

Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology is honored with these awards

Awards in 2018

Small Business Entities Innovation Top 100

The Dutch Chamber of Commerce has been searching this year for the 100 most innovative companies of our country. On the 26th of September the big final was organized. We are proud to announce that we have been awarded **the most innovative company of the Netherlands** for a year! Check the website of the SBE Innovation Top 100 for all the other <u>99 amazing companies</u> in the top 100, and <u>click</u> here to read more about us.



One of the Best EU LIFE Climate Action projects

In May of this year, we were invited to attend the 'LIFE AWARDS' that were held during the EU Green Week in Brussels. The project 'The Green Deserts' where trees were planted with our technology, was selected as one of the Best LIFE Climate Action projects that were held during 2016 and 2017. Various videos have been made of this project that has been carried out at various locations in Spain. You can watch all the videos on our YouTube channel. To learn more



about the project that has been carried out with our technology, <u>please click here</u>. To see the other 11 projects that have been selected as Best LIFE Climate Action Project, <u>please click here</u>.

Panorama - Solutions for a healthy planet

Panorama, hosted by <u>GIZ</u> (the German Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation, Construction and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)) and <u>Rare</u>, divides the various problems of the world into four



categories. This includes protected areas, marine life and coastal areas, ecosystems, and agriculture and diversity. In 2018, Groasis was selected as one of 25 agricultural solutions that contribute to better agricultural land and more biodiversity. With our Waterboxx® plant





cocoon we ensure a water saving of 90% during the production of more food. More information about our listing on the Panorama website? <u>Click here!</u>

Awards in 2017

Innovation Accelerator of the World Food Programme

In 2017, Groasis participated at the Innovation Accelerator Bootcamp of the World Food Programme in Munich, Germany. WFP's Innovation Accelerator identifies, nurtures and scales bold solutions to hunger globally.



As the website of the <u>Innovation Accelerator</u> States: "The Accelerator believes the way forward in the fight against hunger is not necessarily in building grand plans, but identifying and testing

solutions in an agile way. It is a space where the world can find out what works and what doesn't in addressing hunger - a place where we can be bold and fail as well as succeed."

From December 2017, Groasis will run a project to investigate the impact that the Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology can have on eliminating hunger by 2030. The project is a combination of ecosystem restoration and agroforestry done by food-insecure families with Groasis' Waterboxx® and Growboxx® plant cocoons, thus restoring degraded land, supported by the World Food Programme.

To read the official press release, <u>please click here</u>. To read more about the Groasis project on the WFP's Innovation Accelerator website, <u>please click here</u>.

One of the best YouTube channels for Techlovers

In October 2017, the 'Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology' YouTube channel has been selected by Feedspot as one of the 100 best YouTube channels on the internet for Techlovers. Our YouTube channel has been selected based on the number of followers, the views, our uploads, the quality of our videos and the YouTube ranking. The Feedspot team has selected our channel with an objective as well a subjective view. Do you want to be the first who sees our new videos? Subscribe to our YouTube channel!



Global Opportunity Report 2017

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As well as in 2015, we have been mentioned this year again in the Global Opportunity Report that has been compiled by DNV-GL, UN Global Impact and Sustainia. Our technology is named as an innovative solution to keep the soil moist. The report has been compiled because every risk on this planet brings wonderful solutions with it.



Do you want to read to complete report? Please click here.

Awards in 2016

National Icons - organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs

The Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs has organized a search to find the most innovative companies of the Netherlands. They want to identify and appoint 3 so-called 'National Icons'. The objective is to find companies that have a mission, vision, product or service that embodies a real innovative breakthrough; companies that illustrate the innovative power of the Netherlands to develop technological solutions for society's issues.



With pride and gratitude, we inform you that Groasis – thanks to our hardworking team and great product – has been selected as one of the 3 'National Icon' winners. For more information about winning the National Icon, click here. To read all the media publications Groasis regarding the National Icon, click here.

FP4BATIW prize

The FP4BATIW Prize is a competition based on business ideas on water topics, like water management, water treatment or water saving. The competition is open to SMEs, individual, researchers and entrepreneurs from Palestine, Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia. Michael Schuring, the reseller of Groasis in Jordan, has won the FP4BATIW prize!



To see the presentation of the business idea of Michael, please click here.





USAID grants 500,000 USD to Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology proposal

The Rome-based Institute for University Cooperation (ICU) and Groasis' distributor Desert Tulip in Jordan have won a grant of USD 500,000 to carry out further research with the Groasis Waterboxx® and Growboxx® plant cocoons. We are very grateful for this recognition of the opportunities the Groasis Technology creates. The Groasis Technology stimulates the tree to grow its roots over 3 meters (10 feet) deep in the first year. Trees thereby become self-sufficient and do not need irrigation, thus saving over 99% of water when compared to conventional planting methods. We congratulate Mr. Berardo da Schio and Ms. Barbara Cosentino from ICU and Mr. Mike Schuring from Desert Tulip and wish them a very successful planting of productive trees with rural families in Jordan.

