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Promoting Agro-Forestry in the Mountains of Southwest China
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Sustainable management of Ganpu village begun

The grant from CI to the Ganpu project site ended last year, and the agroforestry system is now fully managed by the Ganpu Village Committee. Villagers are still discussing issues related to the new cooperative. Under rules that have been established for sustainable conservation of the community forest, awards will be provided to the forest management committee if there are no major fires and if grazing is managed well for a period of one year.

The agroforestry system will gradually generate more income for the community and should be able to pay for itself in one or two years. In March, more piglets were born and they will be able to be sold in about half a year. The cherry trees have begun to flower and will soon bear fruit.



Newborn hogs and Tibetan black pigs at the Ganpu project site (© CI/Wang Heng)



Cherry trees in Ganpu village (© CI/Wang Heng)



A project explanation board has been erected (© CI/Wang Heng)



The Ganpu demonstration site is ready for trees to be planted in spring (© CI/Wang Heng)

Agroforestry plan for the Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve

Experts from the Tropical Rainforest Conservation Foundation, the Science Institute, and the Menghai sub-reserve of the Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve have made a plan for an agroforestry project in Changtianba village with villagers' participation. Species to be planted and the planting schedule have been decided. The plan is to start planting in April, when the weather gets warmer.

Work plan for next quarter

At the Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve, the agroforestry system will be built and training will get underway. All agroforestry project sites will be monitored and provided with technical support. Study tours will be held for partners from Xichuangbanna.