

### Latest Progresses of Silviculture Research in China

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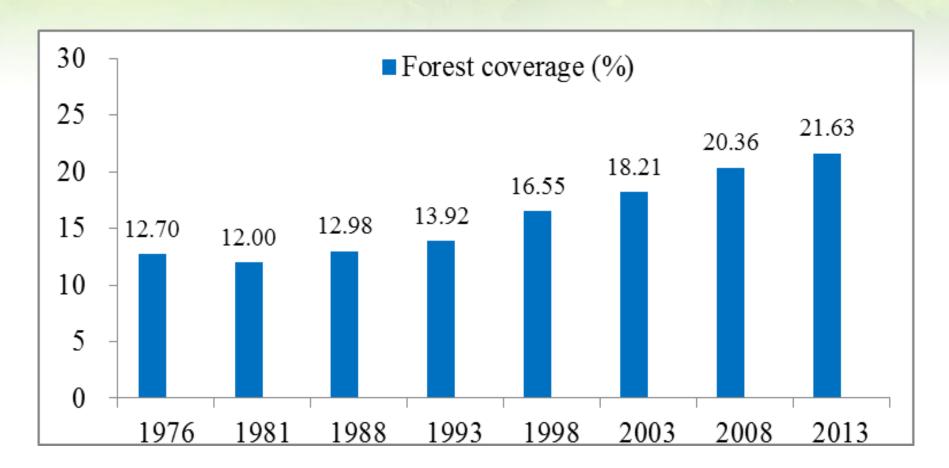
# Forestry outlines in China





# **Forest Cover Change in China**

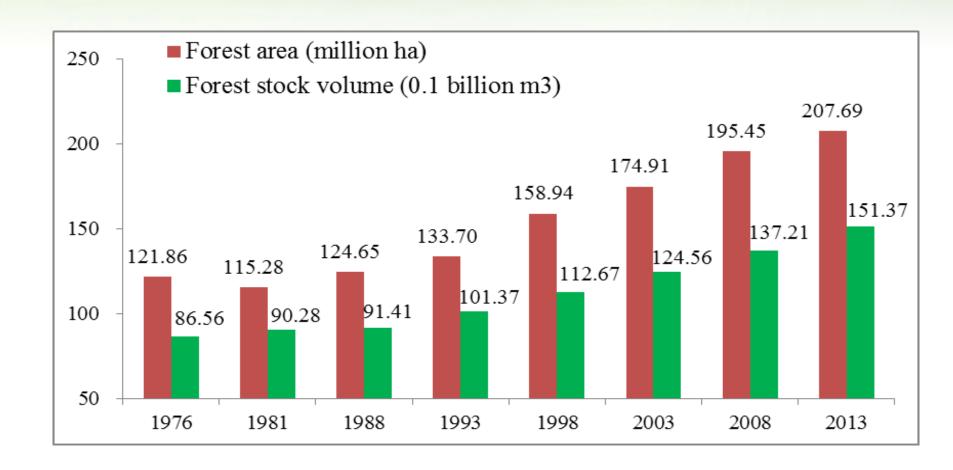




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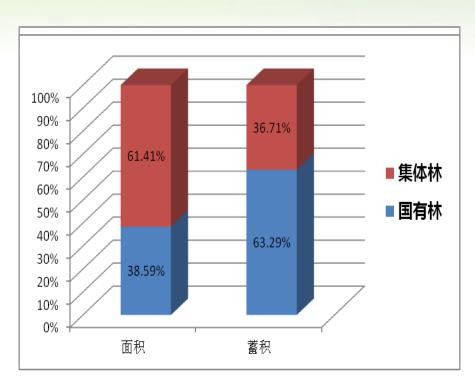
### **China's Forest Area and Stock Volume**

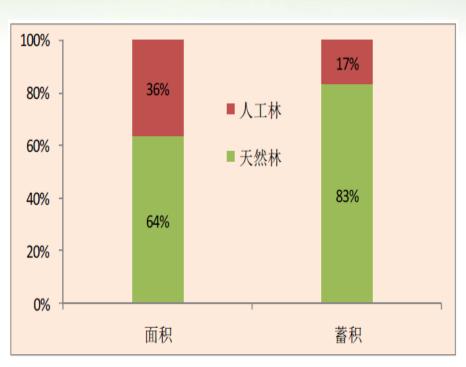




#### **Forest Resource Structure**







Tenure of Forested Land

- Collectively-owned
- State-owned

### Origin of Forest

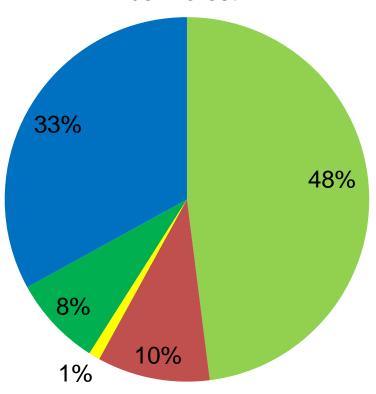
- Planted forest
- Natural forest

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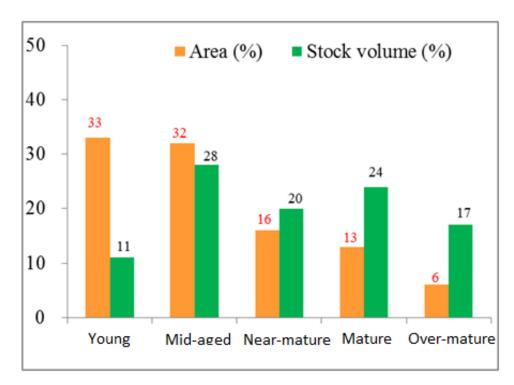


#### **Forest Type Structure**

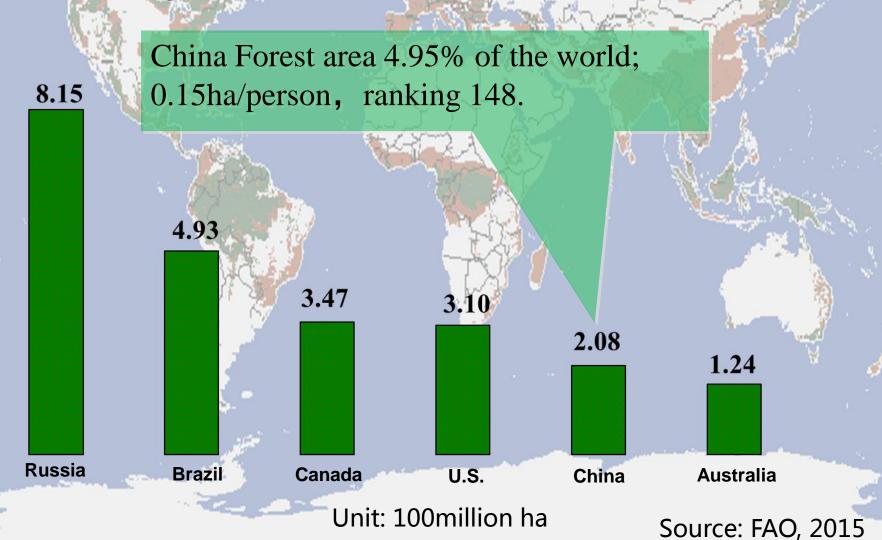
- Protection Forest
- Non-timber Forest
- Fuel Wood Forest
- Special Use Forest
- Timber Forest



