Integration of Community Development and Management of Pasture and Wetlands in Kerqin NNR, Inner Mongolia
OUTLINE

- Approaches for actions
- Actions in community
- Implications
- Unsolved issues
Objectives for community action?

- create a innovative management model with new approaches – community participates in biodiversity conservation;

- More than community actions – a role, a routine role for NNR. Focusing on exploring, innovation and learning

- Intervention for alternative livelihood, improvement of community structure, innovative development model and rebuilding institutional arrangement (local-global, community-national, policy, legislation, institution)
Processes

Participatory community planning

Legislation
Policy institution
Technology
Piloting communities

Models of Sustainable Management of Natural Resource

Guideline of community development in NR

Strategy to enter community

Integrated planning

Entrance project

Project implementing team

Experts support
Training workshops
Study tours
Key points for community projects

Conceptual framework

Operational framework

Sustainable Development

Livelihood improvement

Biodiversity Conservation

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Ecological focus

Human focus
Identifying activities of intervention
Jan. 2008
Participatory Appraisal & Planning Workshop

Apr. 2008
Micro-fund sub-project in Beizifu Community
Community project office at local level

May 2008
Pig-raising sub-project in Beizifu Community
Bio-gas sub-project in Hadaihaga Community
Grassland planning sub-project in Beizifu Community

Aug. 2008
Environmental education sub-project in Beizifu Community

Actions in the community

Traditional culture restoration and environmental Education

- Invite local children to International Summer Camp
  - 6 children from each community
  - Environmental education focus on parents and local leaders

- Traditional / folk culture reserve
  - Community women Andai dancing group
  - Beizifu Rural Music Team

- Education activities
  - Local children: learn to identify the protected birds
  - Local inhabitants: know how to live with the protected birds
Others actions in Beizifu Community

- **Bio-gas facility**
  - 2 training course

- **Pig-raising**
  - Household record for M&E

- **Micro-fund**
  - Household record for M&E
  - Fund return and rotate again

- **Grassland planning**
  - Recruit local rangers
  - Cooperate with technicians

- **Environmental education**
  - Technicians from the reserve
  - Experts from specialized departments
  - Seek opportunities from NGOs

- **Sheep shed construction**
  - Participants select and Qualification verify
  - Standards regulate and Blueprint design
  - Timeline: before first frost

- **Shredder**
  - Participants select and Qualification verify
  - Timeline: before first frost

- **Cashmere goat raising**
  - Still questionable
  - Controversial: esp. wealth gap
  - Timeline: postponed
  - Micro-enterpriser
  - Women group – producing traditional milk products
Action is going to be implemented

- Integrated pasture management planning – very difficult dominated by community, involved by local government agencies, pasture experts.

- With the help of other institutions, empower the grassland association to play a vital role in environmental education

- Train local rangers, foster local eco-tourism guide, and try to explore a suitable way to incorporate folk tourism to integrated grassland planning

- Cooperate with experts to develop new projects to support the action in Beizifu community

- Institutional building for collective action (concession fee)
Achievement—Beizifufu Community

Practices of community actions

Production
- Daily life
- Cultural life
- Cleanness
- Democratic governance

Commmunity elites
- Reconstruction of Community structure
- Innovative model for resource management
- Reshaping Culture

Biodiversity Friendly Integrated Community Development Model
Implications

- Visualized the ‘silent’ conflicts existing among various stakeholders
- Reactivate collective actions in an area with a fragmented nature resources and individualized and differentiated householders
- Display a new approach working with community people for biodiversity conservation
Thanks!