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**ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS
IN PRACTICE:
EROSION PROTECTION**

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Bamboo gabions, Timor Leste, 2009



Elements at risk



Community power



A photograph of a lush bamboo forest. Tall, green bamboo stalks are densely packed, with sunlight filtering through the canopy, creating dappled light on the ground. The ground is covered in green grass and fallen bamboo leaves. In the background, a rocky area and a small stream are visible through the trees. The text "Local materials?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Local materials?

Innovative design





Low cost versus maintenance challenges

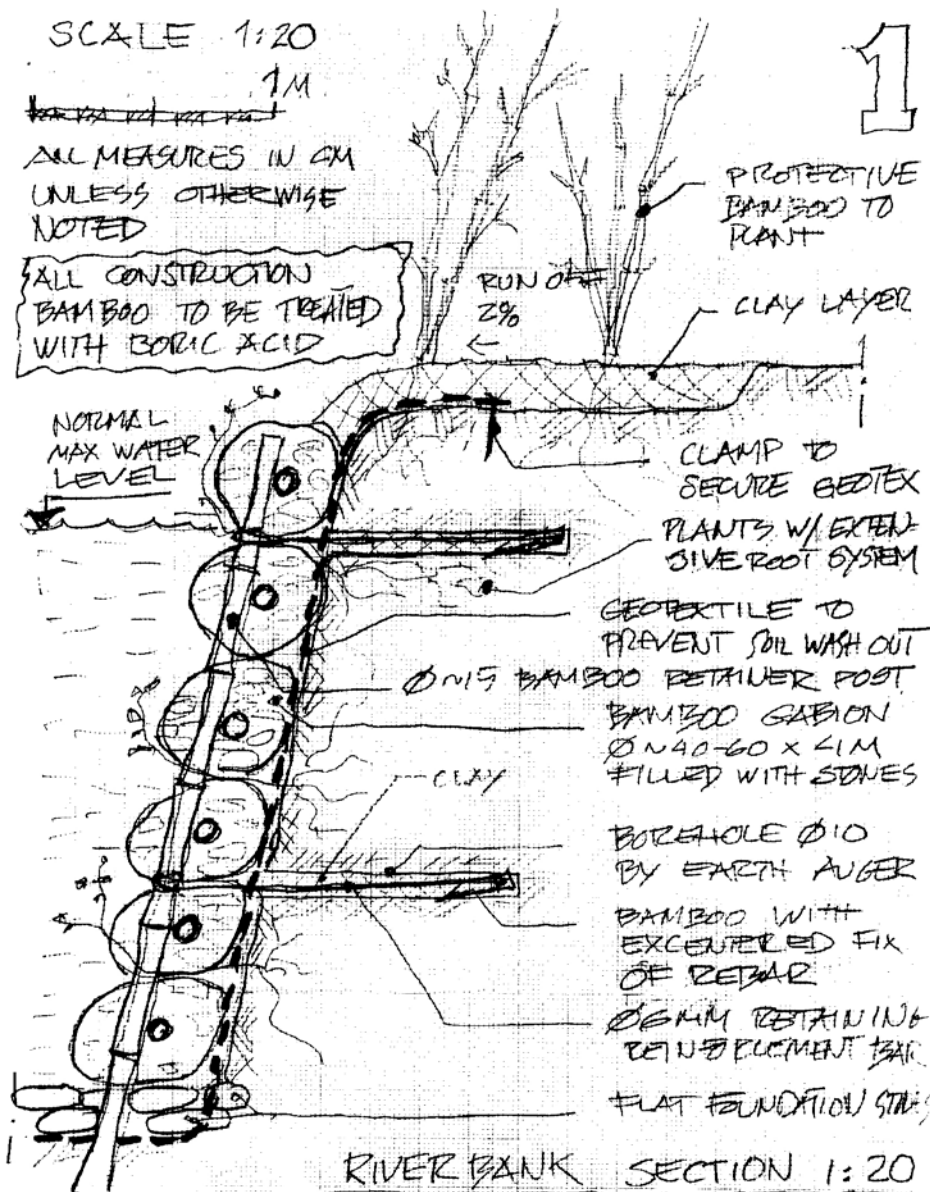
SCALE 1:20

1M

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ALL MEASURES IN CM
UNLESS OTHERWISE
NOTED

