



# BAMBOO

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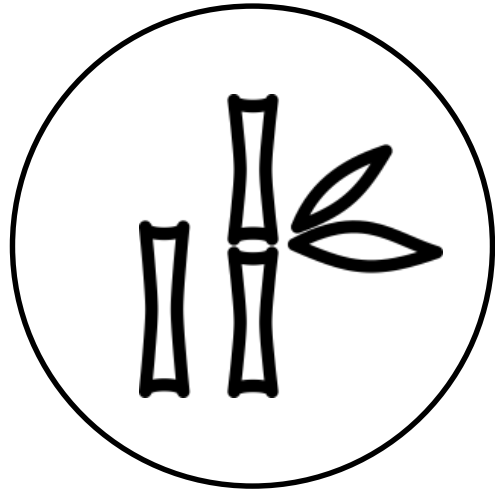
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# Bamboo Factory in Hangzhou



Mr. Tam has a high degree of sensitivity to society and **advocates zero carbon emissions and sustainable development.**

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A VISION OF BAMBOO AND RATTAN FOR BELT AND ROAD  
助力“一带一路”推动竹藤发展

# Bamboo

Green Vision for the  
Belt & Road  
International  
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Bamboo and rattan could be key tools to help realize – and ‘green’ – China’s ‘Belt and Road’ policy. This was the theme of a topical event held in Beijing alongside the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, which featured speakers from the UN as well as country ministers and ambassadors.





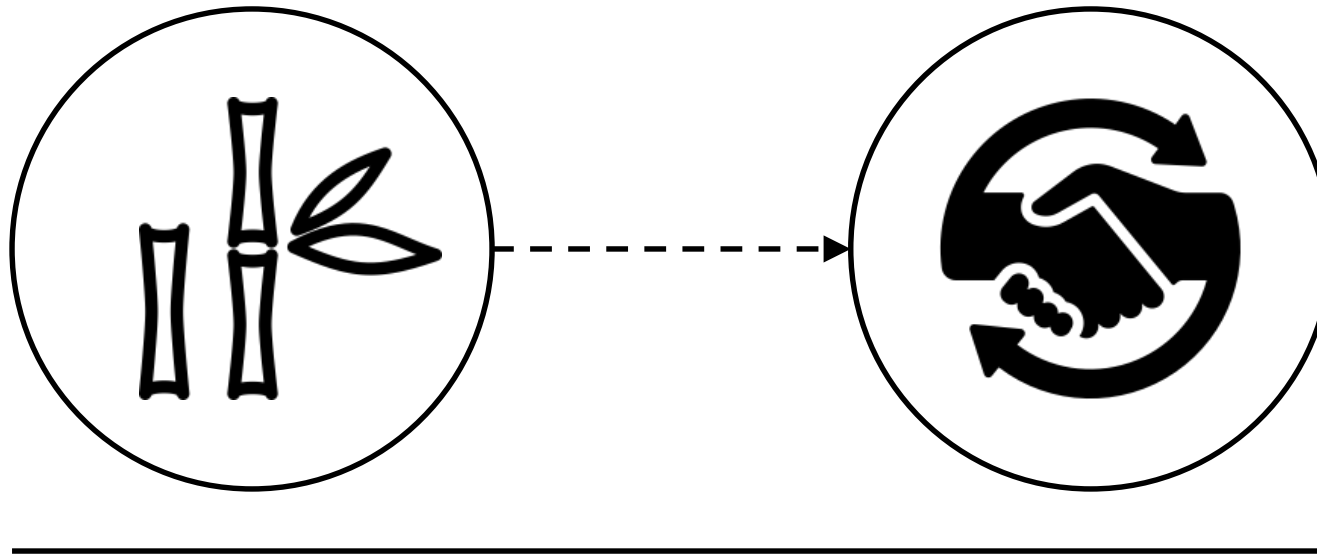


## Overview

## International Trade of Bamboo



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## International Trade of Bamboo

The total world market value (domestic and international) for bamboo and rattan products is estimated to be about US\$60 billion, according to the available data sources from UN Comtrade database and National Statistics Authorities. The international trade of Bamboo and rattan products – the majority is conducted in domestic markets. China's domestic market for bamboo products was, for example, almost US\$ 20 billion in 2012, more than ten times that of world's International trade.

This pamphlet provides an overview of the international trade of bamboo and rattan products in 2013, based on data in the UN Comtrade database. The main bamboo and rattan products currently recognized in the International market include raw materials, preserved bamboo shoots, woven products, furniture and seats, and industrialized bamboo products (see table in back cover).

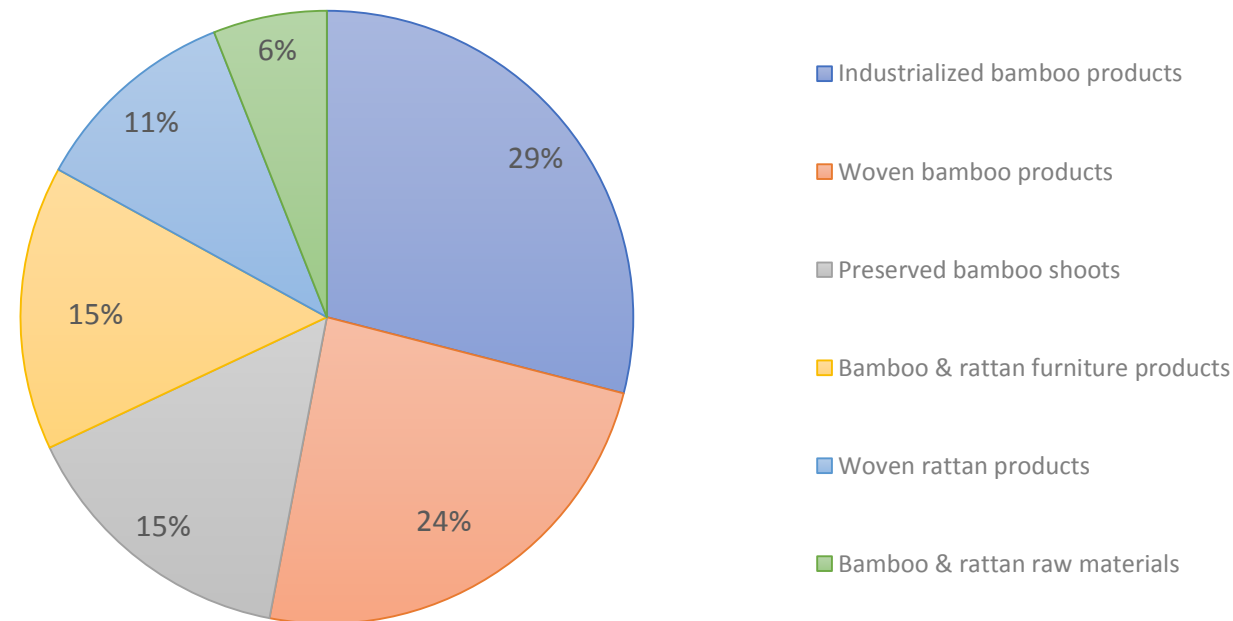


# World Exports of Bamboo and Rattan Products in 2013

Based on the UN Comtrade database, the world exports of bamboo and rattan products are estimated at US\$ 1,860 million in 2013. Woven bamboo and rattan woven products were the major products exported in 2013, with an export value of US\$ 647 million, accounting for 35% of the total. US\$ 547 million of industrialized bamboo products were exported, 29% of the world total, and just US\$ 103 millions of bamboo and rattan raw materials, 6% of the total, were exported (Figure 1).

## World total 2013: USD 1860 million

Figure 1 World exports of bamboo and rattan products in 2013



# Trends in the Trade of Bamboo and Rattan Products 2007-2013

International trade of bamboo and rattan has remained relatively stable since 2009, following a major drop in 2008. This drop is thought to have been due to the global financial crisis – similar falls are seen in other wood product categories (figures 2-1, 2-2).

## Major trends

- The proportion of the total of industrialized bamboo products exported rose from 23% in 2009 to 28% in 2013, as did the value, from US\$ 414 million in 2009 to US\$ 547 million in 2013 - of these products, only bamboo flooring showed an increase, from 14% in 2007 to 19% in 2013.
- The proportion of bamboo and rattan furniture products decreased from 26% in 2007 to 15% in 2013 - likely a direct result of “belt-tightening” in the USA and EU-27, the main international markets for furniture, due to the global economic downturn in 2008 and with the market yet to recover.
- The proportions of bamboo and rattan woven products remained steady, around 35% - they have traditional, long term, stable markets.
- The proportions of bamboo shoots increased despite the total overall reduction in value – the demand for shoots in Japan and South Korea remained steady.
- The proportion of raw resources exported remained stable – this is to be expected as resources are fixed, or increase slightly each year.

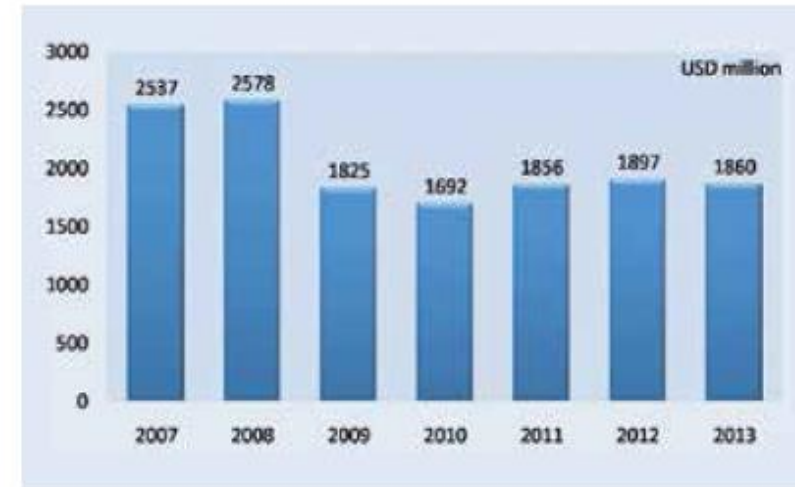


Figure 2-1 World exports of bamboo and rattan products 2007-2013

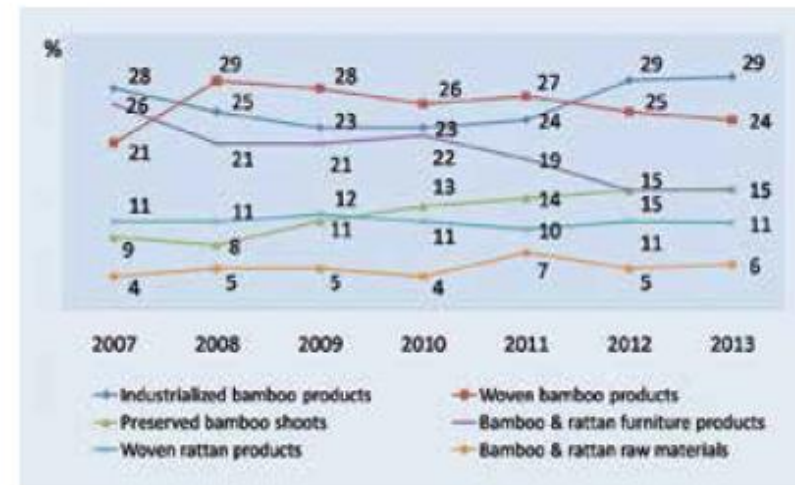


Figure 2-2 World exports of bamboo and rattan products in 2007-2013



# Main Traders of Bamboo and Rattan Products in 2013

## By region

Bamboo and rattan are mostly traded within and between Asia and Europe. As shown in figure 3, Asia is the main source of bamboo and rattan products, while Europe, Asia and North America are the major importing markets. In 2013, the export value of bamboo and rattan products from Asia reached US\$ 1,565 million, meaning that the continent accounted for 84% of world exports. Europe is the second largest exporter, with US\$ 202 million worth, roughly equivalent to 11% of the world total. In addition, with a value of US\$ 616 million, Europe accounted for 38% of world imports of bamboo and rattan, making it the world's largest import market. Imports from Asia and North America contributed 29% and 21% to the world imports. Europe, Asia, and North America collectively account for 89% of the world imports by value.

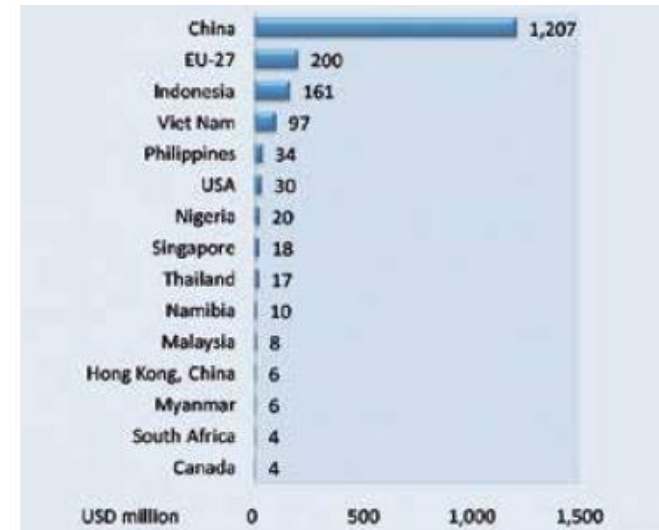


Figure 3-1 Major exporters of bamboo and rattan products in 2013

## By country / trading block

China is the largest producer and exporter of bamboo and rattan products in the world. As shown in figure 3-1, China accounted for 65% of the world exports of bamboo and rattan products in 2013, with a value of US\$ 1,207 million. In second place, the EU-27 contributed US\$ 200 million, or 11% of world exports. The third largest exporter was Indonesia, with a market share of 9%, followed by Viet Nam and the Philippines. As the largest importer of bamboo and rattan products, the EU imported about US\$ 547 million of bamboo and rattan products in 2013, which accounted for 34% of the world import of bamboo and rattan, as shown in figure 3-2. The USA imported US\$ 295 million of bamboo and rattan products from the world in 2013, 18% of world imports. Japan is the third largest importer of bamboo and rattan products, with a market share of 15%.

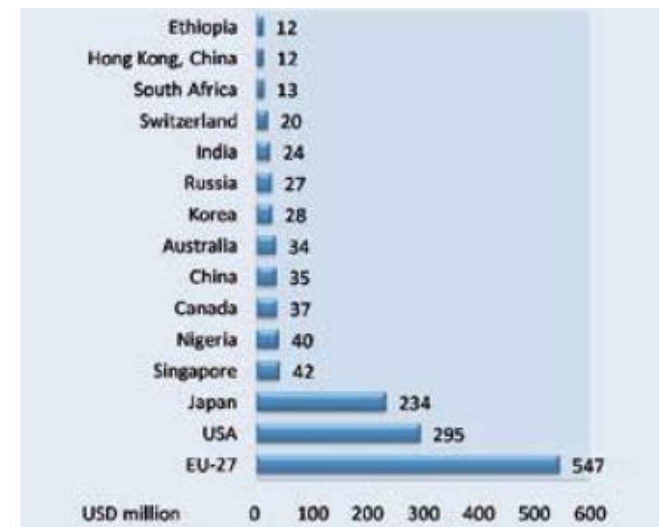


Figure 3-2 Major importers of bamboo and rattan products in 2013



# Bamboo and rattan trade by INBAR's Member Countries



At the end of 2015, INBAR had 41 member countries, 40 of which are traditional bamboo and rattan producers and exporters from the developing areas in Asia, Africa and Latin-America. Eight members are listed in the top exporters of bamboo and rattan products, and are mostly from key bamboo and rattan resource and industry areas. As shown in Figure 4, INBAR members collectively contributed about US\$ 1,542 million of bamboo and rattan products to the international market in 2013, 83% of the world exports. The member's market shares of preserved bamboo shoots, bamboo and rattan woven products and the industrialized bamboo products were over 80% of the world total in each category. The import value to INBAR members reached only US\$ 196 million, accounting for only 12% of world imports. This is because most of producers and exporters of bamboo and rattan in the world are INBAR members, particularly China, Indonesia and Vietnam.

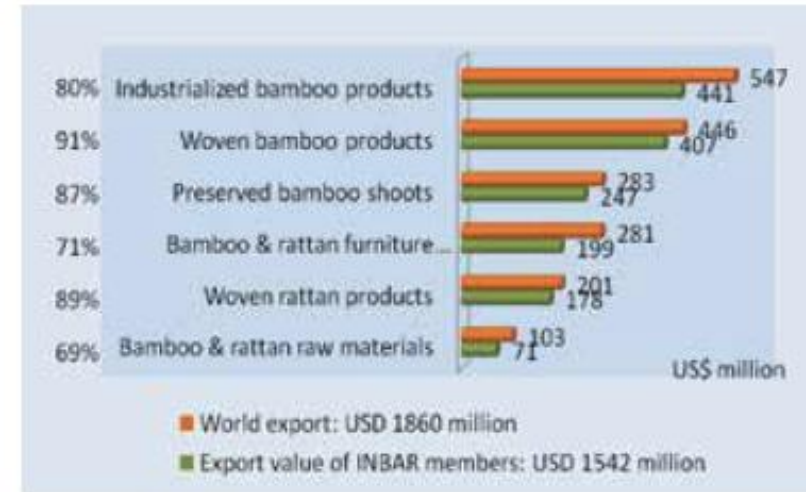


Figure 4 Export of bamboo and rattan from INBAR members in 2013



Overall, international trade in bamboo and rattan products continued to remain stable in 2013, with changes in the proportions of product types traded reflecting changes in market demand.

As two of the world’s most important non-timber forest resources, bamboo and rattan are not only integrally linked to the livelihoods of millions of people, but also provide a range of environmental services. They can provide multiple uses with a large range of products in a remarkable range of value chains, including food, handicrafts, daily utensils, energy, fiber and textile, plywood, furniture, construction, paper and pulp. Bamboo and rattan industries contribute significantly to livelihood and economic development of rural people in mountain areas from the producing countries in the tropics and sub-tropics, which is so essential for poverty alleviation in rural areas.

With the cooperation of INBAR, FAO and China’s Customs, the World Customs Organisation has so far approved 24 HS codes in all for bamboo and rattan products that will provide greater clarity on the types, value and quantity of products traded internationally. With China alone predicting a doubling of its domestic bamboo and rattan market by 2020, and increasing international awareness of the “green” credential of bamboo in particular, it is highly likely that trade of bamboo and rattan will continue to hold stable, and very probably grow, in the years to come.



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Table: Bamboo and rattan products recognized in the international market with the individual codes of the UN Harmonised Description and Coding System (HS)

| HS code | Product                              | Category                          |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 140110  | Bamboo raw materials                 | Bamboo and rattan raw materials   |
| 140120  | Rattan raw materials                 |                                   |
| 200591  | Preserved bamboo shoots              | Preserved bamboo shoots           |
| 460121  | Bamboo mats/screens                  | Bamboo woven products             |
| 460192  | Bamboo plaits and plaiting materials |                                   |
| 460211  | Bamboo basketwork                    |                                   |
| 460122  | Rattan mats/screens                  | Rattan woven products             |
| 460193  | Rattan plaits and plaiting materials |                                   |
| 460212  | Rattan basketwork                    |                                   |
| 440210  | Bamboo charcoal                      | Industrialized bamboo products    |
| 440921  | Bamboo flooring                      |                                   |
| 441210  | Bamboo plywood                       |                                   |
| 470630  | Bamboo pulp                          |                                   |
| 482361  | Bamboo paper-based articles          |                                   |
| 940151  | Bamboo and rattan seats              | Bamboo and rattan furniture/seats |
| 940381  | Bamboo and rattan furniture          |                                   |



# INBAR's Member Countries



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### Epilogue





# Prologue



Natural

Fresh

Peaceful

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Universe

Father: Space & Time

The Universe is derived from nature's law  
Between Universe and Earth there goes our building structures

Mother: Earth



Earth



# MORALITY & ETHICS

are the  
Keys To Success  
Humankind To Stand Tall  
between **Heaven & Earth**

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或問勝天下之道，曰：「在德。」何從勝德？曰：「大德勝小德，小德勝無德；大德勝大力，小德敵大力。力生敵，德生力；力生於德，天下無敵。故力者勝，一時者也，德愈久而愈勝者也。夫力非吾力也，人各力其力也，惟大德為能得群力，是故德不可窮，而力可困。」

《德勝》節錄《鬱離子》

做人要面對天地，做人要頂天立地

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# Sustainable Civilization

straddles the **Past**, the **Present**  
into the **Future**

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一個真正的建築物，是一個有生命力，跨時空性的藝術品，能夠讓人  
承傳昨天，照亮今天，成就明天

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# Utopian Values

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# Bamboo is unique

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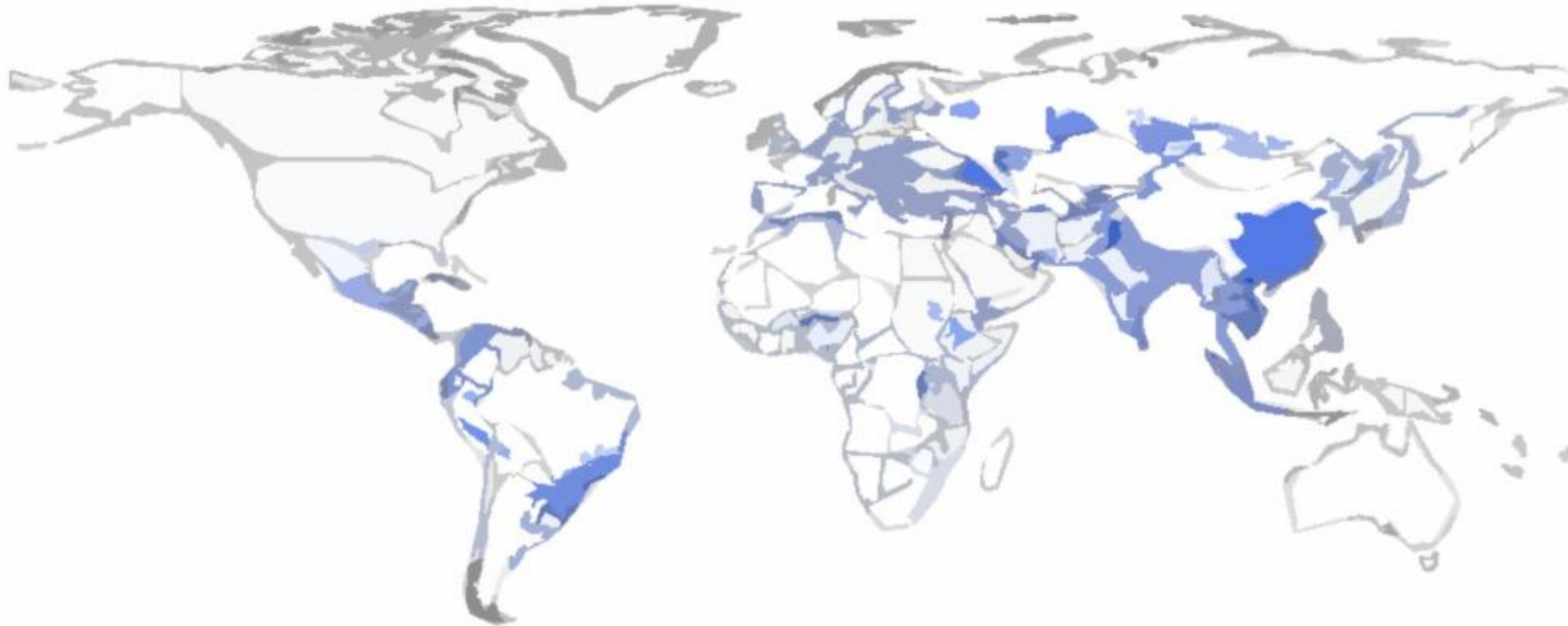
無肉令人瘦，無竹令人俗。人瘦尚可肥，士俗不可醫

寧可食無肉，不可居無竹

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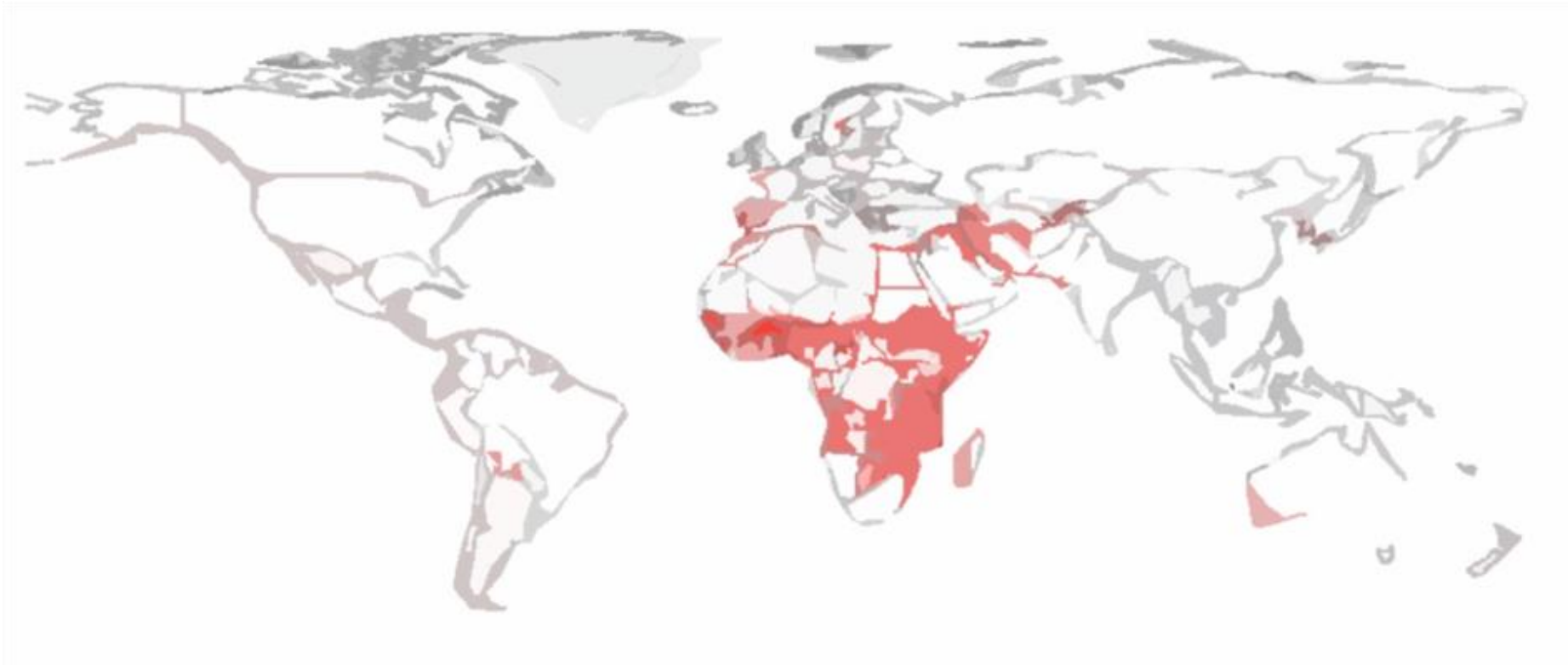


