# Coping with climate change Forestry Actions in China

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#### Chinese forest distribution map



## Forest Resource in China

- Total forested area
  - 195 million ha
  - 20.36%
- Natural Forest:
  - 119 million ha
- Existed artificial forest
   61.68 million ha
- Forest stand volume
  - 13.7 billion Cubic Meters



# Main Problems

#### Insufficient forest resource

- Lower per capita volume, less than one-fourth of the global average
- Shortage of harvestable resource

#### Lower quality of existing forest

 higher proportion of young and middle-aged forest

#### Higher pressure from socialeconomic development

Challenging forestland protection

### Global warming impact

 Increasing outbreak of forest fire, pest and disease





# Forestry Actions to Cope with Climate Change Coping with climate change is posing challenge

- and opportunity for forestry action
  - Challenge: increasing timber demand and enhancement of forest carbon and increasing ecological demand
  - Opportunity: Forestry has been integrated into national program on addressing climate change
- Issued the forestry action plan in 2009, defining the actions by 2050

  - 7 adaptation actions

#### Commitment of double increment targets

- Forest area: 40 Million ha, compared to 2005
  - Stock volume: 1.3 billion cubic meters, compared to 2005

## Objectives of Actions in 12<sup>th</sup> 5-Year Plan Period

#### Afforestation

30 Million ha, forest cover 21.66%

#### Forest management

- 35 Million ha
- Total stock volume: 14.3 billion cubic meters, Total carbon stock: 8.4billion Tones
- Wetland protection
  - Total area: 42.48 Million, Protection rate: 55%

#### Natural reserve

- 13% of total national land area
- 90% key wildlife protected and 80% extremely small wild species protected
- Forest fire control
  - damage rate: less than 1‰,
- Pest and disease control
- Establish national forest carbon inventory and monitoring system.

## Mitigation Actions in 12<sup>th</sup> 5-Year Plan Period

- Implement key afforestation projects and cultivate timber plantation of rare tree species
- Push forest thinning and maintenance, improve forest health and the quality of low productive forest
- Improve protection of forestland, avoid deforestation, control logging, combat illegal logging
- Improve fire monitoring system and fire control ability
- Control the spread of dangerous pest and disease, such as pine wilt disease, fall webworm (*Hyphantria cunea*)
- Improve the energy saving and emission reduction in timber industry, enhance the efficiency of timber production
- Push the development of wood-based bio-energy
- Establish national forest carbon inventory and monitory system
- Explore integrating forest carbon into emission-trading pilot

### Adaptation Actions in 12<sup>th</sup> 5-Year Plan Period

- Increase application of indigenous tree species in afforestation and reforestation
- Optimize forest structure, cultivate health and high-quality forest, improve resilience of artificial ecological system
- Take vulnerability assessment, introduce adaptive management into natural reserve management
- Create nature reserve for typical forest species, Increase protection of vulnerable species
- Improve prevention and monitoring capacity of wildlife epidemic
- Take national inventory of wetland, create wetland park, increase number of international key wetland
- Increase the protection of the vegetation in desertification area

# Policies to Stimulate the Actions

- Governmental budget
- Non governmental finance
- Domestic GHG emission trading scheme
- REDD+ international process



# Thank you very much!

