



What is new in Portasol

Carbon Neutral Program: An initiative promoted by Portasol

The Neutral Carbon Program is one of the programs developed by Portasol to fulfil the first objective of the Environment and Conservation topic as part of the Corporate Social Responsibility policy of Portasol: **To actively pursue a program of environmental protection and conservation.**

This program sets aside 100 hectares of the Portasol rain forest for capture of Carbon Dioxide from the atmosphere in order to counteract the emissions of greenhouse gases. The program will make us **“Carbon Neutral”**: it allows us to capture at least as much atmospheric carbon dioxide as we generate daily, by fixing it in the wood and plants of the protected forest.

Portasol invites individuals, businesses and NGOs to join our program through purchase of Carbon Fixation Bonds. For more information, please write us at info@portasol.net.

Portasol’s Property Distribution

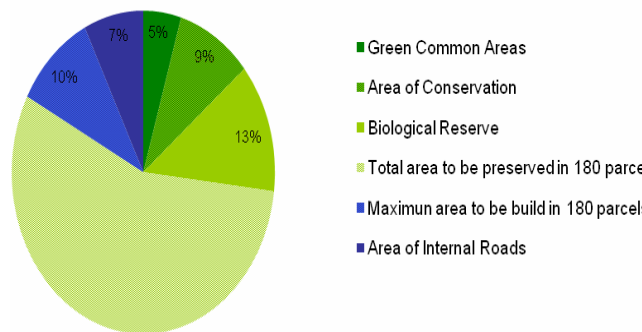
Area	Acres	Percentage
Green Common Areas	62	4,6
Area of Conservation	124	9,3
Biological Reserve	173	13
Total area to be preserved in 180 parcels	746	55,9
Maximun area to be build in 180 parcels	132	9,8
Area of Internal Roads	98	7,41
<u>Areas to Preserve</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>82,8</u>
<u>Maximun area to build</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>17,2</u>

1/ Estimated area

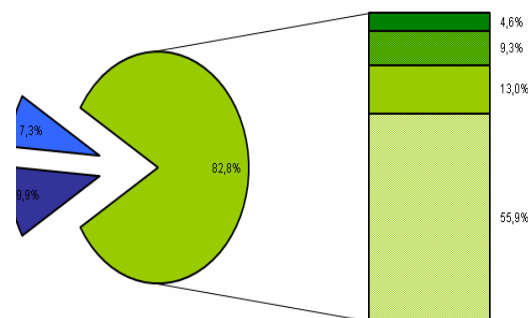
2/ Portasol regulations allow to build up a maximum of 15% of the total area in each parcel. Because of that the total area to be preserved in all 180 parcels can be more than the indicated as well as the total area to be built can be less that the indicated.

83% of Portasol’s Total Area will remain green

Portasol: Estimated Distribution Area



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Weather

These Days !!! in Portasol



March and April still summer time months. At the end of April we have some showers announcing the beginning of the rainy season. May more rainy that April but not so many rain like in the north part of Puntarenas and the Central Valley.

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Corporate Social Responsibility

Saturday 24th May, a very nice day in Portalón Community and in particular at the Portalón School where three important events happened.



Raise of Tree Stars Blue Flag



Ecological Children Club Los Tucanes won a three stars blue flag (maximum prize) that proudly rose up. Congratulations to them and to Henry Chaves, Portasol Biologist for such an achievement.



Hip Hop and Break Dance Groups of Portalón and Quepos

For two months young people of Portalón, Matapalo and Quepos have been enjoying HIP HOP and Break Dance classes.

This program is run by COPAZA in Aguirre as one of the initiatives to promote youngsters well-being. Portasol brought it to the Portalón Area.

The participants will continue dancing as a local group considering to be part of a national competition in the near future.



Entrepreneurs Course

A course of 14 classes (8 hours per days) is taken by 45 students (ages above 15 years old) of Portalón and its nearby communities. This entrepreneurs program will prepare people to develop ideas and set small business.

This program is given by Cenecoop (a association of Costa Rican cooperatives), COPAZA and Portasol.



Club Ecológico Los Tucanes con stand en Feria del Ambiente

Portasol brought to San José part of Los Tucanes Ecological Club and two teachers of Portalón's School for a Environmental Show named AmbientICE. They stayed 4 days (11 -14 June) sharing information in their booth as well as visiting two different schools and a TV Channel where they were interviewed. The kids had a very nice experience during this trip. They enjoyed very much the families that welcomed them and all the entertainment in San José.



Booth at AmbientICE

Roberto Dobles, PhD
Minister of Environment

Anglo American School

TV Channel 7