

TNC Forest Carbon

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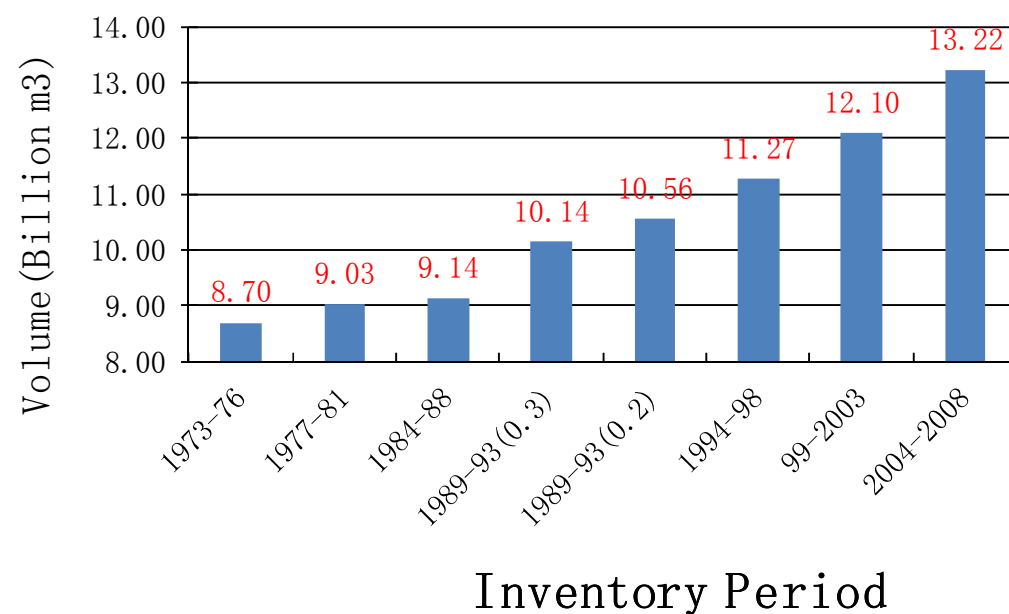
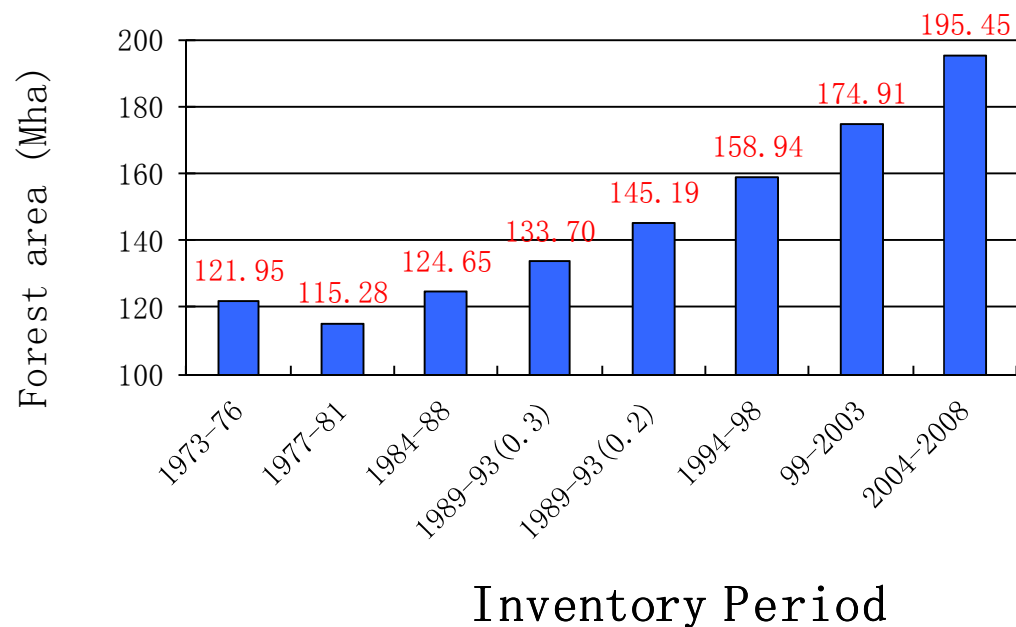
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Achievement in China's forestry sector

