application
• Improves air quality by: reducing odors and volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
• Improves rural sanitation and human health by: reducing breeding sites for flies, other disease vectors, and other unsanitary conditions; reducing pathogens, helminths, and protozoa in the environment

SYSTEM DIAGRAMS/PHOTOGRAPHS

COST & REVENUE INFORMATION

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