

Background Information

Beijing Forestry Society (BFS)

<http://www.bjfs.org.cn/en/index.html>

Beijing Forestry Society (BFS) was established in 1955 by a group of foresters in Beijing, and currently has over 3,000 members. The membership brings together a rich variety of specialists working in diverse forest related fields with the common goals of promoting sustainable forestry and community development. The members mainly come from State Forestry Administration (SFA), Chinese Academic Institution of Forestry, Beijing Forestry University, Beijing Municipality Bureau of Forestry and Parks and other forestry departments in Beijing.

BFS's main focuses are on forestry related science promotion, environment protecting, capacity building, climate change mitigation and watershed management through various activities. Over the years, BFS has made full use of our expert resources and geographical advantages to cooperate with IUCN, WWF, UNDP, Global Environmental Facility, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Forest Trends and other international organizations on over 20 programmes related to sustainable forest management, close-to nature forest management, improvement of forestry communities' livelihood, climate change mitigation, forest landscape restoration, forest certification, watershed management and so on. Before now, BFS has organized many large-scale domestic and international academic conferences, and launched several large outreach campaigns to facilitate information exchanges and raise public awareness of climate change and biodiversity protection.

Beijing Forestry and Parks Department of International Cooperation (BFPIC)

<http://www.bfdic.com/en/>

The Beijing Forestry and Parks Department of International Cooperation was established in June 2001 with the principal of “respect, cooperation, creativity, sharing”, and is responsible for international cooperation in the field of ecological environment. It aims to introduce and localize advanced international concepts and technology, improve environmental conservation, and promote sustainable development of parks and forest management. Over the years, BFPIC has implemented many programs in cooperation with foreign countries, such as Germany, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and the United States, and international organizations such as WWF and IUCN. Remarkable achievements have been made in forest restoration, capacity building, exchange of information, and promoting best forestry practice.