

GOLDTREE GAZETTE



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Plantation Department



In February we started setting up a pre-nursery to hold 150.00 seedlings for replanting our current plantation.



There are a lot of different things to be done in the nursery: first of all making sure the seedbeds are free of weeds



Planting the seeds...



and of course taking good care when the seeds start to grow for the next 3 months.



Simultaneously preparations in the main-nursery start. Here we see pegging to make sure the trees will have enough space until planted out.



While others are bringing the planting bags to their location.

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Out Grower Department



Our buying agents prepare themselves every morning to go and buy palm fruits from the smallholder farmers.



The farmer brings his fruit to the roadside with in this case a wheelbarrow from Goldtree.



We received visitors from Worldbank Sierra Leone who are interested in giving support for replanting to smallholders.



A surveyor team is currently mapping the sizes and locations of all smallholders in our operational area.



With the support of the Goldtree, communities are empowered to maintain their road network so that trade and/or supply of rice, cacao and of course palm fruits can continue during the rainy season.



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Mill Department



The boiler operator is checking all parameters so the mill is provided with all necessary power for turning the palm fruits into oil.



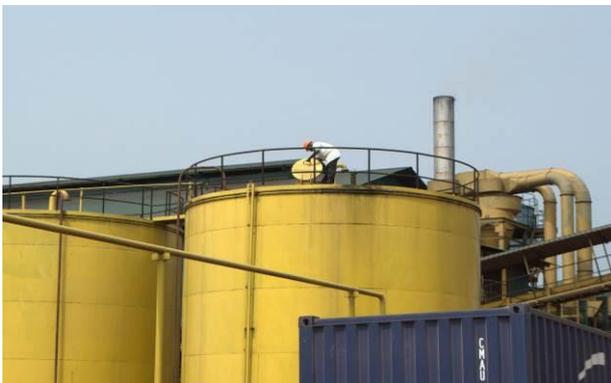
After the sterilizing process the fruits go through the digester, there is also a separation and clarification step before our palm oil is ready.



In our lab we test the quality of the incoming palm fruits by cutting them in half.



After production we test our oil for free fatty acids, water content and purity.



Samples are being taken from one of our tanks.



The HSE manager monitors all parameters for reports to the Environmental Protection Agency of Sierra Leone (above Db measurement).

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The first palm oil export in the history of Goldtree and Sierra Leone

In the second week of April, Goldtree dispatched 10 containers, each containing 20 tonnes of oil in flexitanks, to the Port of Freetown from where they will be shipped to Nigeria. The packing and loading of these containers all had to happen in one day. A big responsibility but also exciting event for all our staff.