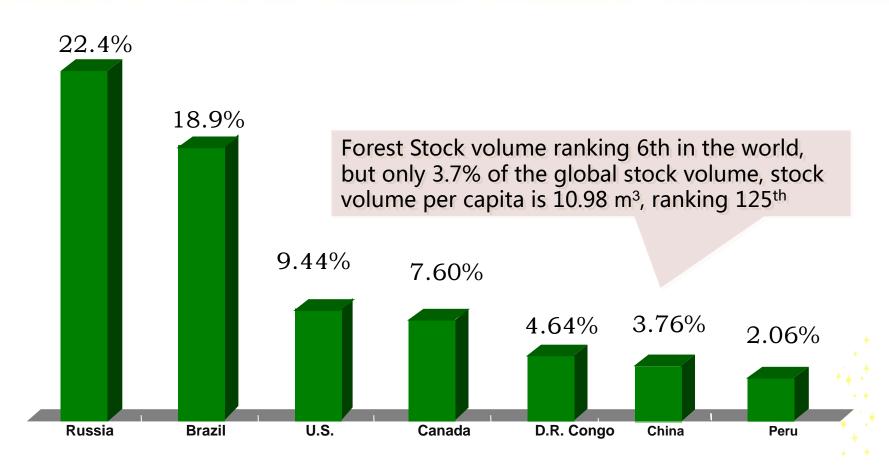
#### **Age-class Structure**



- Global forest area decreased 129 million ha during 1990-2015
- Net forest area increased by 75 million ha in China, the fastest increasing country in the world







Source: FAO 2015

# **Forest and Forestry Contribution in China**



**Forestry Value:** 5.94 Trillion

**RMB**, 8.8% of **GDP** 

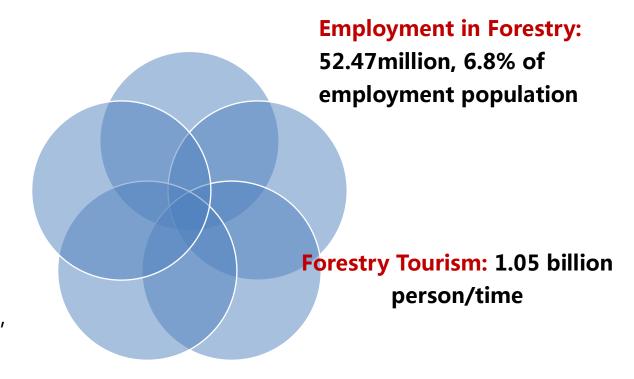
**Forest Gross Biomass:** 

17.002 billion Tons

**Total Carbon Storage:** 

8.427 billion ton

Value: 13.84 Trillion RMB, 1/5 of National GDP



Source: SFA, 2015



 Since 1980s, higher forestry education has made great progress, and a total of 650,000 graduates have contributed to forestry development in China





#### 2013-2014年



157 Universities and research academiathat host M.A. education242 Post-secondary specialized colleaguesand universities

119 Vocational colleges



19,500 M.As in forestry 56,500 B.A.s in forestry 52,000 others

#### Forestry bachelors students **VS** Received vocational training 1:1

- The academic education on forestry have been stabilized and there is an boom on vocational trainings
- The graduate education has shifted from pure academic to research and application-blended
- The education and capacity building systems on forestry-related groups become increasingly diversified through multi-channels



#### **During the 12th five-year**



232 Forest research institutions2,296 forestry extension agencies34 state key labs



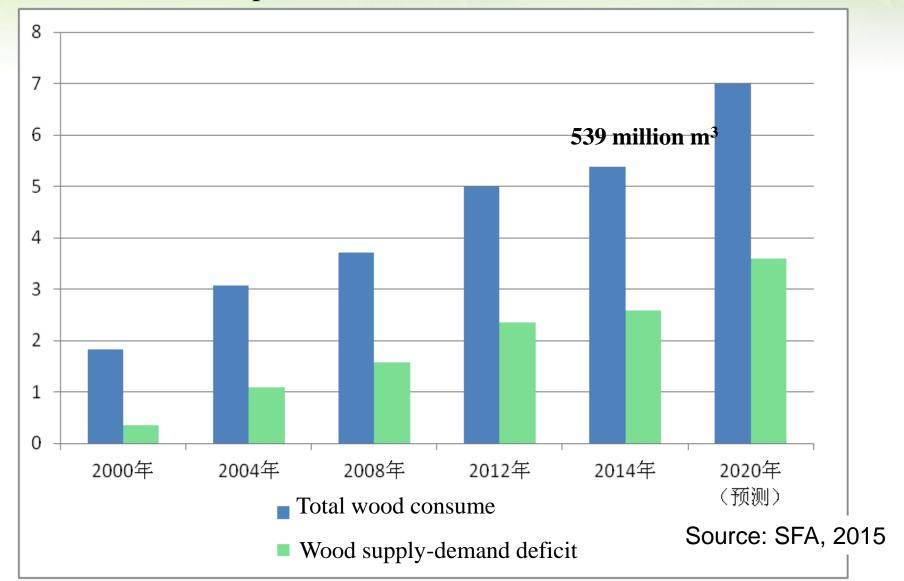
23 forestry standardization
committees
179 territorial ecosystem
positioning stations
26 state forest products quality
monitoring centers

- 22 Nationally-recognized scientific technologies Awards, 4,768 scientific achievements, 3,659intellectual property rights, 661 national and industrialwide standards, 593 new flora species
- The application of genetic breeding, digitalized forestry, restoration of ecological functions, multi-functional forestry and green timber processing has greatly promoted the forestry and technology development

Source: SFA, 2015

More high-yield planted forests are needed in China because of the big wood supple-demand deficit, with some 50% wood are imported abroad.







#### Low forest productivity: Improve forest quality

Limited timbers for use:

The mature forest 19% Over-aged forests 41%

Inappropriate stand structures: The singlespecies and single-layered plantations are about 90% of the plantations

Low productivity: Forest

volume: 89.79 m<sup>3</sup>/ha;

4.23m<sup>3</sup>/ ha/year

Source: SFA, 2014



# 2 Research and Demonstration of SFM in China

# China Forest Sustainable Management Experiment and Demonstration



Since 2004, China has established 12 sustainable forest management experiment and demonstration stations.