# Areas most affected by flooding



Source: Center for International Forestry Research. 2012. Adapting forests and people to climate change – Conserving ecosystem services that reduce risk to the world’s poorest. A framework proposal

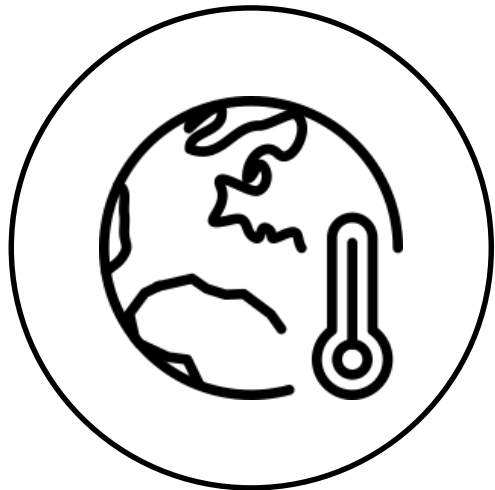
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# Green House Gas – CO<sub>2</sub>

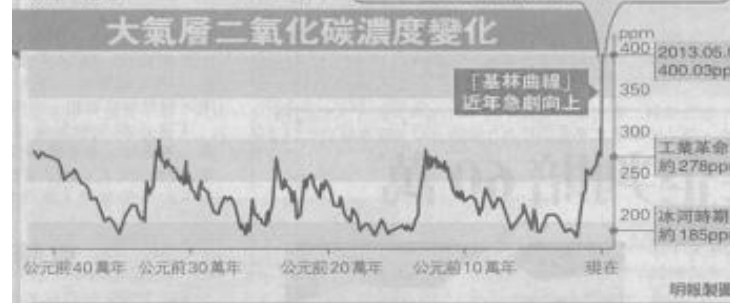
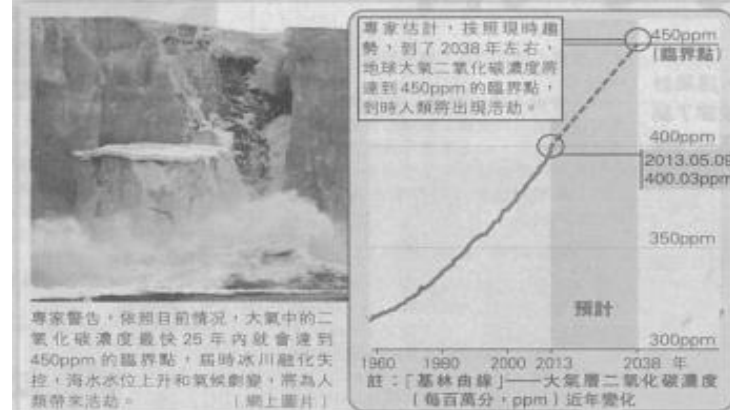


Carbon dioxide level at new record high in 25 years for the pass 3 million years

Source: Ming Pao, 12-5-2013

Carbon dioxide level passes grim milestone

Source: SCMP, 12-5-2013



## GLOBAL WARMING

### Dark clouds

Atmospheric carbon dioxide (in parts per million)

Greenhouse gases also include methane and nitrous oxide, but carbon dioxide is considered by far the biggest factor.

Man-made sources of carbon dioxide include the burning of fossil fuels for heating, power generation and transport, as well as some industrial processes

China is the world's biggest producer and consumer of coal.

China passed the United States as the No. 1 carbon dioxide emitter about six years ago

Sources: Scripps Institution of Oceanography; NOAA



2016 Bangladesh

Windstorm  
風災

2016 Fiji

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2012 China

Snow  
雪災

2016 USA

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2001 USA

Fire  
火災

2009 China

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2011 Japan

Earthquake  
地震

被炸毀的3号机组  
(可见浓烟飘散到  
2公里以外)

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2004 Southern Asia

Tsunami  
海嘯

2011 Japan

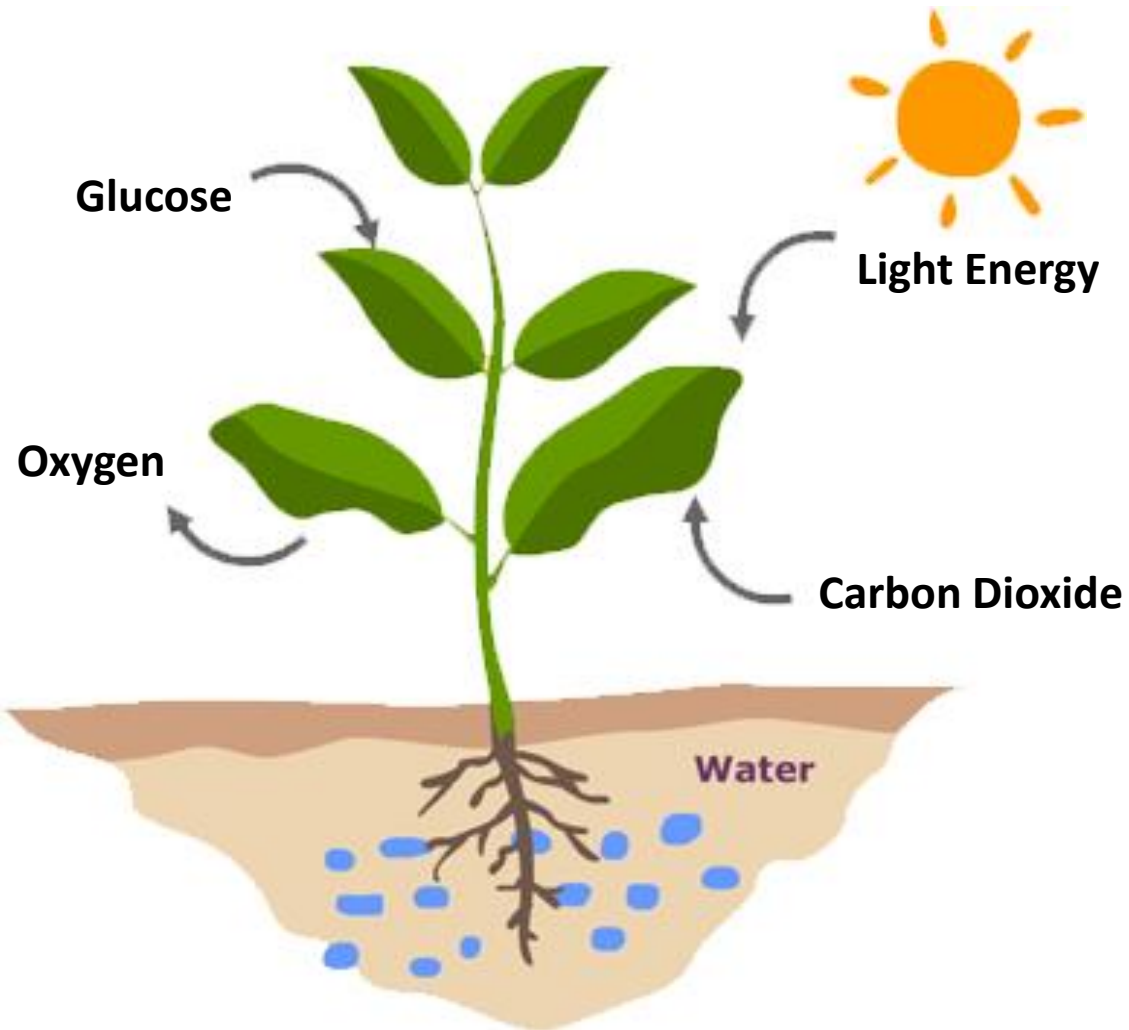


## Conform to Universe and Earth

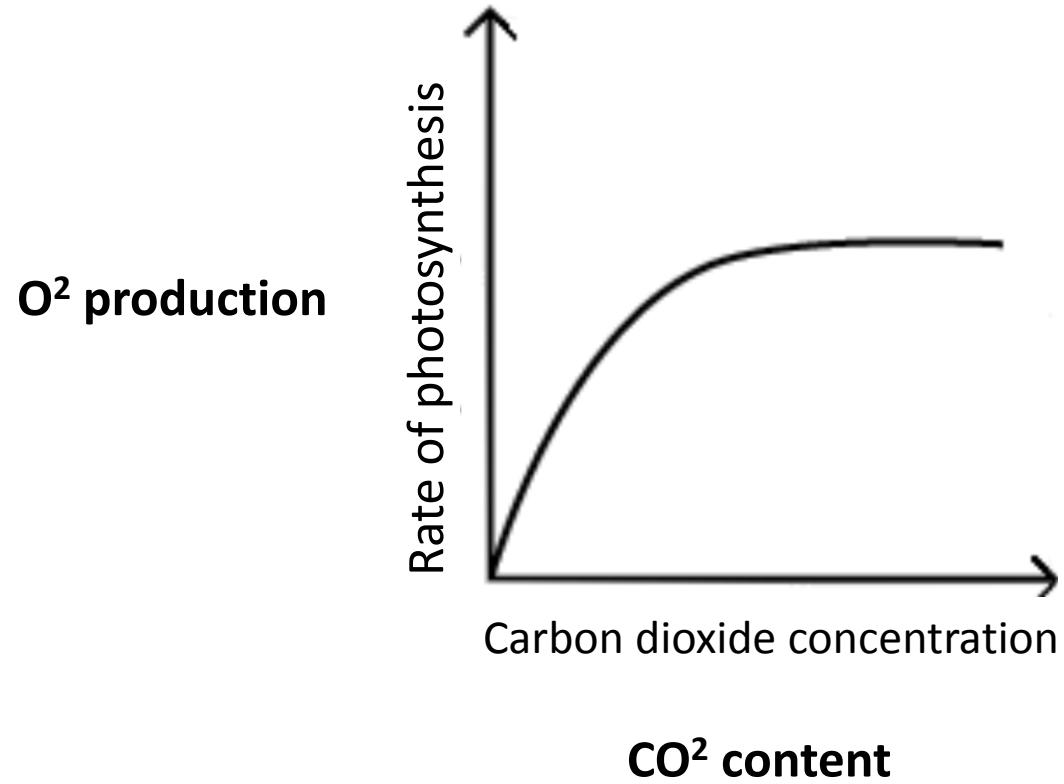


It's a sin for human to damage our **Mother (Earth)**  
in the presence of **Father (Space & Time)**.

# Photosynthesis



# Photosynthesis



# OXYGENERATOR



- Every human needs 280 Kgs of oxygen every year, whereas one tissue culture bamboo is able to produce more than 280 Kgs of oxygen per tree per year
- Shall we plant an evergrowing oxygenator tissue culture bamboo for us and for our future generation to breathe clean air which is rich in oxygen confidently
- Shall we leave and live in carbon neutral city

## Quality of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption and productivity of O<sub>2</sub> by one tissue culture bamboo tree every year

| Material              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Year | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year | 4 <sup>th</sup> Year | 5 <sup>th</sup> Year |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Biomass (Kgs)         | 25                   | 100                  | 250                  | 300                  | 300                  |
| CO <sub>2</sub> (Kgs) | 42                   | 169                  | 422                  | 506                  | 506                  |
| O <sub>2</sub> (Kgs)  | 31                   | 123                  | 307                  | 368                  | 368                  |



# OXYGENERATOR

Grow Bamboo – Grow Life

Bamboo Plantation is for overall Sustainable Development. Beyond anything it has an effective **Carbon Negative Footprint.**



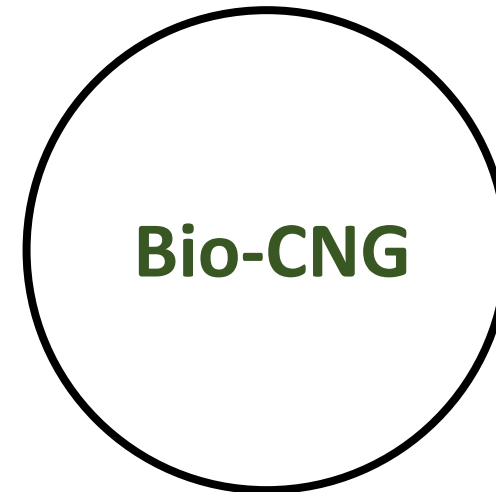
# OXYGENERATOR

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## Comprehensive Benefits Now From Bamboo (Summarised)

1. Energy Securities
2. Food Securities
3. Zero waste Discharge
4. Effective use of ETP water for bamboo plantation
5. Power Generations
6. Thermal Applications
7. Carbon Negative Foot-print
8. Ethanol Extractions
9. Bio crude, Charcoal, Gas extractions through Pyrolysis method
10. Bio-CNG



Recently, We got success in recovering  
Bio-CNG from Bamboo





Global warming

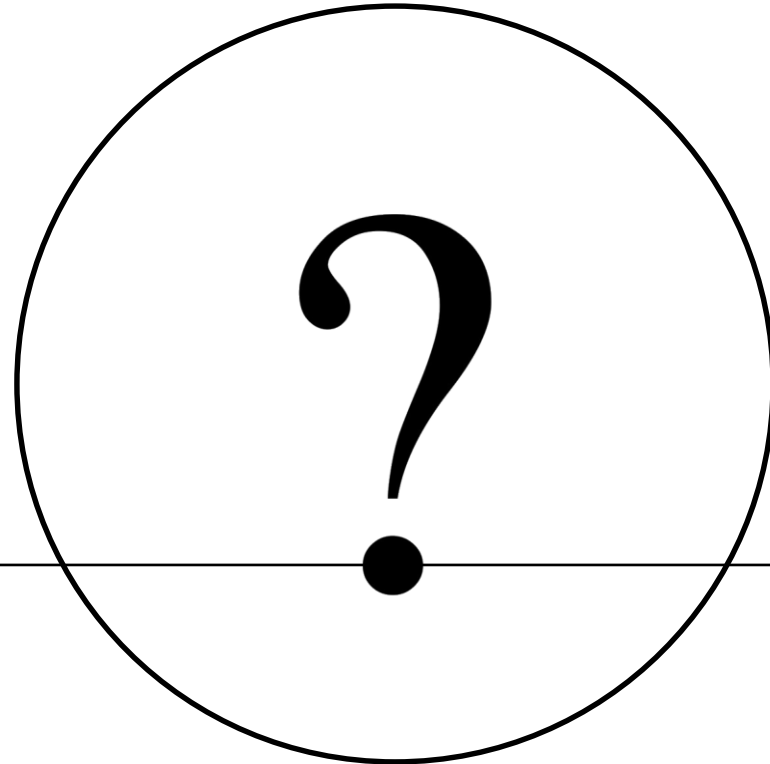


Extreme weather



Natural ecological crisis

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century



20<sup>th</sup> Century

22<sup>nd</sup> Century

What **must** we do?

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# The COP 20 in Peru, Dec 2014



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## Dawning of Bamboo Age



### Tacking climate change on a global scale

A United Nation's global climate summit in Lima, Peru, that could start tackling greenhouse gas emissions.

The UN framework convention on climate change (COP 20), under way in in the Peruvian capital Lima, could pave the way for treaty being signed in the future that will be seen as a turning point in reducing global warming.

COP20: The Twentieth session of the Conference of Parties United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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Bamboo is a strategic resource against climate change,  
as agreed by 40 countries in the Lima,  
Peru Convention on Climate Change COP20.



# The COP 21 in Paris, Dec 2015



## Dawning of Bamboo Age continues



## Keeping the rise in temperature below 2°C

The [Paris Climate Change Agreement](#) signed by 196 countries, is the first time developing and developed countries have agreed on a common agenda to reduce greenhouse gases, limit temperature rises to two degrees (or 1.5 degrees) of pre-industrial levels, and achieve a zero-carbon future.

COP21: the Conference of Parties United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention



# The COP 22 in Marrakech, Nov 2016



## Dawning of Bamboo Age continues



The conference agreed to work out a rule book by December 2018 at the latest

COP22: the Conference of Parties United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



# Donald Trump confirms withdrawal from Paris Climate Change Agreement



Protesters gather outside the White House in Washington, Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017, to protest President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate change accord.

Donald Trump has announced the withdrawal of the US from the Paris agreement on climate change, saying he wants to "renegotiate" a fairer deal that would not disadvantage US businesses and workers.

Mr. Trump, who has made pulling out of the pact which has been signed by almost 200 nations – a central plank of his run for the presidency, said that in withdrawing he was keeping his campaign promise to put American workers first.



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Dawning of Bamboo Age  
continues

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# 14 goals

easily achievable



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD



**1 NO POVERTY**

**2 ZERO HUNGER**

**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

**4 QUALITY EDUCATION**

**5 GENDER EQUALITY**

**6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**

**7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**

**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES**

**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**

**12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**

**13 CLIMATE ACTION**

**14 LIFE BELOW WATER**

**15 LIFE ON LAND**

**16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**

**17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



## Dawning of Bamboo Age

[The 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly](#), and adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These represent a universal, ambitious, sustainable development agenda, an agenda “of the people, by the people and for the people,” crafted with UNESCO’s active involvement.





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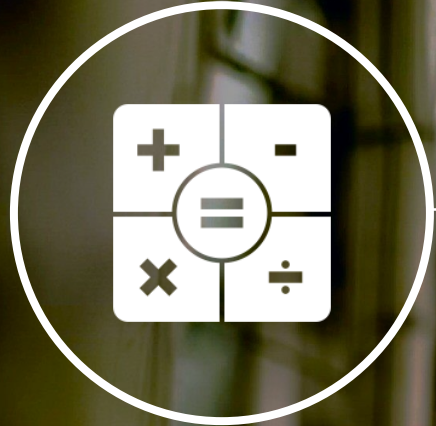


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Transforming Our Built Environment through Innovation and Integration: Putting Ideas into Action





# Basics



# What is bamboo?



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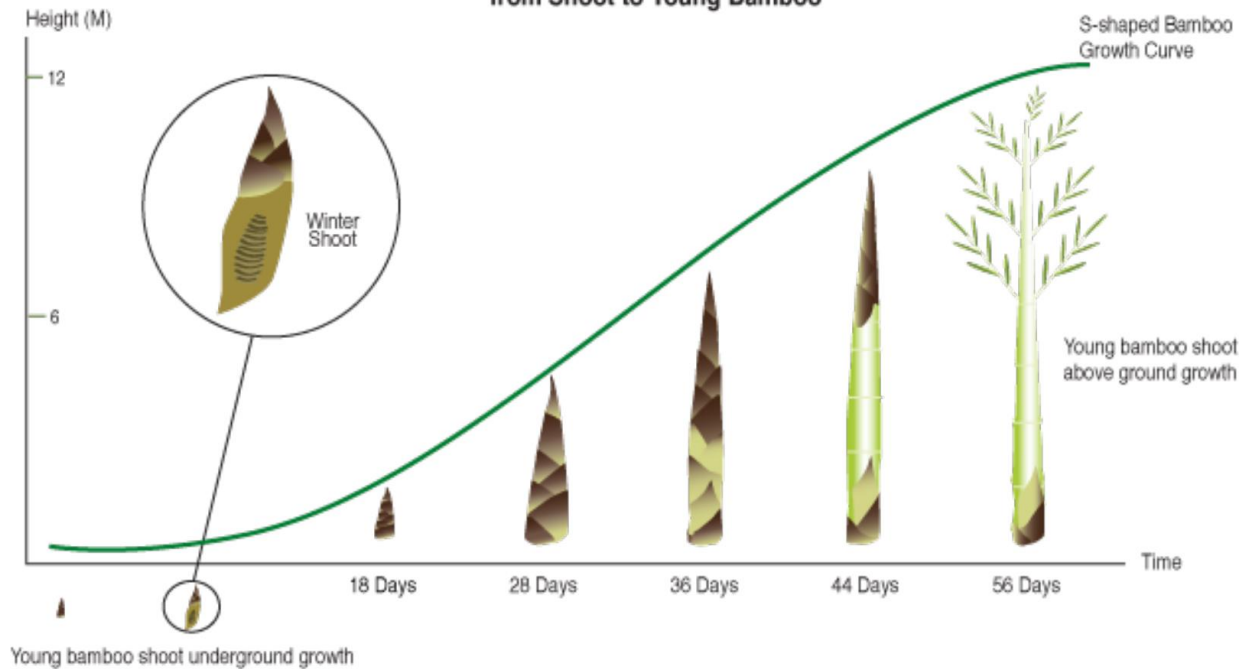
Arborescent (treelike) Grass (wheat)?  
Flowering perennial evergreen plant  
Family Poaceae, Subfamily Bambusoideae



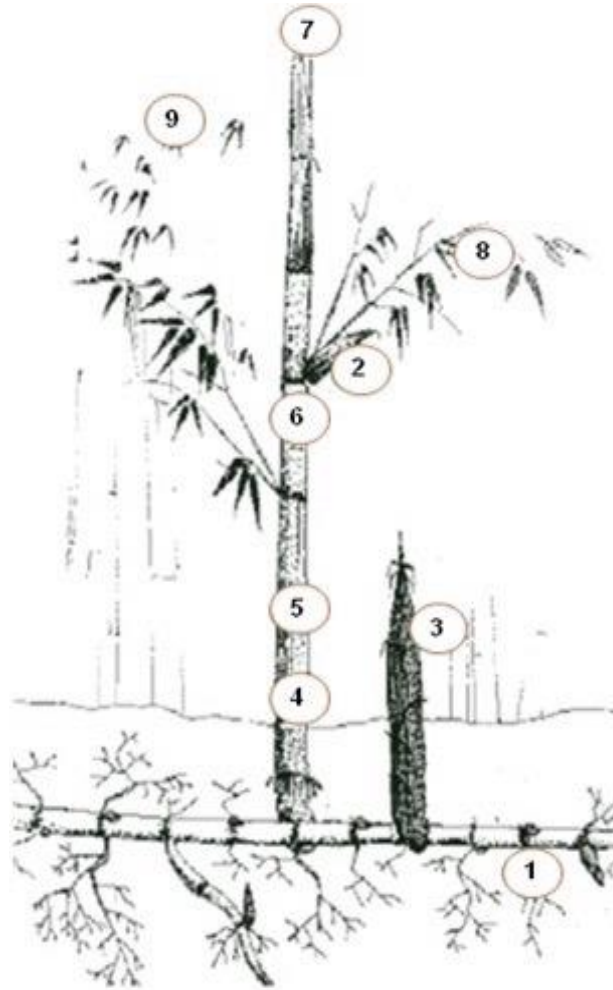
# Bamboo Botany

## 竹子的結構

### Fast Growth Figure of Bamboo from Shoot to Young Bamboo



# Bamboo



|   |                              |                        |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 9 | Leaves                       | Manure, Fodder         |
| 9 | Leaves                       | Extracts, Medicine     |
| 8 | Twigs                        | Brooms, Cloths         |
| 7 | Top                          | Chopsticks, Toothpicks |
| 7 | Top                          | Bamboo poles           |
| 7 | Top                          | Scaffoldings           |
| 6 | Middle upper                 | Blinds, Mats, Carpet   |
| 6 | Middle upper                 | Chopsticks, Toothpicks |
| 6 | Middle upper                 | Handicrafts            |
| 5 | Middle lower                 | Flooring               |
| 5 | Middle lower                 | Laminated furniture    |
| 4 | Base                         | Charcoal, Pulp         |
| 3 | Shoots                       | Vegetable              |
| 2 | Sheath & Rhizome             | Handicrafts            |
| 1 | Leftovers & processing waste | Fiber boards           |
| 1 | Leftovers & processing waste | Charcoal               |
| 1 | Leftovers & processing waste | Pulp                   |
| 1 | Leftovers & processing waste | Lumber                 |
| 1 | Leftovers & processing waste | Fuels                  |



