**Case Study 2.17 China-Norway Project on Mainstreaming Biodiversity Values and Ecosystem Services into Decision-making in China**

In December 2014, China and Norway signed a project agreement on Integrating the Value of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services into China's Decision-Making. The project aims to promote mainstreaming biodiversity into policy development through linking biodiversity and ecosystem services, with public well-being and economic assessment. The project was officially launched in 2016 with an implementation period of 3 years. The Norwegian side provided funds of a total of 20.3843 million Norwegian Krone. The implementing agencies on both sides are the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences and the Norwegian Environment Agency. Since the launch of the project, China and Norway have achieved results in increasing awareness of biodiversity conservation in demonstration counties through applied research, case studies and establishing demonstration counties, and promoting the integration of biodiversity values ​​into county-level decision-making and planning processes.

At present, the project carries out assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services at different scales and types, including at county and city level, within nature reserves and ecosystems, at species and other levels. At the same time, the project has developed a series of indicators and methods for mainstreaming biodiversity, providing strong support for biodiversity inclusion in government officials’ performance appraisal and off-job auditing, related planning and decision-making processes, some of which have been adopted by the National People's Congress and the relevant government departments.

The main results of the project include:

(1) Direct support to the Ministry of Ecology and Environment's key work – The Economics of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in China (TEEB China);

(2) The method and indicators of the project were applied in the assessment of the value of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the nine counties and one district of Pu'er City;

(3) Biodiversity has been integrated into the 13th Five-Year Plan in all model counties;

(4) Project results have been posted on the website of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Environment Programme.