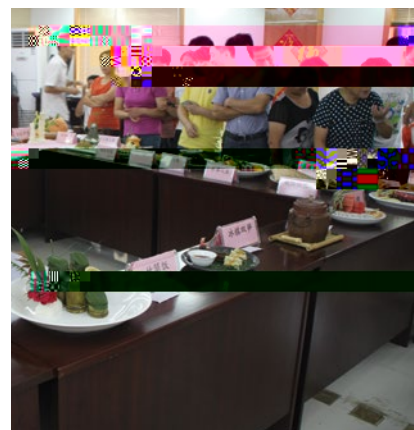
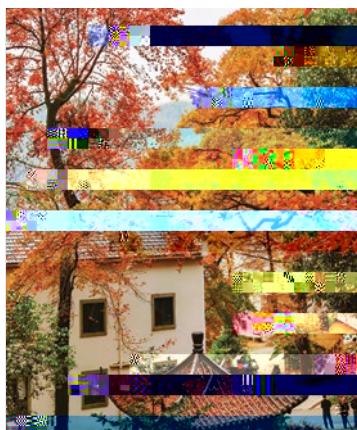
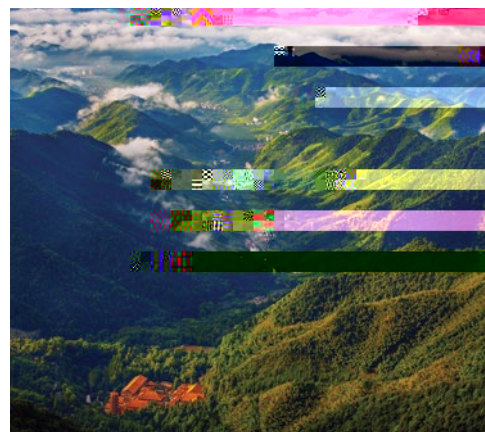




There are over 540,000 people living in and around the Lin'an Model Forest, including 13 towns and 5 subdistrict offices, 270 administrative villages and 47 communities. The Lin'an Model Forest partnership committee, comprised of 28 partners, includes members from forest research and education institutes, the government sector, NGOs, private companies, villages, and other entities. The committee's strong ties with locals creates an environment of trust and ensures a collaborative approach to forest management and decision-making.



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The Lin'an Model Forest and its partners actively engage in livelihood development options as well as climate change adaptation and mitigation research. This includes NTFP production and marketing opportunities, complementarity with understory crops to enhance food security, and research for measuring carbon storage and emissions. The Zhejiang Agriculture and Forestry College, a Model Forest partner, has erected China's first carbon flux towers to measure carbon absorption and emissions over the long term. In addition, a research facility in the Model Forest studies the effects of climate change on bamboo growth and production, which is critical to ensuring long-term supply chain sustainability.

This is one example of how the Lin'an Model Forest helps progress the SDGs.

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