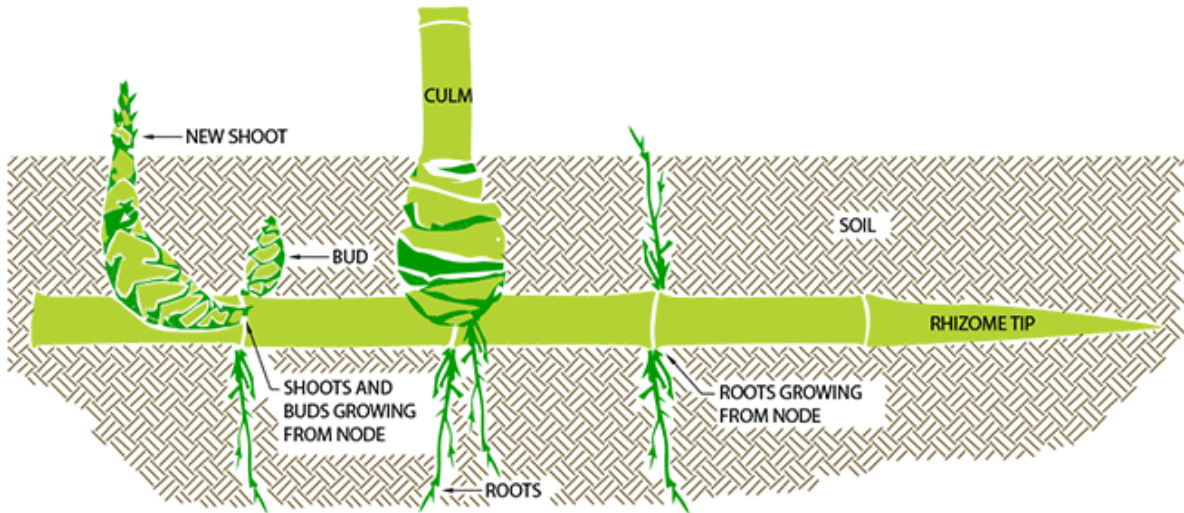


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# Around 50 genera and over 1200 species

Sorted according to root system (Zhang et al, 2002)

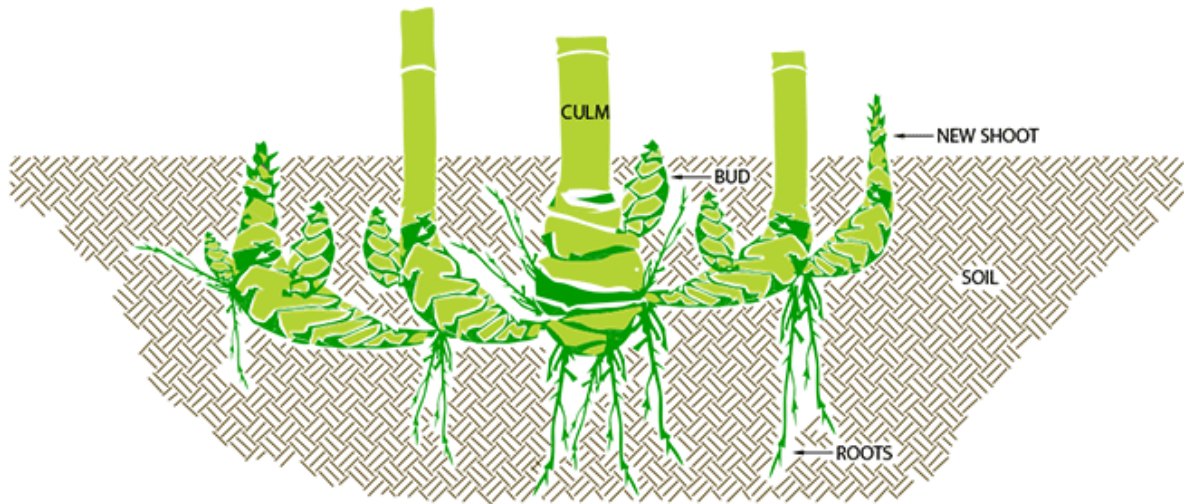


## Monopodial (Running Bamboo 散生竹)

Send out a number of long heavily rooter underground rhizomes each year

單軸型

每年稈柄在地下有較明顯的延長生長



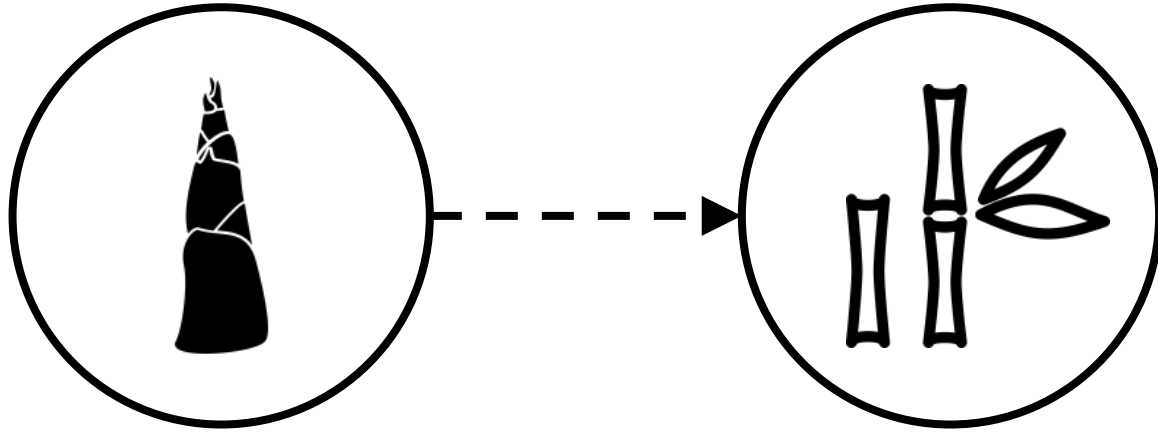
## Sympodial (Clumping Bamboo 叢生竹)

Produce only a single culm, a vertical growing shoot, from each new rhizome

合軸型

竹子新稈由稈上的茅眼發育而成

# Characteristics



- One of the **fastest** growing plants in the world
- Grows **1030mm per day** & reaches full height in **4-6 months** (Aminuddin, & Abd. Latif, 1991)
- Unique rhizome-dependent system
- Root system can extend up to 100km/ha and live for a hundred years







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# Back to Nature

Less is more

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# Fast Growing Bamboo (BBC)



**CCSI / HSMC / UNESCO**

Sustainable Development in Higher Education 2017 in conjunction with  
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# Geography & Distribution



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# World Bamboo Resources



## Asia and Oceania

- 65% of total world bamboo resources
- Approximately 24 million hectares
- 1,250 species and about 40-50 genera
- 80% of bamboo species in the world (Jiang, 2007)

## China

- Highest biodiversity with 39 genera and over 500 species
- 6.01 million ha forest area is bamboo in the 16 main bamboo provinces
- From 2008-2010, rapidly increasing of about 1.35 million ha/year

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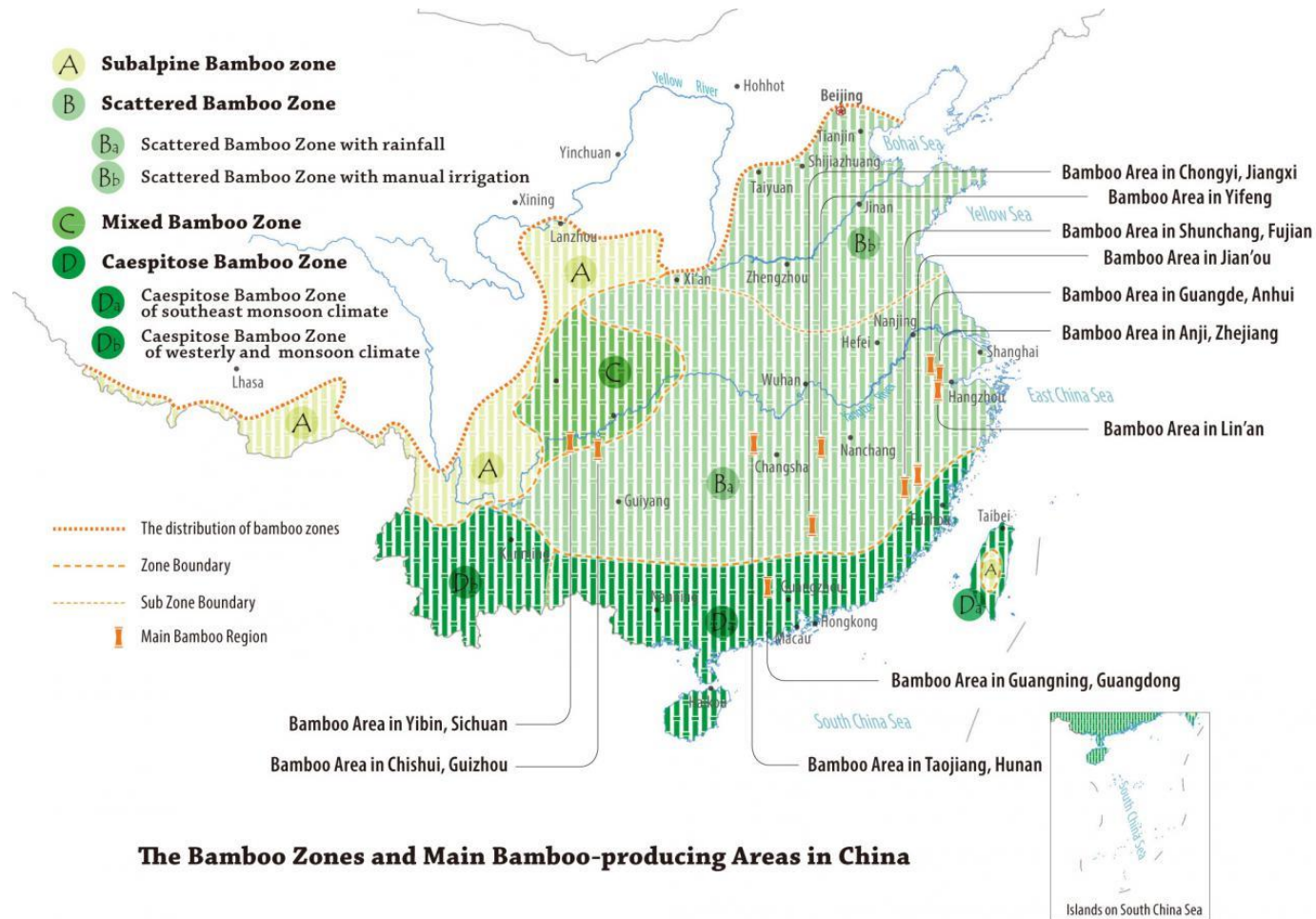
# World Bamboo Resources



The Distribution of bamboos in the world



# Distribution in China



**The Bamboo Zones and Main Bamboo-producing Areas in China**

Bamboo in China are distributed **near Yellow River** – Yangtze bamboo area and Yangtze River – Nanling bamboo area and at South China bamboo area and Southwest alpine bamboo area.





# Top 10 Bamboo Counties in China

- 1) Anji County, Zhejiang Province
- 2) Linan County, Zhejiang Province
- 3) JianOu County, Fujian Province
- 4) Shunchang County, Fujian Province
- 5) Yifeng County, Jianxi Province
- 6) Chongyi County, Jiangxi Province
- 7) Taojiang County, Hunan Province
- 8) Guangning County, Guangdong Province
- 9) Guangde County, Anhui Province
- 10) Zhishui City, Guizhou Province



**Anji County, Zhejiang Province**

# Bamboo species in Hong Kong



*Phyllostachys bambusoides*  
f. *lacrima-deae*  
桂竹,亦稱斑竹



*Bambusa ventricosa*  
佛肚竹



*Phyllostachys iridescens*  
紅竹,亦稱紅哺雞竹

# Bamboo species in Hong Kong



*Bambusa multiplex cv*  
琴絲竹



*Bambusa vulgaris*  
金絲竹



*P. Nigra Munro*  
毛金竹

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*Hyllostachys aurea*  
A.&C.Riviere  
羅漢竹, 人面竹



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*Bambusa vulgaris*  
Schrad. ex J.C. Wendl  
黃金間碧竹



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Bambusa  
Glaucescens (Wild.)  
Sieb.ex Munro  
孝順竹



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**Phyllostachys  
Bambusoides  
Tanakae**  
斑竹, 湘妃竹



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Bambusa  
Glaucescens (Wild.)  
Sieb.ex Munro var.  
riviereorum (R.Maire)  
Chia & Fung  
觀音竹



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# Environment



# Bamboo & Biodiversity

# Bamboo & Biodiversity

## What is biodiversity?

- variation of life forms within a given ecosystem

## Planting of bamboo as priority action

## Bamboo forests are important for biodiversity

- Rhizome systems are intermixed with tree shrub and herbaceous layer of vegetation
- Habitats for insects, birds and other animals
- Food for mammals and birds e.g. Giant Pandas and Mountain Gorillas





# Bamboo & Biodiversity

## Case for multi culture

- A mix of plant species is important
- Intermixed of bamboo with broad leaved trees exhibited higher amounts of desirable soil qualities
  - Porosity, aeration, and bulk density
  - Maintaining high levels of nutrients in the soil
  - Increase the resilience to adverse weather conditions

## Bamboo & Biodiversity



### Tuen Mun Road Eastern Section

Convert the hills into bamboo ocean

Through sustainable management and utilization of bamboo resources, the international community can significantly reduce pressure on fast depleting forest resources conserve biodiversity & fight climate change.



1 Forests for adaptation

2 Sustainable management for sustainable provision of services + Adaptation for forest if sustainable management is in place

Source: Center for International Forestry Research. 2012. Adapting forests and people to climate change – Conserving ecosystem services that reduce risk to the world’s poorest. A framework proposal



# Soil & Water Conservation



**River bank stabilization**



**Reduce 90% soil erosion**

- ROOTS remain in place after harvesting
  - Prevent erosion
  - Help retain nutrients for the next crop
- High capacity landslide prevention, protection of riverbanks, and windbreak and shelterbelt potential
- **Recommended to consider for civil engineering applications**

# Soil & Water Conservation

## Researches and studies

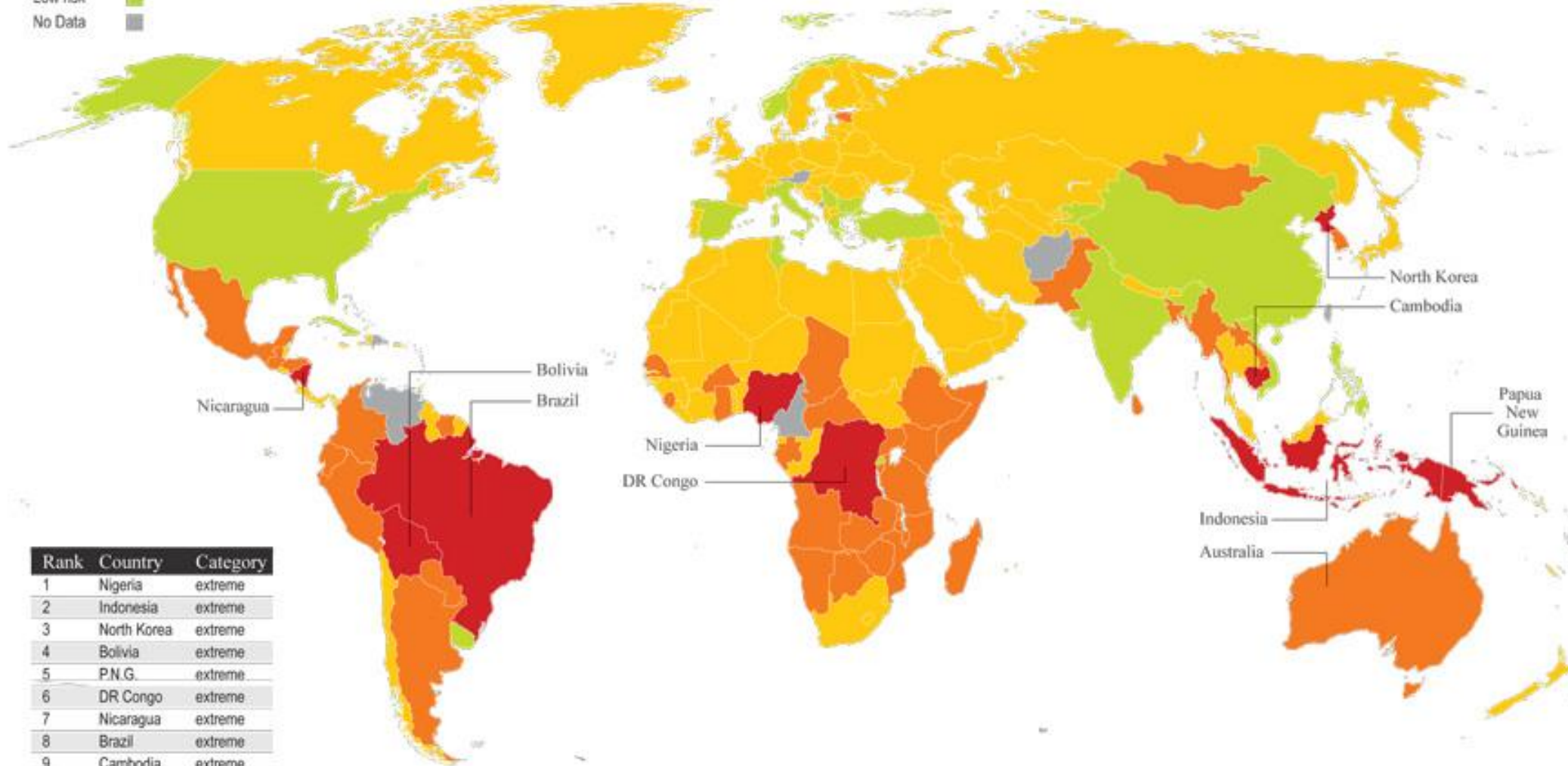
- > 90% of Chinese bamboo forests are located along riverbanks in source of major rivers and lakes and, where they play an important role in regulating water flows, protecting water sources, and reducing water erosion (Xiao, 2001)
- Water conservation function in Moso bamboo is 30-45% > Chinese fir forest (Huang et al., 2010)
- Bamboo helps to retain water in the soil and benefit the microorganisms that are essential to soil health
- Bamboo is an alternative to fossil fuels, both for burning and for use as a fertilizer to restore and sustain soil health





# Deforestation

- Extreme risk ■
- High risk ■
- Medium risk ■
- Low risk ■
- No Data ■



| Rank | Country     | Category |
|------|-------------|----------|
| 1    | Nigeria     | extreme  |
| 2    | Indonesia   | extreme  |
| 3    | North Korea | extreme  |
| 4    | Bolivia     | extreme  |
| 5    | P.N.G.      | extreme  |
| 6    | DR Congo    | extreme  |
| 7    | Nicaragua   | extreme  |
| 8    | Brazil      | extreme  |
| 9    | Cambodia    | extreme  |
| 10   | Australia   | high     |



# Deforestation = Solution: A Forest Station



INBAR  
Conservation  
Project  
in China



**Reduce 90% Soil Erosion**

**River bank stabilization**

E.g. Sponge City 海綿城市

- **Bamboo** grows quickly
  - Can take pressure off other forest resources
- Other uses of **Bamboo** against deforestation
  - Use of **bamboo** charcoal and firewood as an alternative source of energy in Africa
  - **Bamboo** coffins in northeastern India, an eco-friendly method of burial for the state's Christians (UCA News, 2013)



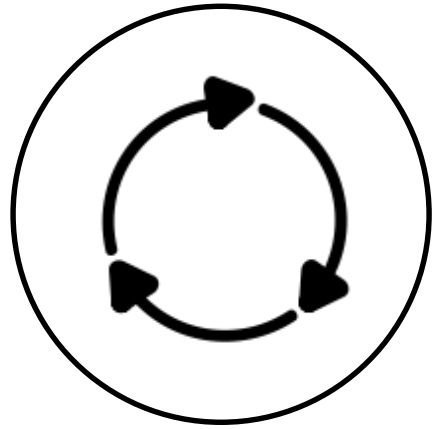
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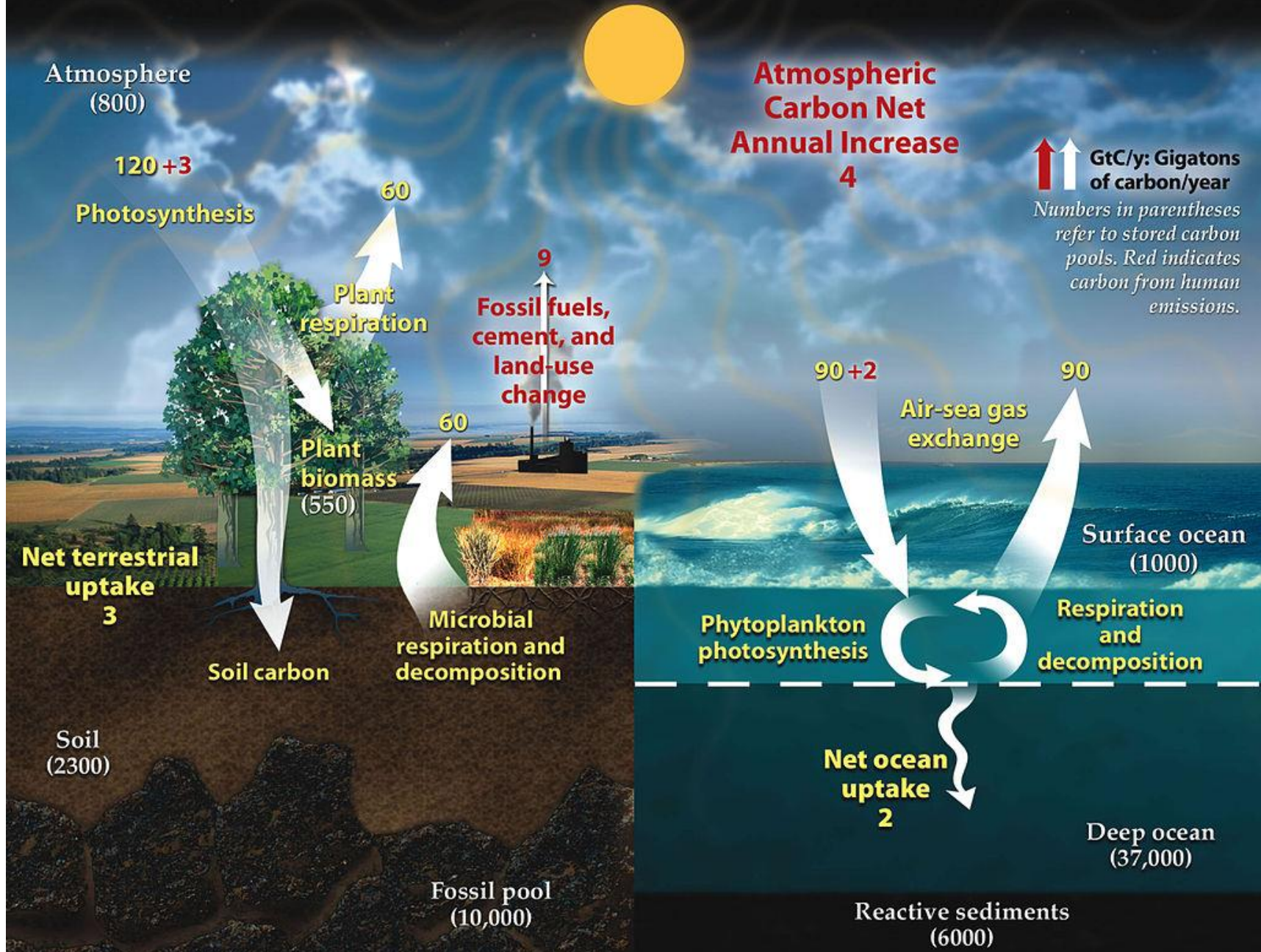
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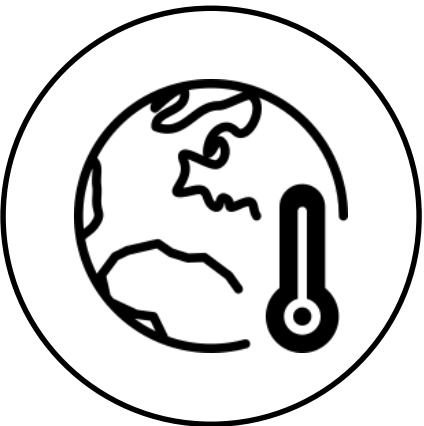
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Carbon cycle



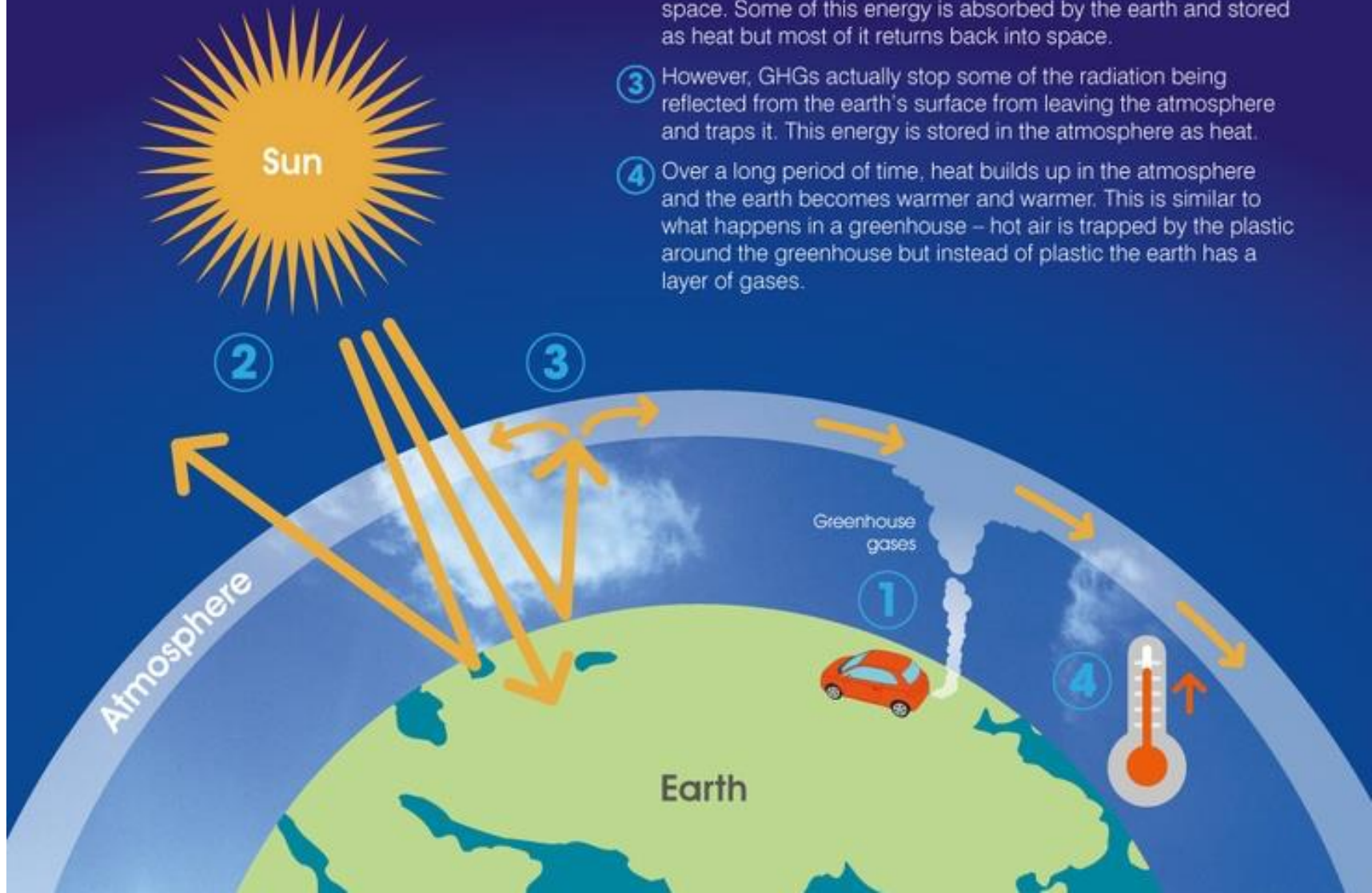


Global Warming

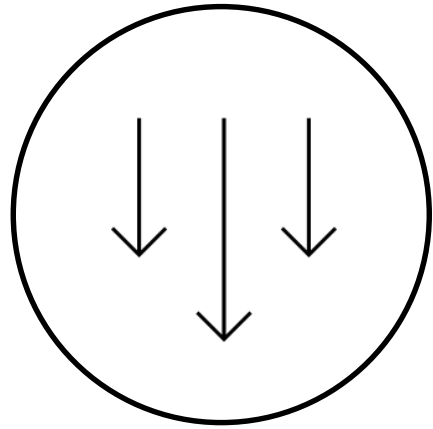
# The enhanced Greenhouse Effect

Too much GHG emissions can lead to a problem called the Greenhouse Effect.