Awards in 2015

Tällberg Foundation – Global Leadership Prize

Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology is nominated for the Tällberg Foundation Global Leadership Prize. On August 12th 2015, the jury of the Tällberg Foundation will decide who will receive the prizes this year.

TÄLLBERG FOUNDATION Global Leadership Prize 2015

The Tällberg Foundation Global Leadership Prize is annually assigned to two individuals or organizations which try to implement important, positive and social changes. The actions of these individuals or organizations must be in line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For more information about the prize, <u>click here</u>.

Global Opportunity Report

On the 3th of June 2015, Groasis was told that they are number one in the Global Opportunity Report 2015 of Sir Richard Branson's 'Virgin Unite'. The Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology is listed as the best method for water-efficient agriculture.

'Virgin Unite Foundation' is the non-profit foundation of the Virgin Group. Virgin Unite unites people with entrepreneurial ideas so they get a chance to create a better world. They



believe that with entrepreneurial thinking, challenges can turn into opportunities! For more information about us and the other great inventions, <u>please click here</u>. To read the complete report, <u>please click here</u>.





Best New Product for Gulf Market – Agriculture Award

On the 16th of March 2015, Groasis has won the "Best New Product for Gulf Market – Agriculture" award of AgraMe. With the Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology you can green the desert with 99% less water use.

Any company/individual working in or with substantial responsibilities in the agribusiness industry in the Middle East region could participate, so there were a lot of competitors!



Awards in 2014

NCD "Change Award 2014"

Driebergen, december 15, 2014 - On friday, december 12, 2014, the NCD (Dutch Association of Commissioners and Directors) handed out the "Change Award 2014" during the Change in Business Event. Groasis was one of the three nominees and won this "Award of the Awards" with the Groasis Growboxx® plant cocoon. According to the jury and the participants of the event, Groasis is a real "Changer" which shows that doing business with conciosness and positivism can go hand in hand with entrepreneurship.

For more information, click <u>here</u>.

Groasis Growboxx® plant cocoon wins important Accenture "Green Tulip Award"

The 14th of November 2014 Groasis has won the important "Green Tulip Award" with "The Treesolution" and the Groasis Growboxx® plant cocoon. The Jury consisted of a delegation of representatives of the 12 biggest corporates of Holland.

The Accenture Innovation Award is an annual competition. The most innovative products, services and concepts, that deliver exceptional performance in



the field of innovation and sustainability, compete for the coveted Green Tulip. Please click here to see a video of the award ceremony.





Climate Colab Contest

Groasis participates with a proposal in the Climate Colab Contest. This is a contest of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) from Boston. They search for a solution for the Climate Change Challenge. Pieter Hoff has proposed to use the Treesolution. Out of 500 proposals we have been chosen amongst the 14 semi-finalists. More information can be found here.



SUSTAINIA100 AWARD

SUSTAINIA100 is an annual guide to 100 innovative sustainability solutions from around the world. The guide identifies readily available projects, initiatives and technologies at the forefront of sustainable innovation. This year, Sustainia's research team and advisory board screened a pool of +900 nominated solutions from which the final 100 solutions were selected. The Groasis Waterboxx® plant cocoon has been selected for its state-of-art-solution.



Read here everything about the 100 final solutions, including the Groasis Waterboxx® plant cocoon.

Awards in 2012

Environmental Excellence Award

The El Verano School in Sonoma California rewarded Pieter Hoff with the Environmental Excellence award for 'being a "Worldwide" Environmental Leader', because the children of the El Verano School realised that the sooner you learn the importance of water, the better. Click here for the certificate

Awards in 2011





Limburg Design Association Award

The Groasis Waterboxx® plant cocoon has won the Limburg Design Association Award. This is an initiative from the Province of Limburg, DSM, Chamber of Commerce, Syntens and OCE. *Groasis* is very happy that more jury's understand the enormous significance of the Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology. Many fantastic new inventions are introduced annually, but without food no invention has any value. The Groasis Ecological Water Saving Technology helps us solving the food problem and therefore we are very



happy and grateful that jury's recognize the value of it and honor us with their award. See a picture of the <u>Limburger Design Association Award here</u>.

Awards in 2010

Popular Science Award

The Groasis Waterboxx® plant cocoon is the 2010 Best of What's New Innovation of the Year. In November 2010, Popular Science organized the 4th Annual election of the 'Best of what's New' innovation. This competition found place between 117 fantastic products of Fortune 500 companies, including the iPad from Apple and the Ledlamp from Philips. The Groasis Waterboxx® plant cocoon won the Green Tech Award (category sustainable inventions) and also won the 'Best of all' award. Watch Pieter Hoffs presentation here.



Awards in 2008

Bèta Dragons Science Award

In November 2008, the "Groasis" Waterboxx® plant cocoon was rewarded by the Bèta Dragons Platform in cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs. The jury was very positive about the potential of the "Groasis" Waterboxx® plant cocoon as a solution for ecological - and poverty issues.

