



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

Field Project Summary

Protecting Endangered Species in the Limestone Ecosystems of Guangxi

The Challenge

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region faces a high risk of serious biodiversity loss. According to surveys, 1,393 of 1,650 known distribution areas for 89 provincially endangered wild plants are not covered by any of the existing protected area schemes. Other surveys have revealed that 13 of 120 endangered wild animals are on the brink of extinction in the province. Most of the province's biodiversity resources are located in unique limestone ecosystems. These areas have steep slopes and poor soils, and are easily destroyed by overexploitation of trees and shrubs.

The Response

The project will help to improve the conservation of biodiversity in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region through a combination of policy, institutional and administrative changes in provincial and local governments. Activities will focus on the limestone ecosystems of southwestern Guangxi, where the project will implement practical measures to halt destruction of habitats for endangered species such as Cao Vit Gibbon, White-headed Leaf Monkey and Tokay Gecko. The project will undertake science-based conservation and facilitate information sharing to guide decision-making and raise biodiversity awareness among the public.



At A Glance

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Project End Time: July 15, 2010
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Cooperating Agency:
Guangxi Environmental Protection Bureau (GEPB)

Partners:

1. The Forestry Bureau of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region
2. Fauna & Flora International China Programme
3. Nanjing Institute of Environmental Science of State Environmental Protection Administration
4. The Forestry Prospecting and Designing Institute of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

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Project Focus

- Integration of biodiversity conservation into economic and social development planning
- Formulation of Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Plan for the South-West Limestone Area in Guangxi
- Integration of biodiversity into environmental assessment for tourism and mining projects and plans in Guangxi limestone areas
- Increase public awareness and the local government's capacity of biodiversity conservation



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