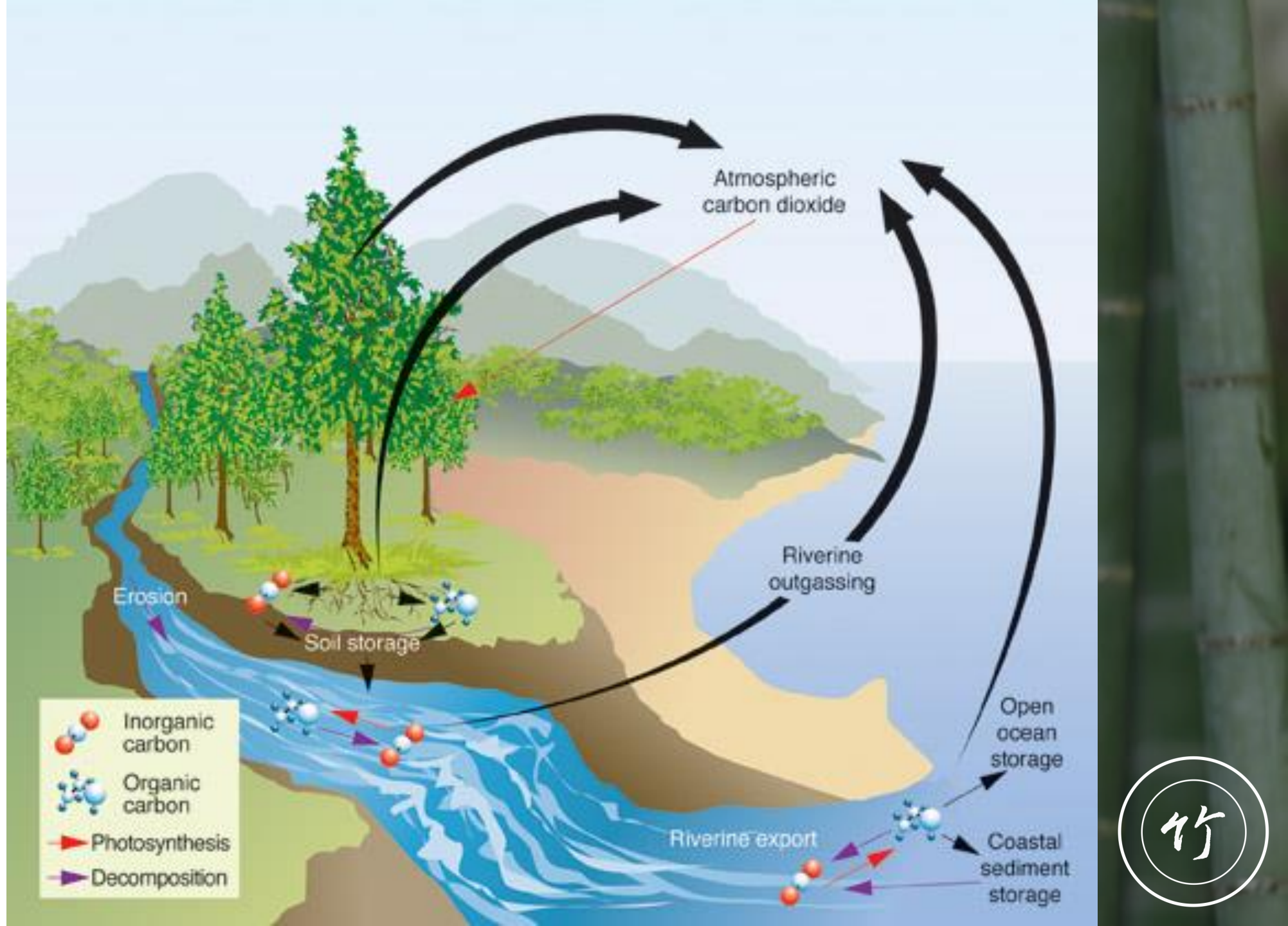
- ① When GHGs are released into the air from sources such as cars, they are trapped around the earth in the atmosphere.
- ② As energy from the sun (radiation) comes through the atmosphere to earth, it bounces off the earth's surface and goes back out into space. Some of this energy is absorbed by the earth and stored as heat but most of it returns back into space.
- ③ However, GHGs actually stop some of the radiation being reflected from the earth's surface from leaving the atmosphere and traps it. This energy is stored in the atmosphere as heat.
- ④ Over a long period of time, heat builds up in the atmosphere and the earth becomes warmer and warmer. This is similar to what happens in a greenhouse – hot air is trapped by the plastic around the greenhouse but instead of plastic the earth has a layer of gases.



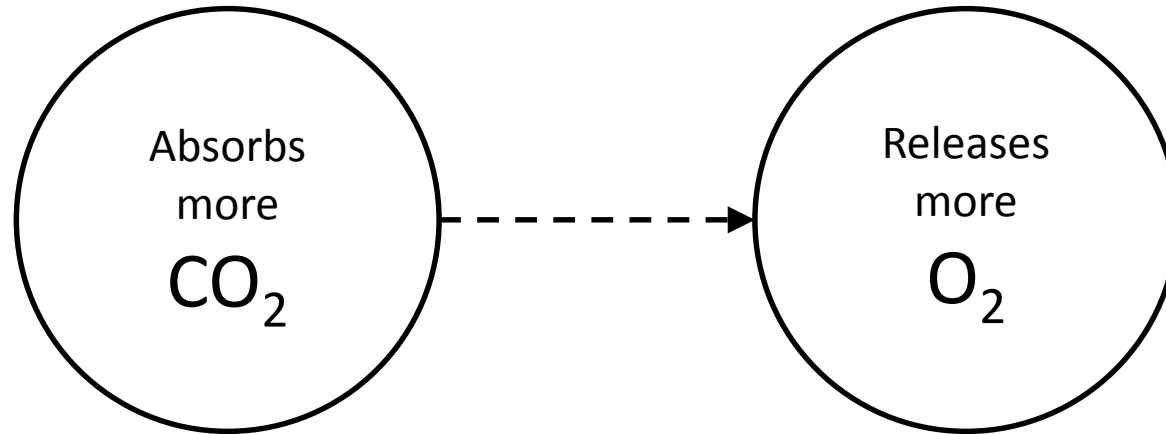




Carbon Sink

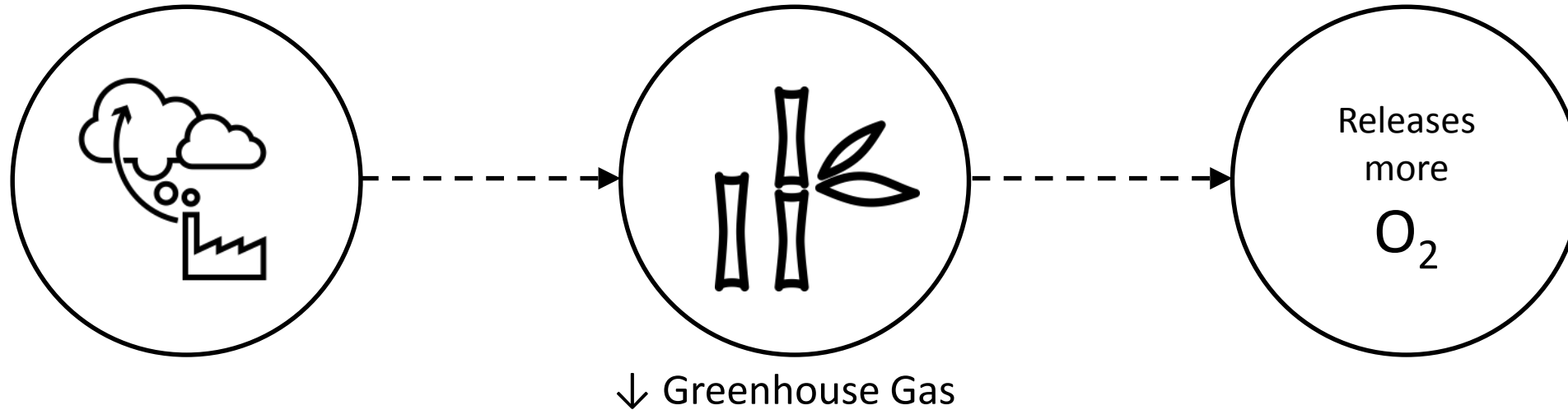


# Bamboo



- Absorbs relatively more CO<sub>2</sub> than trees, thereby
- Releases relatively more O<sub>2</sub> than trees
- Great natural carbon sink → Fast biomass generation
- Fast re-growth even after regular harvesting

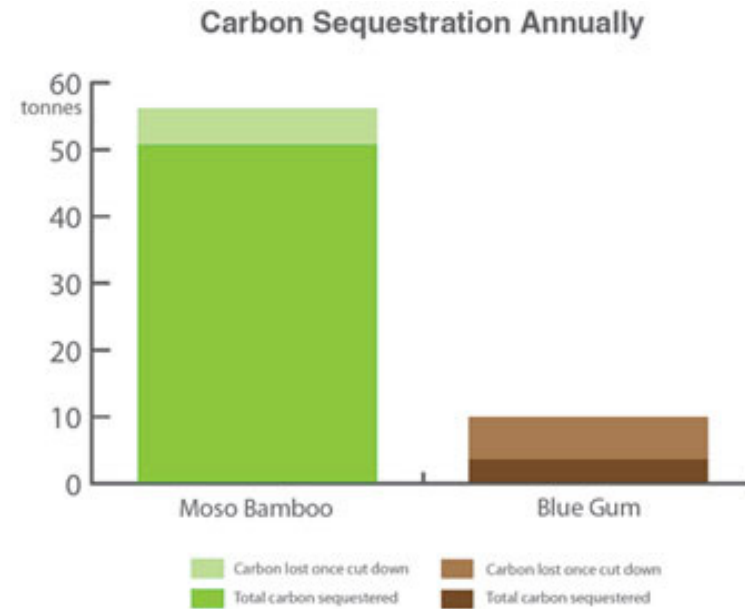
# Bamboo



## Bamboo indirectly ↓ greenhouse gas emissions by:

1. Producing bamboo products usually requires < energy than comparable fossil-fuel based produce
2. Selectively harvested bamboo provides woody biomass
3. Transformed into durable products with long life spans ↑ terrestrial carbon sink
4. Produce both bamboo fuel & charcoal for cooking and heating
5. Generate electricity via biomass gasification technology
6. Bamboo charcoal has a calorific value similar to that of wood charcoal but is much less polluting

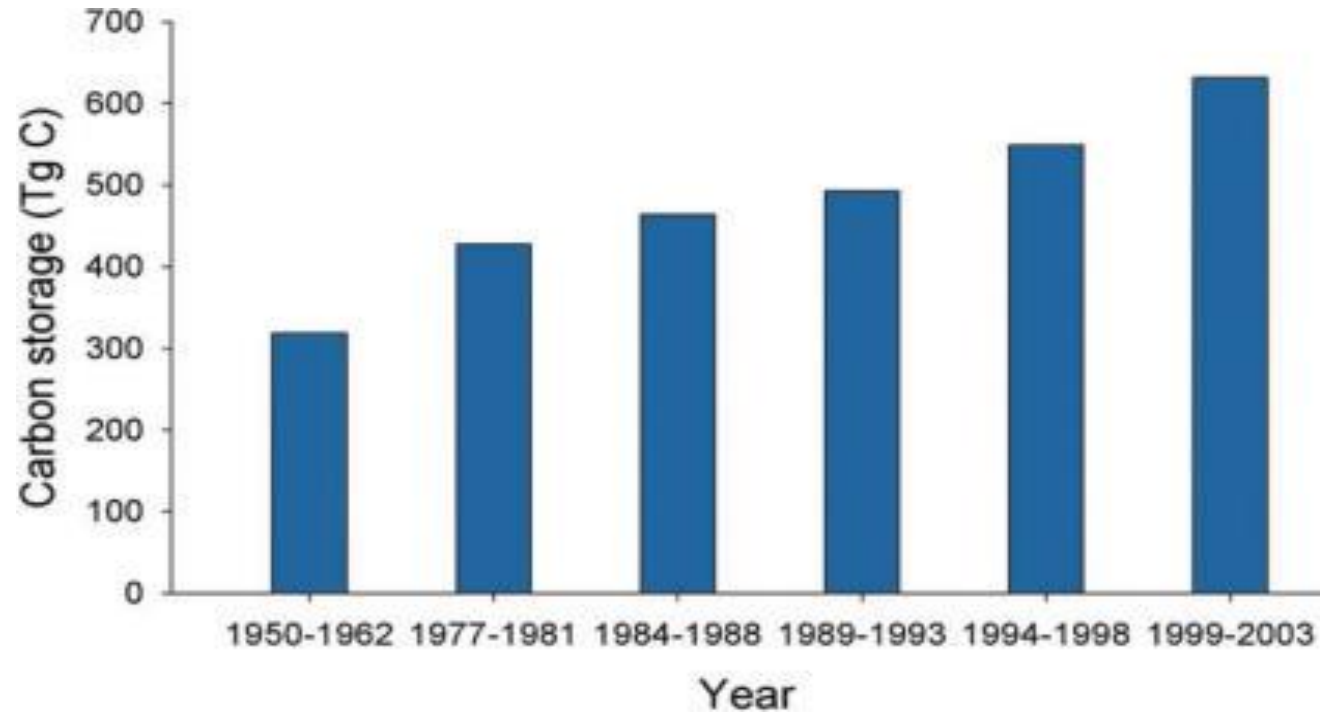
# Carbon Sequestration



## Researches and studies:

- Annual carbon fixation of the tree layer in a Moso bamboo forest was 5.10 t/ha
  - 1.33 times the value for a tropical mountain rainforest
  - 1.41 times the value for Chinese fir *Cunninghamia lanceolata* at 5 years old (Zhou and Jiang 2004)
- One of the most efficient types of forest vegetation for carbon fixation
- Estimates of the total carbon storage in Chinese bamboo forests from 1999 to 2003 ranging from 605.5 to 1425 Tg C (Lou et al. 2010)

# Carbon Sequestration



Changes in carbon storage by bamboo forests in China since 1950 (Chen et al. 2009)

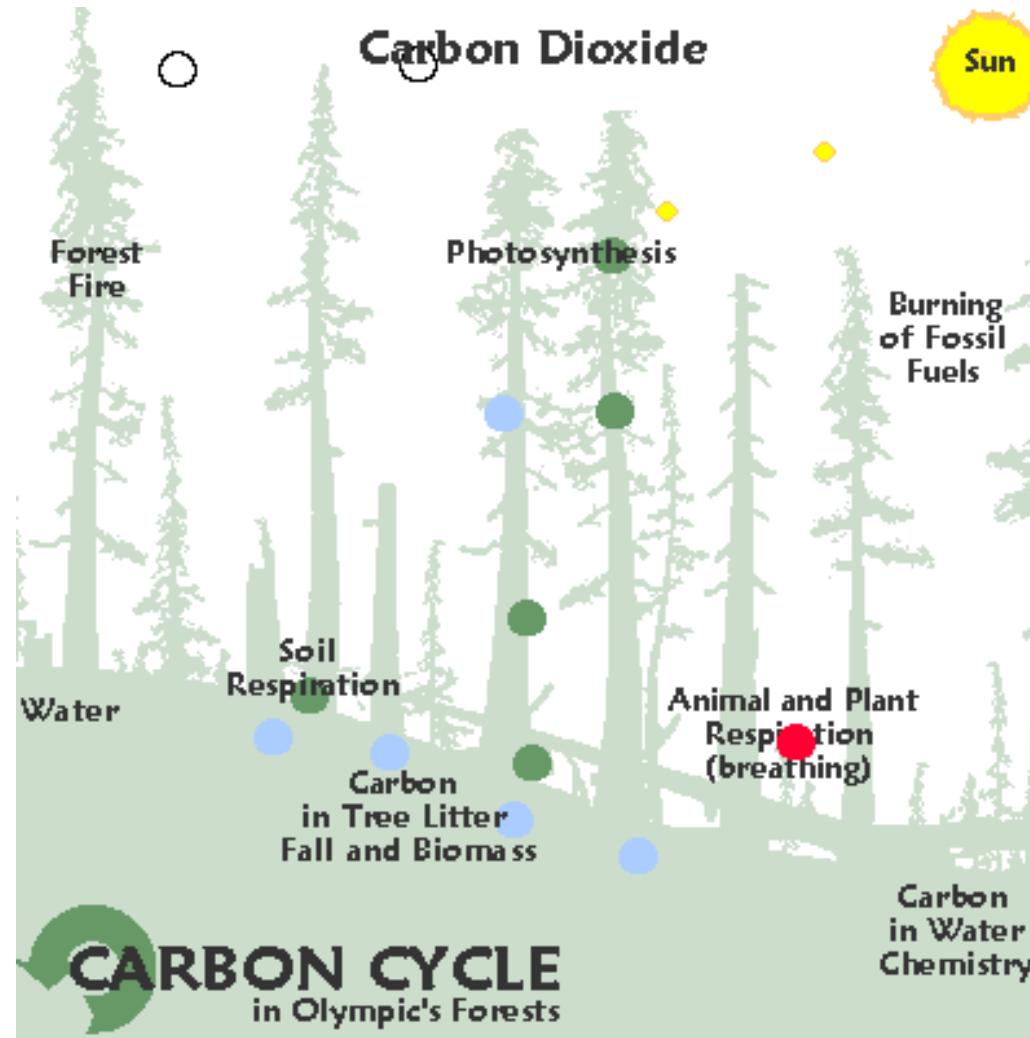


# Carbon Cycle

Bamboo might be the best carbon sequestering plant in isolation, but in nature the picture is made up of a larger design and hence the importance of well-designed multi-cropped agroforestry solutions, as recognised as best practice for African small scale farming conditions by the Food & Agriculture Organisations.

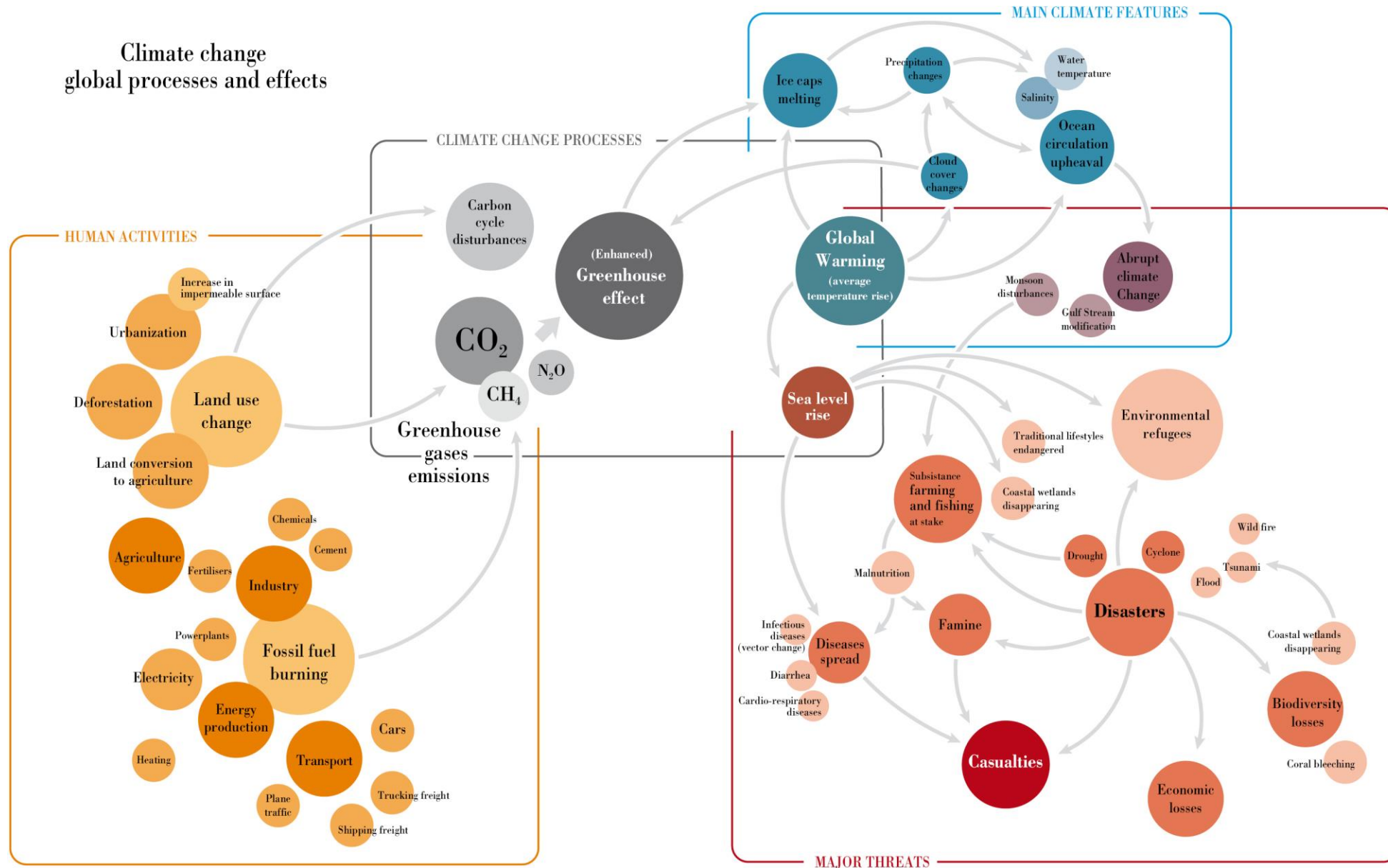
Not recommended:

Mono cropping attracts pests, stifles biodiversity and is done at high density draining our water resources.