- Forest area increased by 70% in last 30 years, 3.6 Mha per year in last 10 years
- Forest volume stock increased by 46% in last 30 years, 0.2 billion m³ per year in last 10 years



China's Mitigation Ambitions

	2005-2020	2011-2015
forest area increase by	40 Mha	12.5 Mha
forest stock increase by	1300 Mm ³	600 M m ³

Challenges/barriers in China's Forestry Sector (1)

- **Poor forests quality:**

- Low volume stock: 86 m³/ha for all forests, 49 m³/ha for plantation
- Slow growth rate;
- A large scale of mono-culture and even-aged plantation;
- Poor environmental service (soil conservation, biodiversity, etc.): few forests can provide sound environmental services.

Main drivers:

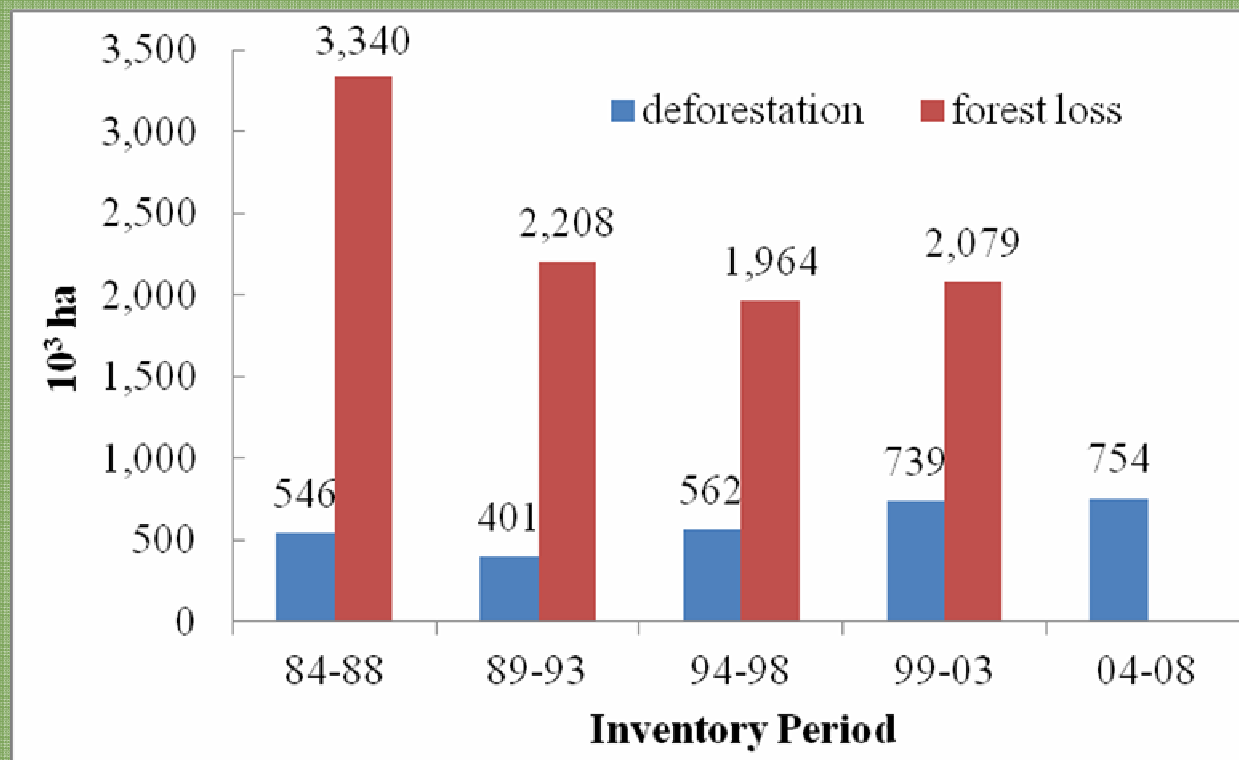
- Over-emphasis numerical target of forest area, insufficient attention to quality
- Poor planting quality due to investment far from need: 250 US\$/ha, now up to 500 US\$/ha
- No funding for follow-up management;
- Natural disturbance (snow storm, drought, wild fire, pest insect, etc)
- Traditionally unsustainable use of community forests

