

The Ocean Foundation's Blue Resilience Initiative Supports Grogenics for its Sargassum Insetting Pilot Project



Local women & micro-farmers in Miches will be producing quality organic crops thanks to Grogenics' innovative ideas.

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MICHES, Dominican Republic, Feb. 5 2020/ Welcome to the world of Insetting. Grogenics has been deploying efforts towards the cycle of transformation of Sargassum into an organic advanced seaweed compost. Combined with its innovative low-costs agricultural technologies and methods, Grogenics's goal is to regenerate the ecosystem, empower the local women and micro-farmers whom are being supported by Fundación Tropicalia and The Ocean Foundation, have them generate a good income and ultimately generate carbon credits.

Grogenics believes in gender-equality, and that the future stands with micro/low-cost, human-scale farming systems: This Pilot Project will introduce innovative bio-intensive practices that will improve the efficiency. In addition, nutrient analysis will be performed and adapted to meet the crops' needs, and various compost trials will be run while diversifying the compost feed stock, including food waste. Needless to say that in conclusion, this Pilot Project will benefit the local economy by creating an economic feedback loop, meaning that the hotels and other businesses will be able to purchase high quality products directly from the local women and micro-farmers network, and by the same token avoid sending organic residues to landfills.

The success of the organic advanced sargassum compost is due to the alliance in 2019 of Grogenics and AlgeaNova, whom have combined their expertise and is offering a turnkey, vertically integrated solution to sargassum landings, and also due to the generous support of the Grupo Puntacana Fundación. As far as we know, this is the first initiative that vertically integrates the harvesting of Sargassum with the recycling of hospitality industry's organic waste and its transformation in agricultural inputs towards micro-farming.