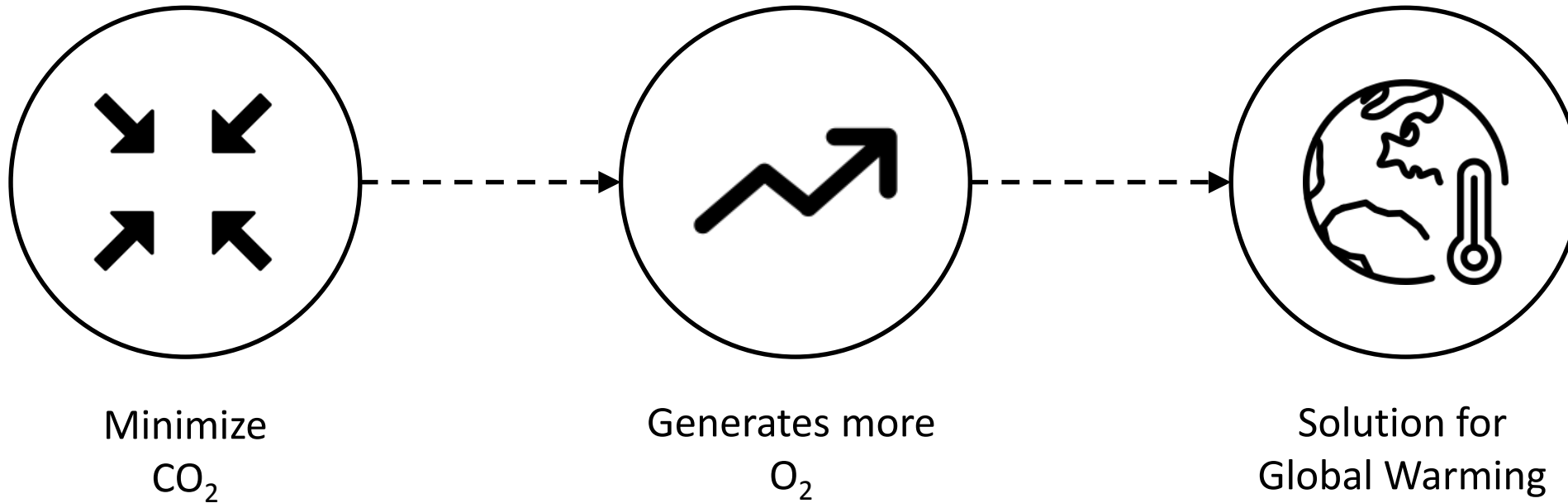


# Fight the climate change!

Climate change  
global processes and effects



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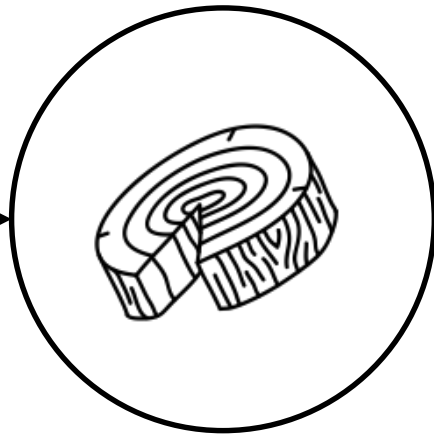




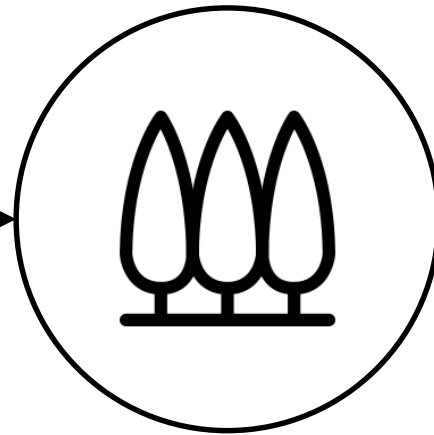
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Sponge city  
海綿城市

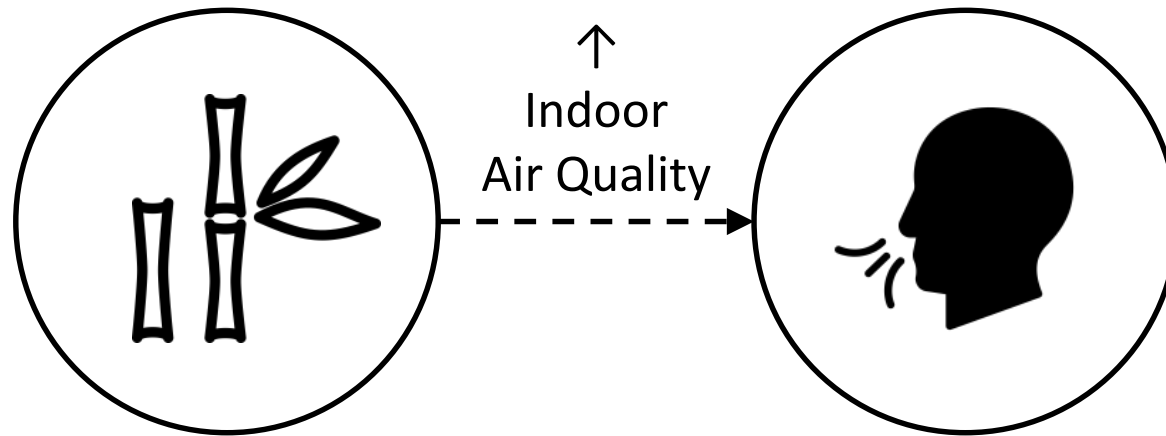


Alternate from timber to bamboo  
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A Forest Station

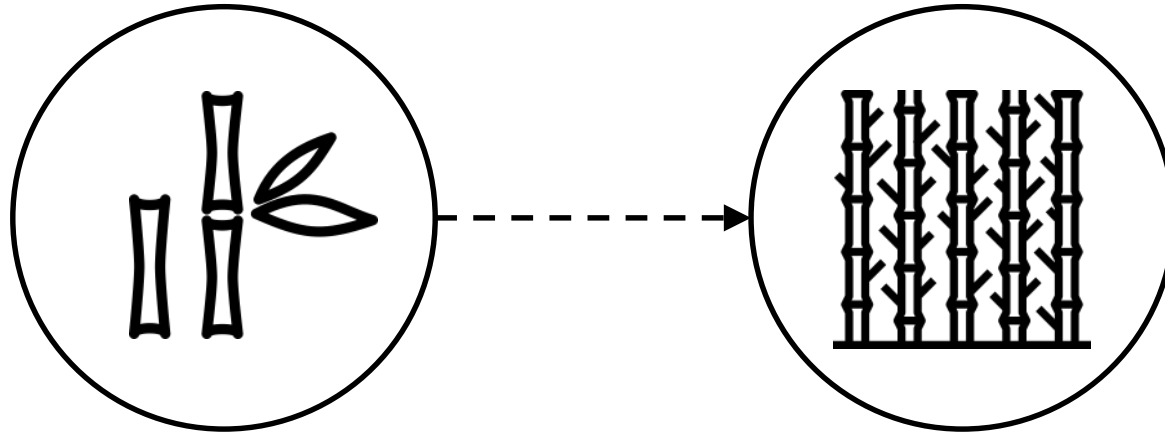
# Other Benefits of Bamboo



## Bamboo is a GREEN material to save our planet

- Improves the **Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)** within and around buildings and structures, especially as it relates to the health and comfort of building occupants
- Positive impacts on natural environment and human health
- Uses renewable resources more efficiently and wisely
- Reducing the pace of deforestation
- Relieving global warming and natural ecological crisis
- “Natural Oxygen Bars”
- 2 times negative oxygen ions concentration comparing to evergreen broad-leaved forest (Cha Shan Zhu Hai National Forest Park in Chongqing city)
- Bamboo leaf can capture 4 to 8 g/m of dust
- Bamboo belt reduce noise (10 to 15 dB by 40m wide belt)

# Bamboo



## For climate change mitigation

- Rapidly sequesters carbon, avoids fossil fuel use
- Offers a highly renewable source of biomass energy – as a substitute for wood fuel and fossil fuels

## For landscape restoration

- Rapidly restores degraded lands in the tropics
- Thrives on problem soils and steep slopes that are unsuitable for other crops, eg Tuen Mun highway.
- To date, millions of hectares of degraded lands have been restored with bamboo, many millions more can benefit

## For adaptation

- Protects communities from natural disasters as a part of sustainable forestry & agro-forestry systems
- Rapid growth allows frequent harvesting, helping farmers respond adapt changing weather patterns

# Why use bamboo?

- Bamboo can be harvested within 5-7 years
- Extraordinary physical characteristics
  - Suitable for all types of structures and constructions
- Light building material for easy transportation & storage



# Facts to be noted

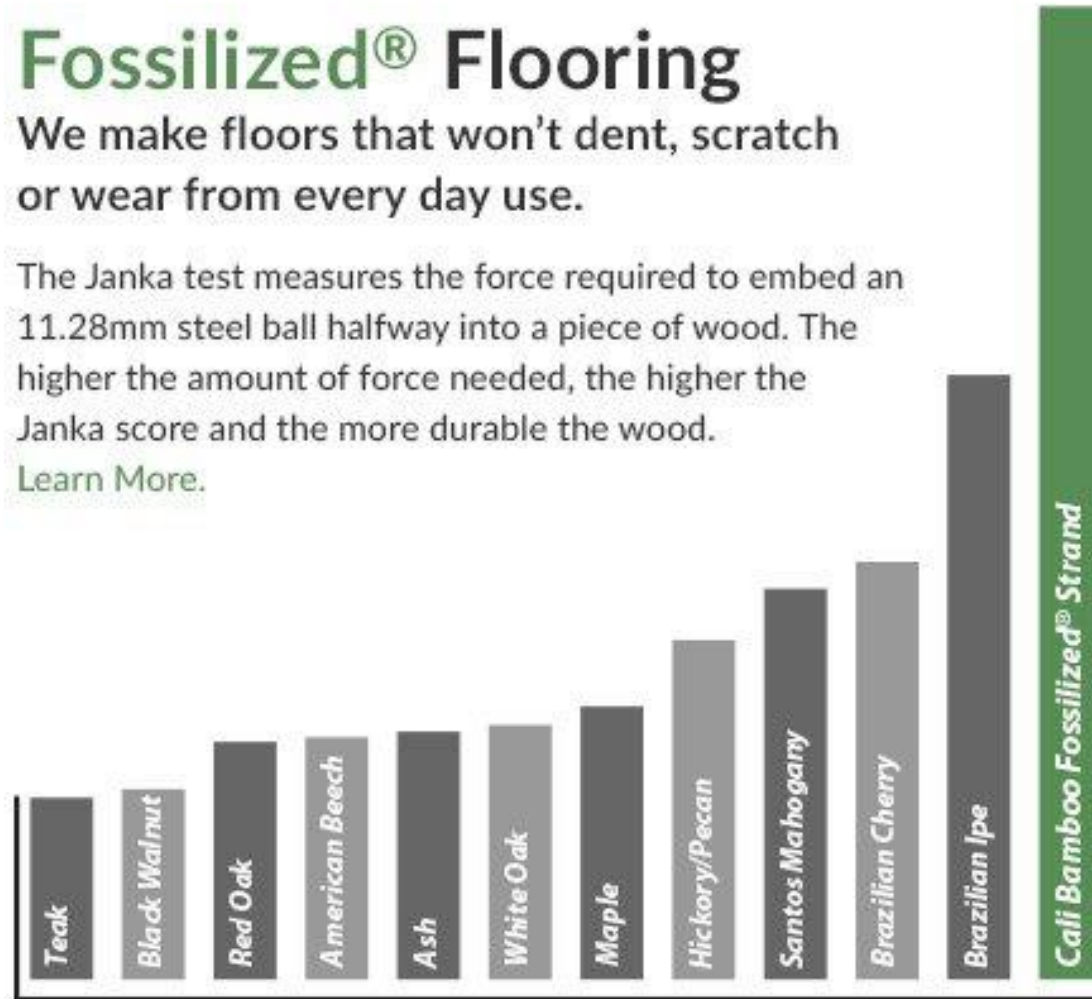
- Are processed and compressed with chemical-based glue
  - Formaldehyde out-gassing, esp bamboo product made with low quality glue
- Durability
  - Bamboo flooring last 30–50 years (while some solid hardwood last 125 years or longer)

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The Janka test measures the force required to embed an 11.28mm steel ball halfway into a piece of wood. The higher the amount of force needed, the higher the Janka score and the more durable the wood.

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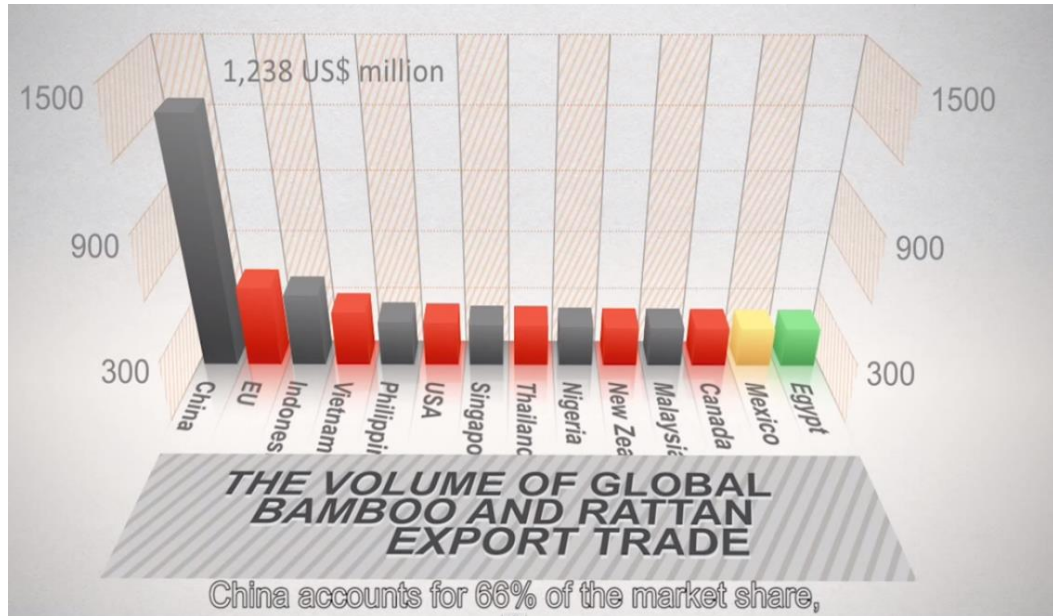
# Economical



Bamboo also widely known as resources that empower the poor. They already play a critical role in supporting poverty alleviation contributing to livelihoods of millions for people worldwide.

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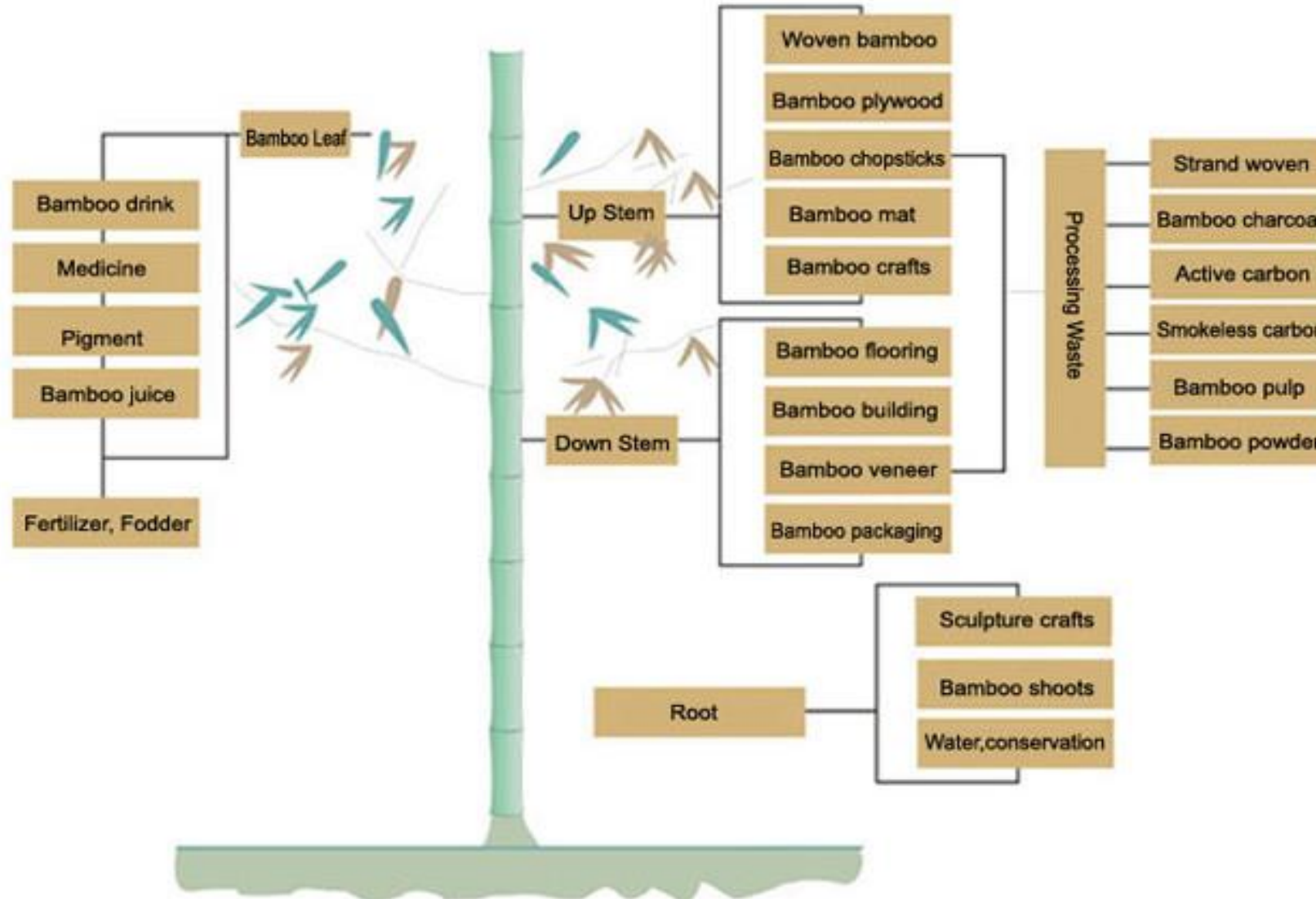
# The Global trade in bamboo product across 120 countries



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# Bamboo Comprehensive Utilization







Despite this progress the present lack of uniform international standards for the vast majority of bamboo products has long stood in the way of further rapid growth in international trade. The need and imperative for establishing an international platform to set standards on bamboo is now more pressing than ever.

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# 1. Combining state of art knowledge on current research Industry processes & trade

Basic standards

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The newly proposed ISO Technical Committee for Bamboo will provide the bamboo sector with valuable guidance on terminology, methods and standards for major internationally traded products. The technical committee will firstly focus on publishing basic standards, covering terminology and classification criteria of bamboo and their related products.

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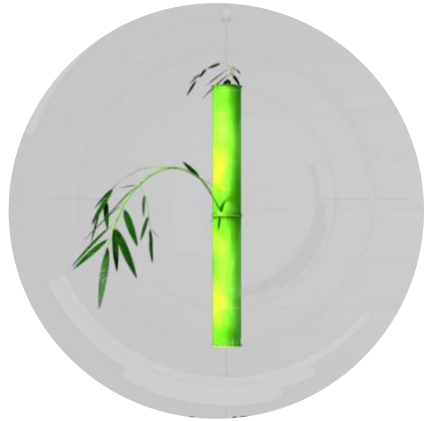


## 2. Provide scientific & unified approach for evaluating bamboo properties

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Standards  
for methods

Source: INBAR Proposing an International Standards Organization Technical Committee for Bamboo and Rattan  
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The committee will establish standards for methods, covering test methods on the physical, mechanical and chemical properties of bamboo.

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### 3. Committee to define standards for internationally traded bamboo products

Product standards

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These standards will guide industry globally, with small and medium-sized enterprises in developing nations being among the main beneficiaries. This will lead to improvements in the processing and quality of bamboo products, enhancing their value and competitiveness in the global market.

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# Bamboo Industrialization



From the seed



Final assembly





# Architecture



# As a Building Material



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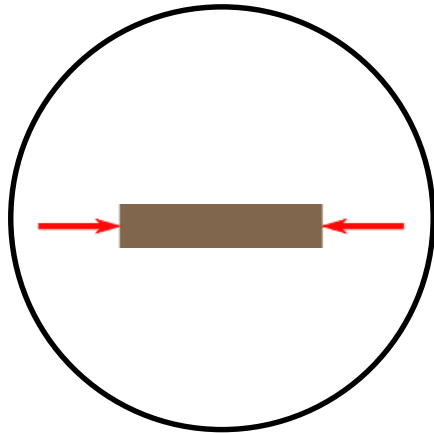
- Often referred to as the poor man's timber
- Becoming increasingly popular among Western architects and engineers
- A major building material in many countries, particularly in Asia, Africa and South America
- Well Known for its strong characteristics, light weight and flexible properties
- Can be used for almost all parts of houses, including posts, roofs, walls, floors, beams, and trusses

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# Mechanical Properties

## Compression Strength

The capacity of a material or structure to withstand loads tending to reduce size

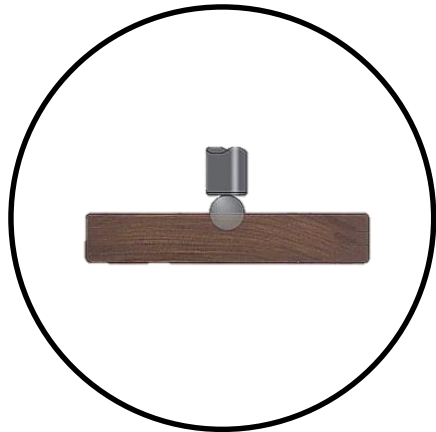


| Material                  | MPa  |
|---------------------------|------|
| Bambusa blumeana          | 24.0 |
| Bambusa vulgaris          | 25.3 |
| Gigantochloa scortechinii | 27.0 |
| Red Oak                   | 46.5 |
| Douglas Fir               | 49.8 |
| White Pine                | 33.0 |
| Western Cedar             | 31.5 |

Liese (1985)



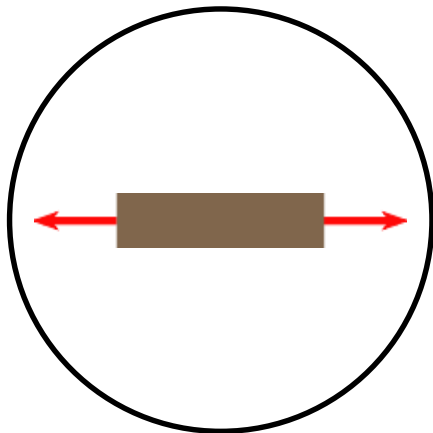
# Mechanical Properties



# Mechanical Properties

## Ultimate Tensile Strength

The maximum stress that a material can withstand while being pulled before breaking



| Material             | MPa       |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Bamboo               | 350 – 500 |
| Red Oak              | 48 – 63   |
| Pine                 | 21-32     |
| Concrete             | 3         |
| Structural Steel A36 | 400       |
| Silicon              | 7000      |

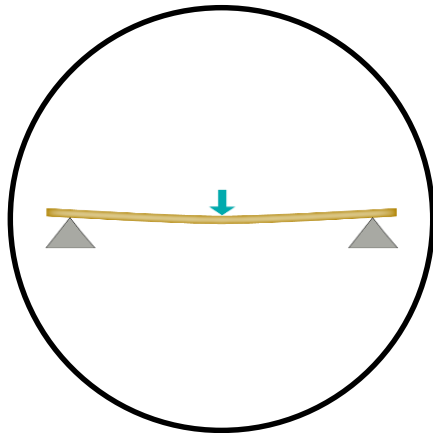
(David W. Green et al., 2008)



# Mechanical Properties

## Flexural Strength (Modulus of Rupture)

The highest stress experienced within the material at its moment of rupture



| Material                  | MPa  |
|---------------------------|------|
| Bambusa blumeana          | 99.8 |
| Bambusa vulgaris          | 62.3 |
| Gigantochloa scortechinii | 52.4 |
| Red Oak                   | 98.5 |
| Douglas Fir               | 85.5 |
| White Pine                | 59.3 |
| Western Cedar             | 51.7 |

Liese (1985)



# Mechanical Properties

## Modulus of Elasticity

An object's tendency to be deformed (non-permanently) when a force is applied to it

A measurement of stiffness



| Material                  | MPa     |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Bambusa blumeana          | 4,100   |
| Bambusa vulgaris          | 6,100   |
| Gigantochloa scortechinii | 4,800   |
| Pine (along grain)        | 9,000   |
| Oak (along grain)         | 11,000  |
| Douglas Fir               | 13,000  |
| Steel                     | 200,000 |

Liese (1985)



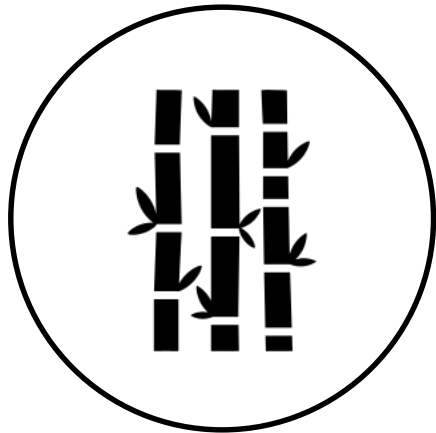


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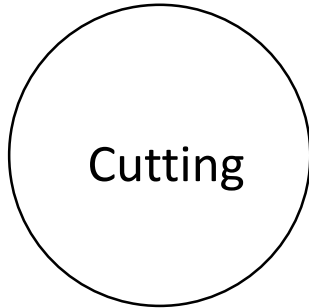


- In general, bamboo is stronger than wood in bending strength, compression strength parallel to grain and is similar in shear strength parallel to grain
- The strength of bamboo in grain direction is extremely high, especially MOR and MOE. It might be suitable as the raw material for such products as oriented structural boards which bears unidirectional load (Febrianto et al., 2012)
- Bamboos have low shear strength parallel to grain. The bamboo veneers can be peeled from straight culms of a thick-walled bamboo species

