



EU-China Biodiversity Programme
中国—欧盟生物多样性项目

Field Project Summary

Biodiversity and Strategic Environmental Assessments of Mining and Tourism Developments in Western China



The Challenge

China's Western Development Strategy places emphasis on expanding mining and tourism industries in Western China. However, rapid development is placing increasing pressure on ecosystems, in turn bringing risks to the sustainability of development in the region. Intensive mining and tourism have potential negative impacts on plants, animals, and their habitats. Mining development can lead to destruction and fragmentation of ecosystems while tourists flock to attractive sites and increase the demand for construction of roads, hotels, and other facilities - all of which may have negative impact on landscape and biodiversity resources.

The Response

The project will support activities to improve the integration of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process of future mining and tourism development plans in Sichuan Province. Technical guidelines will be developed to incorporate biodiversity conservation into the SEA process and capacities will be built to improve enforcement of environmental requirements. This includes institutional capacity building and partnerships between government, NGOs and business. Lessons learned will be catalogued and results will be shared with national and local authorities for potential replication.



At A Glance

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Cooperating Agency:

Appraisal Center for Environment and Engineering,
Ministry of Environmental Protection (ACEE)

Partners:

1. Conservation International
2. Sichuan Appraisal Center for Environment & Engineering
3. TRL Limited (UK)

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Project Focus

- Establishment of a tailor-made biodiversity database and information system for future SEAs in Sichuan
- Provision of support to Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) of Mining and Tourism Development in Sichuan with focus on preventing negative biodiversity impacts
- Strengthening capacities at central and local level to integrate biodiversity into SEA
- Utilization of the Sichuan case study to design national guidelines for SEA on mining and tourism development plans

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