



# The Role of Timber Bamboos in Solving the Climate Crisis





## The Climate Crisis has Arrived

# Global Construction is an Ecological Disaster

*that feeds the Climate Crisis*



**Concrete and Steel**

**17% of Global CO2 Emissions**



**Wood**

**18 million Acres/Year Deforestation**

# The Timber Bamboo Climate Solution

**Create Affordable Building Products With High Demand That Simultaneously Solve Five Linked Major Problems:**

Square Footage Of Buildings On Earth Will Double By 2060

Massive Deforestation Driven By The Use Of Wood and The Expansion Of Agriculture

Huge Climate Impact Of Steel And Concrete Usage

Loss Of Soil Carbon Due To Deforestation And Agriculture

Need For Massive Carbon Removal With Durable Lockup to Reduce Atmospheric CO2 To Safe Levels

# WHY TIMBER BAMBOOS?

**FASTEST GROWING WOODY PLANTS ON EARTH  
10X FASTER GROWTH THAN TREES**

**HARVESTING DOES NOT KILL THE PLANTS**

**BAMBOO PLANT CAN LIVE 60-120 YEARS  
20-33% OF BAMBOO CULMS HARVESTED EVERY YEAR**

**NONINVASIVE CLUMPING BAMBOOS  
CAN BE PART OF DIVERSE ECOSYSTEMS**

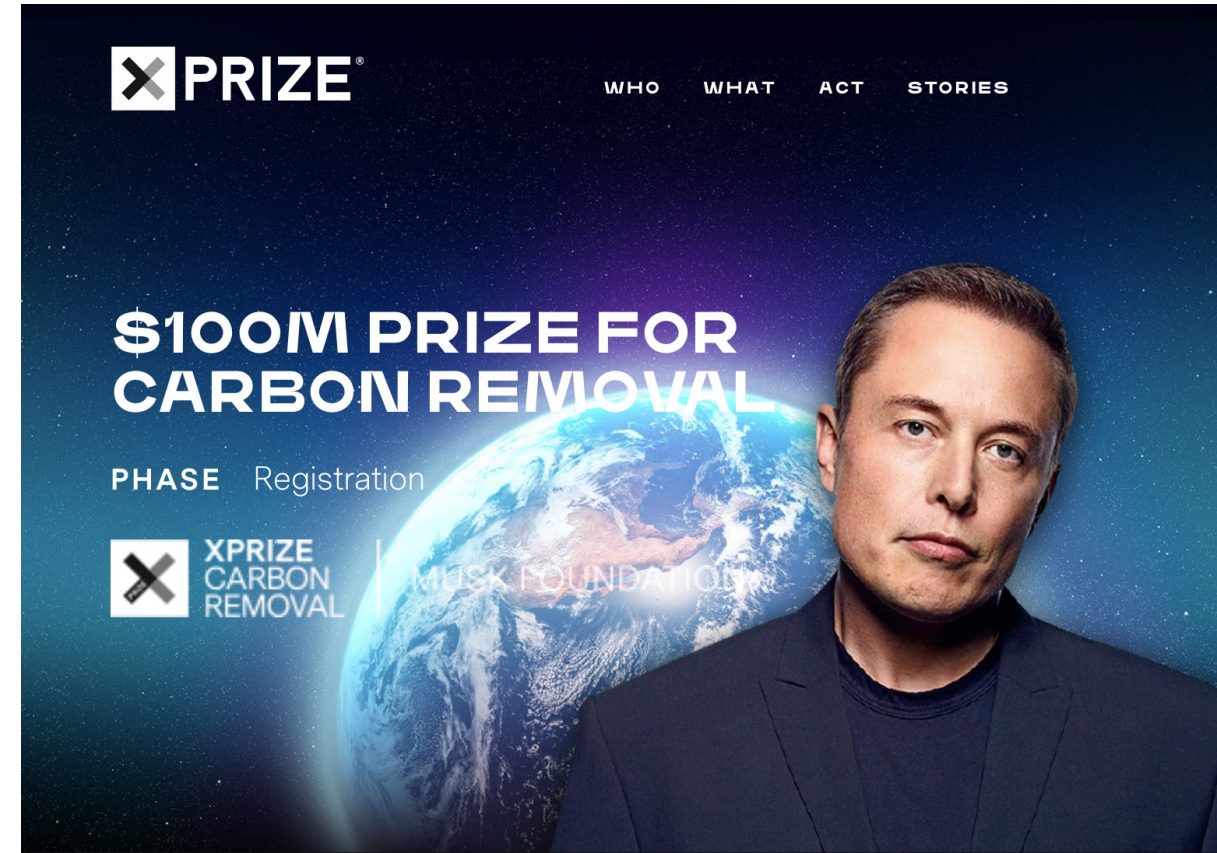
**HIGH STRENGTH MATERIAL**

# PROGRESS on the TIMBER BAMBOO SOLUTION:

## RIZOME IS TOP 60 FINALIST FOR GLOBAL CARBON REMOVAL PRIZE

“Your proposal represents one of the  
strongest submissions in the  
competition.”

