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The Shangri-la Institute for Sustainable Communities (SISC) and GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) have partnered to implement the ‘Community Integrated Nature Reserves for a Sustainable China’ project as part of the EU Environmental Governance Programme (EGP).

Regional Activities completed in the fourth quarter:

Shangri-la Institute for Sustainable Communities

Sichuan:

Regional Training Workshop for Panda Nature Reserves

On September 22nd to 26th, Nature Reserve Staff, Provincial Forestry Bureaus, and Provincial Education Departments government representatives in Sichuan were given the opportunity to share and enhance their experiences and knowledge through the participation in Sichuan’s regional workshop.

Attendees included representatives from 7 Giant Panda Nature Reserves: Xuebaoding, Baiyang, Piankou, Tangjia River, Gansu's White Water River, Thousand Budda Mountain and Baoding Valley. Opening speeches from Mianyang Teacher College Vice-principle and Zhang Liming Director of Sichuan Forestry International Co-operation Department, other participants included the Beichuan County Forestry Bureau; Vice president of the Sichuan Forestry Wild Life Conservation department Gu Xiaodong who gave a presentation on “The Quantitative Management of Protected Areas”; leading Giant Panda expert and founder of the China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda Mr Hu Jinchu who also presented a report on the latest situation of the Giant Panda and conservation measures in China; and Professor Fu of the Northwest Sichuan Giant Panda Protection, Research and Education Centre gave a lecture on the construction of approaches to developing a community integrated Giant Panda habitat.

Apart from formal lectures and discussions participants visited the Mianyang Teachers College laboratory of ecological safety and protection, the plant and animal specimens room, the Beichuan earthquake museum, and the Mianyang Science and Technology museum.

Output:

- 1) An understanding of "quantitative management system" as an advancing administration system to ensure harmonious development between humans and nature, a key issue of current nature reserve development in China connecting to international trends.
- 2) Increased understanding 4 key interventions in achieving "quantitative management systems" for sustainability of giant panda habitat: the establishment of community learning centres, appointing responsible co-ordinators to build relations between the

nature reserve and community, development of alternative livelihood opportunities and improving environmental awareness

3) The sharing of learning and experiences between 7 nature reserves in particular from Tang River, Whitewater River and Xuebaoding which have a long history of practical experience working with local communities.

Impact:

The seminar was rich in content, and new achievements were made in regards to theoretical and practical innovation. It received the attention and support of the Sichuan Forestry Department. The workshop also laid a strong foundation for achievement of CINR project goals in Sichuan.



Above Photos: Sichuan regional workshop

Yunnan:

Forest Education in Bazhu Community

From the 4th to 6th October members of the Community Nature Reserve participated in forest education training. The training focused on local ecology, ESD land & water care, with the 24 participants building a connection to their natural surroundings and establishing themselves as stewards of their environment - whether as responsible consumers, community leaders or decision makers. Training was led by Professor Li Qing, environmental expert and deputy director of South West University's ESD centre.



CSR Workshop in Shangri-la

On 7th & 8th November SISC joined with GIZ (on behalf of the Sino-German CSR Project) to implement a 2-day Corporate Social Responsibility Workshop in Shangri-La. The 33 participants came from: the Shangri-la Tourism Agency; Songtsam Hotel & Lodges; Baima Snow Mountain Nature Reserve; Pudacuo National Park; Bazhu Community Learning Centre; Banyan Tree Resort; Arro Khampa Hotel, and representatives from 9 other companies.

At the seminar, CSR experts spoke on CSR concepts & principles including: the role of the government in promoting CSR; the impact of tourism on the environment; CSR and its Relevance for the Tourism and Hotel Industry; and methods of improving operational efficiency and waste management. Participants also participated in in-depth discussions of the challenges facing Shangri-la, and the benefits of implementing CSR initiatives.

Output:

1. An introduction to the background of CSR concepts, theory and examples of good practice from international examples.
2. An introduction to the scope of CSR, learning about the 6 key elements of good governance
3. Group exercises and discussions that involved participants developing CSR implementation plans.

Impact:

Participants' awareness of ecological and social issues was raised; CSR was enhanced through the development of participants' ability to implement CSR projects.



Tibet:

Development of Lhasa Community Learning Centre

The refurbishments of Lhasa CLC was completed in early October, it is a key platform for disseminating information about nature protection and environmental governance, as well as the location for a series for workshops for community members from all over the Plateau.

As a site of particular spiritual importance, it plays an important role in empowering local communities and enabling them to have a have a voice, and the opportunity to participate in the environmental governance of their homeland. The Lhasa CLC will also provide a venue for the sale of community handicrafts etc, produced as part of the sustainable livelihoods initiative; and will double as a Visitor's Centre information point for the 2 TAR Nature Reserves.

Output:

Establishment of a CLC in Lhasa to engage local communities in the protection of the local environment.

Impact:

Community capacity strengthened to participate in the prevention of environmental degradation.

Climate Change Workshop in Lhasa CLC

On 12th October the Lhasa CLC held its first workshop on Climate Change. The training was attended by a total of 25 community and school educators from surrounding counties of Lhunzhub (Linzhou), Maizhokunggar (Mozhugongka) and Lhasa City. During the meeting, experts presentations from the Tibet University ESD Research Centre centred on the IPCC report; the impact of Climate Change and the Greenhouse Effect on the environment of the Tibetan Plateau; the effect of climate change on the allocation of water resources in the Tibetan Plateau; the effect on biodiversity, animal habitats & human activities; and the relationship of the above to community-initiated ecological protection and livelihood development.

