

**Responsible management of
Chinese planted forests linkage
with Voluntary Guidelines of FAO**

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1. Overview of planted forest in China

Resource Areas: 53.26 million hm², taking up 31.5% of the forested land; and the standing stock volume of 1.5 billion m³

Tenure: Planted forest is mainly owned by collectives and non-state.

Distribution: Mainly distributed in South Collective Forest Region.

Forest category: timber forest of 23.18 million ha, protection forest of 8.11 million ha, commercial forest of 19.31 million ha, fuelwood forest of 0.48 million ha and special-purpose forest of 0.51 million ha. There is a predominance of timber forest and commercial forest in planted forest.

Species: The area of planted broad-leaved forest and planted coniferous forest account for 26.5% and 73.5% of the total area of planted forest, respectively. In planted coniferous forest, Chinese fir, Masson pine and poplar account for 59.4% of the total.

Polices: Encourage the development of planted forest and reduce the utilization of nature forest.

2. What action we have taken and will take to implement the Planted Forest Voluntary Guidelines

2.1 Action taken

—Developed indicators and guidelines for sustainable forestry management in China

2.2 Action taking

—Developing National Guideline for Planted Forests in China.

- Reviewed the development of planted forest in China;
- Field trip on planted forested with official from SFA, FAO, CAF and local stakeholders;
- Analyzed the existing issues, drafted and communicated the idea with FAO;
- Drafted proposal and submitted it to FAO;
- Reviewed the proposal by FAO expert and approved it currently;
- LOA signed by FAO and now it is processing in Ministry of Agriculture of China;
- Established the research team and preparing for kick off meeting.

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2.3 Action will take

- Further to prepare a TCP Project proposal “Guidelines for Planted Forests Development in China”, to transfer Scientific Knowledge and Technology;
- Initiate the pilot project on responsible forestry management in practice;
- Developing the certification system in planted forest;
- Establishing network of planning, management and monitoring in planted forest.

3. How China have and will benefit from the implementation of the Planted Forest Voluntary Guidelines

- Using the new concept of responsible management of planted forest to develop new generation plantation in China;
- Technical adaptation, publication and dissemination of planted forests voluntary guidelines in China;
- Developing detailed codes on sustainable management of planted forest in provincial and local level based on the voluntary guidelines by FAO;
- Transferring the related knowledge and technology into stakeholders, building the capacity in practice;
- Searching funds to support the pilot project;
- Considering how to balance the society, economy, culture, environment and landscape dimensions during the development of planted forest period.

4. what our experience of the implementation has been and what message we want to give to the countries that are considering to start implementation

- The sustainable guidelines, standards, codes and tools for developing planted forests are very important in practice;
- Working closely with multi-stakeholders;
- Setting national target on planted forests which conforming with international and national policy, regulation and laws;
- Pre-study of planted forest at small scale is important for developing plantation in large scale, for example the development of pulp-plantation, woody biomass energy plantation;
- The concept of new generation plantation provided by WWF recently, and they have the related guidelines to reference **(MESSAGE)**.

**Thanks for your
attention**

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