



China, People's Republic of: Shaanxi-Qinling Mountains Integrated Ecosystem Management Project

Project Name	Shaanxi-Qinling Mountains Integrated Ecosystem Management Project		
Project Number	39321-012		
Country / Economy	China, People's Republic of		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 4721-PRC: Shaanxi-Qinling Mountains Integrated Ecosystem Management Project		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 500,000.00
	TA 4721-PRC: Shaanxi Qinling Mountains Integrated Ecosystem Management Project (Supplementary)		
	Global Environment Facility		US\$ 280,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Land-based natural resources management		
Gender	No gender elements		
Description	The Project aims to improve biodiversity conservation and reduce land degradation. To achieve this, the TA will design a demonstration investment project for the establishment of a commercially sustainable initiative for biodiversity conservation and tourism at Louguantai.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>a. Background/linkage to country/regional strategy: The Qinling Mountains (QM) are located immediately to the south of the capital, Xi'an, of Shaanxi Province (SP). The QM is a temperate forest of global importance. A biologically rich locality, it has a moist temperate climate where many endangered plant & animal species occur. The QM forms the dividing line between south and north PRC and has a major influence on the climate of northern PRC, and the water resources of both the Yellow and Yangtze rivers. Approximately 5 million people live in the QM, many of whom are poor, make their living from agriculture, and live in isolated areas with very limited infrastructure or links to the modern economy. However, there is no overall strategy for sustainable livelihoods or a coordinated approach to monitoring or conserving natural resources. Over 90% of the QM lies within SP, and 70% of the total range (about 40,000 square kms of the total mountain range area of about 57,000 square kms) has been highly degraded through inappropriate farming practices, logging, overuse of natural resources and encroachment over many decades; water runoff to the dry north of the PRC is decreasing as a result.</p> <p>Despite its degraded condition, the QM offers very significant ecological, cultural and historical opportunities. The QM contains the highest wild panda population density in the PRC, being home to approximately 20% of PRC's total wild pandas. Over 15 animal species have been listed in the national priority protection wildlife list, including Golden Monkey, Golden Takin, Leopard, and Crested Ibis (Japan's national bird and extinct there in the wild). The QM is also typical of the biodiversity conservation challenges faced by the PRC. If successfully developed and promoted, selected sites could both attract high tourist numbers and generate revenues for conserving biodiversity and increasing rural incomes. In 2005 Xi'an received 61 million tourists, of whom about 1 million were from overseas. Over 2 million tourists visited the world famous Terracotta Warriors site, with tourist receipts of \$4 billion, and revenues are increasing annually by about 10%. Xi'an hotels and tourist operators offer excellent services, and the proposed main site is a 1-hour drive south on excellent roads and so is highly convenient for tourism.</p> <p>To address such vital concerns in a structured and comprehensive way, ADB has supported the Government to develop a long-term country programming framework (CPF) for the PRC-Global Environment Facility (GEF) Partnership on Land Degradation. It is an integral part of ADB's Country Program and Strategy (2004-06), addressing the interface between pro-poor economic growth and sustainable environmental management. The CPF covers a 10-year period (2003-2012) and seeks to combat land degradation, reduce poverty, and conserve biodiversity through capacity-building investments and developing viable model investment projects, consistent with GEF's Operational Program 12 on integrated ecosystem management. The proposed project will also greatly assist the PRC in demonstrating the market-based approach to biodiversity conservation; this has significant potential use throughout the country, with importance for the ongoing PRC Biodiversity Partnership.</p>		
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Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome			
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs			
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location			
Safeguard Categories			
Environment			B
Involuntary Resettlement			A
Indigenous Peoples			C

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects	
Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation	
During Project Design	
During Project Implementation	

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	<p>A total of 50 person-months of consulting services, comprising 11 person-months of international and 39 person-months of domestic consultants. The international consultants will have expertise in best international practices with respect to biodiversity conservation management and tourism, project economics and finance. The domestic consultants will have expertise in biodiversity conservation, rural livelihoods, business management, tourism, social development, environmental assessment, civil engineering, surveys and information technology, project economics and finance, data coordination, and legal and institutional aspects.</p> <p>A firm will be engaged by ADB in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers and other arrangements satisfactory to ADB for the engagement of domestic consultants. Consultants with special expertise such as biodiversity conservation management and tourism may be engaged as individuals. The selection process will follow ADB quality- and cost-based selection method, following simplified technical proposal procedures. Equipment for the TA will be procured by the consultants in accordance with ADB Guidelines for Procurement.</p>

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MRM	-
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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
09 Dec 2005	22 Feb 2006	22 Feb 2006	30 Nov 2006	31 Mar 2009	20 Jan 2009

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
500,000.00	280,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	980,000.00	17 Jun 2022	658,300.19

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