

## 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 10,000 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 Academy 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 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, UN 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, forestification, watershed management and so on. Before now, BFS has organized many large scale domestic and international academic conferences, and launched several large scale campaigns to facilitate information exchanges and raise public awareness of climate change and biodiversity protection.

Beijing Forestry and Parks Department of International Cooperation (BFPIC)

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