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Growing a Nature-Based Future

KAYA creates and manages large-scale nature-based projects that address climate change while supporting economic and social opportunity in local communities. By working with nature, we aim to build a healthier planet and a more resilient, low-carbon future.

KAYA is a for-profit, for-purpose developer of high-integrity nature conservation and restoration projects that reduce and remove greenhouse gas emissions. By bridging the public and private sectors, KAYA uses market mechanisms, innovative technologies, and strong partnerships to align economic growth with environmental stewardship. Through ecological restoration, biodiversity conservation, inclusive development, and applied science and technology, KAYA is committed to lasting positive impact across Africa's ecosystems and communities.

Large-Scale Integrated Landscape Solutions in Angola

KAYA's first major initiatives are being developed in Angola, a country which is facing significant development challenges in the context of climate change, especially in rural areas where communities rely on natural resources for their livelihoods.





Our Mission

By restoring degraded landscapes, controlling wildfires, and improving living conditions of local communities, KAYA intends to bring both adaptation and mitigation solutions.

The scope of our work in Angola is to restore the land cover of the original habitat of over 275,000 hectares through reforestation with native species, agroforestry, assisted natural regeneration, and protection activities (fire control).

Our Work Will Focus on Three Areas of Intervention

Agroforestry
25,000 ha

Integrating tree planting with sustainable agriculture to revitalise degraded land, improve food security, and support long-term livelihoods for local communities.

Reforestation
50,000 ha

Restoring native forests to boost carbon sequestration, support biodiversity, and deliver lasting socio-economic benefits in degraded areas.

Fire management
~200,000 ha

Using fire breaks, controlled burning and community-led strategies to reduce wildfire risk, protect ecosystems, and strengthen landscape resilience.

FIGURE 1. AGROFORESTRY AND REFORESTATION



FIGURE 2. FIRE MANAGEMENT





Boots on the Ground

As high-integrity emission reduction projects set for carbon markets, KAYA will choose the most appropriate certification standard and ensure compliance from the outset.
KAYA's team has extensive experience and contacts in Angola, including a productive relationship with the government, which it supported at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

KAYA has engaged with the government of Angola to support planning for the implementation of the country's NDC and to contribute to the development of carbon regulations.

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Towards Successful Outcomes

- → Over 275,000 hectares of land will be either reforested, under protection, or subject to improved agricultural management.
- → Increased carbon sequestration in the project areas.
- → Increased landscape provisioning services (wood and non-timber forest products).
- → Reduced fire frequency and area burnt.
- → Increased soil fertility, biodiversity, crop diversity and soil water retention.
- → Diversified income sources and job opportunities, alongside broader improvements in well-being and resilience for local communities.
- → Increased skills and knowledge provided by training for employees and communities.

Sustainable Development

The restoration targets will be achieved over a period of up to forty years where all necessary investments in infrastructure like nurseries and roads will be developed.
The projects, centred around Angola's Malanje province, will also contribute to at least six of the UN Sustainable Development Goals:



No poverty



Zero hunger



Decent work and economic growth



Climate action



Life on land



Partnerships for the goals

Pioneering and Learning

KAYA is pioneering landscape restoration in Malanje at KAYA's Environmental Research & Development Centre (KERDC), with production capacity of 100,000 seedlings per annum using native tree species, whose growth and behaviour we are actively studying in a 20 ha reforestation pilot and a 7.5 ha agroforestry pilot.

Six cooperatives in the agroforestry project have already been engaged. Scaling up will follow at pace, alongside sustainable agriculture practices and further carbon mitigation initiatives.



For a Resilient Future

KAYA engages communities as core partners, ensuring inclusive participation and equitable benefit-sharing in line with FPIC principles. Our projects generate economic, social and environmental value, including job creation, skills development, and improved access to services.

A knowledge sharing facility between KAYA and rural communities has been set up. Promoting cultural exchanges, educational programmes and training for surrounding rural communities. In Malanje, community engagement will be guided by socio-economic studies and a dedicated outreach programme.

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KAYA's Team – Bringing Best Practices

KAYA's highly motivated, experienced team is Paris-aligned in its mission towards high-integrity restoration and conservation of terrestrial ecosystems. The organisation brings together expertise in forestry, carbon certification, livelihoods development, ecology, earth observation, monitoring and evaluation, GHG accounting, and finance. Shaped by the nature of its projects and their contexts, this multidisciplinary team ensures that field insights can inform transparent, accountable project design and implementation.











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