

## **An introduction to Vetiver**

Thanks for getting in touch with us and showing an interest in our Vetiver Grass (also known as Chrysopogon Zizanioides). There is a lot of information in this document so pick out the topics that are relative to your needs. If you have specific questions, please let us know!

### **What is Vetiver?**

Vetiver is best known for its ability **to prevent soil erosion**. Its roots grow 3–4 meters deep, stabilizing slopes and protecting valuable topsoil during heavy rains and water movement.

- **Cleaning soil** – Vetiver helps clean the land by absorbing pollutants, heavy metals, and excess nutrients from soil and water.
- **Water retention** – The deep root system helps maintain soil moisture.
- **Nutrient access** – Vetiver's roots reach nutrients beyond the range of normal plants, enriching both the soil and other plants surrounding them like fruit trees or grapevines.
- **Non-invasive** – Vetiver grows in clumps and will not spread uncontrollably

Vetiver is remarkably versatile:

- Used as a **structural hedge** in landscaping.
- Its leaves make a **high-quality mulch**.
- It is a nutritional animal feed and even works as a natural **insect repellent**. For example, in (professional) greenhouses



Once established, Vetiver can survive temperatures from -20°C to +50°C and live for more than 100 years. Its resilience has been recognized worldwide and documented by experts.

## **Planting Guidelines**

We recommend planting 3–5 bare root slips per linear meter, depending on the steepness of the slope and erosion level.

- Example: A 30-meter line requires about 100 plants (30 cm spacing) or 150 plants (20 cm spacing).
- In severe erosion areas, use closer spacing or multiple rows.
- Mature plants form crowns about 30 cm wide.

Like any plant, Vetiver needs regular watering during the first 3–4 months until established. With a global survival rate of over 95%, Vetiver is one of the easiest and most reliable plants to grow.

👉 Watch how easy it is to plant Vetiver:

<https://youtu.be/Vb4AIEPw6wk>

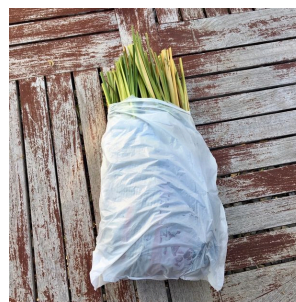
## **Vetiver Spain**

Our nursery is located in Sayalonga, Andalusia, about 45 minutes east of Málaga (exit 277, Algarrobo, on the A-7 motorway).

We welcome visitors by appointment to see how we use Vetiver to solve erosion challenges. We're at 500 meters elevation and can plant year-round. The best results are achieved in late March and early summer, when plants enjoy a long warm season. Vetiver loves heat!

- Current pricing can be found on our website:  
[www.vetiverspain.com](http://www.vetiverspain.com)
- Custom quotes available for projects of any size.

- Licensed to ship throughout the EU and able to export worldwide (depending on local import regulations).
- We normally harvest later in the week and ship on Tuesday or Wednesday



👉 See how we prepare Vetiver orders for shipment:  
<https://youtu.be/bih1nZ0Kn10>

## Useful Links & References

- [Santa Marta Cooperative – Vetiver used to clean water from grape & olive processing](#)
- [Project Granja Caimito – Stephan Schwab](#)
- [Vetiver: A Farmer's Friend \(video\)](#)
- [The Vetiver Network International – Dick Grimshaw on water flow control](#)

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