

Vetiver Spain

Thanks for getting in touch with us and showing interest in *Vetiver Grass*.

Vetiver Grass is best known for managing soil erosion as its roots grow 3 to 4 meters deep. This stabilises the slopes and preserves valuable topsoil that can be lost during heavy rain / water movement. *Vetiver Grass* is non-invasive and clump forming. The roots actually store water which increases soil moisture.

Vetiver Grass can also be used for landscaping and as a high quality mulch and animal feed by using its leaves that contain additional nutrients the deep roots pull up into its leaves that normal plants cannot reach.

This is not only our experience, but it is a phenomenon that has been recognized world-wide and regularly documented by experts in erosion techniques.

Our location in the Malaga Region is in Sayalonga – which is about 12 minutes up from Algarrobo off the A-7 Motorway at exit 277.

If you are close by or wish to travel, we welcome visitors who have an interest in *Vetiver Grass* to visit us and see our facilities and see how we have used *Vetiver*. This is by appointment only.

At our location we are at an elevation of 500 metres and we can plant all year long. But we get the fastest and the best results in late March and early summer. The plants then have the advantage of a longer summer growing season. *Vetiver Grass* loves the heat of summer.

Once established *Vetiver Grass* will survive -20C to +50C. That is a very wide range and *Vetiver Grass* also has a life expectancy of over 100 years.

Here is a link to the weather website we use. If you look at Sayalonga weather you can then use it for a comparison to your location. The important graph to look at is the temperature chart showing LOW temperatures. As you will see we get a few months below 10C.

<https://www.holiday-weather.com/sayalonga/averages/>

For planting we recommend that for every linear metre 3-4 *Vetiver bare root slips* are required. Therefore 30 linear metres would require about 100 plants that are planted about 30 cm apart or 150 plants if planted 20 cm apart. Some areas with steeper erosion issues require more than one row and it maybe worth planting the slips closer together. *Vetiver Grass* like any plant needs to be watered regularly, meaning daily until it gets established which takes about 3 months depending on your soil, altitude, weather, etc.

If you have irrigation questions we can advise on that also by showing you the automated systems that we use which have been long lasting and trouble free.

These are some of the easiest plants to grow and these plants worldwide have a survivability rate of over 95%.

Current pricing of Vetiver is shown on our website www.vetiverspain.com but we also welcome the opportunity to quote for any of your individual projects. Our stocks are vast with over 1 million plants currently in the nursery.

Vetiver Grass is usually supplied as *bare root slips* with at least 1 tiller if you would like potted *Vetiver Grass*, we have these available for collection only.

We normally harvest on Thursday and Saturdays and ship on Mondays and are fully licensed to ship to mainland Europe and the UK.

If you have any further questions please send them to us by email or WhatsApp or if you wish to speak in person please do not hesitate to give us a call, our contact information is below.

Yours Sincerely,

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