ALL CONSTRUCTION
BAMBOO TO BE TREATED
WITH BORIC ACID



RIVER BANK SECTION 1:20

DESIGN DRAWING #1	DRR - SCALE UP - CONCERN
SAEVFORS CONSULTING	ECO GABION
LOSPALOS, TINA RUSTE	BAMBOO BASED CONCEPT FOR
1/5/00 saevfors@cmil.g	STRUCTURAL MITIGATION OF EROSION

Local manufacture



**Multiple bracing connections
providing remarkable strength**



Boron + waste oil treatment



Auger drilling for retainer system



Retainer anchor



Retaining poles



Geotextile setup



Foundations for gabions





Next step :
**Planting of soil
protective
plants,**

Stacking of gabions



FOLHA DE OBRA - SITE SHEET STRUCTURAL MITIGATION FUAT 1, ILIOMAR SUBDISTRICT

CONCERN-DISPECHO: DRR Scale up, Lautem, Timor Leste, May 22, 2009

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ISSUES	MITIGATION WORK	BENEF HSEH	START END
Major village drainage stream eroding land close to houses. Previous attempts to reduce water velocity (crossing gabions) resulted in side bank erosion and collapsed gabions.	Bamboo gabions 100 m x 3 along eroding house plots	180	JUL /SEP 09

BUDGET 5085			
bamboo gabions, spec A 16,95/m2			
	unit	qty	unit price
Bamboo diam 7-8cm, per pole of 5-6m	pcs	337,5	2
Bamboo diam 12-15cm, per pole of 5-6m	pcs	37,5	3
Retainer: 6mm reinforcement bar	m1	450,0	0,5
Steel wire, 2mm	kg	50,3	2
Stones, trucked to site	m3	112,5	7
Clay	m3	300,0	0,25
Geotextiles	m2	300,0	2
Boric acid	m2	300,0	2,75
Labor (bamboo treatment, manuf gabions & retainers, mount on site)	m2	300,0	1,5
Labor stone filling	m2	300,0	0,75
Planting protective species	m2	300,0	0,5
Misc labor, transports, etc +20%			
Total			5085



	ACTIONS PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF IMPORTS:	STATUS
1	CLEAN SITE, CARE NOT TO DESTROY FAVOURABLE VEGETATION	
2	PEG OUT EXTENSION OF SITE WORKS	
3	TAKE EXACT MEASURES AND UPDATE SKETCH DRAWING	
4	DIG OUT NECESSARY EARTH VOLUMES	
5	STOCKPILE STONES IN STRATEGICALLY SPACED HEAPS	
6	SET UP BAMBOO TREATMENT PLANT, PREPARE WASTE OIL SUPPLIES	
7	PREPARE RETAINERS WITH PIECES OF BAMBOO TREATED IN LOSPALOS	
8	MAKE BOREHOLES, FASTEN RETAINERS AND FILL WITH CLAY	
9	PREPARE CLAMPS PIECES OF BAMBOO TREATED IN LOSPALOS	
10	PREPARE MODEL GABION	
11	(LOSPALOS:) MAKE AUGERS 120 X 12 DIAMETER	

	ACTIONS AFTER DELIVERY OF ALL SUPPLIES:	STATUS
12	MIX BORIC ACID TREATMENT DIP	
13	CUT BAMBOO, SLICE, BUILD GABIONS CAGES AND DIP	
14	CUT BAMBOO, DRILL HOLES IN RETAINER POSTS AND DIP (DIP BAMBOO IN TREATMENT DITCHES, 1 BORIC ACID, 2 WASTE OIL)	
15	PLACE RETAINER POSTS USING AUGER TO BORE 50 CM DEEP INTO GROUND	
16	PUT GEOTEXTILE ON SITE WITH FOUNDATION STONES AND CLAMPS	
17	PUT BED OF FOUNDATIONS STONES	
18	PLACE FIRST ROW OF GABIONS FIXING THEM TO POSTS AND FILL WITH STONES	
19	PLANT SUITABLE VEGETATION MAKING SMALL HOLES IN GEOTEXTILE	
20	PLACE SECOND ROW WITH OVERLAP, FIX ALSO TO GABIONS UNDER NEATH	
21	REPEAT UNTIL REACHING RIM	
22	PLANT BAMBOO ON TOP AND FILL WITH CLAY ON RIM	



Canal lining



Conclusion:

Structural mitigation in large scale with local materials is undoubtedly possible if an empowered community is taking the responsibility