

CONFERENCE TONGLIAO AUGUST 22-26, 2002

FOREST RESEARCH AND AFFORESTATION IN KORQIN SANDY LANDS A CASE STUDY: THE BELGIUM-CHINA-FAO PROJECT GCP/CPR/009/BEL

Background

The Project GCP/CPR/009/BEL: Afforestation, Forestry Planning and Research in the Three North Region of China has been implemented since 1990 by the Chinese Government, with Technical Assistance from FAO and co-financing from the Government of Belgium in the Korqin Sandy Lands of North East China (Eastern part of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, bordering with Liaoning and Jilin Provinces).

The second phase of the project (1998-2002) is now coming to an end. A series of results have been achieved on topics such as site classification, clonal selection, genetic conservation, tree breeding, mechanised afforestation, nursery techniques, integrated land-use, sand dune stabilisation and re-vegetation. These results have practical applications in Korqin and may be relevant to the forestry, environmental and anti-desertification efforts on-going in northern China.

Objectives

The main objective of this Conference is to inform the forestry community, policy and decision makers, political authorities and public and private investors in Northern China of the results and achievements of 13 years of work of the Project and their potential.

A secondary objective is to highlight the investment opportunities in forestry that the region offers, and that have been identified by the Project.

Organisers

The Conference is organised by the Project "Afforestation, Forest Research, Planning and Development in the Three North Region of China", GCP/CPR/009/BEL, sponsored by the Government of Belgium, with support from the State Forest Administration and assistance from the FAO Representative Office in Beijing,

Target groups

- Forestry policy makers from Three North Bureau and State Forest Administration
- Personnel of Forest Research Institutes, Forest Academies and Forestry Universities
- Personnel of Forest Bureaux and Forest Bureaux Workstations
- Public and private investors in forestry and land-use management
- Forest Farm managers
- Forestry students

Dates and place of the Conference

- The Conference will be organised in Tongliao (Autonomous Region of Inner Mongolia), headquarters of the project, with optional field visits to the Project's field sites.
- Dates: from 22 to 24 August 2002 (Conference proper) with optional field visits on 25 and 26 August 2002.

Poster session

Participants are kindly invited to present posters on forestry related activities/projects they are involved in. Maximum dimension of the posters are 1m50 (height) by 0.90m (width). Please indicate whether you intend to present a poster during the Conference on the Registration Form.

Contributions by Participants to the Conference

Participants who wish to present a paper during the Conference on a topic related to afforestation or re-vegetation in Sandy Lands are kindly invited to send the paper in digital form before July 31st 2002 to the Project (by E-mail: fao3n009@public.nm.hh.cn, or by mail: Xilamulun Street, Tongliao, 028000).

Registration

Registration of participation will start on the 21st of August (afternoon). Please return the attached form by post, fax or e-mail before the 15th of June 2002.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR REGISTRATION REACHES THE PROJECT
HEADQUARTERS BEFORE JUNE 15th, 2002.**

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Conference Programme

Wednesday, 21 August

Participants arriving from Beijing by plane or from the Korqin Sandy Lands are received and accommodated at the Hotel.

Diner at 18h00

Thursday, 22 August

Participants and guests coming from or over, Beijing are welcomed at the train station of Tongliao. Transport will be organised to the hotel and conference venue. Accommodation.

Breakfast at 9h00

Opening's Session of the Conference

- 10h00-10h15: welcome and introduction of special guests by Conference Chairman
- 10h15-11h10: opening speeches by representatives of main institutions and organisations involved with the Project: State Forest Administration, Belgium, FAO, Tongliao Township
- 11h10-11h20: presentation of the Session Chairs by the Chairman of the Conference
- 11h20-11h30: objectives, modalities and implementation of the Conference
- 11h30-11h40: overview of the presentations to the Conference
- 11h40-12h00: video presentation of the Project

Lunch at 12h15

Session I: Korqin's environment, site clasification, breeding and clonal selection programmes