#### Key tasks are:

- Implementation of forest management plan
- Reform of forest quota harvesting system
- Monitoring and evaluation of forest resources

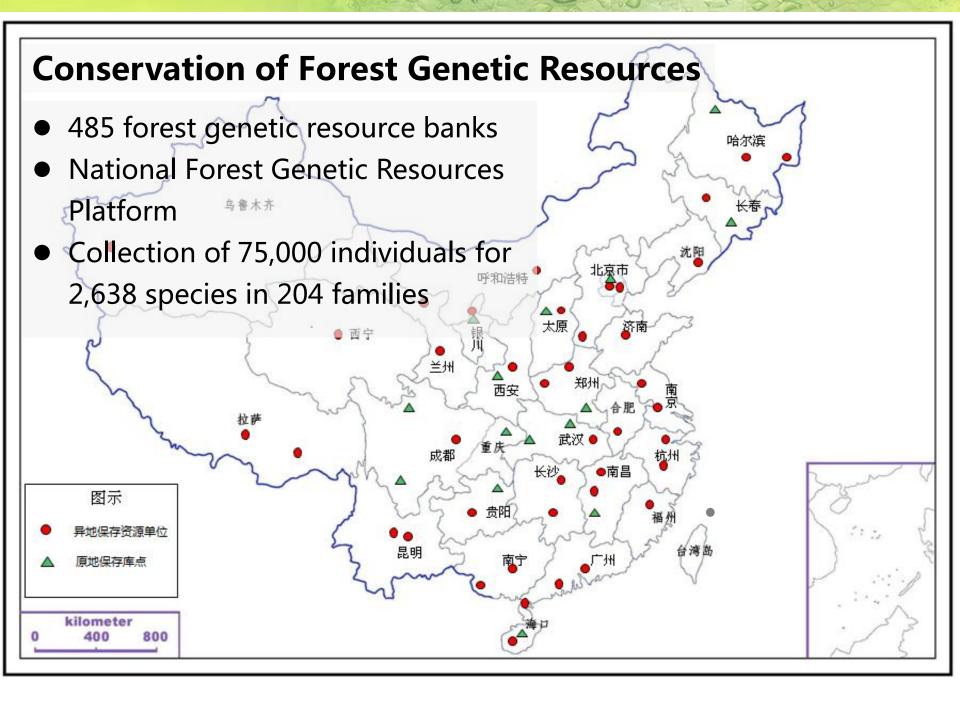




# 3 Tree Breeding and Improvement in China



- Conservation of Forest Genetic Resources
- Molecular Basis for Tree Breeding
- Tree Selection and Breeding



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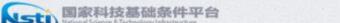
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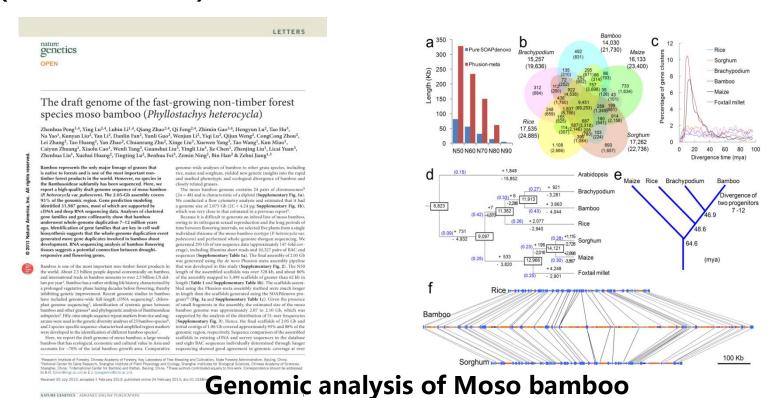
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# Whole-genome Sequencing and Analysis



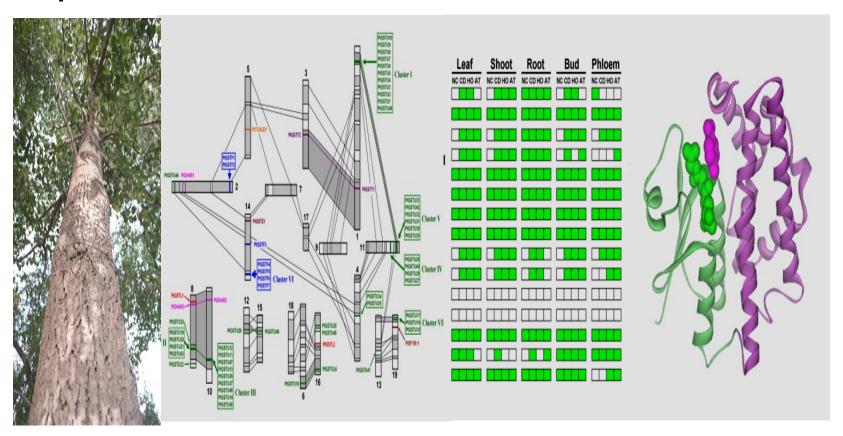
Sequencing 10 whole genomes of woody plants. Such as Moso bamboo (*Phyllostachys edulis*), Plum blossom (*Prunus mume*), Eucommia (*Eucommia ulmoides*), Willow (*Salix suchowensis*), and Mulberry (*Morus notabilis*)



# Whole-genome Sequencing and Analysis

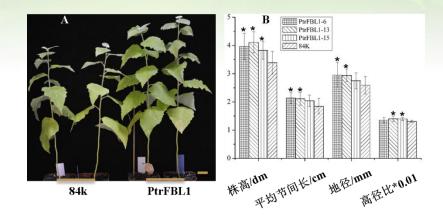


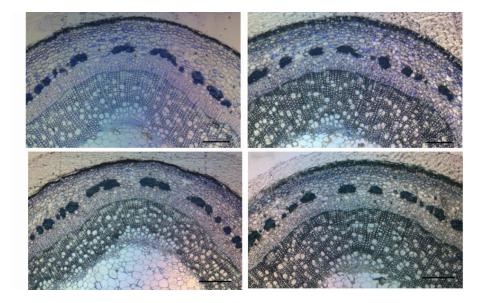
Unveiled the evolutionary mechanisms of two gene families (GSTs and PRXs), which is fundamental to understand the life cycle and adaptation of forest trees



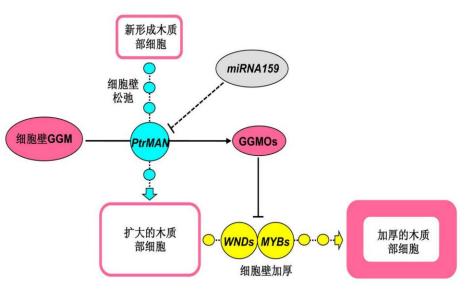
# Unveiled regulatory mechanism of xylem formation

- Explained the molecular regulation of auxin (IAA) in the progress of xylem differentiation.
- Identified the regulatory mechanism on the development of secondary cell wall





