FAQ - BIATHLON CLIMATE CHALLENGE

GENERAL TOPICS

When will the Challenge start and how long will it run?
The Challenge will start on 1st May 2021 and will run until 100'000 trees are collected. Please note that your activities will only start counting for your Team from 1st May 2021 even if you install your app before that.

How many teams will participate?
We will have 10 athlete teams that you can join.

Where can I find the Team codes?
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Why is the IBU doing this Challenge?
The IBU is doing this Challenge as part of its sustainability commitment to become climate neutral as a sport by 2030 at the latest and to promote the importance of everyone taking climate action. The IBU sees this as its responsibility as an Olympic sport organization.

Who is paying for this challenge?
The IBU is sponsoring the entire challenge as part of its Sustainability Strategy 2020-2030.

Who is "Active Giving"?
https://www.activegiving.de/about-us/

I tried to join Team Doro but the software gives an error message: "Invalid code". What can I do?
Make sure you did not use a "1" instead of a "I", the code is "DOROWI"

TRACKING ACTIVITIES ON THE ACTIVE GIVING APP

What is the basis on which the trees are counted?
You earn 1 tree for:
- ✓ 5km running
- ✓ 10km cycling
- ✓ 10km walking
- ✓ 1km swimming
- ✓ 200kcal for all other workouts

What kind of sport activities can I track?
The Active Giving app supports all activity types that Strava allows, and some more. GPS tracking is only available to distance-based activities, while the manual tracking can be used for activities like yoga, gym workouts or indoor cycling.

What is the limit of activities I can upload per day?
You can upload a maximum of 5 activities per day.

I don't use Strava but already have Training Peaks (or another fitness / training tracking program) – can I also connect that to automatically earn trees for my sports activities?
Unfortunately it is only possible to connect your Strava account with the app. Therefore, please upload your activities manually to the app.

In the app, there is also the option of manual entry of the activities without any GPS or other tracking required. Can I also use that?
Yes, you can also upload activities manually to the app.

For further questions about the App itself please visit:
https://www.activegiving.de/app/

TREES

Which organization will plant the 100'000 trees?
Eden Reforestation Projects is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide fair wage employment to impoverished villagers as agents of global forest restoration. They hire the poorest of the poor to grow, plant, and guard to maturity native species forest on a massive scale. The "employ to plant methodology" results in a multiplication of positive socio-economic and environment measures.

Where will the trees be planted?

Trees are going to be planted in the different projects of Eden in Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique and Nicaragua.

How will the trees be looked after?

Eden works carefully with all levels of government to secure written agreements designating the restoration sites as protected in perpetuity. Eden does not plant in logging areas. Unfortunately, there is never a 100% guarantee that some form of illegal harvest will not occur. However, Eden does everything within legal limits to ensure the restoration sites are guaranteed to stand in perpetuity.

Eden also hires forest guards as part of the labour force. They have recently created a Forest Guard Endowment Fund whereby one cent of the price of each tree is put into a fund for long-term guarding and protection of their sites.

Eden hires local villagers to plant the trees. In this way, they alleviate extreme poverty within the impacted community. The villagers have an economic incentive to ensure the well-being of the restoration project. They also have a sense of "ownership" over the trees and restored forest and protect it with great care.

Eden plants agroforestry species (fruit, fodder and construction species designed to provide food security and benefit legitimate human needs). Over time these trees become a source of sustainable income.

The Eden team leaders have developed systems for counting and sorting the number of seedlings produced in the nurseries and/or the number of mangrove propagules collected. After the seedlings and propagules are collected and sorted, they are planted within designated sites.

Is the IBU working with a carbon partner to verify the carbon gains produced by this project?

Since the Biathlon Climate Challenge 2021 is a pilot fan engagement project for us, the IBU is not going to apply verified carbon counting to these 100'000 trees.

Eden's current mission is not carbon-focused, and hence they are not able to provide carbon sequestration information for all of the tree species they plant. Please refer to document under this link to see conservative numbers for Eden's mangrove projects.

Eden plants close to a hundred different species of trees and calculating the exact amount of CO_2 a tree can sequester can be difficult due to the complexity of the variables involved, such as type of tree, the age of the tree, current growth stage, nutrient content of the soil, root system, local climate, level of precipitation, and biotic factors (e.g., insects, and other flora and fauna, diseases, etc.).