- 14h00-14h30: description of the region, land-use and site classification system and maps (Zhang Yugui)
- 14h30-14h40: questions and comments from the Conference participants
- 14h40-15h00: ex-situ conservation (*Populous simonii* and *Ulmus pumila*) (Song Baomin on *P. simonii* and Li He on Elm)
- 15h00-15h10: questions and comments from the Conference participants

Tea/Coffee Break (20')

- 15h30-15h50: tree-breeding methodology (Jos Van Slycken)
- 15h50-16h10: tree-breeding: results and future work (Yang Zixiang)
- 16h10-16h20: questions and comments from the Conference participants
- 16h20-16h40: poplar clonal selection methodology (Lu Wen)
- 16h40-17h00: results of poplar clonal selection (Fu Guisheng)
- 17h00-17h10: questions and comments from the Conference participants
- 17h10-17h30: synthesis, comments and presentation on related issues by session chair (Ma Changgeng)

Welcome diner: 18h00

Friday, 23 August

Breakfast 07h00

Session II: Sand Fixation and Agro-forestry, Research on Conifers and Broad-Leaf Species (other than Poplars), Poplar Nursery and afforestation techniques, Mechanised afforestation

08h00-08h20: overview of the work done in sand fixation and agro-forestry (Zhang Weidong)
08h20-08h30: questions and comments from the Conference participants
08h30-08h50: pine species and provenances (Wu Xiangyun)
08h50-09h00: questions and comments from the Conference participants
09h00-09h20: results from introduction of broad-leaved species (Jiao Shuren)
09h20-09h30: questions and comments from the Conference participants

Tea/Coffee Break (20')

09h50-10h20: nursery techniques and stock treatment for mechanised afforestation (Song Baomin)
10h20-10h50: poplar deep-planting technique and comparison traditional vs. new techniques (Feng Zhengfu)
10h50-11h20: mechanised afforestation: medium depth planter, mechanised auger planter, under-cutter (Yu Guosheng)
11h20-11h30: questions and comments from the Conference participants
11h30-12h00: synthesis, comments and presentation on related issues by session chair (Zhai Mingpu)

Lunch: at 12h15

Session III: Afforestation Models, Financial and Economic analysis of the Afforestation Models

14h00-14h40: introduction, presentation and description of the afforestation models (Eddy De Laethauwer)
14h40-14h50: questions and comments from the Conference participants
14h50-15h20: costs and yields of the models (Zhang Caihong)
15h20-15h30: questions and comments from the Conference participants

Tea/Coffee Break (20')

15h50-16h30: financial and economic analysis of the different models (Ma Qiang)
16h30-16h40: questions and comments from the Conference participants
16h40-17h10: synthesis, comments and presentation on related issues by session chair (Liu Junchang)

Diner: 18h00

Saturday, 24 August

Breakfast 07h00

Session IV: Institutional Co-operation and Capacity Building

08h00-08h10: capacity building (Zhang Weidong)
08h10-08h40: research started by Project to be continued (Lu Wen)
08h40-08h50: questions and comments from the Conference participants
08h50-09h10: SFA procedures for application, implementation and management of foreign funded projects (Wu Zhimin)
09h10-09h30: WB procedures and requirements for project presentation (W. Migrath)
09h30-09h40: synthesis, comments and presentation on related issues by session chair

Tea/Coffee Break (20')

Session V: Closure of Conference
Session chaired by Conference Chairman

10h00-10h10: words of thanks by CTA and NPD
10h10-10h30: overview and final comments from Conference Chairman and closure.

Visit to Daqinguo Nature Reserve

11h00: departure to Nature Reserve of Daqinguo (90' of road), snacks on road
15h00: return from Daqinguo
17h00: departure from hotel to station
17h35: train to Beijing leaves Station at Tongliao.

Sunday, 25 August

Optional: Field visit to Naiman. Departure is planned: at 07h00, and return in Tongliao around 19h00 - Lunch at Forest Farm.

Participants leaving for home by Train No. 1458 will continue travel from the Farm after field visits and dinner to Baxiantong Station (Departure of the Train is at 18h30)

Diner at 17h00

Participants leaving for home on the 26th will return to Tongliao after dinner.

Monday, 26 August

Departure of all participants from Tongliao.
