

China
Agroforestry in the Mountains of Southwest China

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Agroforestry Workshop

On October 15, 2014, we held an Agroforestry and Eco-friendly Agriculture Workshop. Experts from research institutions and other related organizations shared their experiences on agroforestry system development as well as the planning and development of eco-friendly agriculture. Participants included leaders of the Sichuan Forestry Department, the Forestry Bureau of Li County, and seven nature reserves in Sichuan Province, as well as communities of the project site. Discussions focused on what needs to be done to further agriculture.



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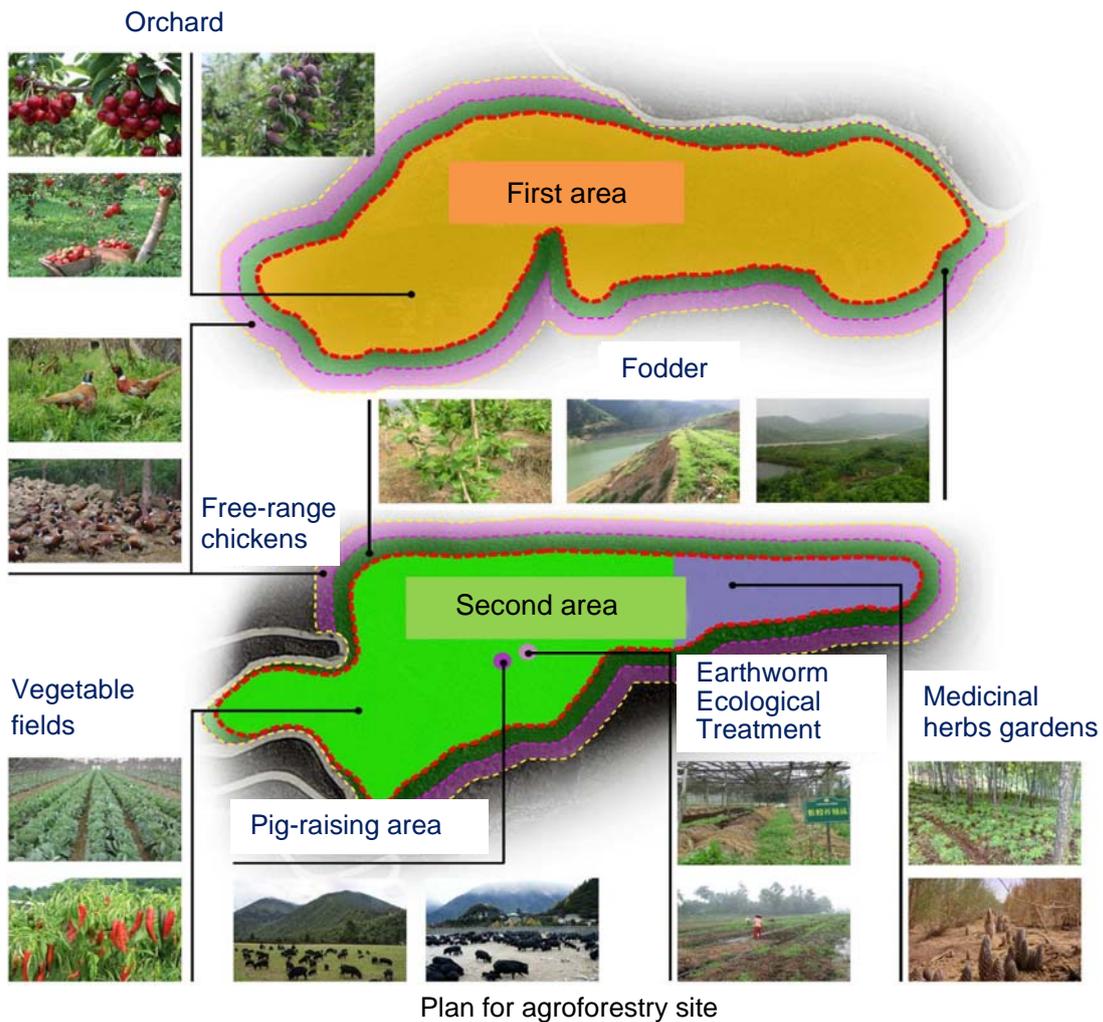
The day after the meeting, the participants visited an eco-friendly farm. There, they learned about new technologies in planting and irrigation as well as strategies to combine farming and tourism.



Visiting an eco-farm

Project Demonstration Site Planning Accomplished

We invited experts from the Chengdu Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences and the Institution of Mountain Hazards and Environment of China Academy of Science to formulate the plan for the demonstration site. The team has had discussions with local villagers in Ganpu village and government officers of Li County several times to make the plan together. The agroforestry system will be implemented in two areas. A “fruit-vegetable-livestock-earthwork” recycle model will be used.



Villagers in the community are very motivated to establish the agroforestry system. We intend to invest in this activity jointly with the Li County government and we have already filed the paperwork with the government. If approved, the project will encompass more than 20 hectares.



Discussion with stakeholders

Communications

A short video was made giving an overview of the project. The approximately four-minute video is narrated in Chinese with English subtitles.

The Next Step

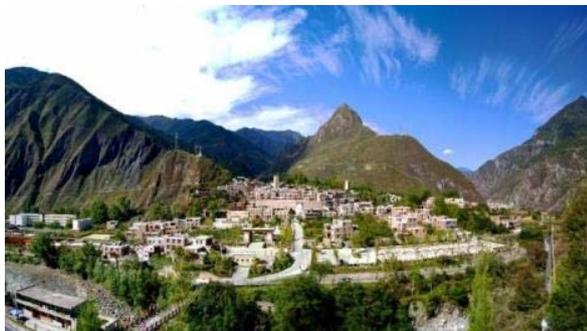
We will soon complete a basic survey to collect data on conditions of biodiversity, soil, water, temperature, and the socioeconomic status. We will start nurturing the seedlings planted in the public forest area, work with the local government to ensure their matching funds for the agroforestry system development, and complete infrastructure construction of the agroforestry demonstration area. Other action underway includes preparations for the opening ceremony and collection of communication materials for project updates and video records.

Traditional Tibetan Dance

Ganpu Tibetan village, located in the heart of Tibetan-Qiang corridor, is a typical village of Jiarong Tibetan. Ganpu has a long history with a national intangible cultural heritage—a unique dance named “Boba Sengeng.” Boba in Tibetan means Tibetan people, and Sengeng means lion. It is a dance in memory of the warriors from the village who fought with the intruders in Qing Dynasty. It was created in the middle of 19th century and has been performed for over a hundred years in Ganpu. It was listed as a national intangible cultural heritage of China in 2008.



Ganpu villagers perform the Boba Sengeng



Ganpu village

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