Challenges/barriers in China's Forestry Sector (2)

- **Limited good land available for forestation**
 - 13% of available lands with good site conditions;
 - 52% with poor site conditions;
 - 2/3 in Inner Mongolia and Northwest China: arid and semi area;

More difficult and higher cost to increase forest area

- **High pressure for forest protection:** conflicts between economic development and forest conservation;
- **Pressure of MRV/ICA**



Challenges/barriers in China's Forestry Sector (3)

- **Vulnerable to natural disturbance esp. under changing climate: 17.6**
Mha of forests suffered from natural disaster annually, of which
 - 50.5% from forest pests;
 - 17.4% from wildfire; and
 - other climatic disasters.



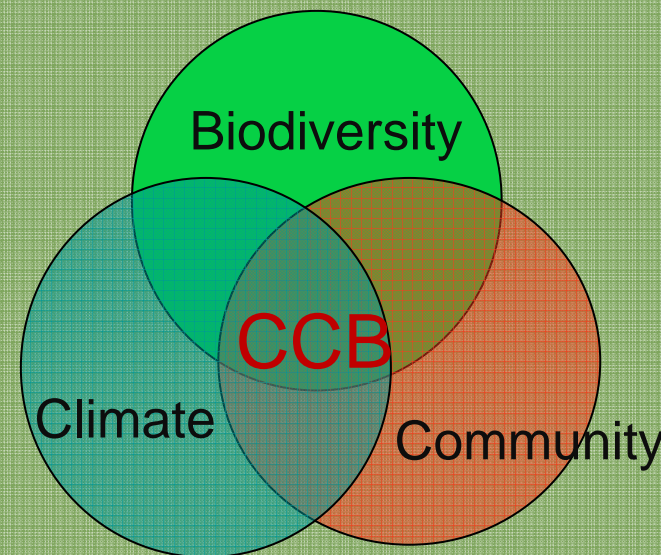
TNC forest carbon mission

- **Demonstrate nature-based approach following CCB (climate, community and biodiversity) to**

- ✓ Improve forest quality in terms of timber and environment service (incl biodiversity)
- ✓ Provide Community co-benefit
- ✓ Enhance mitigation and adaptation to climate change

