



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Consultation Report

# The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity (TEEB): Promoting a Sustainable Agriculture and Food Sector

### **Implementation in China**

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#### Meeting with local authorities

In the morning of May 18, 2021, the 2<sup>nd</sup> local stakeholder consultation meeting of TEEBAgriFood China was conducted at the Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Tengchong. At the meeting, a dialogue was held between the project implementation team and government officials in charge of livestock and plantations, which are the main pillars of Tengchong's agriculture system and focal areas of the TEEBAgriFood study. Based on the information collected from the 1<sup>st</sup> local stakeholder consultation meeting in October 2020 and the Scoping and Scenario Setting report reviewed and approved by the Project Steering Committee in February 2021, the purpose of this dialogue was to further understand the current status and trends of Tengchong's beef cattle and plantation industries from perspectives of spatial analysis, capitals and value chain assessment, and to explore the possibility of data-sharing.



Photo 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> local consultation meeting in Tengchong

Key points regarding beef cattle industry:

- Tengchong's beef cattle industry development will follow the "1+3+6" model, that is to establish at least 1 **standardized cattle farm** in each village; each with around 300 heads in stock, and 600 mu (40 ha) of forage crop nearby.
- Currently, of the 221 villages, 184 have standardized beef cattle farms under construction and are expected to be completed by the end of 2021.
- Each standard cattle farm covers an area of 10 mu construction land and is equipped with standard manure collection pipes and sedimentation tanks for composting. Cattle manure is to be composted into organic fertilizer and sold for local plantation use.

- The area that can develop standard cattle farm is under strict regulation. The three zones planning designates suitable, restricted and prohibited areas, and newly established cattle farms must all located in suitable areas.
- Tengchong has 2 **eco-ranches**, each with an area of more than 10,000 mu. Due to the mountainous terrain, the area of eco-ranches in Tengchong cannot be further expanded.
- Under the rural habitat improvement program, the **small scale traditional freerange** is being phased out. In its place are **family farms** with 50-100 heads of stock, and this model will coexist with the standardized cattle farm planned under the "1+3+6" model.
- In terms of sales, currently Tengchong can only consume one-third of the beef cattle breeding output by itself. The rest is sold outside the city in forms of live cattle and roughly processed products. The city plans to build a slaughtering and processing industrial park depending on the success of investment attraction.

Key points regarding plantations

- Tengchong has 1,234,000 mu of arable land (of which 688,000 mu of paddy land and 546,000 mu of dry land) and 127,800 mu garden. The crops planted include rice, corn, barley, potatoes, rape, marigold, tea, fruits, medicinal herbs and so on.
- The problem is that the opportunity cost of labor is rising and farmers are less motivated to plant. One solution is to use small scale agricultural mechanization. About 500,000 mu of arable land in Tengchong are available for land leveling and small-scale mechanized operations. Another solution is to develop moderate scale production – in the future, more agriculture associations and family farms will be formed and operated.
- **Cut the use of chemicals** will continue through approaches such as use of biological or physical control measures against pests (yellow board for example) and circular use of manure from livestock and crop straw as fertilizer.
- Plantation of **endemic species** (ersi rice) is limited and will not expand unless with policy support; this is due to a lack of market demand and enough alternative products.
- Tengchong has 150,000 mu of **tea plantation**, of which 80,000 mu pollution-free, 27,000 mu green and 11,600 mu organic. Till the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan, all the 150,000 mu of tea plantation will turn environmental friendly (i.e. pollution-free, green or organic). The total area of tea plantation will not change.
- **Medicinal herbs** can only be grown on mountain slopes or in the forest (the socalled near-wild plantation). Currently, the planting area of medicinal herbs is 302,000 mu (include marigold). By 2025, the area will grow to 356,000 mu and by 2035, 406,000 mu. Near-wild plantation will be promoted for species such as sealwort (*Polygonatum sibiricum*), polyphylla (*Paris polyphylla*), gastrodia (*Gastrodia elata*), magnolia officinalis (*Houpoea officinalis*) and gingko (*Ginkgo biloba*).

- There are plenty forest areas available for near-wild plantation of medicinal herbs in Tengchong. The main constraints for its application lie in research and development of products and brand-building.

In addition to the consultation meeting held at Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Tengchong, on May 19 2021, the project team visited different government authorities (Bureau of Natural Resources of Tengchong, Bureau of Forest and Grassland of Tengchong and Tengchong Branch of Baoshan Ecology and Environment Bureau) to collect data available for the subsequent scenario analysis.

Data collected from local authorities:

- 1) Display of livestock and poultry breeding restricted and prohibited areas
- 2) Distribution of beef cattle farms under the development of "1+3+6" model
- 3) Report on the quality level of arable land in Tengchong City 2019
- 4) Tengchong's medicinal herbs planning map
- 5) Meteorological data 2000-2020 (monthly)
- 6) Main crop production methods and material inputs
- 7) Certain nature reserves and protected areas
- 8) Macro level forest survey results
- 9) Locations of pasture and grassland

#### Survey to local agriculture businesses and households

From May 18-20, 2021 the project implementation team was divided into three groups to do interviews with businesses, agricultural cooperatives and farmer households in the beef cattle industry and plantation industry. The interviews revolved around four aspects – i) basic information, ii) construction, operation and maintenance, iii) products and sales, iv) social and human capitals. In total, 8 companies, 1 agricultural cooperative and 12 farmer households were interviewed.

1. Interview with Dongshan ranch of Hengyi Agricultural Development Co. & Bafule Penang River Buffalo Breeding Co.



2. Interviewing medicinal herbs plantation: Yunnan Dendrobium Health Manor Biotechnology Co. & Tengchong Bencao Yuan Biotechnology Co. & Tengchong Qingliang Herb Planting Cooperative.



3. Interviewing with farmer households



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