



Hamanasi Adventure and Dive Resort – growing sustainably

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Hamanasi Adventure and Dive Resort is a Belize eco-resort nestled in 21 acres of rare coastal forest facing the Caribbean Sea. Proximity to nature is one of the main highlights with wildlife, elusive birds, rainforest hikes and spectacular underwater marine life all within close range.

As a Green Globe member, the resort's sustainable priorities have included the development of an organic garden covering nearly 12,000 square feet. The garden grows edible herbs and vegetables for the resort's Singanga Restaurant and kitchens. It was certified as 'In Transition to Fully Organic' by the Belize Organic Alliance in both 2013, and 2014. Last year completely off the ground planters

were constructed to allow crops to grow undisturbed by flooding that can occur during the rainy season. And companion planting has also been utilized to control pests such as aphids, carrot fly and mosquitoes.

Hamanasi has launched several new projects in 2015. The resort continues to improve its organic garden and plans are underway for the construction of a new grow house, that will house a seedling area. This will allow gardeners to germinate seeds in a warm and protected environment before planting them around the garden. The grow house will be home to tomatoes and sweet peppers and plants that are plagued by white fly when grown outside in Belize. With the resort's new raised planters and rich organic compost crops are bountiful and fresh produce such as lettuce, beets, carrots, cilantro, spinach, and mint are gathered daily for use in the kitchens.

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