



**GREATER MEKONG
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Country context and related development

- Representatives of 10 ASEAN member states met with Chinese delegates in Kunming, Yunnan to establish **ASEAN – China Environmental Cooperation Framework**.
- The aims of this cooperation is to jointly manage and conserve environment and natural resource and promote cooperation and knowledge sharing between Chinese institutions and ASEAN counterparts.

Country context and related development

- Bilateral cooperation meeting between YEPD and DONRE Luang Namtha on **transboundary biodiversity conservation plan** has been endorsed by YEPD.
- Discussion over the future cooperation between YEPD and MONREC of Myanmar took place in 2016 and YEPD supported **capacity building program** of MONREC is expected to commence in early 2017.

2016 Achievements

➤ Strengthen TBL monitoring and management

- Chinese experts participated in a **regional symposium on transboundary biodiversity and landscape conservation** strategy and monitoring framework in Hanoi in March together with TBL experts from Lao PDR and Viet Nam.
- ECO team made a **monitoring visit** to Deqin county in Yunnan and Jingxi county of Guangxi to review the progress of ecosystem/habitat restoration and village development fund.



2016 Achievements

➤ Strengthen TBL monitoring and management(Cont.)

- Guangxi Department of Environmental Protection(GDEP) carried out a **scoping study** in Jingxi .The **scoping report** was used as the basis for developing the Karst Area Ecological Restoration Plan and Guidelines.
- GDEP has conducted **joint patrol of biological diversity** with Vietnam and the two sides held regular meetings at the boundary marker.



2016 Achievements

➤ Strengthen TBL monitoring and management(Cont.)

- **Eastern Black Crested (Cao vit) Gibbon Transboundary Conservation Action Plan (2016-2020)** between Guangxi of China and Caobang of Vietnam has been drafted and discussed by meetings in 2016.
- **Guidelines for Tropical Forest Restoration** for XSBN developed and applied. These guidelines provide technical references to ecological restoration in nature reserves, corridors and other areas of tropical forest.

2016 Achievements

- **Identify ecosystem-based livelihood options**
 - Yunnan Department of Environmental Protection completed the pilot project on **Participatory land use planning for Nabanhe-Mangao corridor**.
 - Yunnan and Lao authorities (Luang Namtha, Phongsali, and Oudomxai) have jointly developed transboundary **wild elephant conservation plan**.
 - **Village development fund** was granted to three villages in Yunnan and three villages in Guangxi.

2016 Achievements

- **NSUs capable of program implementation and sector coordination**
 - NSU/FECO mobilized a number of TBL experts to **document best practices and lessons learned on Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in PRC.**
 - GDEP had **drafted a local standard**, namely the "Guide on Environmental Impact Assessment--Impact on Biodiversity"
 - **Xishuangbanna Biodiversity Conservation video** has been produced jointly by YEPD and EOC. The English version is now available on CEP website and disseminated widely. The Chinese version is being edited and is expected to be ready for broadcasting in 2017.



2016 Achievements

➤ NSUs capable of program implementation and sector coordination(Cont.)

- FECO/NSU organized a **training workshop** on biodiversity valuation and mainstreaming at Hulunber City, Inner Mongolia.
- FECO and GEPD co-organized **regional knowledge sharing event** on Transboundary Biodiversity Landscape Management in the GMS on 24 – 25 October. Over 50 participants from the six GMS countries participated and shared their learning experiences and best practices.

Challenges and Opportunities

- Transboundary biodiversity conservation cooperation between PRC and neighboring countries faces some shortfalls and challenges :There is **incomplete mechanism** to operationalize TBL MOUs and there is **inadequate biodiversity conservation evaluation system**, especially along bordering provinces.
- PRC have been implementing CEP activities for the last ten years, especially on the Biodiversity Conservation Corridor Initiative and have **accumulated several best practices and learning experiences**. These provide an excellent opportunity for NSU/FECO to work closely with YEPD and GEPD to document these best practices and lessons learned; stock-take of the achievements and shortfalls and make these documents available for future uptake and replication.



2017 Deliverables

- FECO has recruited national experts to collect best practices for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in China and **compile a book** for follow-up extension and scaling up of the best practices. This knowledge product will be made available in English and Chinese in 2017.
- **Videos of CEP-BCI** in China will also be available in 2017.
- **Regional knowledge sharing event** on CEP-BCI Project in China and Transboundary Biodiversity Landscape Management in the GMS will be co-organized.