

Abstract 3: Company-Community Contracts for Forest Production in Sichuan: Examples and Lessons from Experience. Author: Gan Tingyu, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (SASS).

This paper first reviews the rise in company-community contracts in China – providing the available data on numbers of cases and communities involved. The paper focuses on the particular experience of Plantation Timber Products' (PtP) out-grower scheme from a community tenure rights perspective, examining the contracts, the distribution of risk, how and who negotiates the contracts (household, natural village, administrative village) as well as the role of the provincial and county forest departments in advancing the scheme. The paper concludes with a review of the advantages, disadvantages and risks to participating in the scheme from a community perspective, and identifies lessons for industry and policy makers regarding how these schemes could be improved.