Over expressed *PtrFBL1* gene promoted cambium division in *Populus* 

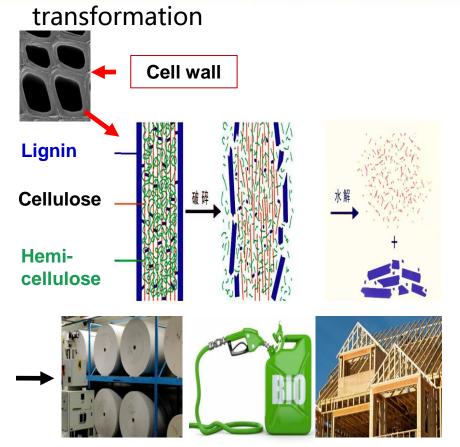


PtMAN regulating secondary cell wall formation

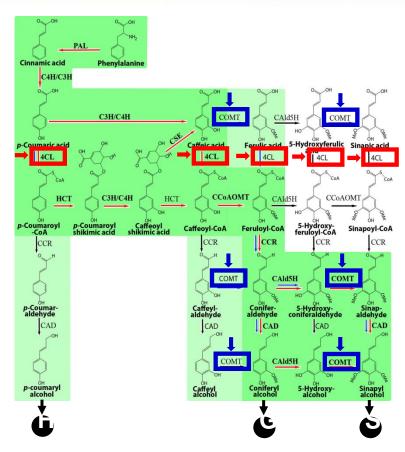
# Unveiled regulatory mechanism of xylem formation



Unveiled the molecular pathway of key enzymes that synthesize lignin,
 which is critical to improve the efficiency of pulping and bio-energy



The use of cell walls in pulping and bio-energy products



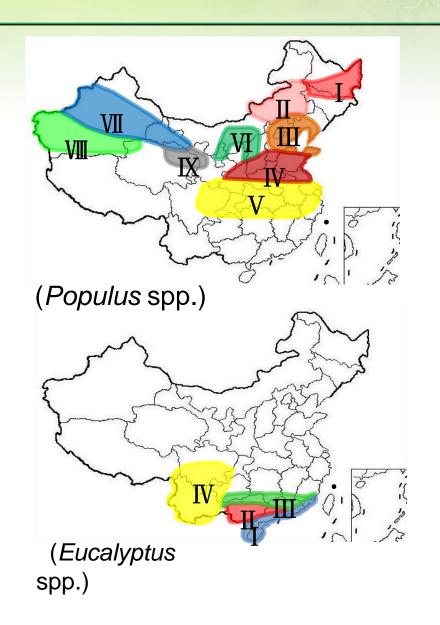
Important genes in the lignin synthesis pathway

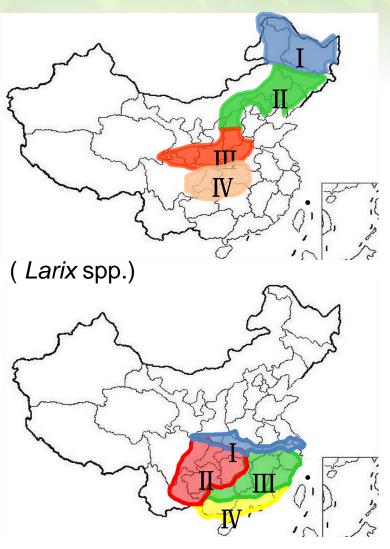
# Genetically improved varieties and families

- 226 national bases of tree improvement.
- The ratio of using improved genetic materials: 61%
  - Breeding for timber production
  - Breeding of economic trees
  - Breeding of tree resistance under stresses

## **Breeding Zones for Key Tree Species**







(Cunninghamia lanceolata)

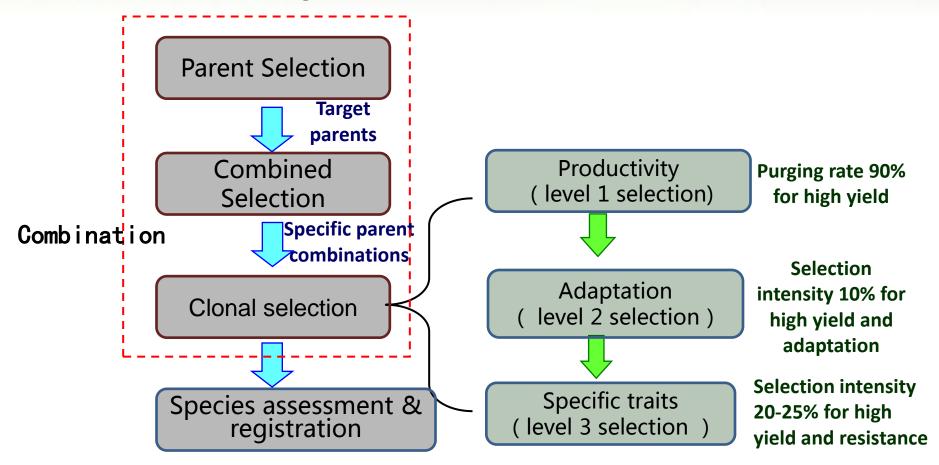
# Main Timber-oriented Species Breeding

Established 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> advanced seed orchards for trees, such as *Cunninghamia lanceolata, Pinus massoniana, Larix* spp.



# Established a Multi-level Tree Breeding System

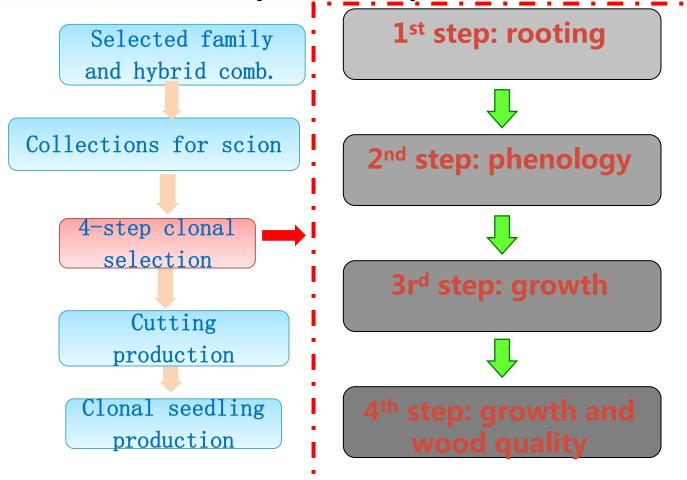
Broadleaf tree ( *Populus* , *Eucalyptus* ) "three in one" multi-level breeding procedure



# Established a Multi-level Tree Breeding System

#### Conifer ( Larix, Cunninghamia lanceolate )

a 4-step selection procedure



### Poplar (Populus spp.)



- Total area of planted poplar in China is 8.54 million ha.
- Poplar plantation is 18.1% of China's total planted forest areas.
- Conserved 4800 individuals of poplar genetic resources
- Established 12 genetic resource banks for poplars

### Poplar (Populus spp.)



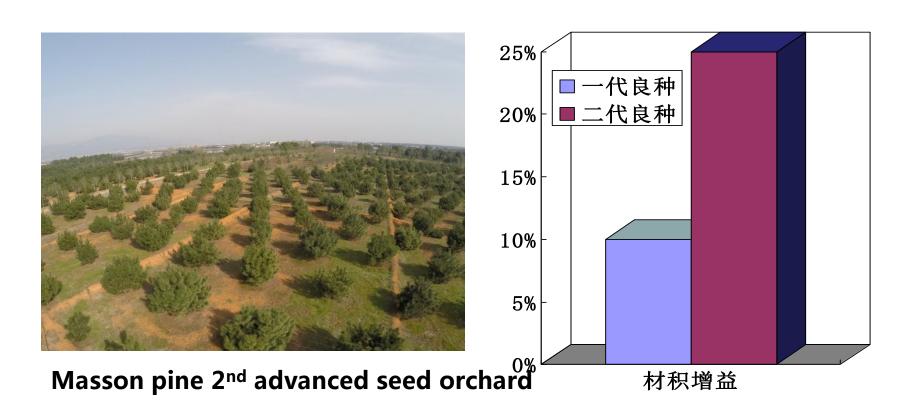
- Selected 49 improved clones and 96 varieties in past 15 years.
- Covered 82% of poplar plantation, and increased volume by 10-15%