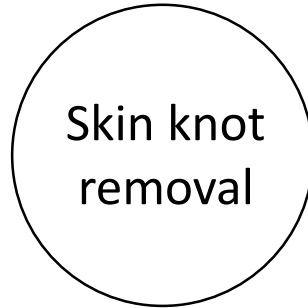
# Mechanical Properties



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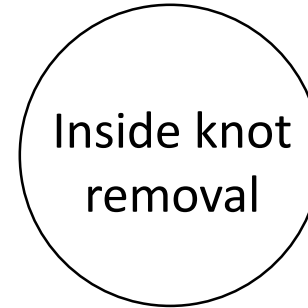
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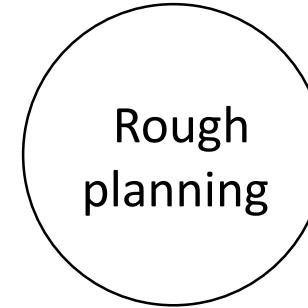
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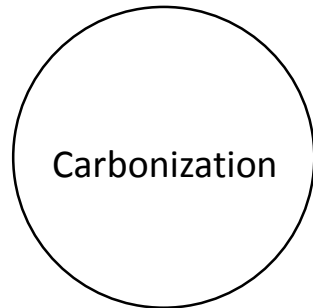
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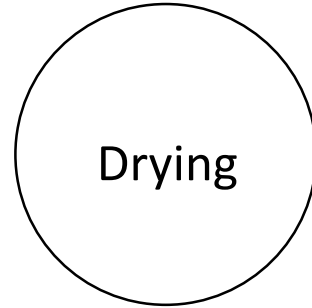
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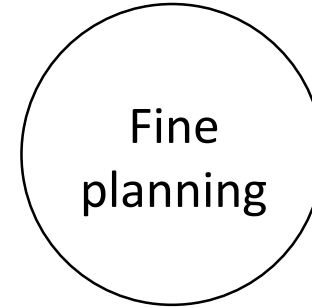
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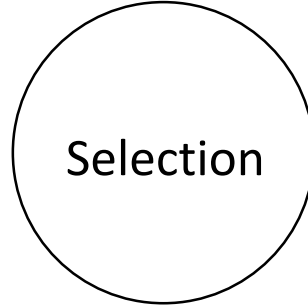
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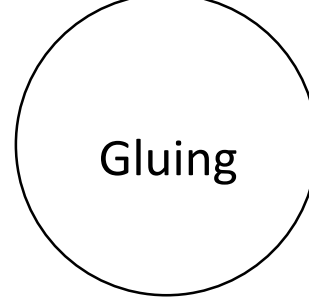
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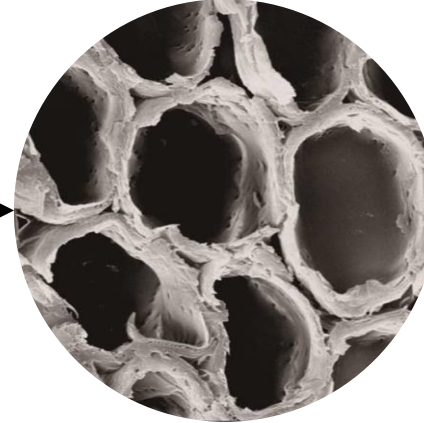
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# When NOT handled correctly



Before Treatment

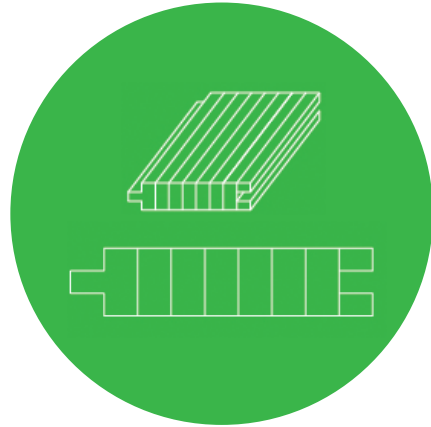


After Treatment

- Starchy interior is attractive to insects and pests
  - Proper immunization techniques and drying processes will prevent this from occurring
- Diameter of the bamboo diminishes when drying
  - Dried in advance of construction
- Special techniques for joints and terminals
  - nails into bamboo can result in splitting
  - Variation in thickness of the internal walls

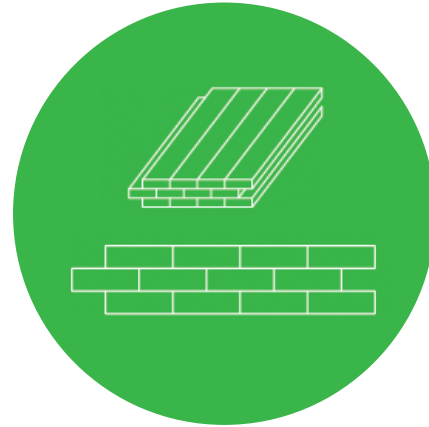


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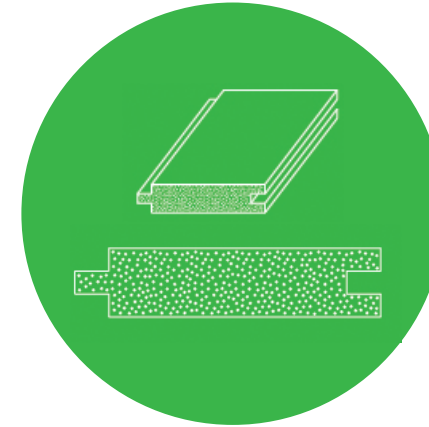
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Bamboo strips are stood vertically on their narrowest edge and then laminated from side to side. The effect is a lined, almost uniform look to the surface of the finished floor plank.



## Horizontal

Bamboo slats are arranged in a horizontal direction, on their widest edge, and then joined side by side with adjacent pieces using a high-pressure laminate system. The characteristic nodes of the bamboo are visible on the finished horizontal surface.



## Strand Woven

Bamboo strips are thrashed into thin strips and then being compressed under high pressure.

# Structure & Colour



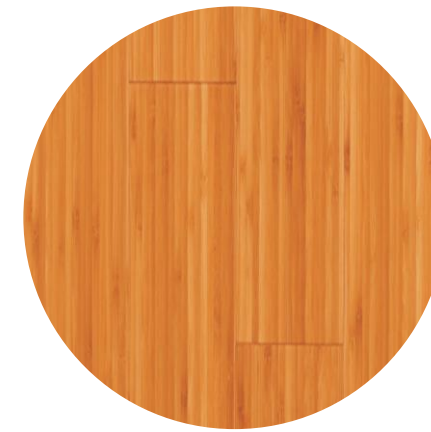
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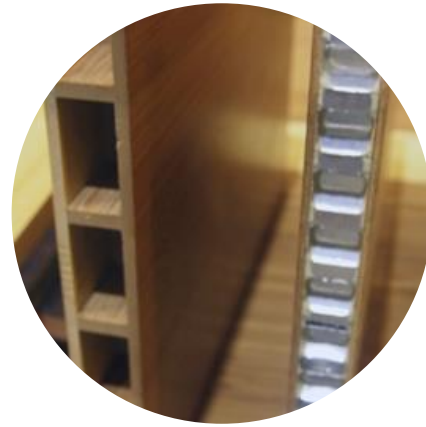
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With proper management  
and building techniques,  
bamboo can be a better  
alternative to wood

# Structure & Colour





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# First International Bamboo Architecture Biennale

Baoxi  
China 2016



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Baoxi, China 2016

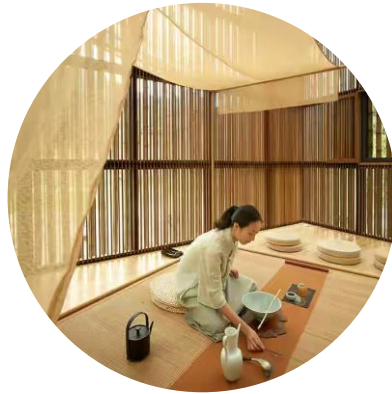
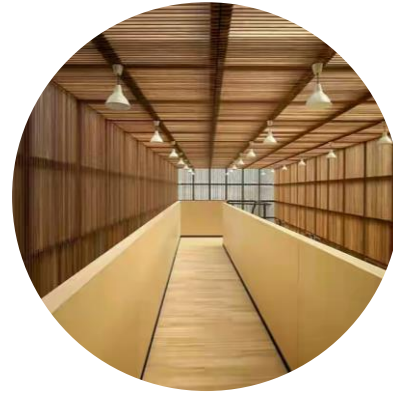
Last fall the very first International Bamboo Architecture Biennale premiered in the small village of Baoxi, China, placing eighteen permanent works by twelve international architects within the traditionally agriculture-centered town. The biennale, curated by artist Ge Qiantao and architect George Kunihiro, reveals how the traditional material can be incorporated into contemporary design. The plant serves as the base to new buildings in the village including a youth hostel and a ceramics museum, which Baoxi hopes to draw tourism to through supplementary infrastructures such as a visitors building, hotel, and learning center.



First  
International  
Bamboo  
Architecture  
Biennale

# First International Bamboo Architecture Biennale

Baoxi, China 2016





## Setouchi Triennale 2016 (Japan)

Dream of Olive by Wang Wen Chih (Taiwan)

2016 瀨戶內國際藝術祭 (日本)

橄欖之夢

A massive dome constructed from over **4,000 pieces of locally-grown bamboo** becomes a stage for the third time, this time on the theme of olives. The interior becomes a stage on which visitors can wander around. The dome's presence transforms the feel of the surrounding landscape.

Source: <http://setouchi-artfest.jp/en/artworks-artists/artworks/shodoshima/125.html/>



Expo Milano 2015  
China Pavilion





## Expo Milano 2015 China Pavilion

The roof located in the top of the China Pavilion, is made of bamboo, shade bamboo mosaic composed of sheet - by a computer parameterization "write" out of the roof. Angle texture down on the roof, "floating" in the northern Italian sunshine covered, warm of the China Pavilion. China Pavilion inside, diffuse light into the interior through the bamboo skin, mottled projected on PVC cloth under the skin, with the seasons and time changes.





# Great (Bamboo) Wall in Beijing

By Kengo Kuma & Associates

As for the material, they used bamboo as much as possible, since it's considered as having a significant meaning among Chinese and Japanese cultures. Depending on density of bamboo and its each diameter, it offers a variety of partitioning of space. Making the most of that characteristics, we decided to place a bamboo WALL, a layer of bamboo along the site's inclination just like the Great Wall. The Great Wall in the past partitioned off two cultures, but this BAMBOO WALL would not only partition but also unite life and culture in various manners as the Great Wall in particles.

Address: The Great Wall Exit No.53 at Shuiguan G6 Jingzang Highway, Beijing, China

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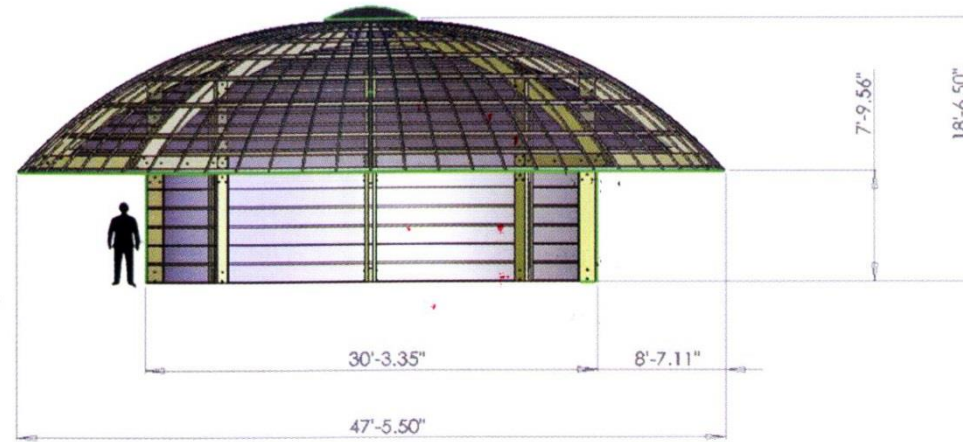




Low income  
bamboo housing

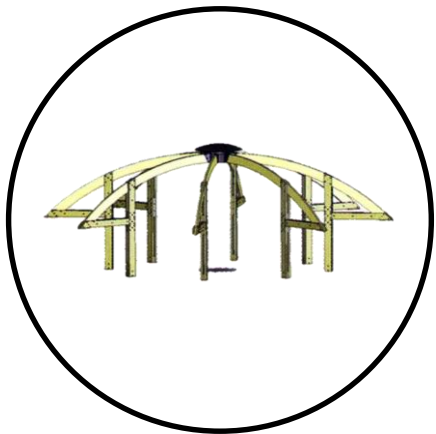


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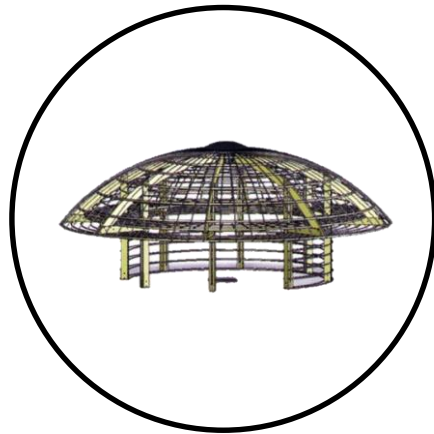


"We come spinning out of nothingness, scattering stars...  
the stars form a circle, and in the center we dance."

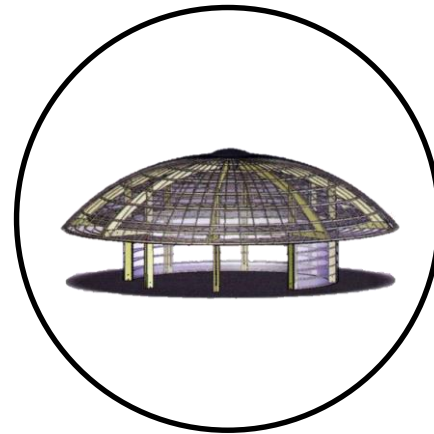
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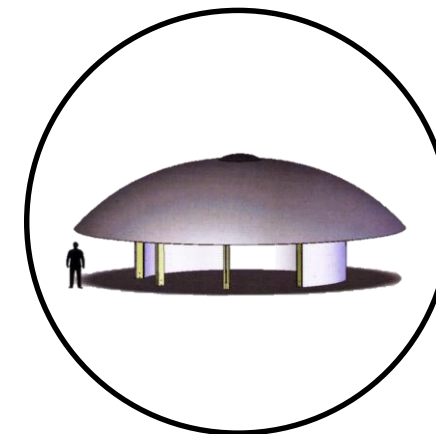
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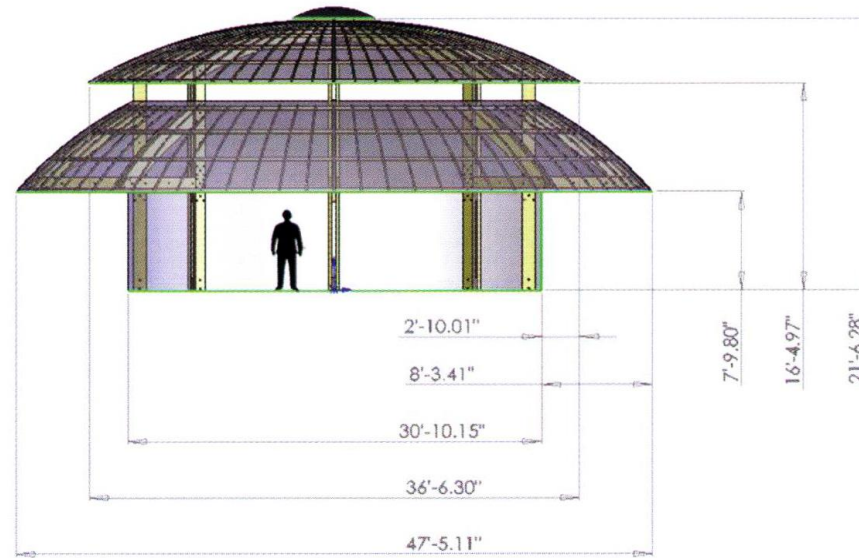
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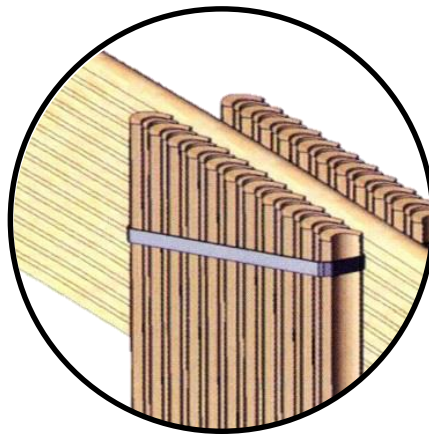
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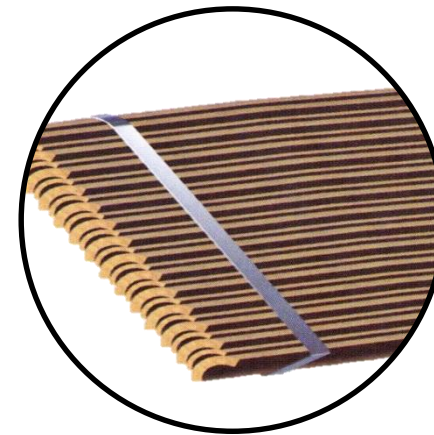
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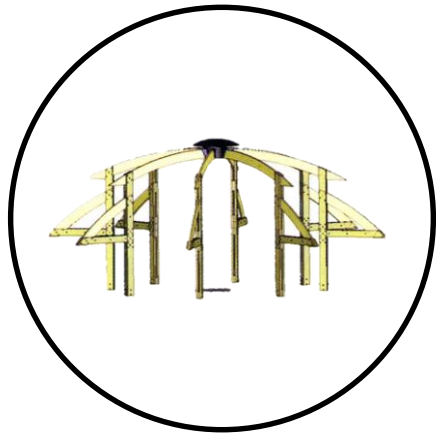
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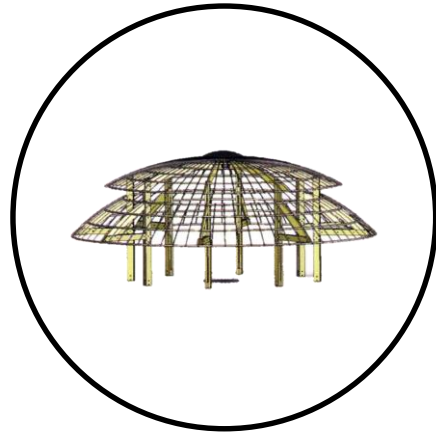
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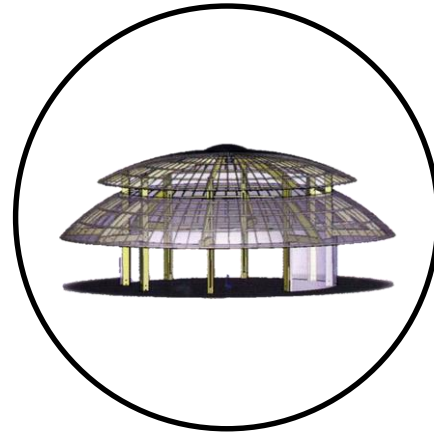
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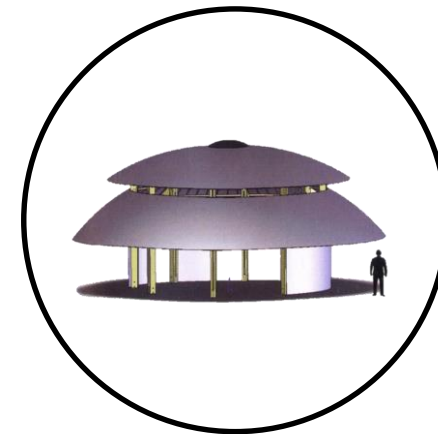
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1420 affordable housing

Team: Joshua Doolittle, Glenn Schmierer, Zak Rosser, Garth Goldstein, Tony Birkholz



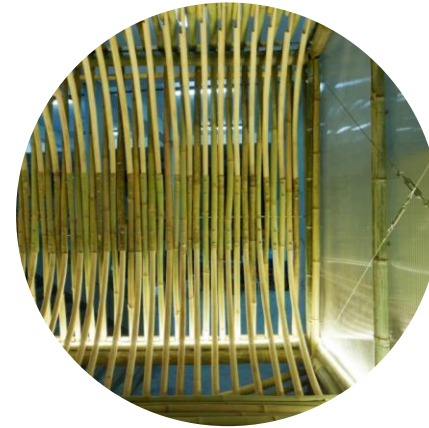


# Low-cost Bamboo House, Ecuador

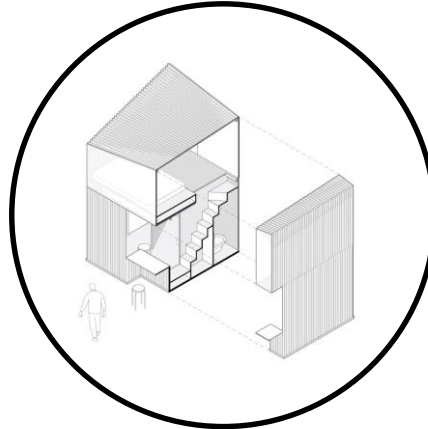
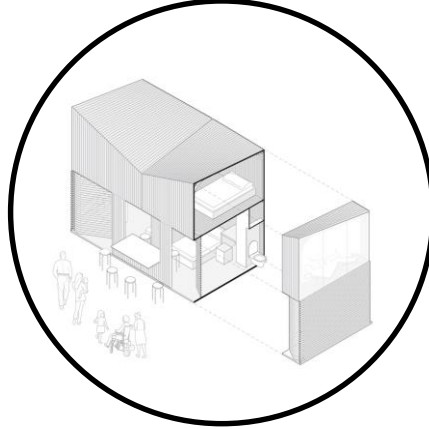
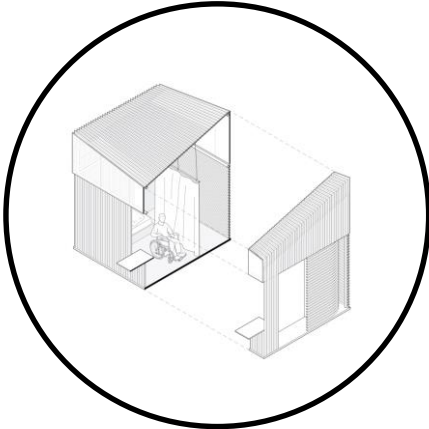
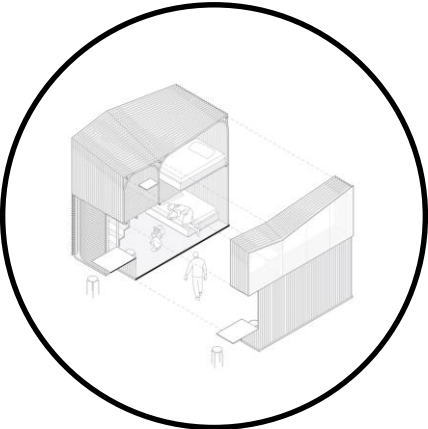




## Bamboo Micro Housing, Proposal



# Bamboo Micro Housing Proposal





# Bamboo Courtyard Teahouse, Yangzhou, China



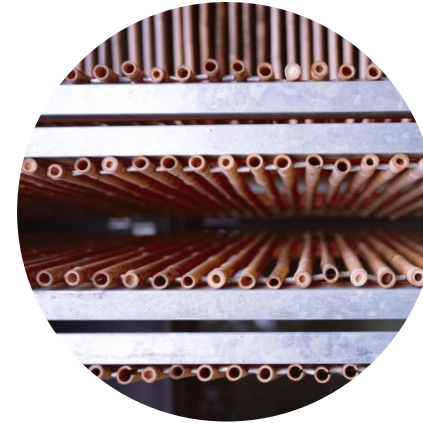


## Bamboo Courtyard Teahouse, Yangzhou, China





## Passive House, France





# Bamboo Spa Resort in Vietnam

by Vo Trong Nghia Architects



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# Bamboo restaurant and beach bar to spa resort in Vietnam

by Vo Trong Nghia Architects

The beach bar lies adjacent to the infinity pool along the coastal front of the resort complex. visualized as a semi-open space –allowing a constant breeze to flow through– the structure is composed of bamboo, stone and finished with a thatch roof. the process in which the robust, natural material was formed was through a method of using fire, soaking and fumigation. approached as a simple, pitched roof structure, the unobtrusive building blends with its tropical setting where the naturally treated bamboo frame reflects the region’s characteristics.

Address: Truong Sa Road, Ngu Hanh Son District, Danang

Source: <http://kkaa.co.jp/works/architecture/great-bamboo-wall/>



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The structure is made using bamboo, stone and has a thatch roof

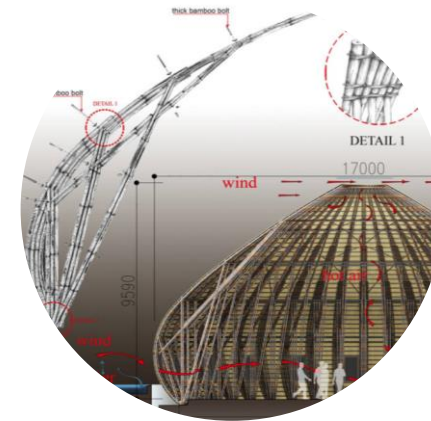
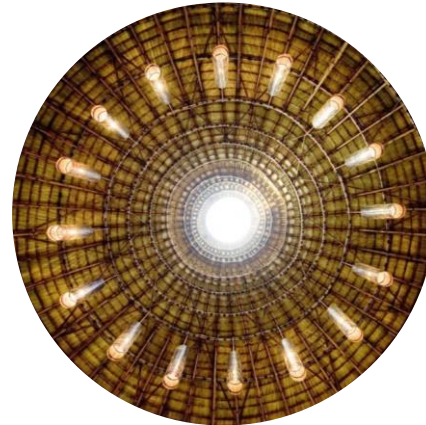
Under the bamboo dome



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# Wind and Water Bar, Vietnam





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## Kontum Indochine Café, Vietnam

The roof of the structure is clad with bamboo but also contains layers of thatch and fiber-reinforced plastic.

