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Improvement of rural living conditions through healthy forests – establishment of a training centre for sustainable forestry in DPRK

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THE PROJECT

The DPRK, once being richly endowed with forests, experiences a continuous decrease in forested areas beyond the natural regeneration rate. Between 1990 and 2005, forest clearance led to a deterioration of forest and wooded land of more than 20,000 square kilometers, equivalent to 25% of the total forested area (FAO, 2005).

In line with policy announcements of DPRK, the project of HSF will contribute to reforestation and thereby also increase economic viability of rural communities affected by deforestation. The project “Improvement of rural living conditions through healthy forests – establishment of a Training Centre for Sustainable Forestry” will contribute to long-term sustainable forest policies having a positive impact on food security in the DPRK.

PLACES OF ACTION

Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, China, Mongolia, Germany, Belgium and Finland.

THE PARTNERS

Forest Management Research Institute (FMRI) under the Ministry of Land and Environment Protection (MoLEP)

The FMRI and the MoLEP have been cooperating with HSF since more than 5 years. The MoLEP is responsible for the protection of the environment. The FMRI, in particular, is carrying out model reforestation projects and other projects on forestry modernization.

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Improvement of rural living conditions
- ▶ Introduction of methods of sustainable forestry in DPRK
- ▶ Increasing food security in the DPRK

The project has the aim to improve the living conditions in deforested areas. Persistent technical and organizational deficiencies and deficits should be eliminated and then lead to increased food security in the DPRK, especially for the population living in deforested areas.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ▶ A self-sufficient institutional structure fostering a sustainable forest management system in the DPRK will be established
- ▶ The technical knowledge in the field of forestry will be increased
- ▶ Contacts between the relevant technical and scientific counter-parts in the DPRK and in Europe and in neighbouring countries (China, Mongolia) are established
- ▶ Rural development through reforestation will be achieved

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Setting up a Sustainable Forest Management Training Centre
- ▶ Setting up a 80 ha reforestation plantation model in Sangso-Ri (Taedong-gun, South Pyongan Province)
- ▶ International and local seminars in the DPRK
- ▶ Training in China and Mongolia
- ▶ Study trips to Europe



TARGET GROUP AND FINAL BENEFICIARIES

- ▶ Staff of the Forest Management Research Institute
- ▶ Staff of further forest-related institutes and organizations
- ▶ Staff of regional and local forest organizations
- ▶ The forestry service of DPRK
- ▶ The population living in deforested areas

OUR WORK IN DPRK

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