**Inga Foundation**

is pioneering a revolutionary agricultural system addressing tropical deforestation and food insecurity worldwide.

**INGA ALLEY CROPPING**

is the foundation of a regenerative agroforestry system which is low-input, debt-free and a scientifically-proven model of yielding food-security in basic grains, together with a reliable income from organic cash crops.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?**

- Ensures a reliable harvest year after year from the same plot of land/low-input
- Recreates natural forest floor conditions
- Biological weed control with no pesticides or herbicides by out-competing aggressive/invasive grasses that typically dominate farmers’ plots/debt-free
- Protects water sources and pruned Inga trees provide fuel for cooking
- Prevents erosion and loss of fertility while keeping farmers from abandoning soil-depleted plots to clear new rainforest
- Sequesters carbon/Regenerates land

Inga Director, Mike Hands, and Field Director, Abraham Martinez, in the Inga alleys of our demonstration farm.
INA ALLEY CROPPING ENDS SLASH AND BURN. **What is Slash and Burn?**

Millions of families use Slash and Burn as a subsistence farming technique to grow their food each year. Farmers cut down and burn a patch of forest to create an area of fertile soil on which to grow their crops. However, the tropical climate strips the bare soil of its nutrients, and after the first two years of successful crops, the crop fails completely during the third year, forcing farmers to continue clearing fresh areas of the rainforest just to survive.

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2018-Katerva Top 100 Finalist
2018-Finalist for Water Food Air Award
2018-Harvard Planetary Health Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, Mike Hands-side session speaker
2018-Selected as MIT “Synergistic Solutions” finalist

In May 2017, Mike Hands was selected as a finalist for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology SOLVE CoLab Climate competition in partnership with the United Nations Academic Impact.

In November 2017, Mike Hands was honored with the 3rd Organic Farming Innovation Award (OFIA) at the 19th Organic World Congress (OWC) in New Delhi, India for the “Land for Life” Project in Honduras. The OWC highlighted Inga alley-cropping as an innovative, real-world solution to promote sustainable agricultural practices.

In October 2016, Inga was selected as one of three finalists for the Energy Globe World Awards in the Earth Category.

**LINKS**


Mike Hands, Finalist, 2014, The St. Andrews Prize for the Environment from ConocoPhillips: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytP8upvPASs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytP8upvPASs)