



## Progress Report to LYKKE Tree Coin partners

In thanking you warmly for your valuable support in planting 1 million mangrove trees in Tor Heyerdahl Climate Park in Myanmar, I am pleased to inform you that your trees are in healthy growth. Their ability to capture CO2 climate gases are steadily improving after setting roots and steadily growing. Up to 3-4 years are needed before they can exceed the first 2 meters, for thereafter speedily stretch themselves towards the sky and become matured trees with full potential to serve their mission, urgently needed in the age of climate emergency.



10 years, which we believe is the last opportunity to plant mangroves before accelerated sea level rise will make it impossible for new plants to set roots. In deeper waters time is therefore the most critical factor in maximising our mitigation efforts.

Your support made it possible to move our vision into reality. The climate park will at the end of this planting season 15 November be fully developed with 8 million trees on 2100 Ha. From here, we are ready to move fast ahead with large projects. Our aim is to plant 100,000 Ha during the next







Last year we managed to get VCS approval for the climate park, as the first project of its kind in Asia. The additional development cost to finalize the registration process was USD 360,000. We expect the additional income from 2020 to offset these expenses with higher net income from 2021. Increasing market value of blue carbon will in the future generate additional yearly values. From 2020 we will be able to share 50% of net sales to the tree investors and 50% with the communities for securing future growth of the trees.



We have together created amazing results in biodiversity and life bearing ecosystem services by restoring a lost mangrove forest. Life is returning back! Last year we discovered wild elephants had found a new home in the climate park with protection from poachers. Other endangered animals and birds are also back. And a endangered mangrove species on IUCN's red list.

In addition, sea food resources are fast increasing. When we started planting, only 2 crab collectors could earn some income. Today, 24 families earning money from additional crab resources. Livelihoods with sustainable income provides new opportunities for the communities.





Next step in our overall development strategy is to include 1000 Ha sea grass and 200 Ha coral reefs in establishing a marine protection zone for endangered sea turtles and dugongs.

Thanks for your initial support which lead to improved survival rate of plants, now at 92%, among the highest in the world. We have also managed to develop new planting methods with less expenses without compromising quality. This have given us a competitive edge in moving ahead with large projects. Our biggest competitor is the shrinking space of time for possible action. Urgent efforts are increasingly needed.

It is with gratitude I invite you all to visit your trees in the climate park, and continue our partnership. You are also welcome to attend the Investment Conference in Yangon on 18 November (program attached).

We are pleased to provide you with any additional information on request. Looking forward to hear from you.

Best regards

Arne Fjørtoft, Secretary General WIF

