



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

Field Project Summary

Protecting Globally Critical Biodiversity in Yunnan Province of China



The Challenge

Northwest Yunnan is of unparalleled significance in terms of diversity of landscapes, ecosystems and species. With less than 0.6% of China's total land area, the region shelters more than 40% of China's total plant species and more than 25% of its total animal species. However, many unique and key areas for biodiversity are not protected by legislation or other conservation mechanisms. Yunnan also has some of the largest hydropower potentials and mineral resources in China. Thus, it is critically important to determine how best to balance conservation and utilization of these resources to ensure optimal and long-term benefit to the society.

The Response

With a geographic focus on the "Three Parallel Rivers Area" of northwest Yunnan, the project works with local government and communities to develop a legal and administrative framework that will satisfy needs for local development and safeguard the area's biodiversity resources. Local management bodies with legal status and well defined tasks will be set up and trained through on-the-job activities in data collection, monitoring, and business methods for conservation concessions and eco-tourism.

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Project Focus

- Establishment of a new protected area conservation approach that complements the current system of nature reserves
- Facilitation of transformation of local economic sectors like tourism into sustainable initiatives
- Provision of economic incentives and mechanisms for local communities and government to conserve biodiversity
- Provision of support to institutional strengthening, capacity building and awareness raising

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At A Glance

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Cooperating Agency:
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Partners:

1. Policy Research Office of the People's Government of Yunnan Province
2. Meili Snow Mountain Scenic Area Management Bureau of Diding Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture
3. Laojun Mountain Conservation and Management Committee of Yulong Naxi Autonomous County

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