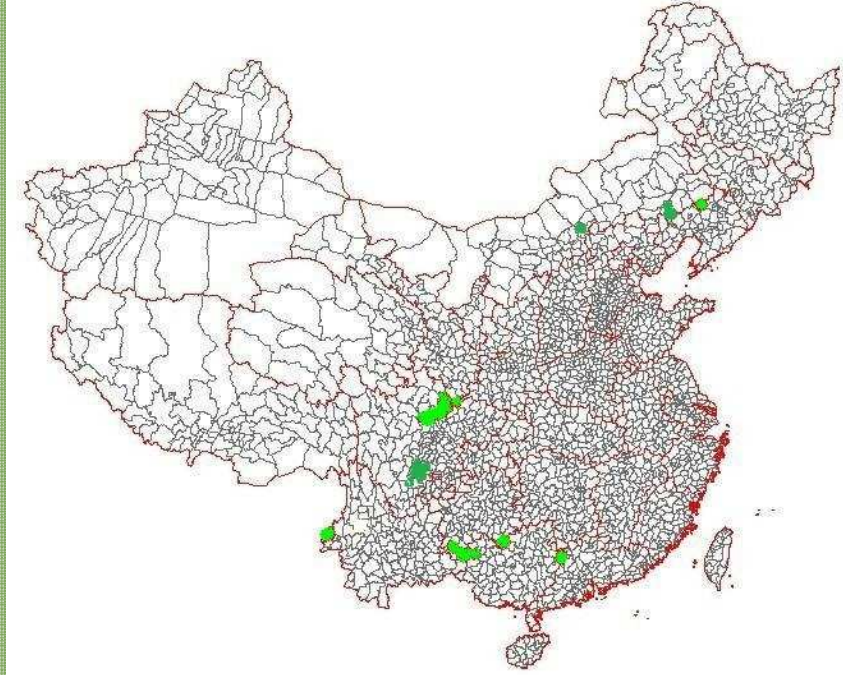
- **Leverage policy efforts**

- ✓ Pilot forest carbon accounting system: MRV/ICA/REDD+
- ✓ Leverage forest policy through demonstration projects
- ✓ Consultancy on land-based carbon trading



What was done by TNC China (1)

- Tengchong in Yunnan: 1st AR project with the world 1st CCB gold medal certification
- Northwest Sichuan project: 1st AR CDM project with CCB gold medal certification
- Involvement of other AR projects
 - 2 AR projects in Guangxi with WB: incl. the world 1st AR CDM project
 - 1 AR project in Inner Mongolia
 - 1 AR project in Liaoning
- 2 AR CDM methodologies: 1st and 6th AR CDM methodology



What was done by TNC China (2)

- AFD Rural Carbon Project:
 - Methodology approved by Panda Standard in April 2012:
http://www.pandastandard.org/downloads/downloads_cn.html

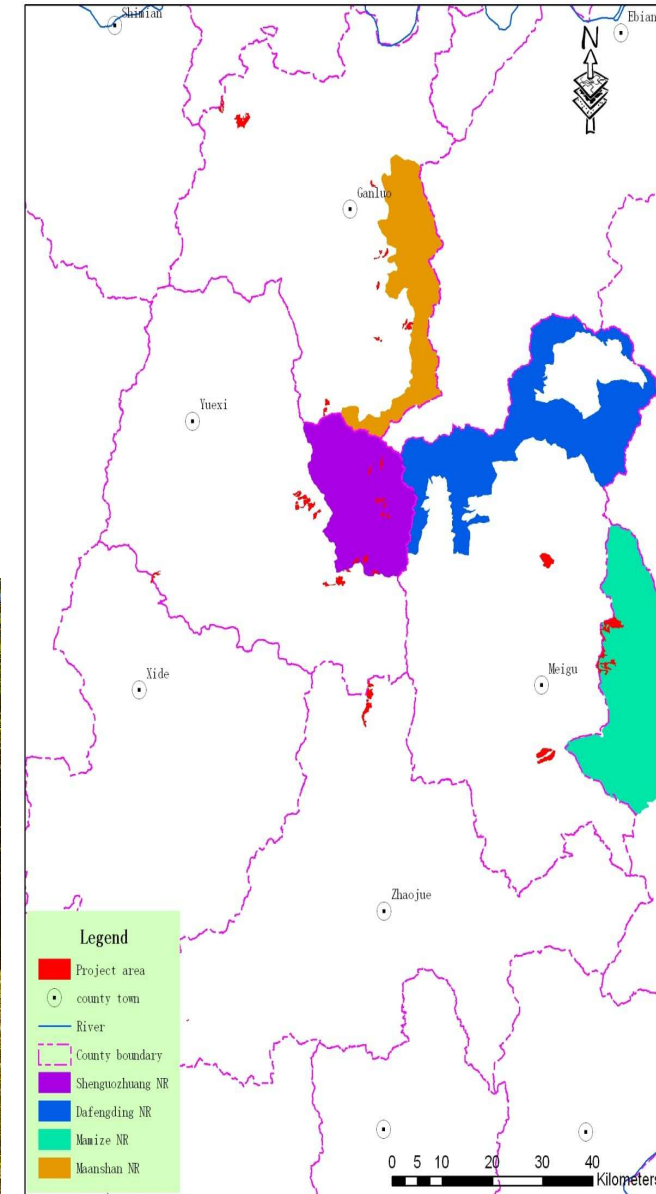


What was done by TNC China? (3)