In some places the plastic panels are exposed, allowing natural light to permeate the canopy.

Restaurant without any walls, allowing uninterrupted views across the surrounding shallow pools of water.



# Diamond Island Community Hall

(Bamboo Domes), Vietnam

Once **bamboo** has been soaked in mud and smoked,  
It can be stronger than timber





# Rising Poles



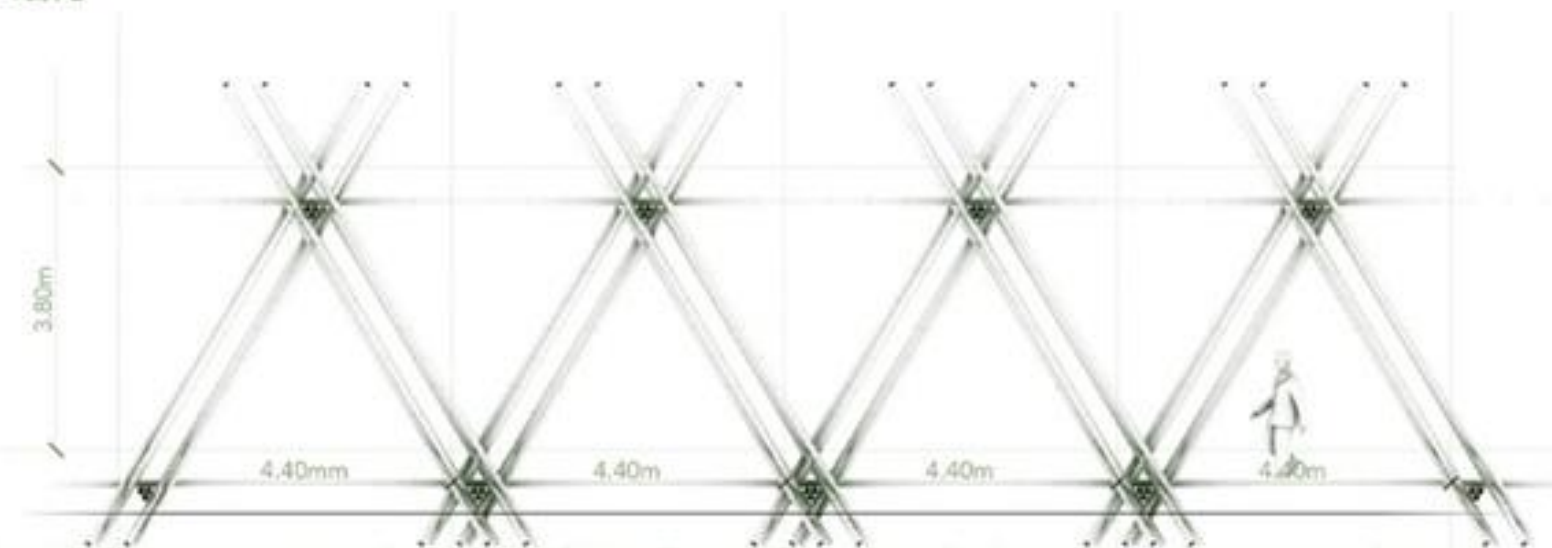
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## The Joint 节点



## The Structure 结构



The width of the structure is 4.40m, with a floorheight of 3.80m. The groundfloor is elevated so the structure can adapt to any given landscape.  
结构单元宽度4.4米，层高3.8米。此架空结构可以适应不同的地形条件。



# Low Energy Bamboo House

Belgium





**Handmade  
School**  
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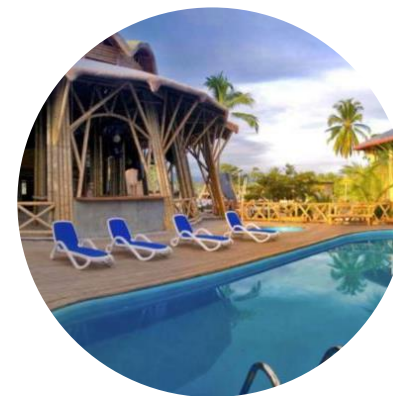
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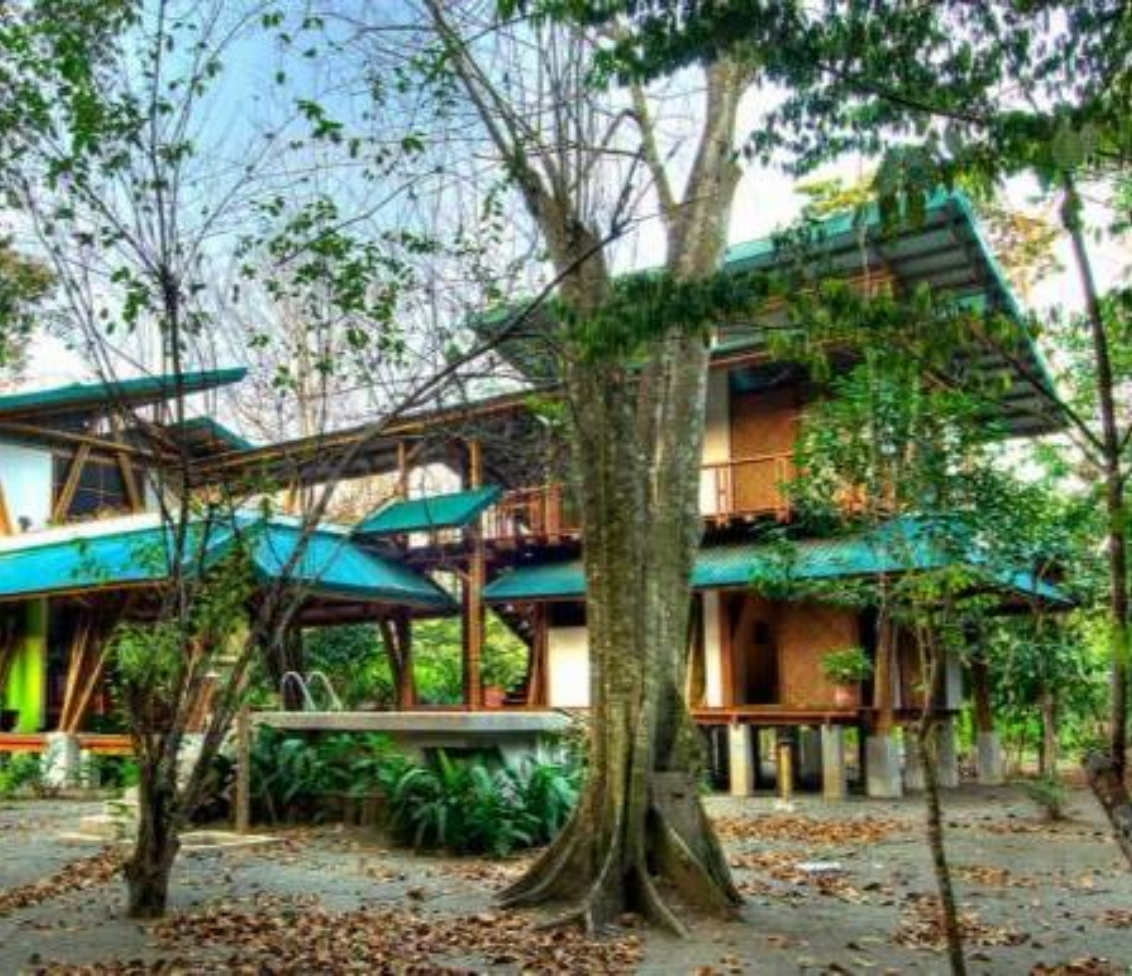
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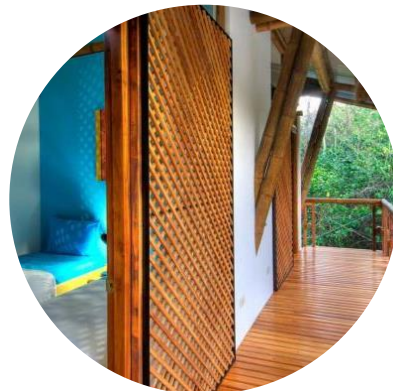
## Timarai Bamboo Beach Resort Costa Rica

1st place in the 2005  
National Architectural Contest





**Bamboo** Vacation  
Home Casa Atrevida  
Earthquake and flood resistant







## Bamboo House in Costa Rica

Designed and build by Martin Coto





## Guadua Bamboo House

It took 12 people to built this bamboo project from scratch



# Crosswaters Ecology & Spa

Nankun, Guangzhou, China



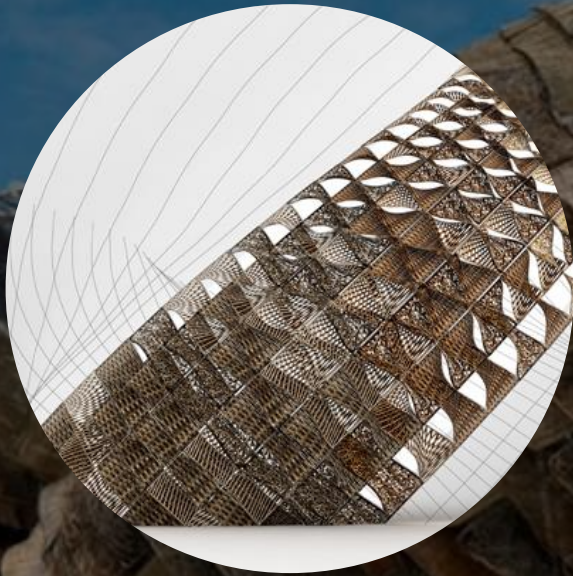
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# Indian Pavilion

2010 Shanghai World Expo





**Spain Pavillion**  
2010 Shanghai World Expo





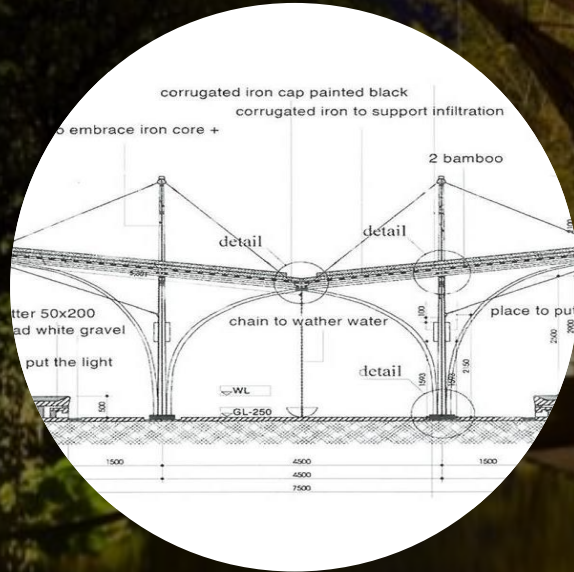
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# Bird-shaped Coliseum

Hanoi Vietnam







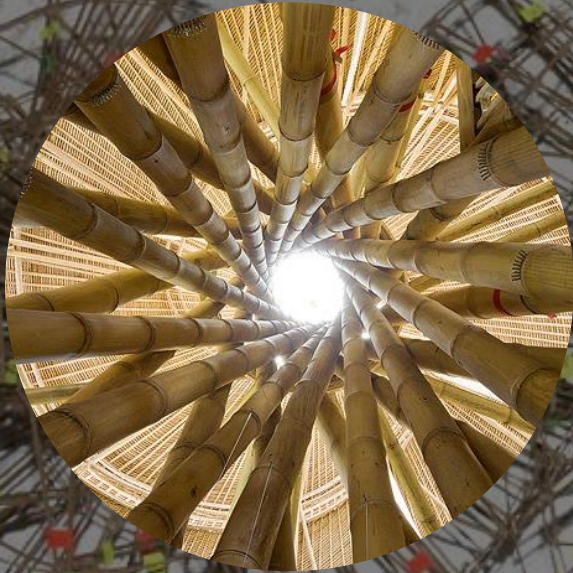
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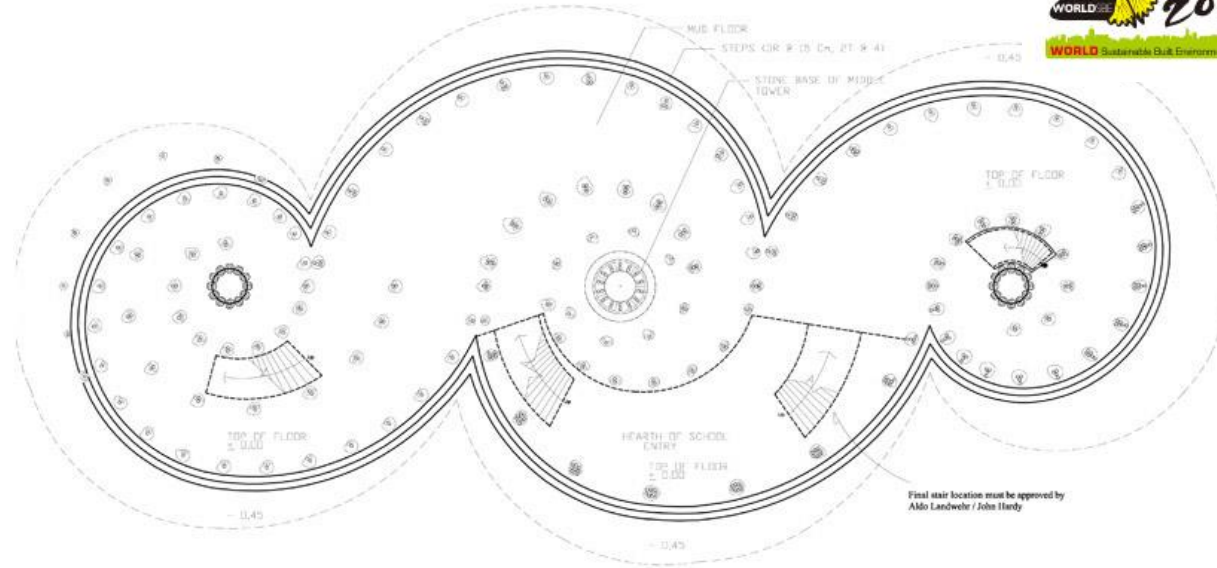
Bamboo  
Design Competition  
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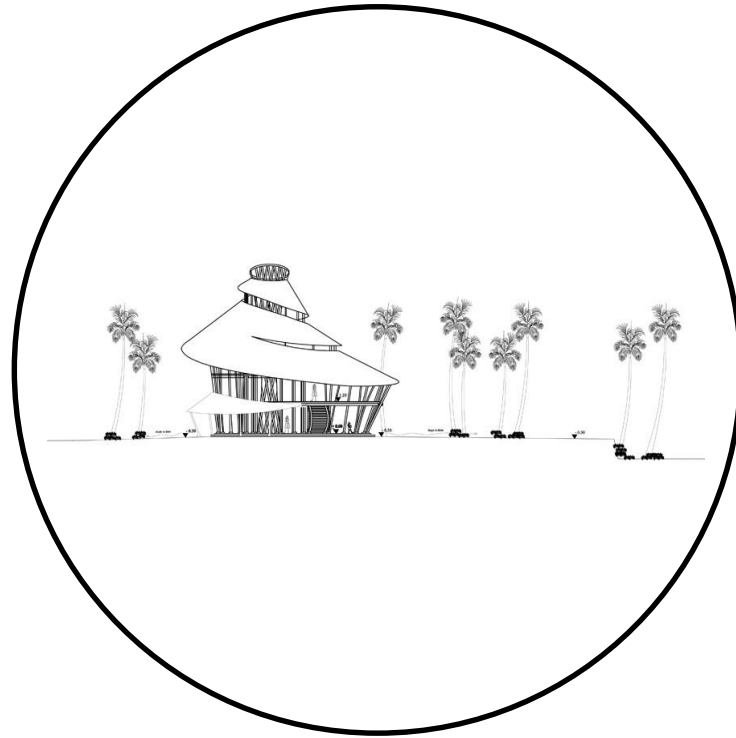
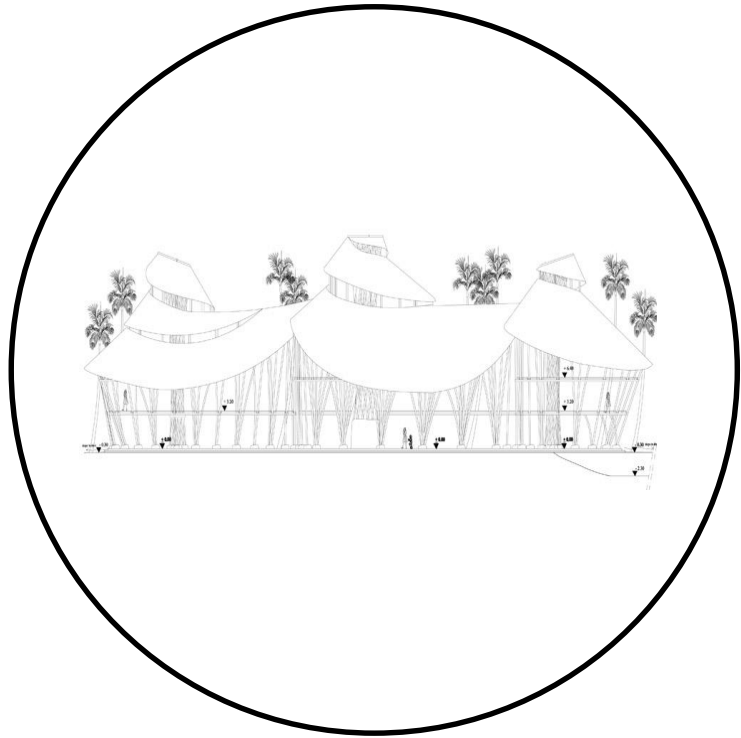




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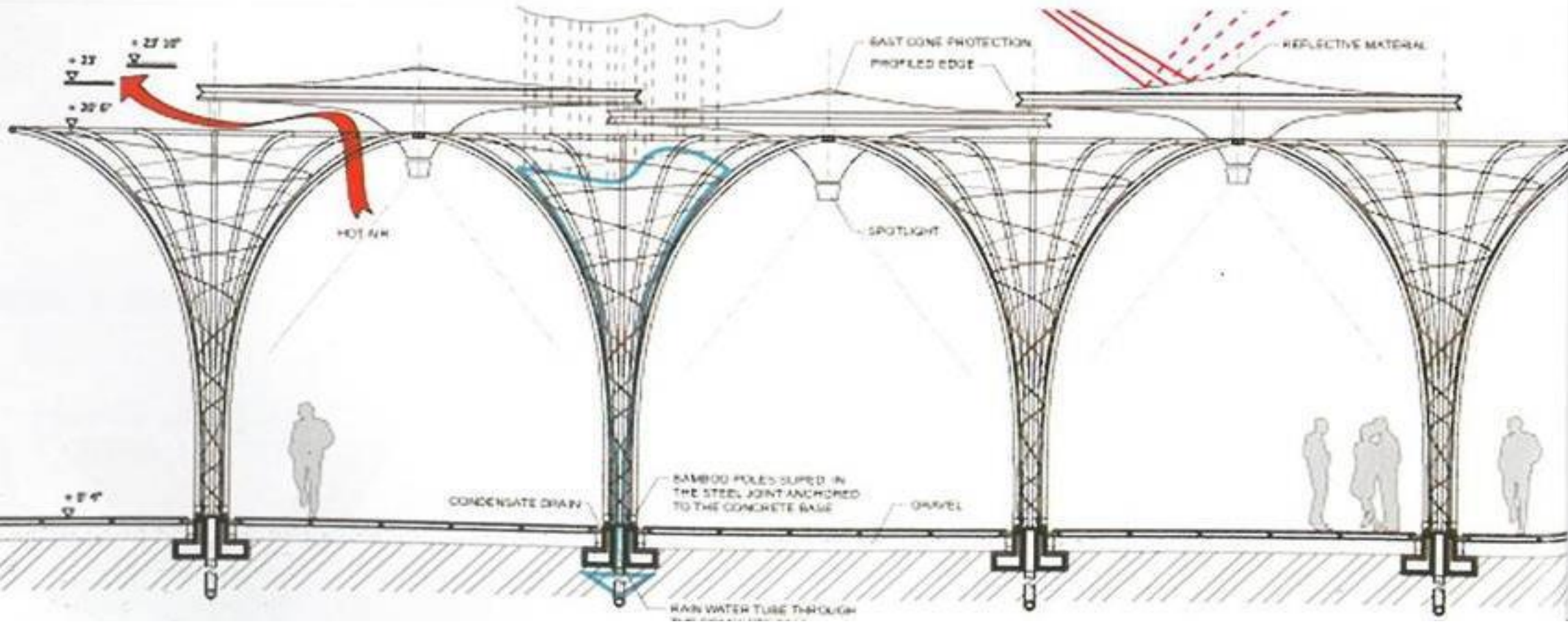
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# Zero Carbon Building

## Bamboo Pavilion Hong Kong





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# Zero Carbon Building Bamboo Pavilion Hong Kong



**green  
building  
award 2016**  
 環保建築大獎

## MERIT AWARD 優異獎

Research & Planning Category 研究及規劃類別

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 Construction Industry Council /  
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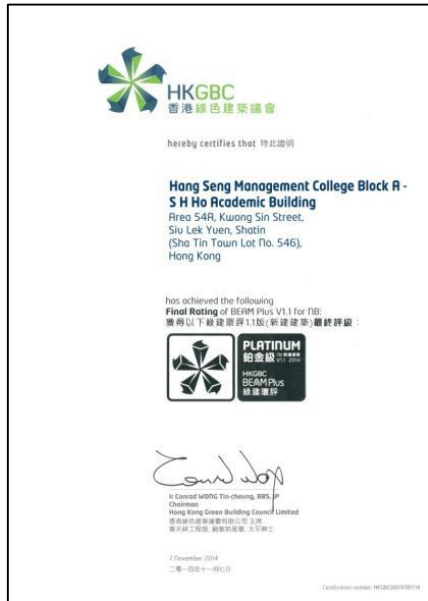
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Management College



# Awards and Recognition



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S H Ho Academic Building  
Final Platinum



Sports and Amenities Centre  
Final Platinum



Lee Quo Wei Academic Building  
Final Platinum



Jockey Club Residential Colleges  
Final Platinum







## Sydney's SCAF Gallery By Vietnamese architect [Vo Trong Nghia](#)

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## Food Centre Shanghai

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**Shopping Mall** Hong Kong





# Wuxi Grand Theatre Jiangsu Province China





**Jinan Grand Theatre**  
Shandong Province China





On Tu Long Shan Stadium  
Zhejiang Province China







# Madrid International Airport

Barajas Spain





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West Kowloon Bamboo Theatre





West Kowloon Bamboo Theatre



# Use of bamboo wall

France



# Use of bamboo wall

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# Use of bamboo screen

Geneva Switzerland



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# Cathedral in structural bamboo

Pereira, Colombia  
by Simone Velez







## Bamboo Furniture & Decoration





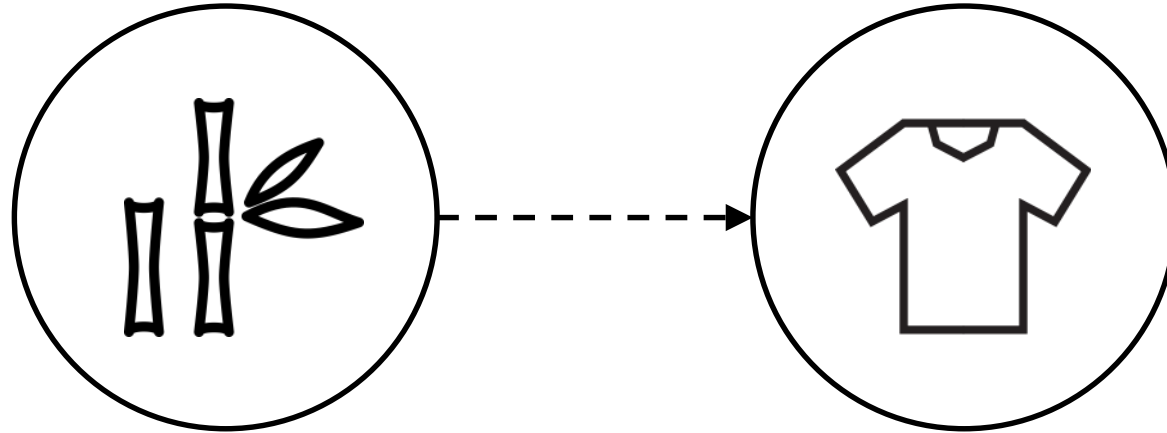
# Products



| Clothing     | Food    | Living        | Transport                      |         |
|--------------|---------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Fabric       | Alcohol | Incense       | Bamboo blinds                  | Bicycle |
| Textile      | Vinegar | Furniture     | Upholstery<br>carpets curtains | Car     |
| Baby diapers | Juice   | Thin film     | Kitchen utensils               | Yacht   |
| Socks        | Shoots  | Bamboo basket | Containers                     |         |
| Underwear    |         | Paper         | Bamboo<br>charcoal             |         |

