

Forestry Economy Development and international cooperation in Mountain territories (Sichuan, China): a practical case

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In Sichuan, China, mountains, hills and plateaus consist 90% of total territory 485000km². The mountain territories are rich in natural resources, including land, forests and mineral resources, however, economy is underdeveloped and income is lower for local farmers. In mountain territories, selecting multi-use species, establishing plantation, and developing forestry products, with international cooperation, would be helpful to promote economical development, increase local farmer's income, while to accelerate ecological restoration. Implementing of Sino-Italy cooperation project "Forestry Development, Soil Protection and Improvement of the Live hood in the Sichuan South West Mountain Areas (PRC)" is a practical case of international cooperation between Sichuan and Piemonte with preliminary success. By the cooperation project, local truffle resource protection and truffle product development are promoted, the Italian appropriate biotechnologies (controlled mycorrhization) are extended in Panzihua Municipality, plantation with mycorrhized seedlings was established. The objectives, main contents, cooperative mechanism and some preliminary results were illustrated in a power point presentation.

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