

# CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

## I. BASIC DATA

**Organization Legal Name:** Construction Office of Shangri-La Alpine Botanic Garden (Shangri-La Alpine Botanic Garden, abbr. SABG was successfully registered as a non profit agency in Nov. 18, 2005).

**Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement):** Capacity Building for Yunnan Shangri-La Alpine Botanic Garden

**Implementation Partners for This Project:** Conservation International (CI), Kunming Institute of Botany (KIB), The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

**Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement):** Sep 1, 2004-Dec 31, 2006

**Date of Report (month/year):** February, 2007

## II. OPENING REMARKS

**Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.**

Through implementation of this capability building project funded by CEPF, we have made a big progress both on the human capability and construction achievement of SABG. SABG was open to the public on June 8, 2005. A non-profit organization of SABG was established on Nov. 18, 2005, which is going to be responsible for its estate and sustainable management.

## III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

We have the following initial objectives:

- To enhance the technical and managing capabilities of all the staff of SABG;
- To enhance the managing capability of the organization, SABG in the following aspects: finance, vitrification, responsibility, social activities, etc.;
- To engage village people around the garden in cooperative construction and management of SABG;
- To enhance the conservation awareness of village people and citizens nearby.

2. Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.

No, we didn't change any objective during the implementation. When the garden was open to the public June 8, 2005, we also included tourists as a target for conservation awareness.

3. How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?

- Briefly, we take the following measures:
- Training our staff by sending them to other agencies e.g. KIB, TNC, flower companies (nurseries), other botanical gardens, tea house, etc., to learn respectively knowledge.
- Training our staff by giving lectures by ourselves and scientist from china and abroad.
- Training our staff by participating in our field surveys and monitoring projects in NW Yunnan.

- Employing Xie Hongyan from KIB to be a vice director from 2005 to 2007 to promote the research and management of SABG;
- Employing a financial supervisor Li Shujun to be responsible for supervising account;
- Affording employees for Gongbing village which is just below the garden as more as possible;
- Guiding and sponsoring a tour to Xishuangbanna Botanical Garden for village people of Gongbing to learn how a garden is running;
- A village leader Qilin Nongbu of Gongbing was invited to join in the trustee board of SABG in 2005 when SABG was registered as a non profit agency;
- Four scientific exhibitions were held in the garden during 2005 and 2006 to educate village people, citizens and tourists.
- Four issues of calendars and a postcard book-Plant Diversity of Shangri-La were compiled and published during 2003-2006 to popularize botanical knowledge.

4. Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.

Yes, we did. Even though we thought that we had done our best to incorporate village interest and conservation goals well, we were still criticized and doubted by some village people at times. This is most due to our co-share mechanism from ticket income is still under our expecting level at this moment. So we also spent a lot of time persuading village people to wait and let them learn our prosperous future.

5. Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.

- Through implementation of construction of SABG and this capacity building project, we do learn a lot of lessons which we'd like to share with any other agencies and individuals.
- A conservation project is better to be designed to incorporate multi-interests together, e.g. conservational goals, livelihood of village people and the economic sustainability of the project. Usually we have to pay much more time on the latter than the former.
- To achieve the economic sustainability, multi-capacity building is required, which is not only in research and conservation, but also in infrastructure facilities, management, marketing, advertisement, service techniques, etc.

6. Describe any follow-up activities related to this project.

- Further staff training is still continually carrying on, which most be focused on research capability, eco-tourism guiding, etc.
- Further popularization activities of science and conservation knowledge will be held on periodically or aperiodically.

7. Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.

Other agencies like BGCI, TNC, Kadoorie Farm & Botanical Garden Corporation Hong Kong, Xishuangbanna Botanical Garden, KIB, Rose Yang Flower Company, They didn't provide funding directly when we were completing this project. But they provided training opportunities for our staff and village people around the SABG for free.

#### IV. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

***Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.***

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
TNC	B	20,000 US\$	Alpine Biodiversity Monitoring and Conservation Area Planning of Nidamu Nature Reserve (CAP)
Development and Reform Committee of Yunnan Province	D	200,000 US\$	Shangri-La Alpine Plant Germplasm Conservation Project

**\*Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:**

- A** *Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)*
- B** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF project)*
- C** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)*
- D** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*

## V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We sincerely thank CEPF for its supporting to SABG and hope CEPF continuously implement its conservation projects in Hengduan Mountains & E Himalayas.

## VI. INFORMATION SHARING

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These documents are accessed frequently by other CEPF grantees, potential partners, and the wider conservation community.

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