

Description

Purpose: To increase forest cover.

Expected Results (include):

- 93,000 hectares of multifunction forests expanded.
- 10% increase in vegetative cover over 39,000 hectares in degraded forests rehabilitated.
- 216,000 farmers trained in forest management.

IBRD Financing: US\$100 million



Country Challenge

Recognizing the important role of forests in supporting rural livelihoods and environmental services, China has increased its forest cover over the past two decades to 38% of the country's territory. Climatic extremes will exacerbate the impacts on vulnerable areas without protective forest and vegetation cover leading to limited recharge of aquifers, wind-damaged farmland and villages, greater siltation of reservoirs, and ecosystem habitat loss.

Project Goals

The project supports the development of additional forest cover and shelter belts in areas prone to wind and/or water erosion and in diversifying species and resilience in existing forest plantations. Benefiting five provinces, the project is expected to supplement the incomes of forest dependent rural communities, reduce vulnerability to climate impacts.

For more information: <http://www.worldbank.org/projects/P105872/integrated-forestry-development-project?lang=en>