### Masson pine (Pinus massoniana)



 Established 2<sup>nd</sup> advanced seed orchard: 593.33 ha; the genetic gain reached 25%



# Masson pine (Pinus massoniana)



Developed 31 new varieties for use in plantations



# Larix (Larix spp.)



Total area of Larix is 10.69 million ha , in which plantations take the  $4^{th}$  position overall in China

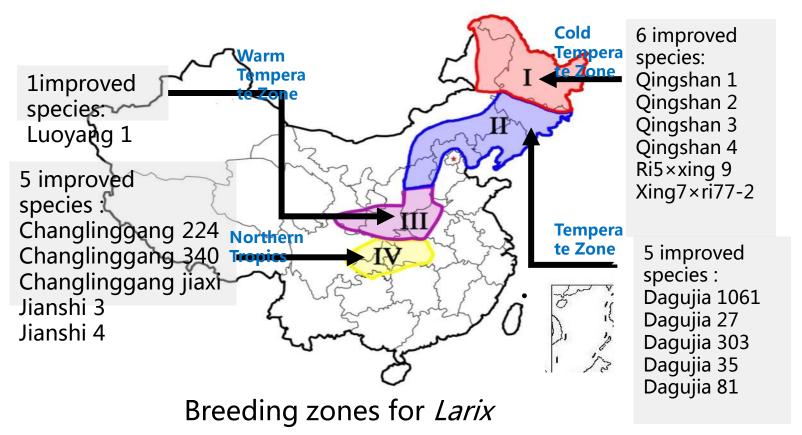




### Larix (Larix spp.)



- A total of 17 improved clones covered 4 breeding zones;
- Improved materials have been used in 53,300 ha, covering 16 provinces

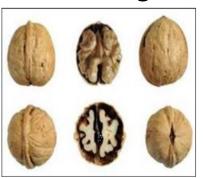


### **Breeding for economic trees**



#### Walnut (Juglans regia)

- 10 new varieties for frost-resistance and high-fat
- Invented a rooting technology, which improved the rate of rooting to 95%









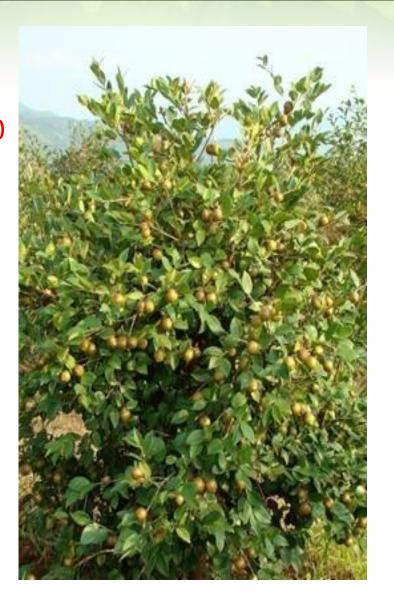


#### Camellia oleifera (Camellia oleifera)



- Selection of second generation of varieties, yield of 450-750 kg/ha
- Improved seedling production by 20 times
- Yield increased by 300% through a series of new technologies





#### **Tree Selections for Resistance**

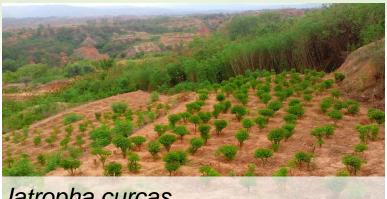


- Selection of Drought Resistance
- Selection of Salinty Resistance
- Selection of Heavy-metal Resistance

# **Tree Selections of Drought Resistance**







Jatropha curcas
Jatropha in Yunnan



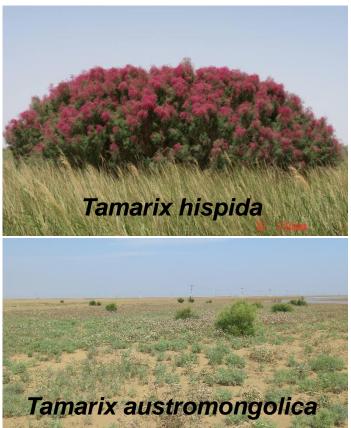
Haloxylon ammodendron
Minqin in Gansu

### **Tree Selections of Salinty Resistance**



 Selection of new genetic materials for salt tolerance, such as *Tamarix* spp., *Fraxinus americana, Populus* spp., *Ulmus* spp.





# **Tree Selections of Heavy-metal Resistance**

Woody plants for high accumulation of heavy-metals (Sb, Pb, Zn, Cd, Cu), such as Zenia insignis, Broussonetia papyrifera, Paulownia fortunei, Amorpha fruticose.









# 4 Planted forest technology in China

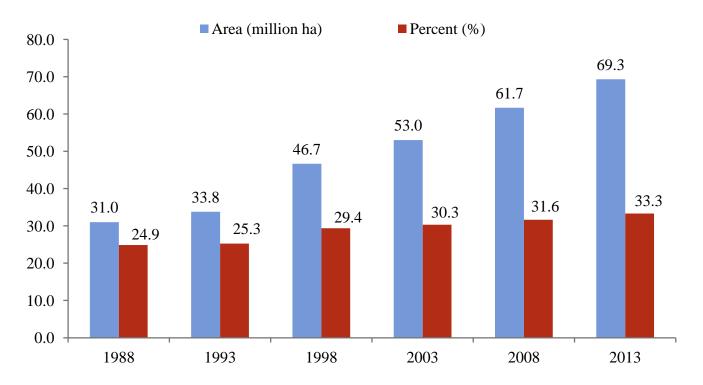


- Silvics for Timber Production
- Silvics of Bamboo Forest
- Shelterbelts techniques
- Close-to-nature management of planted forest
- Aerial Seeding Afforestation

# Planted forests are major resources for timber production in China



• About 46% of timber production is harvested from planted forests in China. It is urgent to develop new techniques for better planted forests.



