**Case Study 2.16 China-Norway Capacity Building Project for Post-Earthquake Ecological Restoration, National Park and Water Resources Management in Ya’an**

In December 2014, China and Norway signed an agreement on the Ya’an Earthquake Recovery and Biodiversity Conservation Demonstration Project and carried out pre-project research during 2014-2015. In April 2016, the project was renamed as the Capacity Building Project for Post-Earthquake Ecological Restoration, National Park and Water Resources Management in Ya’an and officially launched in Ya'an City, Sichuan Province. The project aims to improve the city’s innovation and management level for biodiversity conservation, soil and water conservation and sustainable economic and social development in Ya'an. The project implementation period is 3 years, the Norwegian side provides funds totaling 24.236 million Norwegian Krone. The international implementing agencies are the International Technical Cooperation and Exchange Center under the Ministry of Commerce and the Norwegian Environment Agency.

The main results of the project include:

(1) Establishing a comprehensive coordination mechanism across forestry and environmental protection systems;

(2) Designing national park boundaries and establishing a unified national park management framework system covering biodiversity conservation and watershed environmental restoration in the region;

(3) Establishing a basic knowledge system for biodiversity and ecological function restoration, and writing a baseline report;

(4) Drafting and publishing project implementation rules based on the proposed framework for terrestrial and watershed ecosystem management;

(5) The project results are implemented by relevant departments at all levels.

The project focuses on the design and capacity building of the national park management system and the overall management framework design and capacity building of the Baoxing River Basin in the park area and completed 10 relevant technical reports. The research results provide a reference for the relevant national departments to formulate policies for national parks and integrated river basin management, etc., which are shared by relevant departments through various forms such as seminars and training workshops.