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**Meeting in Ganpu to plan for the new year**

In December, members of Ganpu's village committee and agricultural cooperative, Conservation International (CI) staff, and experts, together with officials of the Environmental Protection and Forestry Bureau held a meeting to provide feedback on the work done in 2017 and to make plans for 2018. Problems related to conservation, demonstration site management, pig raising, planting, irrigation, and selling were summarized and discussed at the meeting. To improve the management of the demonstration system and to allocate its benefits fairly, the village committee will try to organize a new collective cooperative with the majority of villagers. CI will continue helping in training and solving technical problems, especially in pig raising and composting, both of which are in great need.



Ganpu demonstration site in winter. © CI/Gu Xiaoting



Summary meeting in Ganpu project site. © CI/Gu Xiaoting

## Pig raising

Since the introduction of the agroforestry system, the Tibetan black pigs have given birth to 56 cubs. These will be ready for sale this summer. In addition, the 35 cubs of the commercial hogs grew up and have been sold, generating an income of about 100,000 yuan (approx. US\$15,793). The hogs were purchased by people in the village, where there is a great demand for eco-friendly pork to produce bacon for the new year. The profits from sales will be invested in production for next year



Grown hogs and Tibetan black pigs at the Ganpu project site. © CI/ Gu Xiaoting

## Agroforestry project launched in Xiaozhaizigou Nature Reserve

The launch meeting for the agroforestry project in the Xiaozhaizigou Nature Reserve was held in the Wulongzhai community on October 9. Representatives of the village community and the Xiaozhaizigou Nature Reserve administration signed the contract of cooperation for the agroforestry demonstration. With land and labor provided by the community and saplings and other materials provided by the nature reserve, CI will offer support in technical training to help the pilot project succeed. In ongoing discussions, plans are being made in aspects such as crop planting, project scheduling, and training.



Launch meeting in Xiaozhaizigou project site. © CI/ Xu Wansu

### **Agroforestry project launched in Xishuangbanna Nature Reserve**

In mid-October, the launch meeting for the agroforestry project in the Xishuangbanna Nature Reserve was held in Menghai County. The concept of the agroforestry model and the basic state of the project area were introduced, and an implementation plan was proposed. The meeting was attended by the deputy county chief, leaders of township government, related bureaus including forestry, agriculture, and animal husbandry, the general director of the Xishuangbanna Tropical Rainforest Conservation Foundation, and directors of the Xishuangbanna Nature Reserve and Menghai sub-reserve. All attendees showed their support for this project. Representatives from Changheba community also joined and led a field trip after the meeting. Introduction of agroforestry system will start in the coming spring.



Launch meeting in Xishuangbanna project site. © CI/Xu Wansu

### **Work plan for next reporting period**

In March, training will be held at the agroforestry site in the Xiaozhaizigou Nature Reserve. The projects at both nature reserves will get underway, with technical support provided and monitoring carried out.