

**LET'S TAKE THE BEST APPROACH  
FOR NATURE AND PEOPLE!**

THE RETURN OF HEALTHY MANGROVE FORESTS  
IS A SIGN OF CONSERVATION SUCCESS!

# Best Practice Guidelines for Mangrove Restoration

## Where not to plant?



NOT ON THE SEAGRASS



NOT ON MUDFLAT



NOT TOO DEEP



NOT TOO HIGH ABOVE THE WATER LINE



# The world needs mangroves!

The world needs mangroves, but in many parts of the world they have been lost or degraded, along with their valuable services like coastal protection, fishery nursery, wildlife habitat and climate mitigation in the form of “Blue Carbon”.

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**Mangrove restoration is hugely popular. However, most planting efforts fail**



## Why do most restoration projects fail?

- No government / community support.
- Wrong location in the tidal zone.
- Focus on 1 species, monoculture, not all functions of natural forest return.

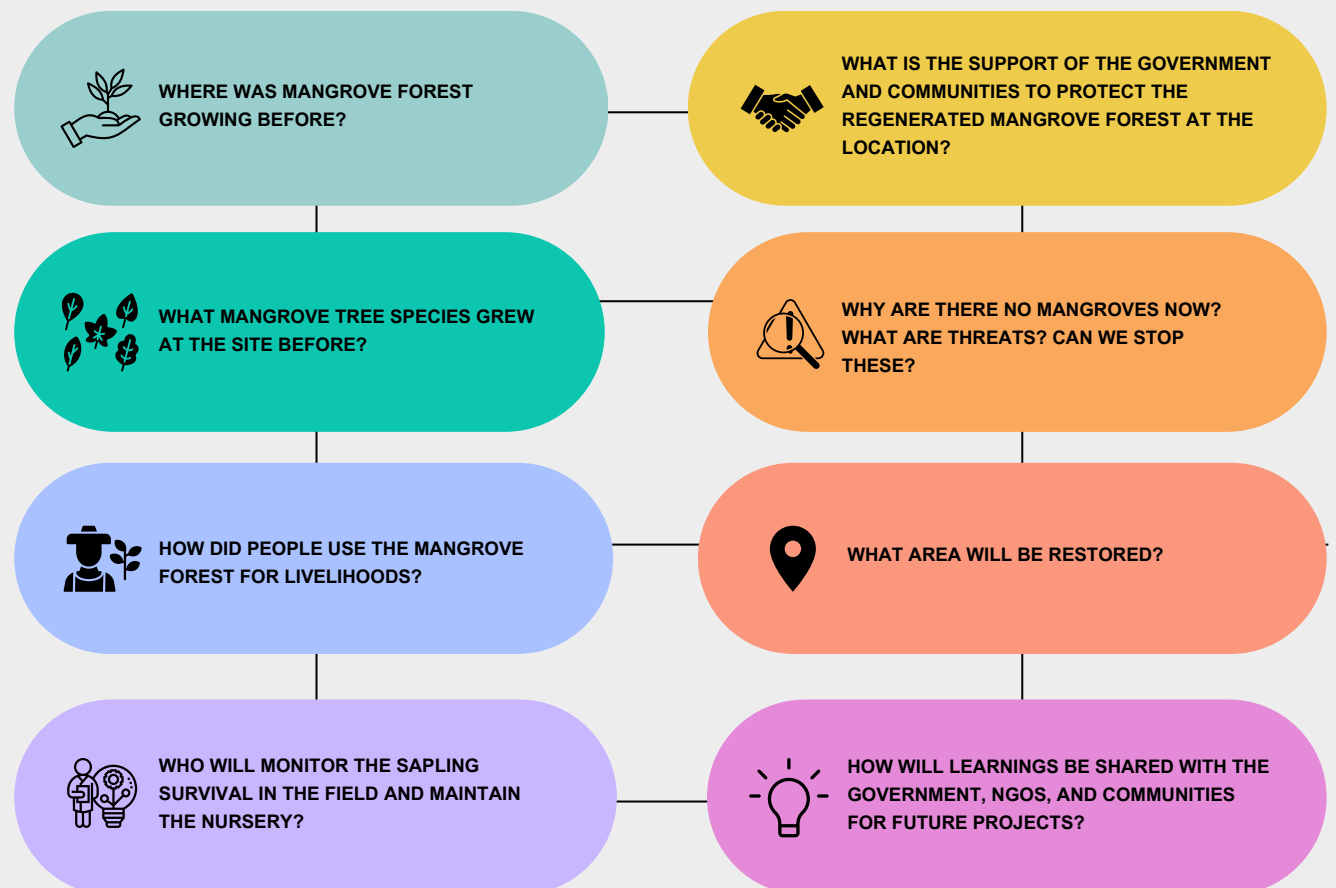
**Remember, when next to a natural forest, degraded areas can regenerate naturally.**

- Growing and planting mangroves is expensive and time-consuming.
- Unnecessarily planting takes away funds from other conservation activities.
- Failed projects demotivate the people involved.



**OLD-GROWTH NATURAL FORESTS ARE IRREPLACEABLE. WE ALWAYS NEED TO FIRST FOCUS ON CONSERVING WHAT WE STILL HAVE!**

## Think before you plant!



**EVEN SMALL-SCALE PLANTING FOR EDUCATION OR PRESS PURPOSES SHOULD BE DONE ACCORDING TO BEST PRACTICES !**