Maizhokunggar and Lhunzhub Counties are located at the middle reaches of the Yarlong Tsangpo River Valley, the main wintering habitat in Tibet for the endangered black-necked cranes. Lhunzhub County is also the largest nature reserve for black-necked cranes in Tibet. In the communities of these two counties, students & teachers have joined with government officials to form awareness raising teams. They bring issues on the protection and preservation of water & agricultural resources, wetlands and biodiversity to the community. Schools participate in the promotion of ESD, which is key for local community involvement. With Lhasa River being a major tributary of the Yarlong Tsangpo, in recent years there has been a significant increase in tourism developments leading to problems of water pollution, soil erosion etc. Teachers and students from three schools in Lhasa city have joined with the local community to carry out climate change awareness actions and the implementation of water protection initiatives.

At the workshop, participating community educators not only learned about environmental protection and climate change mitigation & adaption etc; they also learned about how to effectively enhance action in the community to participate in sustainable management initiatives and environmental governance.

Output

1. Introduction to the main conclusions of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report and its possible applications to project activities.
2. Introduction to the impact on the environmental quality of Yarlong Tsangpo's water as a result of climate change.
3. Sharing and exchange with a background on actions taken out by participating schools (content, methods, achievements and problems).

Impact:

1. Based on what they learned about climate change issues, communities & schools will be able to make further progress in the development of ecological protection activities.
2. Participants were the first to experience a workshop in the Lhasa CLC, and gave valuable suggestions for equipment and operations.
3. Communities and schools had the opportunity to share information and share contacts, laying a base for future co-operation.



Above Photos: Climate Change Workshop in Lhasa

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Zhejiang:

Preparations continued for an environmental education workshop and for setting up a multi-disciplinary working group for the drafting of a wetland education tool box. In order to support this, 2 representatives from Zhejiang participated in the Forest Pedagogy Forum held in Tianshui/ Gansu, from September 9th – 12th. The forest education materials presented during the forum provide a good basis but need to be adapted for the wetland education tool box. The local partner in Changxing/ Zhejiang has already made necessary preparations for eventually scaling up the results to the provincial and national level.

Regional Training on Environmental Education

The 3-day training was held on 11-13th November in Changxing County of Zhejiang Province. The training focuses on environmental education approach, including theoretical knowledge and practical method. The 20 participants came from Zhejiang Provincial Forestry Department, China Wetland Museum, Zhejiang University, Zhejiang Nature Museum, Changxing County Forestry Bureau, Changxing Environmental Protection Bureau, Changxing Experimental Primary School, XSL NWP Tourism Company, China Alligator Nature Reserve and Baita Lake National Wetland Park.

Output:

1. The participants gained theoretical knowledge of environmental education, including historical development of nature interpretation, design method and different approaches of environmental education.
2. The participants learned and practiced different skills of guided excursion and nature interpretation, including ice breaking, basic nature sensitization and advanced activity.
3. In groups the participants practiced the step of how to design nature interpretation and presented their group results.
4. The participants also learned evaluation methods for the end of an excursion.

Impact:

1. The tour guides are interested in applying the training's new education methods and the Changxing Forestry Bureau indicated support for implementation.
2. The primary school teacher would like to integrate the training content into his science lesson; he thinks these methods are especially helpful for children to learn about nature.

List of participants

No.	Name	Organization	Position
1	Mr. Yu Xiaojian	Zhejiang Provincial Forestry Department	Deputy division chief
2	Ms. Wang Yingying	China Wetland Museum	Staff
3	Mr. Yu Mingjian	Zhejiang University	Professor
4	Mr. Chen Shuihua	Zhejiang Nature Museum	Director
5	Mr. Wang Guoliang	Changxing County Forestry Bureau	Deputy director
6	Mr. Zhang Hua	Changxing County Forestry Bureau	Section chief
7	Mr. Zhu Pei	Changxing County Forestry Bureau	Staff
8	Mr. Zhang Jianguo	Changxing Experimental Primary School	Teacher
9	Mr. Yang Weizhen	Changxing Environmental Protection Bureau	Section chief
10	Ms. Lv Jing	XSL NWP Tourism Company	Manager
11	Ms. Shen Tingya	XSL NWP Tourism Company	Tour guide
12	Ms. Huang Qin	XSL NWP Tourism Company	Tour guide
13	Ms. Qi Minhua	XSL NWP Tourism Company	Tour guide
14	Ms. Yang Yuantian	XSL NWP Tourism Company	Tour guide
15	Ms. Yan Wen	China Alligator Nature Reserve	Tour guide
16	Ms. Li Qian	China Alligator Nature Reserve	Tour guide
17	Mr. Wu Jianren	Baita Lake National Wetland Park	Director
18	Mr. Jinhui	Baita Lake National Wetland Park	Tourism manager
19	Ms. Wang Ting	Baita Lake National Wetland Park	Tour guide
20	Ms. Zhang Yan	Baita Lake National Wetland Park	Tour guide



Above Photos: Zhejiang Regional Training on Environmental Education

- The Provincial Forestry Department is interested in disseminating the training content on provincial level.
- The training also provided a good basis for developing material for a wetland environmental education handbook.