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01. Your Company's / Organisation's Official Name

La Selva Jungle Lodge

02. Your Name & Official title at this Company

Eric Schwartz, President

03. Name of person responsible for coordinating your project and communicating with ECOCLUB S.A.

Eric Schwartz, President

04. Project Title (up to 5 words)

'Sustainable Ecotourism Recycling Kitchen Waste' (Pig farm for wildlife protection)

05. Project Summary (up to 30 words)

The difficult to balance carrying capacity of the lodge and the equally difficult genetic desires

of our local indigenous to hunt fresh meat all come together in a pig farm.

06. Project Description (up to 300 words)

For 20 years La Selva Jungle Lodge has made agreements with incentives to our indigenous neighbors to dissuade them from hunting and also from having domesticated animals larger than chickens(so as not to destroy the forest for grazing land.) But as their population has grown and their taste for wild meat has not abated- while we have had much success in this area- the problem is far from solved.

Tourists come to eat three times a day as does a staff of about thirty. This provides enough food waste per day to fill three 55 gallon drums which all these years has been composted with the byproduct only occasionally used; especially in the butterfly farm. This amount of food waste will feed a large amount of pigs, bought in ascending size and to be grown and gifted to our indigenous neighbors at regular intervals. In short I intend to build a pig farm , use tourist food scraps for pig feed, gift the pigs to the natives and by so doing save more rainforest animals and plants.

The Pig Farm will be a simple well-drained cement floor located near the same spot as

the former compost heap with ample space , an attendant, and a water hose as needed. It will be covered with a kind of rebar cage to ward off jaguars and of course the piglets will be fed as often as they like.

They will be bought after the age of all local diseases and fully inoculated.

07. Total Project Budget (maximum Euros 1,000)

Euros 1,000

08. Project Budget Breakdown in as much detail as possible. Budget should include all costs including materials, fees and wages as required.

The major expense will be for the 15mt.X15mt cement floor 600 euros

Rebar cage 200 euros

Walkway/hose/misc 50 euros

Pigs 150 euros

Total 1000 euros

All labor will be done by my staff among whom are master masons. Ordinarily I would ask our neighbors to participate in some form but lacking the necessary skills here I will ask for some other work in trade.

09. Is this project already under way?

No

10. Project Completion Schedule with dates (must end by December 1, 2007)

Project can be completed within 30 days of start date.

11. Who or what will mostly benefit from your project?

First, the indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest of Ecuador, second but equally, the rainforest itself and finally, completing the circle, the tourists who come to see virgin forest.

12. Do you have experience with similar projects in the past?

Yes. Both in construction and community relations.

13. Have you consulted the local authorities and local people about their real needs and feelings about this project? Please clarify and provide evidence if you can.

The local people are excited about the proposed project and in effect I will be building the pig farm just off the edge of my land and just on the edge of their land. They therefore do not consider it charity. It is yet another minor clause in our ongoing contract in which I reward them for the use of their land however little that might be (like walking tourists on trails which run through their lands.)

14. Have you examined all legal, tax and technical aspects of this project? Please clarify and provide evidence if you can.

Yes. As with all what we call "work projects" that we do for the indigenous our accountant factors them in as maintenance expenses. I have researched pig raising in tropical Ecuador and foresee few complications. Building is something our team is

expert at.

**15. Are there any other unknown or uncertain parameters about this project?
Does it depend on any external factors?**

No.

16. Who will actually implement this project? (organisation employees, local volunteers, tourist volunteers, local workers, others?)

Staff.

17. If you do not win, will you still go ahead with this project?

We have a lot on our plate right now but it would get done some day.







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