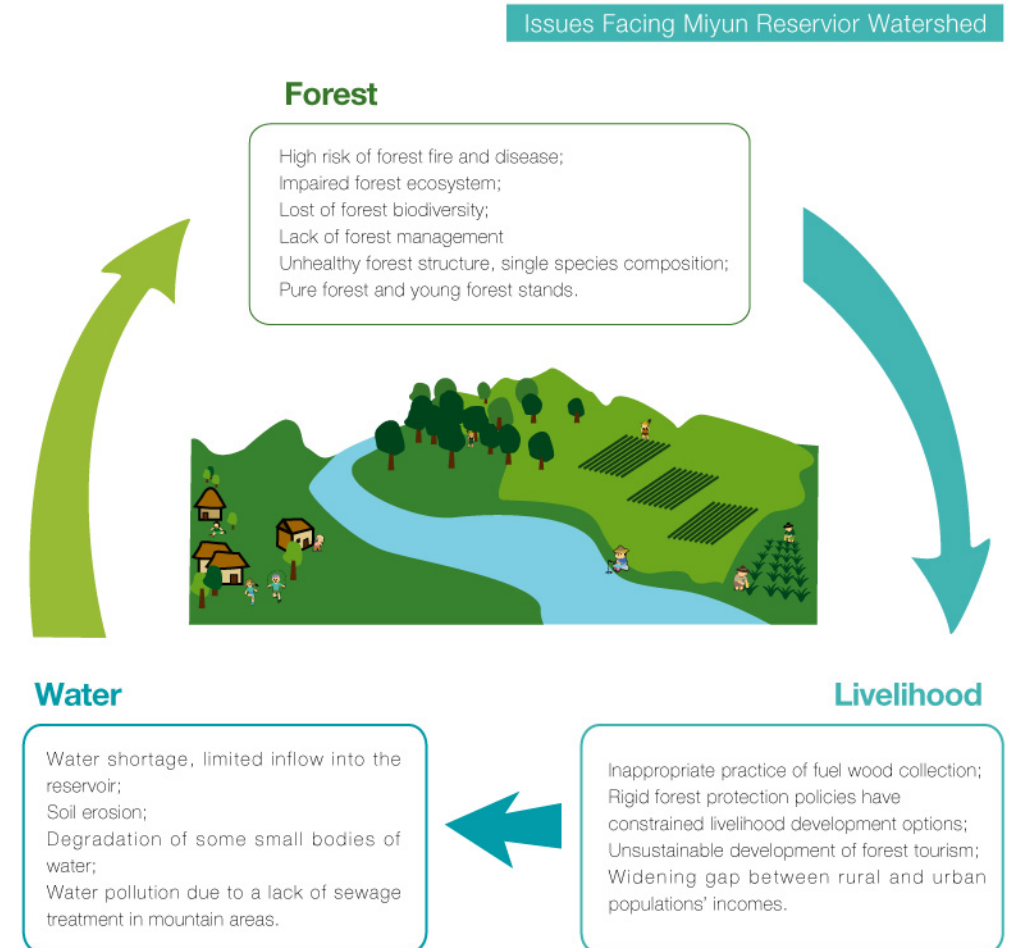


Forest Landscape Restoration and Livelihood Improvement in the Miyun Reservoir Watershed

The first phase of the Livelihoods and Landscapes Initiative in China will extend from September 2007 to December 2010, and will be implemented in a partnership with the Sino – German project entitled "Vegetation Rehabilitation and Sustainable Management of Water Resource Protection Forest in Sandstorm-jeopardized Area of North Beijing".

The initiative aims to restore the biodiversity and productivity of forests, and deliver livelihood benefits to the local poor, through enhanced use rights and capacity to manage forest, and through better cross-boundary, cross-departmental collaboration, more participatory forest landscape restoration planning, and policy advocacy.



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Background

Three of the most pressing issues facing the world today are poverty, fresh water scarcity and biodiversity loss. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has responded by emphasizing and guiding policy on, the valuable role forests can play in improving the lives of the rural poor. Recognizing the need for a more concerted effort, IUCN introduces Livelihoods and Landscapes Initiative to promote forest restoration and sustainable livelihoods for the poor at a landscape level. In China, IUCN will do this in collaboration the Beijing Forestry Society (BFS) and local government authorities, by demonstrating approaches that optimize biodiversity, catchment values and productivity of forest landscape within the watershed of the Miyun Reservoir.

Located to the northeast of Beijing, the Miyun reservoir is the biggest in northern China, and the largest artificial lake in Asia. It supplies 80 percent of the drinking water for the 17 million residents of Beijing municipality, a city that faces a serious water crisis. The 15,788 km² Miyun watershed is a vast area that covers parts of Luan Ping, Xing Long and Cheng De counties in He Bei Province, and Miyun, Huai Rou and Yan Qing Counties in Beijing. A successful model of cross-departmental, cross-boundary collaboration to conserve the landscape functions of Miyun watershed will have significant and positive implications for China.

Map of Miyun Reservoir Watershed, Northern China