- **Policy:**
 - **AR CDM methodologies/guidance/guidelines/tools:** AR WG member
 - **Intl compliance:** lead reviewer of Annex I GHG inventory, FM reference level and national climate change communication
 - **Panda Standard (PS):** technical consultation in the development of PS rules, technical panelist
 - **Green Carbon Foundation:** technical consultation, technical panelist
 - **FSC:** Technical panel for FSC China

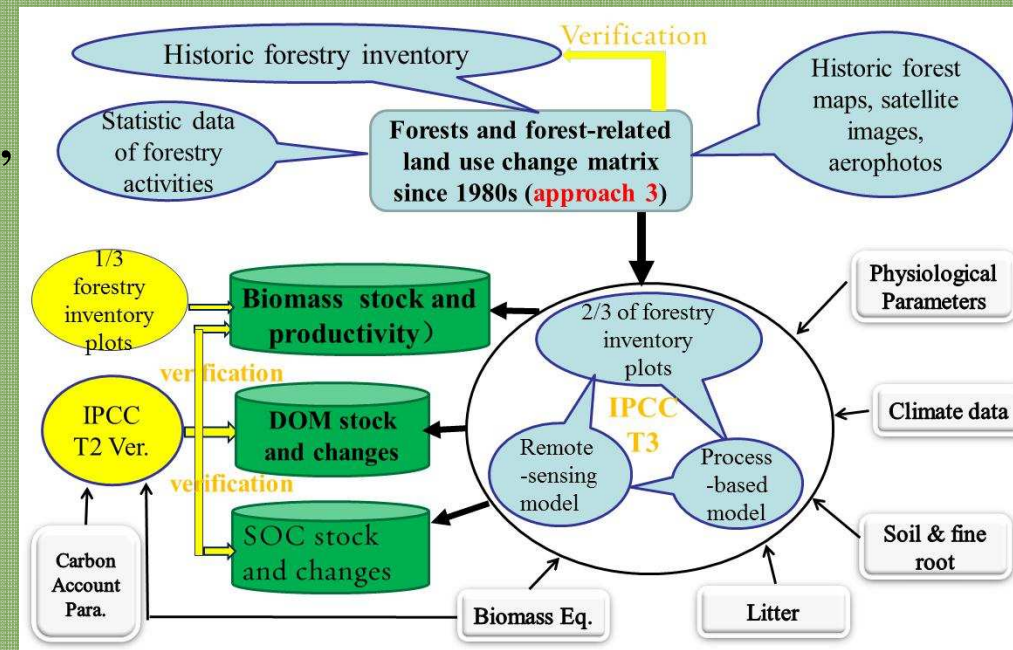
What is on-going by TNC China? (1)

- **On-going AR projects with CCB**
 - 1 CDM AR project in Southwest Sichuan: 4266 ha with Novartis
 - 1 CDM/PS AR project in Inner Mongolia: 2191 ha with Disney
 - 1 PS AR project in Southwest Sichuan: 500 ha with Disney



What is on-going by TNC China? (3)

- **FSC China standard**
- **Forest Carbon Accounting in Pilot Province (Sichuan)**
 - One of 4 pilot provinces under SFA
 - Reliable accounting of LUCF following Tier 3 approach and Tier 3 method
 - Comply to MRV/ICA
- Support China to participate REDD+, incl. methodological approach for reference level



Outlook

- **Nature-based project demonstration, with expansion to**
 - Landscape approach
 - Improved forest management
 - Wetland restoration
 - Revegetation
 - Biochar
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