

 Early Warning System

DFC-BAMBOO

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for Bamboo Bioproducts
Pulp Mill



Quick Facts

Countries	Jamaica
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Borrower	Bamboo Bioproducts Ltd.
Sectors	Industry and Trade



Project Description

According to the "Initial Project Summary" document, the Project involves the construction and operations of a 175,000 air-dried metric tonnes per annum Conventional Baled and Fluff Bamboo Pulp mill in Westmoreland, Jamaica. The Project will produce pulp for the international export market where it will be converted primarily into diapers and sanitary products. Under a separate business enterprise (not part of the DFC use of proceeds), the Sponsor will supply feedstock locally for the mill by developing and operating 6,070 hectares of bamboo plantations in Jamaica using *Bambusa vulgaris*, an introduced clumping species of bamboo commonly found growing in the country. The Project will adhere to the Jamaica Standard Code of Practice for Bamboo Plantation (2021) and will obtain Forest Stewardship Council certification for the mill, mill products and farming operations. The bamboo plantations are considered associated facility under IFC Performance Standard 1.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the "Initial Project Summary" document, the Project is screened as Category A because the Project involves pulp production with a production capacity exceeding 200 air-dried metric tonnes per day. The major environmental and social issues related to the Project include the potential for impacts related to climate resiliency, pollution prevention, worker health and safety, community health and safety, biodiversity, labor and working conditions, and land acquisition



Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)



Private Actors Description

According to the "ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED BAMBOO MARKET PULP MILL IN FRIENDSHIP, WESTMORELAND" document, Bamboo Bioproducts Limited (BBP) proposes to manufacture bamboo pulp in Jamaica in a sustainable and holistic manner. This bamboo will be cultivated in Jamaica and harvested on a managed and progressive basis, and then processed in a world-class pulp mill using state-of-the-art best available technology. The bamboo pulp will be sold to multinational corporations that produce consumer tissue and personal hygiene products.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Bamboo Bioproducts Limited	Client	-



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Bank Documents

- [Environmental Site Assessment of Retrieve Farm](#)
- [ESIA_Bamboo Bioproducts](#)
- [Initial Project Summary](#)
- [Preliminary Farm Site Strategic Framework](#)