



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

Field Project Summary

Biodiversity Planning in Lhasa Municipality, Tibet

Lhasa Environmental
Protection Bureau

The Challenge

The Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, often referred to as “the Roof of the World”, is not only the head source of most of the largest rivers in China and Southeast Asia, is also reckoned as one of the most valuable natural landscapes holding unique ecosystems and wildlife resources. In the 30,000 km² large Lhasa Municipality, the center of the Tibetan Autonomous Region, the speed of development is particularly fast and the natural resources are increasingly threatened by human activities in the form of settlements, herding and grazing tourism, mining and infrastructure development.

The Response

The project will provide biodiversity expertise and support the integration of natural resource management and biodiversity conservation into the municipal governance. In doing so, the project will facilitate establishment of a cross-sectoral conservation body to ensure that biodiversity is considered in sectoral plans and actions. It will support establishment of Lhasa Ecological Conservation Center within the Lhasa Environmental Protection Bureau, which will provide information and technical expertise. Further, with Lalu Lake and other municipality wetlands as first examples, a new financial mechanism for payment for ecosystem services will be established and demonstrated.



At A Glance

Project Start Time: July 6, 2007
Project End Time: July 15, 2010
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Cooperating Agency:

Lhasa Environmental Protection Bureau (LEPB)

Partners:

1. Conservation International
2. Shanshui Conservation Center

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Project Focus

- Establishment of a leading biodiversity coordinating body and the Ecological Conservation Centre in Lhasa
- Development and implementation of a Lhasa Biodiversity Conservation Action Plan (including conservation plans for 15 key wetlands)
- Demonstration of appropriate wetland restoration techniques in order to generate multiple benefits for wetland ecological functions
- Establishment of a new and sustainable funding mechanism for conservation and a conservation steward program involving local communities in biodiversity monitoring
- Training staff from governmental agencies, communities and technical institutions on practical skills in conservation

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