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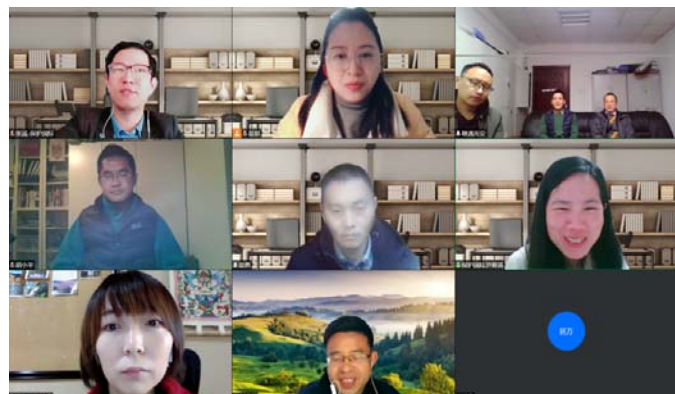
Study on Collective-forest Management and Agroforestry Cases in Western China

From July 2021 to June 2022, CI China has conducted pre-phase analysis of the study and research. For example, we interviewed Prof. Zhang Yuanbin from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), and Dr. Li Shengzhi from the Sichuan Provincial Academy of Social Sciences on how to improve the quality and efficiency of artificial pure forest through integrating agroforestry techniques. We also heard their expertise on how to improve the ecosystem functions of collective forests. We held meetings with officials from Hongya County (home to a large national forest in Sichuan Province) about their experience in forest carbon sink and multiple forest benefits. In addition, we organized exchanges with NGOs such as Shanshui, GEI, and the Sichuan Provincial Forestry and Grassland Bureau (SFGB) about the role “Conservation Agreements” can play in collective forest management in GPNP. These pre-phase analyses will contribute to the planned research in the coming fiscal year.



Meeting with other environmental
NGOs

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Online meeting in November 2021

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Discussion on the Results of the Ganpu Project

On November 29, 2021, CI China hosted an online meeting to discuss the project outcomes over the past eight years. The meeting involved government officials from Szechuan Province, environmental NGOs, and experts from a wide range of fields including the ecosystem, agriculture, animal husbandry, forest conservation, and project evaluation. The CI China team discussed the project progress over the past eight years and the plan for the coming two years, while experts on the evaluation team shared the project evaluation report with participants on

aspects of project implementation, deliveries, impacts, and suggestions. The monitoring team of experts shared the 2021 soil and biodiversity monitoring results, and the changes that have taken place over the past eight years. Through the meeting, it was determined that all participants are willing to see a successful and satisfying project ending in 2024.

Collaborative Business with Daikin China

On March 27, 2022, Daikin China and CI China jointly hosted a family-oriented learning course on giant pandas at Daikin's new Experience Store in Chengdu. At the invitation of CI, an expert on giant pandas taught the participating families about the giant panda's evolution, their food, neighbors, habitats, and how people can protect giant pandas in their daily life. At the end of the course, participants received a gift of giant panda merchandise. Following the course, the Daikin Chengdu Experience Store staff gave a presentation on Daikin and its air conditioners.



Education course on giant pandas held at Daikin Chengdu Experience Store
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Visit to the Ganpu Project Site

From June 16 to 18, 2022, CI Staff, an official from SFGB, experts from CAS, and photographers hired by Daikin China visited the Ganpu Project site. It took five to six hours by car to travel from Chengdu to Ganpu across the mountains. During the three-day trip, a meeting was organized with officials from Li County Forestry and Grassland Bureau and the Ganpu Village Head at the project site, where discussions were conducted on the growth of vegetables and fruits, pig raising, approaches to dealing with low market prices this year, and approaches to support the project site in the remaining two years. We also interviewed project site workers from Ganpu Village on how they manage vegetables, fruit trees, and pigs every day, as well as met with the Village Head about the village's development plan in recent years. During the visit, visual records were taken both through photography and videography. We took many photographs that illustrate the changes of the project site over the years as well as meaningful video records. Daikin China plans to edit this footage into two short project videos by the end of July.



Partners meeting at Ganpu project site
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Harvesting cabbage (left), Fresh vegetables also serve as pig feed in Tibet (right)
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Work Plan for FY2023

Monitor activity results to date and the impact on the ecosystem (mainly birds, insects, and soil) in areas surrounding the project Continue the study and research on effective collective-forest management and agroforestry cases in western China based on information and data collected this year



Apple, fig, and walnut trees maturing and bearing fruit
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Wildlife sighting at Ganpu project site (left to right: Rhesus monkey, striped fish, Japanese pheasant)
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