XPRIZE Carbon Removal team



## **Saving the Climate**

**CONVERT 12% OF GLOBAL CONSTRUCTION  
TO BAMBOO BASED BUILDING MATERIALS**

**ANNUAL IMPACT –  
ADDRESS 1/3 OF GLOBAL CO2 EMISSIONS  
IN DRAWDOWN, CAPTURE, AND AVOIDED EMISSIONS**

Areas of Focus

**BUILDING MATERIALS**

**CARBON CREDITS**

**ACTIVATED CARBON**

**BIOCHAR**

**FUEL**





**OVER 27 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH STRUCTURAL BAMBOO**

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DEVELOPED THE FIRST  
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STANDARD  
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**EVALUATION SUBJECT:**

**STRUCTURAL BAMBOO POLES**

**ADDITIONAL LISTEE:**

**BAMBOO HARDWOOD VIETNAM**  
THOI HOA VILLAGE  
BEN CAT DISTRICT  
BINH DUONG PROVINCE  
VIETNAM

**1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE**

**Compliance with the following codes:**

- 2003 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2003 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 1997 *Uniform Building Code*™ (UBC)

**Properties evaluated:**

Structural

**2.0 USES**

The structural bamboo poles are used as structural elements in wall, roof and floor trusses (panels) or as individual compression and/or tension members, in Type V non-fire-resistance rated residential and commercial construction. The commercial construction is limited to one story and a maximum floor area of 2000 square feet (180 m<sup>2</sup>).

**3.0 DESCRIPTION**

The structural bamboo poles covered in this report are from Quang Ngai, Vietnam, and are of the Tre Gai (*bambusa stenostachya*) species. The bamboo poles are typically 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches (70 mm) to 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches (82 mm) in diameter and 10 feet (3048 mm) to 14 feet (4267 mm) in length, depending on the building type. The structural bamboo poles have a nominal density of 42 pcf (673 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and are preservatives treated with a borate solution.

**4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION**

**4.1 General:**

Design and construction practices shall take the following into account:

- A design shall be provided for lateral bracing to resist wind and seismic forces.
- The structural performance shall be assessed by calculating the action effects using a linear material model (elastic behavior).
- The effect of shrinkage shall be taken into account in the design of individual structural members, and in the design of the structure as a whole.
- The effects of long-term loading (creep) need to be considered in the design of individual structural members, and in the design of the structure as a whole. Long-term flexural creep in bamboo in bending may be assumed to be 3 to 4 percent of the immediate elastic deformation.

**4.2 Design Considerations:**

**4.2.1 Allowable Design Stresses:** Design stresses shall not exceed the values noted in Table 1. No adjustment for duration of load shall be made, except for permanent load and wind load conditions, as addressed in this section.

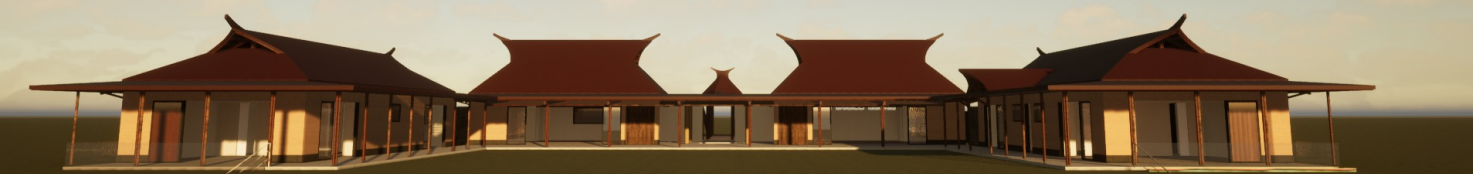
For a permanent load condition (more than 10 years), all stresses, except for MOE, shall be reduced by 25 percent. For a wind loading condition, the allowable design stresses, except for MOE, are permitted to be increased by 20 percent.