The areas of planted forests in China (SFA 2015)

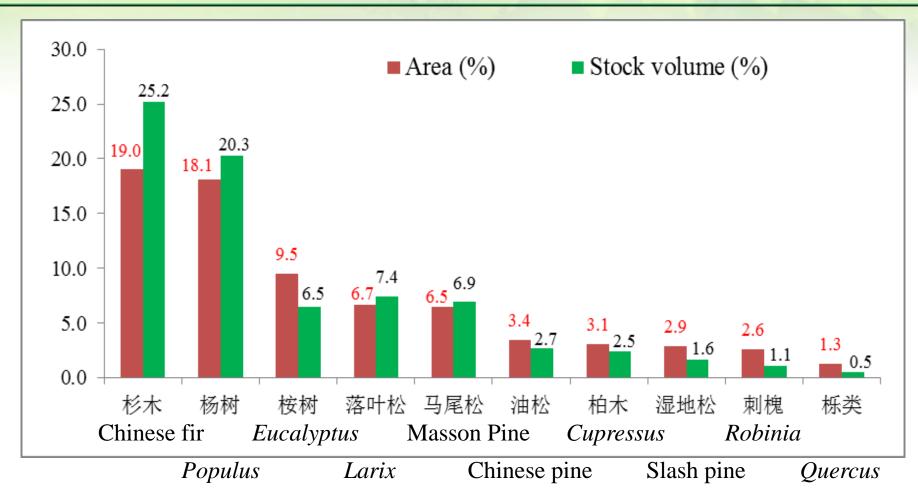
# The target-oriented cultivation has been widely applied in timber plantations in China



#### Main tree species are as followings:

- Chinese fir (Cunninghamia lanceolata)
- Larches (*Larix* spp.)
- Masson pine (*Pinus massoniana*)
- Poplar (*Populus* spp.)
- Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus* spp.)





# Technical system for cultivating large-diameter & fast-growing forest



The large-diameter wood fast-growing orientated cultivation technical models of six main tree species(including Chinese fir, poplar, etc.) were established,; and guided by the models, the forest productivity increased by an average of 20%.



#### Technical system for the target tree management



The technical systems for Chinese fir and larch target tree management for knot-free timber were established. The stem volume, volume recovery and stem wood processing quality are improved.





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#### Techniques for maintaining soil fertility in the long term





The techniques proposed for Larch, Chinese fir and Masson pine.

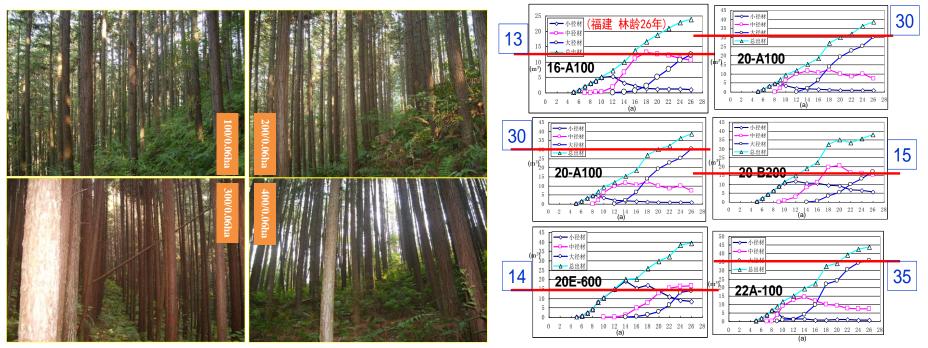
- Tree composition
- Avoiding successive planting
- Understory vegetation mgt.



#### Density trials technology for main conifers



Based on more than 30 years of continuous observation, the stand density effects of different wood assortment of Chinese fir, Masson pine, larch were revealed, and the stand density control technologies were created.



Chinese fir density test plantation-36 years

Dynamic effect of Chinese fir stand density structure-36 years

### **Density trials of Cuninghamia**









1×1m self-thing

 $1 \times 2m$ 

 $2 \times 3$ m

# **Density trials for Larix**







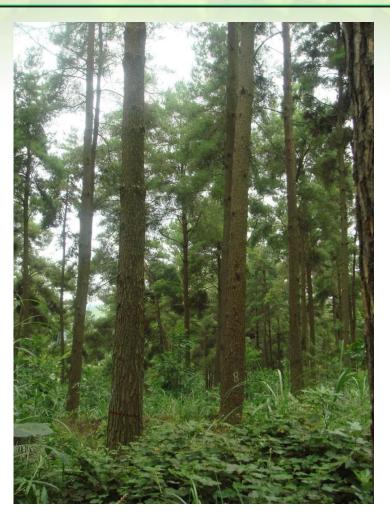
 $1\times1.5$ m  $1.5\times2$ m

Planed in 1991. Yichang, Hubei Provinces

# **Density trials for Mason Pine**





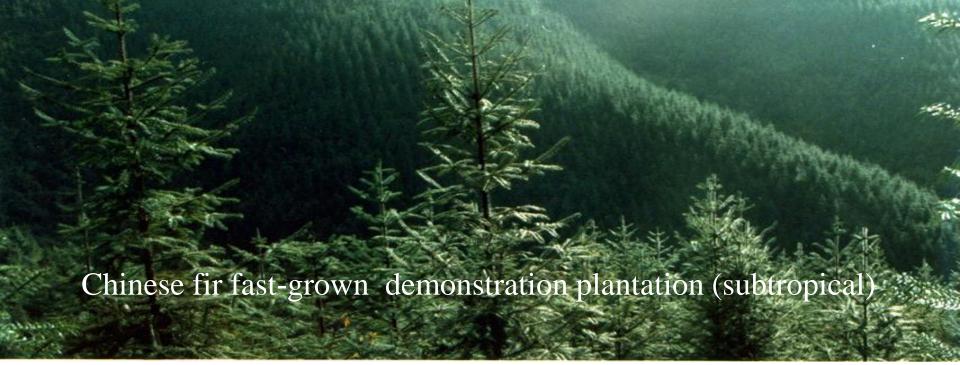


1×2m 2×3m Planted in 1989. Daqingshan, Guangxi

# Demonstration and extension of target oriented cultivation technology



• The six tree species (including Chines fir, etc.) plantations for demonstrating the targeted oriented cultivation technologies were established, and the afforestation area of more than 350,000 ha was extended in China.













### High-value broadleaf tree species



The creation were achieved in the big-diameter target tree cultivation and the growth promotion of heartwood of teak, southwest birch, red cone and *Dalbergia odorifera*.



# The large-diameter fast-growing orientated cultivation technology



- Tending and thinning
- Target-tree management techniques

降香黄檀 (Dalbergia odorifera) 西南桦 (Betula alnoides) 土沉香 (Aquilaria sinensis) 柚木 (Tectona grandis) 红锥 (Castanopsis hystrix) 土沉香 (Aquilaria sinensis)









- Local agarwood concreting technique: traditional skinning punch –drip producing perfume
- By this new technique, the agarwood production increased greatly.

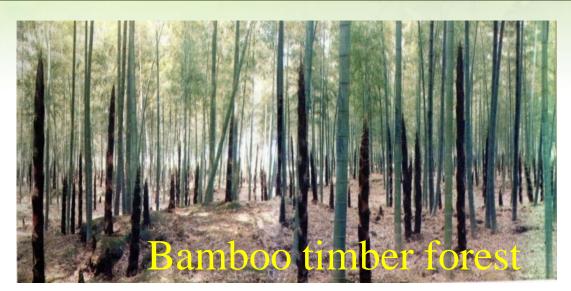
#### **Bamboo** forest cultivation



- The existing bamboo forest area is 6.01 million ha in China.
- High-yield cultivation technology for bamboos were proposed for the use of bamboo shoots, pulp, panels.
- This promoted the sustainable development of bamboo industry, and increased the farmers' income.

