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Announcement: Recipients of Permafund Grants 2012

PERMAFUND, is pleased to announce the grant recipients for 2012.

Selection was based on alignment with the following criteria and general Permaculture principles;

- food security for sustainable development,
- soil management and fertility for land conservation,
- improvement in landscape management including individual species and seed-saving,
- community development through advocacy, education and micro-enterprise,
- protection of wild areas, rare breeds and water courses from exploitation or pollution,
- mentoring support and professional development for community leaders.

Projects and groups which will receive funding for 2012

AAE Australia for La Gonave, Haiti	La Gonave Is, Haiti	\$ 1000	Land restoration, erosion prevention and landholder training. Vetiver grass propagation & distribution
Field Farmers Association, Sumatra	Sumatra, Indonesia	\$ 500	support for a 'train-the-trainer' course for leader farmers and volunteer extension workers for a Sumatran farmer's association.
Earthcare Education Aotearoa Charitable Trust. NZ	New Zealand	\$ 500	Production of a facilitator's manual on community based NRM, food security & resilience
PRI-Kenya	Kenya	\$ 1000	Community based training & earthworks, farm planning & improved production.
Mullumbimby Community Gardens NSW	Mullumbimby NSW	\$ 500	Fruit tree purchase for an urban food forest at a community garden.
Australian City Farms & Community Gardens Network	Randwick NSW	\$ 500	Assisting with costs for the 2012 ACF&CGN National Conference
Birallee Pk Community Centre	Wodonga, VIC	\$ 500	Food growing workshops through a Neighbourhood House.
Society of Animal Veterinary & Environmental Sciences (SAVES)	Suliman Mtns, Pakistan	\$ 1000	Training and support to remote herder communities and livestock keepers of tribal pastoral communities.
Badilisha Ecovillage Trust	Lake Victoria Kenya	\$ 500	Community education on natural resource management, farm & garden production.
Yorta Yorta Indigenous community	Shepparton, VIC	\$ 500	Support for representative to attend APC 11 in NZ

“PERMAFUND is at a really terrific stage”, said the Permafund Committee member John Champagne, “This year we have revitalised our committee and with a number of new committee members and renewed energy we felt it important to use our small 'kitty' of accumulated funds to show support for active and worthwhile projects. With \$7,000 worth of funds and a maximum grant of \$1000 per applicant, we called for applications and received a wide range of worthy and innovative applications. The grant administration has taken longer than we expected and we're all on a learning curve on the committee but we are keen to see this charitable arm of Permaculture Australia scale up to provide tangible and beneficial support. We hope anyone interested in sustainable development and in permaculture will be interested in these projects and inspired and encouraged to get out there and do more in their own lives.”

Permafund is the charitable arm of Permaculture Australia. It is registered as an environmental organisation with the Australian government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. All donations over \$2 to PERMAFUND are tax deductible. You can make a donation or find out more about this work and the wider activities of Permafund and Permaculture Australia at www.permacultureaustralia.org.au

If you, or your local or Permaculture group would like to support any of these groups, or project like them you can get in touch with PERMAFUND through contacting either -

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Regards

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