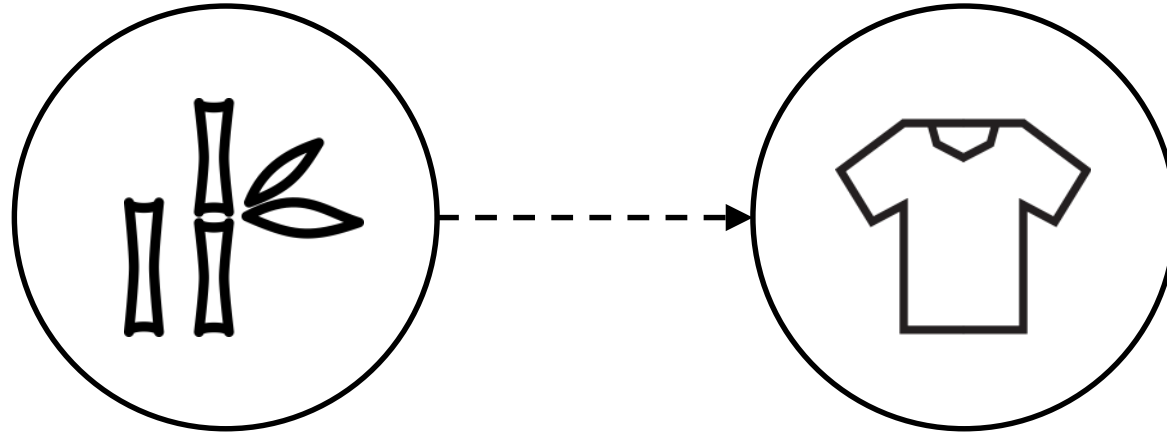


# Textiles



- Bamboo fabric is a natural textile made from the pulp of the bamboo grass
- Bamboo fabric has been growing in popularity because it has many unique properties and is more sustainable than most textile fibers
- Bamboo fabric is light and strong, has excellent wicking properties, and is to some extent antibacterial
- Bamboo fiber resembles cotton in its unspun form, a puffball of light, airy fibers

# Textiles



- To make bamboo fiber, bamboo is heavily pulped until it separates into thin component threads of fiber, which can be spun and dyed for weaving into cloth
- Bamboo fabric is very soft and can be worn directly next to the skin
- Many people who experience allergic reactions to other natural fibers, such as wool or hemp, do not complain of this issue with bamboo
- The fiber is naturally smooth and round without chemical treatment, meaning that there are no sharp spurs to irritate the skin

# Clothing



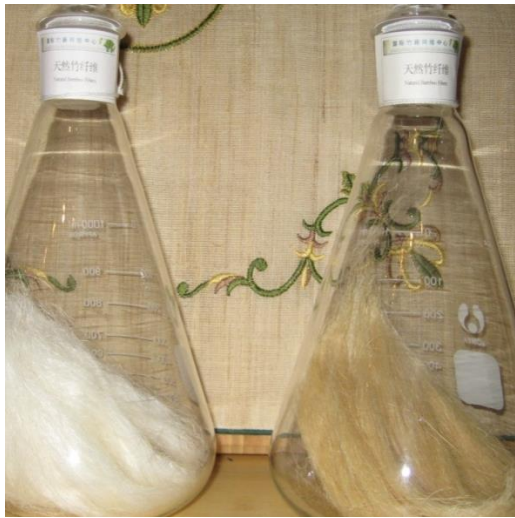
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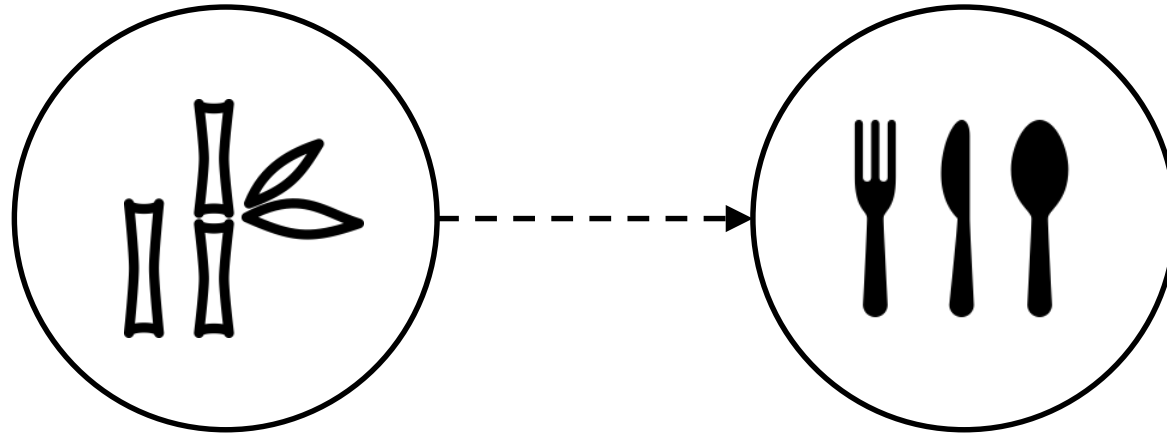
# Bamboo fibers and textiles



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# Bamboo as Culinary



- Bamboo is rich in minerals & high in fiber, which can be a great addition to any nutritious, well balanced diet
- Most food center on the bamboo shoots, which are tender and delicious vegetables, used in numerous Asian dishes and broths
- Frequently used for cooking utensils within many cultures, and is used in the manufacture of chopsticks, yakatori sticks etc.



# Delicious Bamboo - Dumpling and Shoots



# Delicious Bamboo



# Bamboo Utensils



# Bamboo Utensils



# Bamboo Utensils





# Bamboo as 行 衣食住行



# Transportation



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# Transportation



# Rattan and bamboo concept car



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The Phoenix Roadster by designed by Kenneth Cobonpue



# Bamboo Fashion



Gucci Bamboo Handbag Spring 2010



# Bamboo Fashion



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GUCCI Bamboo Watch for Women by Frida Giannini 2012

# Bamboo Veneer application in luxury yacht



# Groove Bamboo iPad case (wool felt)



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# Bamboo smartphone

by Kieron-Scott Woodhouse

A design student from England



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# Bamboo Accessories





# Bamboo Accessories



# Miscellaneous Products



# Biodegradable Products



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# Mine Kafon



Mine Kafon, a sphere device invented by an Afghanistan designer Massoud Hassani. The core of the Kafon is a 17kg iron casing surrounded by dozens of radiating bamboo legs that each has a round plastic "foot" at its tip. It is heavy enough to roll across the ground and trigger the landmines. The modular legs make the cost of replacement and reproduction lower. The built-in GPS chip can output the mine-cleared zones, so it creates a safe area.

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# WarkaWater



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This odd looking tower is called WarkaWater. It creates 25 gallons of drinking water per day from thin air. It's basically an atmospheric water collector which gathers dew from the air. The 9-metre bamboo framework has a special fabric hanging inside capable of collecting potable water from the air through condensation

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# Bamboo water storage tanks by INBAR





# Industrial Development





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# International Network for Bamboo and Rattan





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# INBAR

The International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) is an intergovernmental organisation established in 1997. INBAR is dedicated to improving the social, economic, and environmental benefits of bamboo and rattan.

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- INBAR is an intergovernmental organization established by treaty deposited with the United Nations
- Sovereign states become members
- INBAR works with Governments, Industry partners, Development Partners, NGOs, Universities, etc.
- As of November 2016, 41 member states



# Carbon Accounting Methodology for Afforestation with Bamboo



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- Developed in partnership by INBAR, China Green Carbon Foundation and Zhejiang A&F University in 2012
- Recognizing bamboo as an official carbon offset and a tool for climate change mitigation, thus enabling Chinese companies to buy bamboo carbon credits on the voluntary market
- Contribute to the goal of optimizing the potential for carbon finance through bamboo carbon sinks and bamboo harvested wood products (HWP)




Promote technological  
innovation



And to increase productivity  
and improve product quality




Providing a bedrock for the  
global market



Quality international  
standards for bamboo and  
rattan goods








And expand the global  
market for bamboo and  
rattan products


International standards for  
bamboo and rattan

Will also ensure that reliable

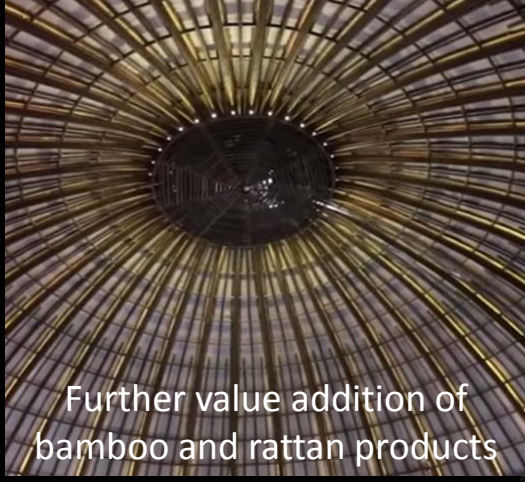
High-quality



And secure practices are put  
in place



Increases in the utilization  
rate of raw materials



Further value addition of  
bamboo and rattan products



Enhanced socioeconomic  
benefits to bamboo




And between bamboo and  
rattan producers and  
consumers

The joint-promotion of  
efficient and green growth

Further development of the  
international market

And international  
cooperation and dialogue in  
the field



That promotes inclusive and sustainable development

The newly proposed  
Technical Committee for  
Bamboo and Rattan

And hopes many of you will  
join us



# Epilogue



**Bamboo**  
is a truly unique  
non-timber forest resource



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**Bamboo**  
is nature's gift to Humanity

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**Bamboo**

sustains future for humankind

**Bamboo**

can save our world for humanity

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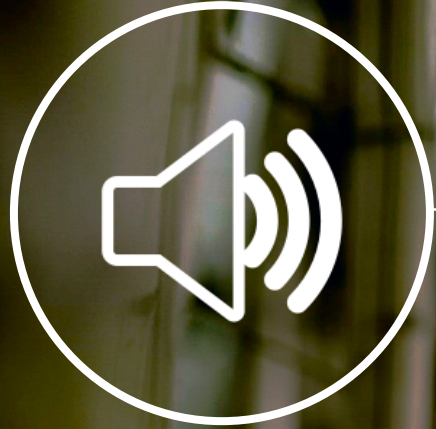
# The Bamboo Age

is now back with us

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# Reform necessary this decade for bamboo development

- Improve the policy framework
- Proactive fiscal policy
- Prudent monetary policy
- Ensure the economy develops appropriately
- Economic reform to focus on breakthroughs to build an open economy & enhance global interchange
- Promote agricultural modernization, rural reform & human-centered urbanization
- Implement education via bamboo planting to schools & institutions
- Improve people's living standard & quality
- Further promote the ecological & environmental protection & pollution prevention & strive to build a beautiful countryside with ecological civilization
- Bamboo research for healthcare



# Urgent Call by Younger Generations



# 江苏一考生用古文写高考作文，批改老师自称惭愧

## 以古諷今鑑明

對於環境保護之工作

Yesterday/Today/Tomorrow

Advocates sustainability via archaic classical Chinese

高考青年正在鞭策成年及老人輩

the Y generation whipping the senior & elderly generations





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# Sponge City



# 海绵城市 Sponge City

海绵城市是指城市能够像海绵一样，在适应环境变化和应对自然灾害等方面具有良好的“弹性”，下雨时吸水、蓄水、渗水、净水，需要时将蓄存的水“释放”或加以利用。





A "Sponge city" refers to a city where its urban underground water system operates like a sponge to absorb, store, leak and purify rainwater, and release it for reuse when necessary.



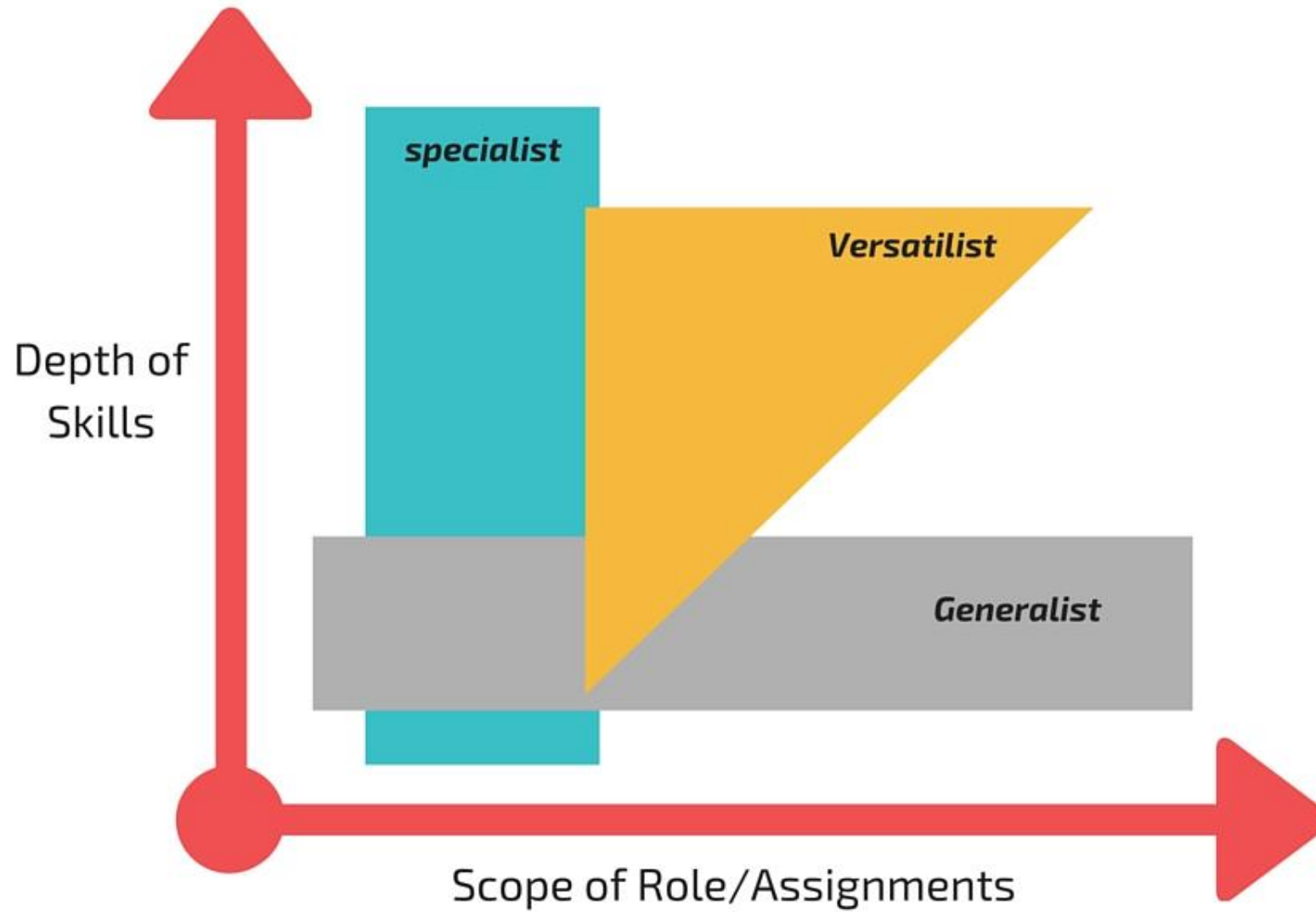
# 打造海綿城市





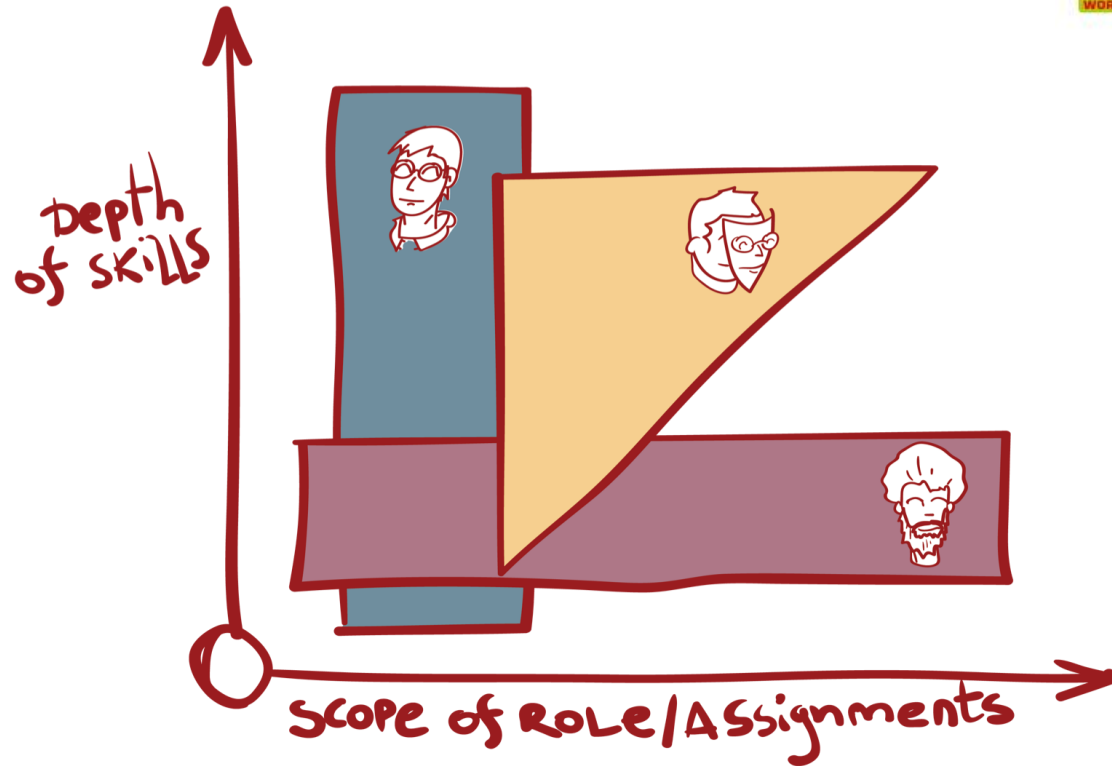
# Specialist, Generalist, Versatilist





Graphic Adapted from Gartner





**Specialist**

Deep Skills  
Narrow Scope  
Peer-Recognized  
Unknown Outside Domain

**Generalist**

Board Scope  
Shallow Skills  
Quick Response  
Others Lack Confidence

**Versatilist**

Deep Skills  
Wide Scope of Roles  
Broad Experience  
Recognized in Other  
Domains



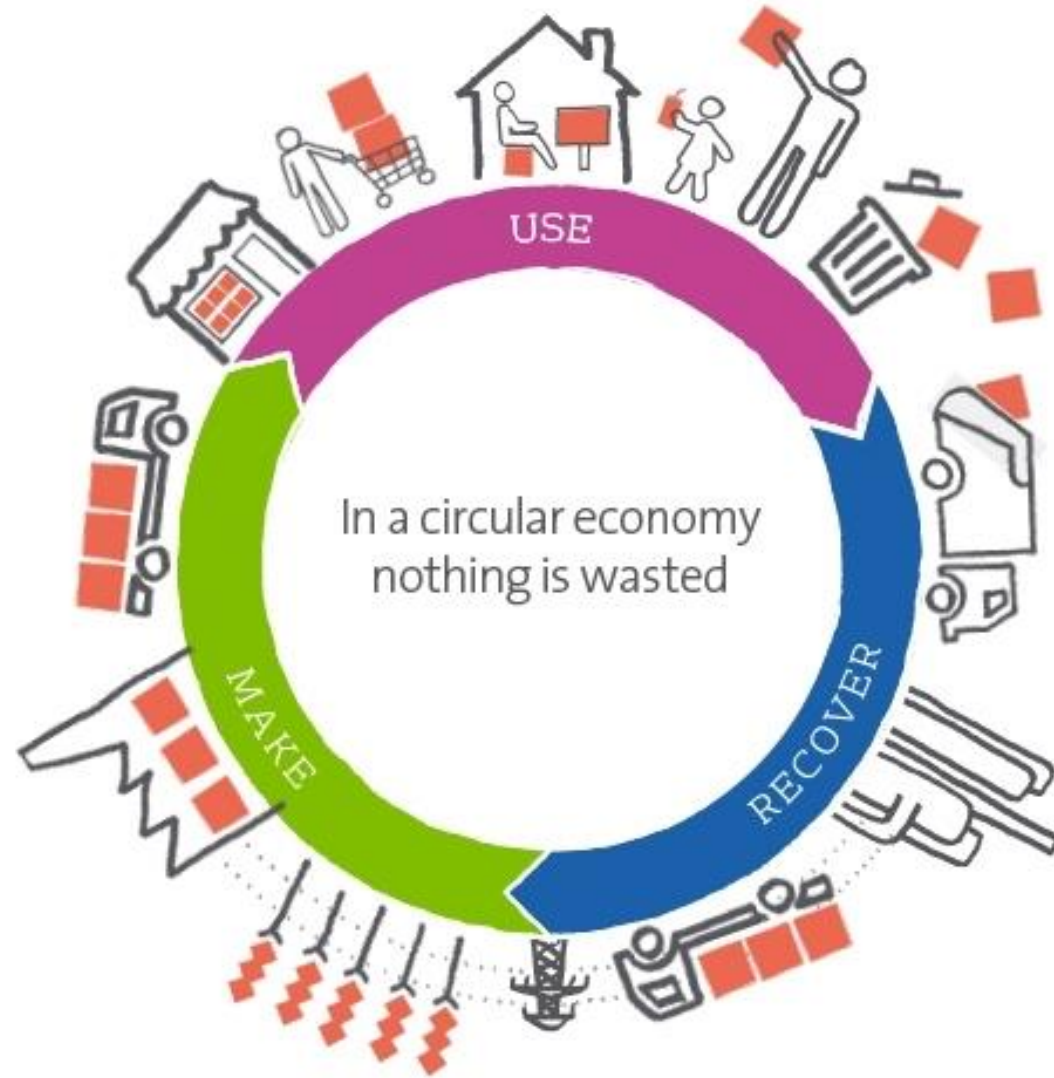


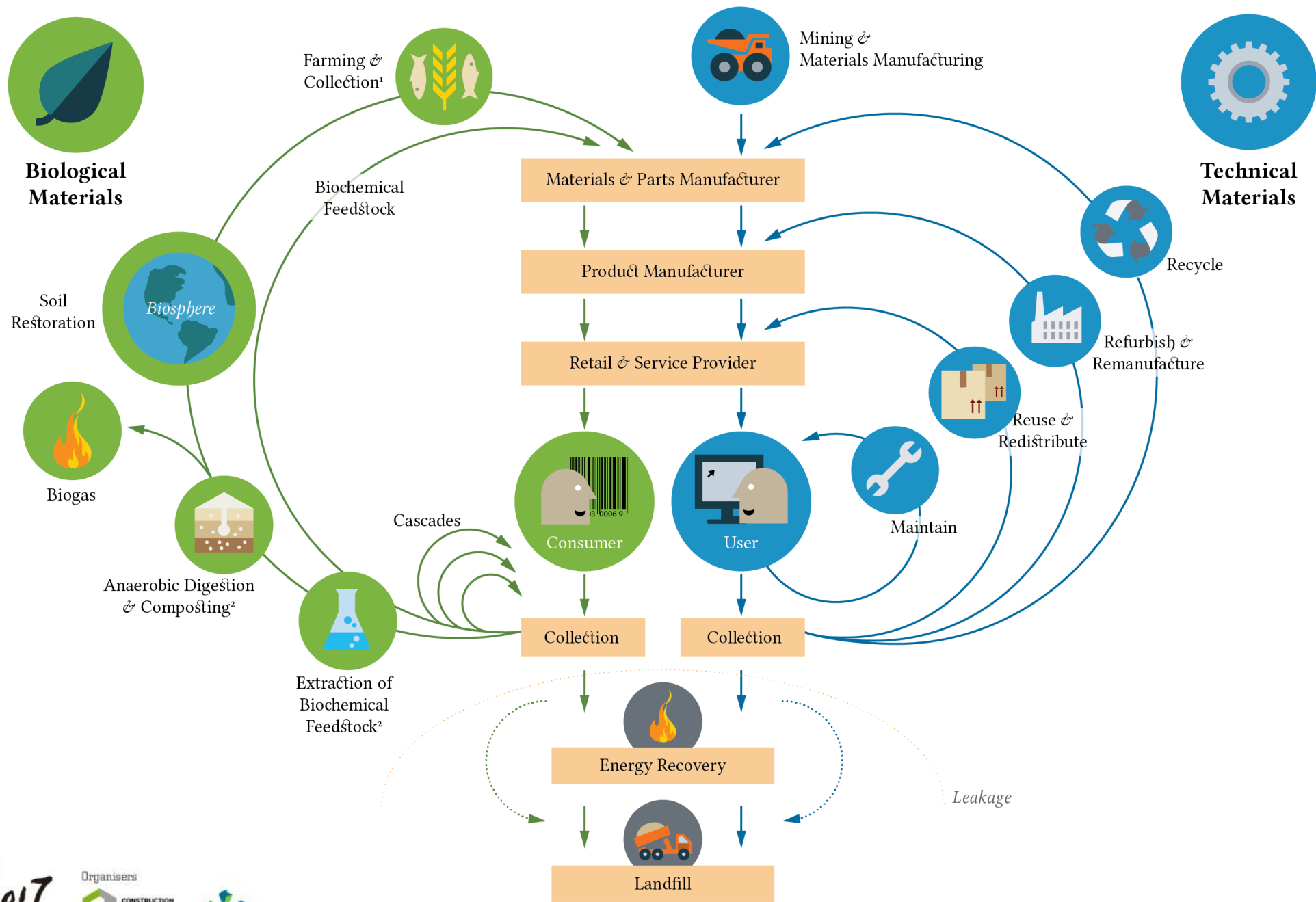
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# Circular Economy









THANK YOU

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By Martin Tam