#### Bamboo forest oriented cultivation











By intensive cultivation, the production output of bamboo shoots and bamboo timber was significantly increased.

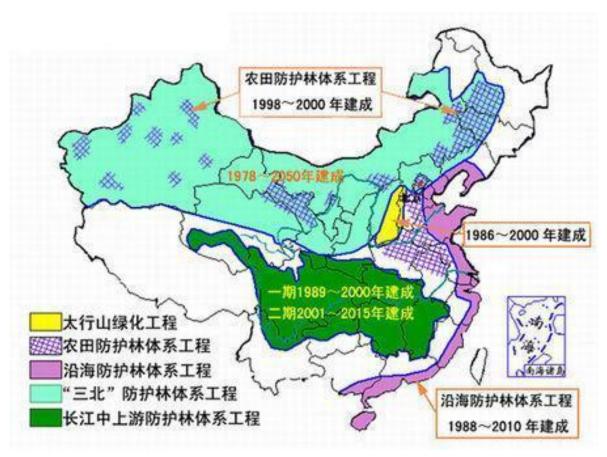
	yield of shoots (t/ha/a)		
Management level	Phyllostachys praccox	Dendrocalamus latiflorus	Bambusa oldhami
Extensive	7.5	15	3.0- 6.0
Intensive	15-22.5	45- 75	10.0- 11.7

	yield of culms (t/ha/a)		
Management level	Phyllostachys edulis	Bambusa textilis	Neosinocalamus affinis
Extensive	7.5	3- 4.5	3.0- 4.5
Intensive	22.5- 30	15- 22.5	15.0- 18.0

# Protection forest construction technologies



The great progress in the forest cultivation technology researches for farmland protection forest, afforestation of sand prevention, Yangtze river protection forest, coastal protection forest, etc. was achieved.



Map of China's protection forest system planning

# Farmland protection forest technologies



The stability of food production was guaranteed by applying the grid farmland protection forest construction technology.



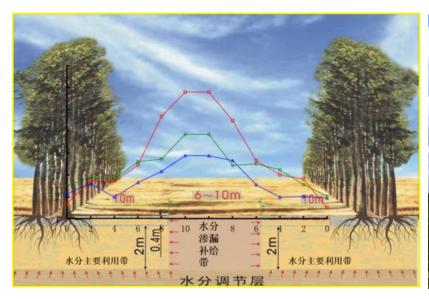


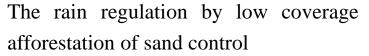
**Farmland protection forests** 

#### Afforestation technologies for sand control



 46 integrated sand prevention demonstration areas in national desertification land in different type were set up, and the key sandy area protection forest construction technologies such as low coverage were proposed.





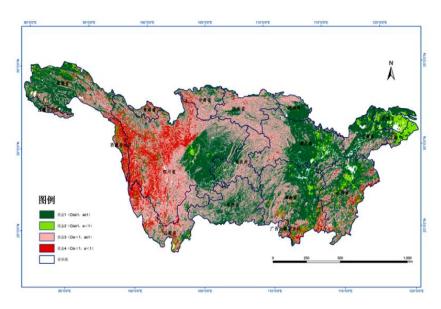


Fixing sand forest in 2 row tree and I belt grass pattern

# Yangtze river protection forest technology



- To contain the water loss and soil erosion, protection forest system combined multiple-use forest and multiple tree species were established.
- Supported by the technologies, 9 million ha of forests were planted, and whole basin forest coverage is increased from 19.9% to 35%.



Map of identifying the Yangtze river basin protection forest key allocation area



Identifying the Yangtze river basin protection forest

#### Technologies for coastal forest protection



• The remarkable achievements were made in the coastal vegetation restoration and reconstruction, shelter forest structure adjustment, protective efficiency improvement of technologies.



Mangroves in Qi'ao island of Hainan: mangroves were gotten large recovery, and the protection effects increased by 20-25%.

#### Close-to-nature plantation management

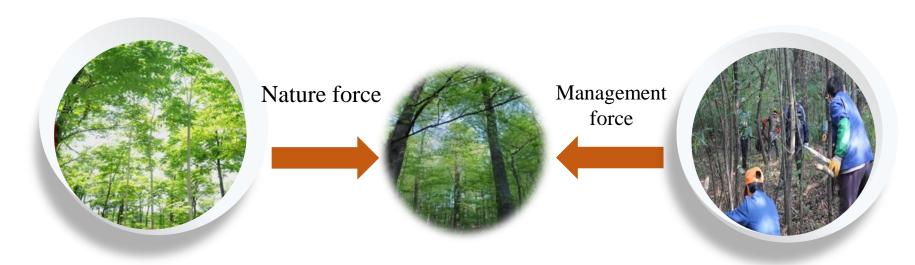


- Close-to-nature plantation management in south China: Pingxiang City of Guangxi Province
- Close-to-nature plantation management in north China: Hebei Mulan Forestry Administration

#### **Close-to-nature plantation management**



- Scientific hypothesis of close-to-nature forest management:
   A better effect can be gotten by applying the synthesized force of nature and human to manage forests together
- Management resultant force: system stability, structural optimization, process speed, good composition



## Close-to-nature plantation management in south China: Pingxiang City of Guangxi



Typical experiment and demonstration in Pingxiang city was for 10 years, the successful natural transformation of masson pine and eucalyptus plantations was made, the growth of the forest was promoted and the soil nutrient balance was maintained..



## Close-to-nature management of Mason pine plantation









2006 2008 2009





2012 2016

# Close-to-nature plantation management in north China: Mulan, Hebei



Adopting a small watershed as a close to nature management unit for multi-objective technology system was put forward. Within the same operating cycle, the volume of north China larch in the model is bigger than conventional management model by 378 m3 / ha, 73.4% higher.



