Presentation of results and impact generated by the EGP-Guizhou Project

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Background and Baseline Study

- Based on positive experiences
  - ACEF, IVL, GZICCEP, GPEEC, Environmental Court

- Background to the project
  - First environmental court
  - Ecological civilisation focus

- Work started with a Baseline Study
  - Awareness on problems high
  - But low regarding legal system
  - Concerns rarely result in actions
  - Information and assistance is needed
  - Administrative organs play positive role
  - CSOs strong facilitators
Raising the awareness of environmental rights protection in Guizhou

- Strong adaptation to local needs
- Additional opportunities
- TV Programmes
- Handbooks
- Communication
  - Results provided though several channels
  - Reaching different stakeholders
Improving the capacity of professionals and organizations to protect environmental rights

- More comprehensive setup of the EDA Centre
- The local regulation and EPD entitles the organisation
- Acquired basic skills in techniques
- The future holds EQS and risk assessments for important basins
- Environmental knowledge, negotiation techniques, environmental monitoring and finally EDA.
Promote policy change at central level

- In March 2014, for the fourth round of review of the Environmental Protection Law, the EGP-Guizhou project successfully submitted a policy.
- The proposal suggested, based on project experiences and research, to expand the qualification scope of plaintiff of environmental public interest litigation (EPIL) in the Environmental Protection Law (EPL) (Draft Amendment), permitting environmental Civil Society Organizations (CSO), which are legally established with the aim to protect environment, to bring environmental public interest litigation as plaintiff.
- The suggestion successfully promoted the change of Article 58 after 4 rounds of revision.
Promote policy change at local level

- The recommendations submitted to Guizhou EPD and the People’s Congress of Guizhou Province mainly focused on:
  
  1) the development of the assessment of environmental damages and compensation for environmental damages through developing intermediary organs for authenticating and appraising environmental pollution compensation,

  2) the improvement of the Legal Aid system by incorporating environmental cases into the scope of legal assistance and

  3) the improvement of the Public interest litigation system by in law authorizing and encouraging relevant organs and organizations to institute lawsuits for the behaviours of damaging environmental public interests.

- The policy recommendation successfully promote the change of Article 48 and Article 55.
Best practice reports

- Best practice study report on the “third party supervision purchased by the government” has been drafted and published on the magazine “China Environment”. The Experience of this practice has also been shared among Chinese ENGO on January 11 in Beijing during the Annual Meeting of China's Environmental Civil Society Organizations on Sustainable Development. ENGOs who attended the meeting showed great interest in this practice and actively participated in the discussion.

- Best practice study report on the establishment and development of environment Damage Assessment Centre in Guizhou has been drafted and will be published by the end of March on the project website.

- Best practice study report on the experience of Juridical Practice of Guiyang Ecological Court has been drafted and will be published by the end of March on the project website.
Making Law Work: the EU Environmental NGO experience

- Introduction to EU environmental governance, and the role of ENGOs;
- A deeper look at EU models: organizational types, goals and strategies, staffing needs, and funding source;
- How EU ENGO’s use courts to make law work;
- How EU ENGO use other tools to make law work!;
- Appyling EU ENGO experience in making law work to China today: Air pollution as an example
Organizing twinning activities in Sweden

1. A high-level policy tour was successfully carried out in Sweden between the 23rd and 26th of September, 2013.

- A tour report was produced by EGP-Guizhou team and included in the Annual Report on International Communication published by MEP.
- The experience gained during the tour has been shared among Guizhou lawyers during the Annual Meeting of Guizhou Lawyer Association.
- Policy proposals have been produced and promoted in the policy making process with the support of Guiyang Ecological Protection Court.
Organizing twinning activities in Sweden

2. A twinning tour was successfully organized in Sweden between the 26th and 31st of January, 2015, with the aim to learn more about the work and experience of relevant institutions in Sweden on EDA and compensation calculation.

- The experience of Falun Cooper mine on EDA and Compensation will be shared and twinning in Guiyang when conducting pollution treatment of abandon mine.
- The concept learnt from Nacka district land and environmental court inspired local environmental court to explore the promotion of judicial intervention in process of import project planning in the future.
EGP - Guizhou in media

At least 27 articles in on 124 websites
EGP- Guizhou website and materials

Website visits:
- 2013 → 95-595 unique hits *monthly*
- 2014: → 470 – 970 unique hits *monthly*
- 2015: → 1020-1050 unique hits *monthly*

Material Downloads:
- 2013 → 1-330 unique downloads *monthly*
- 2014 → 270-540 unique downloads *monthly*
- 2015 → 310-380 unique downloads *monthly*
项目出版物

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