



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

Field Project Summary

Biodiversity Governance Project

The Challenge

China's biodiversity has global importance. The richness of China's biodiversity ranks first in the Northern Hemisphere, but it is under threat from habitat degradation, over-exploitation, introduction of alien species, and environmental pollution. At the species level, several spectacular animals and plants were extirpated from China in the 20th century, for example Xinjiang Tiger, Saiga Antelope, Hog Deer and Siberian Spruce Grouse. The distribution of others including Giant Panda, Golden Monkey, Dove Tree and Ginseng, have greatly diminished and reached the verge of extinction

The Response

This project will provide suggestion to improve biodiversity governance at national and local levels in China. While China's Government has recently established the central Ministry for Environmental Protection and plans to allocate more authority to this ministry in near future, the project will provide inputs to this process through investigations of the strength and weaknesses of governance structures and approaches. Studies of central government governance as well as local case studies of particular important issues (wild animal consumption and illegal trade, utilization of traditional herbal medicine, agricultural intensification programmes, introduction of alien species and protected areas management) will be undertaken in the Autonomous Province of Xinjiang. Findings from these studies will form basis for recommendations and presentation of well developed plans for improved governance at both central and local levels.



At A Glance

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Cooperating Agency

Beijing Normal University (BNU)

Partners

1. University of Cambridge
2. Policy Research Center for Environment and Economy, Ministry of Environmental Protection
3. Xinjiang Environmental Protection Bureau

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Project Focus

- Improve Xinjiang's biodiversity governance system through case study at micro level and system review of regulations at macro level as well as policy demonstration plan preparation, and
- Share the experiences to the national level via submitting policy suggestions for improved biodiversity governance system to central policy makers.

The EU-China Biodiversity Programme (ECBP) is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in close cooperation with Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP). The field projects constitute a major component of the programme which supports a total of 18 field projects.