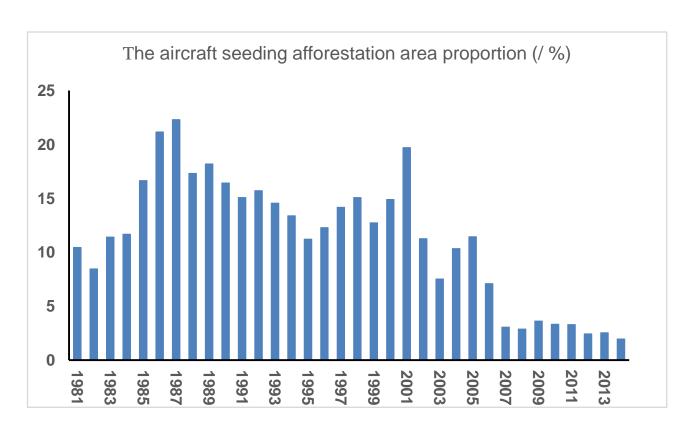
Fragmented basin before management

High-quality forest basin after management

#### The aerial-seeding afforestation



- By the end of 2015, the aerial-seeding afforestation accounts for about 12% afforestation area.
- Key technology: by seed coating



#### The aerial-seeding afforestation





Mu Us sandy land

#### The aerial-seeding afforestation



Early working system







# 5 Natural forest management in China

### Structured forest management technology proposed has been developed

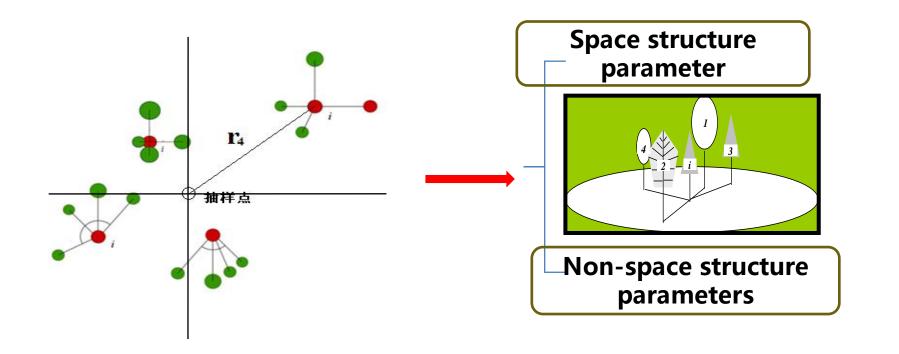


- Forest types by parameters of natural degree
- Management goals by parameters of urgent degree
- Forest structure adjustment by parameters of space structure
- Management effects assessment by parameters of states analysis

#### Key technique



- Stand space description with parametres by measuring
   4-reference adjacent trees
- Applied in 60,000 ha in China





# 6 Forest conservation and forest health in China

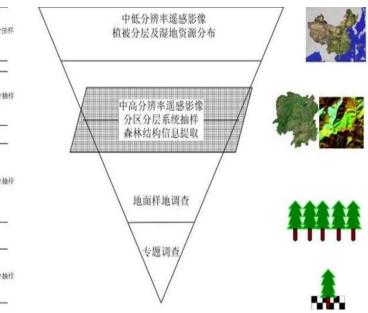
#### Forest Resources Monitoring Technology



- The forest biomass measurement technology has been innovated
- $\bullet$  The remote sensing monitoring application system is developed , the remote sensing data information extraction platform , improves the efficiency by 20%-30% and the monitoring accuracy of 5%-10%



**Operational system of remote sensing monitoring of National Forest Resources** 



Sampling system for integrated monitoring of forest resources

#### **Long-term Forest Ecosystem Research Stations**



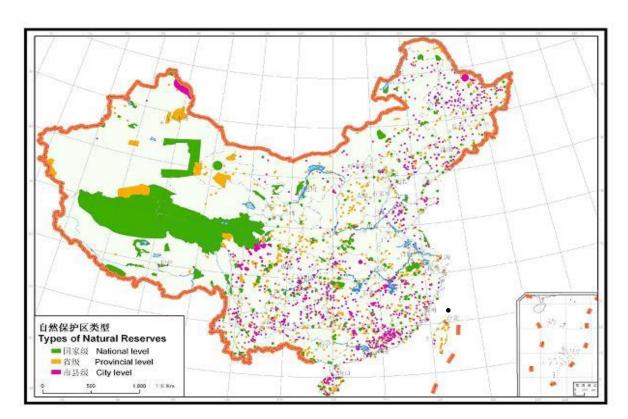
• 118 long-term forest ecosystem research stations had been established. Technological supports are provided for forest management and restoration of degraded forests by researching the structure and function of forest.



#### **Biological Conservation**



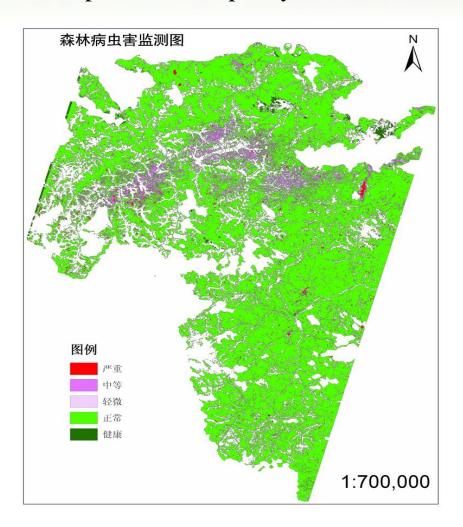
- 2,189 nature reserves, accounting for 13% of the land area of China, had been established in Chinese forestry system by the end of 2015;
- Nearly 200 botanical gardens or arboretum have been established, which preserved off-site tree species over 2000, with 120 key species among it.

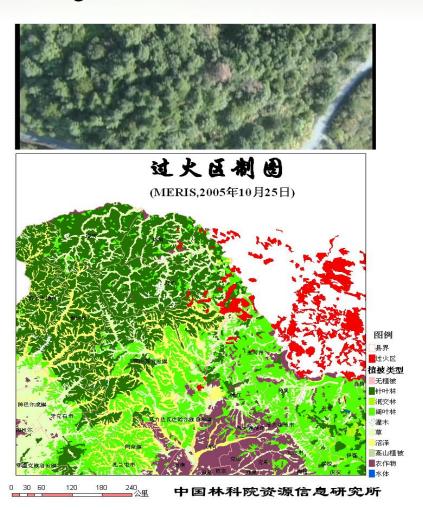


#### Forest-fire prevention



 Established a fire monitoring and control system which had effectively improved the capacity of forest fire monitoring.





#### Forest pests and disease control



- white moth (Hyphantria cunea)
- The technology using the *Chouioia cunea Yang* and NPV virus to combat the white moth was developed
- ➤ which has dramatically reduced the pest incidence rate to below 0.1% in the designated control area, and it has been applied in 2/3 of white moth-stricken areas in China



(Hyphantria cunea)



Chouioia cunea females spawn in American white moth pupae Alternative chalcephora breed host in Tussah Silkworm





#### Non-polluted Technique for Massicus raddei control

- > The massicus is the most influential pest in northeast of China.
- ➤ The integrated system ranging from larve to adult of the pest has been applied, and covers over 150,000 hectares.



**Adults of Massicus** 



Ash Ding s.guani larvae are parasitic on Massicus larvae

Ultravioletlighttrap for the adult mountain longicorn beetles



## 7 Conclusions and suggestion



- Significant progresses have been made on forest silviculture in China
  - ➤ Greatly supports the goal of increasing both the forest cover and forest volume
  - Especially on the planted forest cultivation and tree breeding
- There is a still long way to go for forest silviculture in China in the years to come
  - ➤ Only about 120 species out of 2000 species were studied
  - The quantity and quality of the forest should be improved



- Strengthen cooperation in forest researches among Asian and Oceania countries on:
  - > Sustainable forest management
  - Adaption to climate change
  - ➤ Biodiversity conservation
  - ➤ Difficult site vegetation restoration
  - > Forestry information technology



## **謝謝** Thank you