**4.2.2 Bamboo Poles (Elements):** The design of individual elements shall consider the following:

- a. The element retains its elastic behavior, until failure (plastic behavior is considered to be not significant).
- b. The elements are analyzed as variable-thickness, hollow-tube structures.
- c. The elements are analyzed as not perfectly straight members.
- d. The elements are analyzed as tapered members.
- e. Design is conducted in accordance with the following:
  1. Conventional structural analysis methods are used, with definitions of the initial curvature, the diameter and the wall thickness.
  2. Any bamboo joint or support shall be considered to act as a hinge, unless substantiating data are submitted to justify consideration as a semi-rigid or a rigid joint.
  3. Bernoulli's theorem (flat cross sections remain flat) is valid for bamboo.

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## OUR CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

- Plantation Management
- Biomass Production
- Addressing bamboo flowering
- Increasing Demand for bamboo
- Durable bamboo goods
- Biochar



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ALTERNATIVE  
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CONSTRUCTION**

**GIANT  
CLUMPING  
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## Climate-Positive

Carbon Drawdown Construction



## Regenerative

12x Less Land than Wood



## Strength

2.5X Strength/Weight vs Steel



## Fire-Resistant

Class A Fire Rating

# Flexible Fiber



We can use the fiber to make:

- Compressed building materials like OSB and strand lumber
- Laminated building materials like veneers, panels and lumber
- Activated Carbon
- Biochar
- Biofuel through chips and pellets
- 3D printing filaments
- Paper and cardboard pulp

# Strand Materials



- Strandwoven
  - Flooring
  - Siding
  - Exterior Decking
  - Railroad Ties & Mining Road Mats
- Oriented Strand Board (OSB)
  - Floor, Wall, and Roof Sheathing
  - Mass Timber Panels
- Strand Lumber
  - Studs, Joists and Beams
  - Mass Timber Panels





# Laminated Materials

The New Hardwood

- Free and Clear
- Flooring, Paneling, Casework, Doors, Windows, and Trim

# Carbon Offset Credits



## 1. Plant

10X Faster Drawdown  
vs Trees



## 2. Track

RFID + Blockchain  
Tracking



## 3. Sell

Global B2B  
Marketplace

**342% YoY Market Growth**



# Activated Carbon

- Water Treatment and Industrial Uses
- US\$5.8 Billion Market Size by 2030



# Biochar

- Agricultural amendment
- Electricity generation
- US\$6.3 Billion Market Size by 2031

# Philippines



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Currently reforesting 25,000 acres

Our goal is to reforest 2.5 million acres in Philippines

# Florida – Giant Bamboos Grow Well There



**Tropical Bamboo Nursery**

# Bamboos at 15 months



**Citrus Grove  
Killed by disease**

**Our Florida Goal-  
Replace 1 million  
acres of dying Citrus  
and Sugarcane with  
giant bamboos**



**Former Florida Citrus Grove –  
Prepped for bamboo planting**



# Vietnam

Collaborating with Phu An Bamboo Village to secure the funding and develop the resources needed for a 5-million-acre reforestation project in Vietnam using noninvasive timber bamboos



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**BAMBOO VILLAGE  
OF PHU AN**  
Viet Nam



Equator Initiative Case Studies  
Local sustainable development solutions for people, nature, and resilient communities



News Flash!

The secret is out.

Bamboo is getting noticed!



Architecture

## Could living in a bamboo home help solve the climate crisis?

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# AND IT'S DOING

# A WHOLE LOT OF GOOD!



## Social

Employment brings social stability, and bamboo planting, harvesting, and processing are already having a social impact on the communities we serve.



## Water

Bamboo's root system readily absorbs up to 14 inches of rainwater, reducing catastrophic flooding and erosion while replenishing aquifers.



## Ecology

Bamboo survives grass fires and drought which have devastated other reforestation efforts; we work only with non-invasive species.



## Gender Equality

Bamboo is lightweight, enabling women to participate in the bamboo economy, often in the nursery portion of the program.



## Indigenous Populations

The Rizome Project is one of the first to offer economic opportunity to a rural community that consists of seven hill tribes.



## Economy

Bamboo farmers now generate additional revenue from their existing bamboo stands while gaining access to stable, fair employment with the opening of our new factory.

## OUR PHILIPPINES PROJECT ADDRESSES 16 OF THE 17 UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS UN SDG17



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