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内容简介

Land degradation is a prominent ecological problem in dryland areas and a focus of many countries and in-temational organizations. Continual worsening of land degradation in dryland areas caused not only declineof soil fertility and reduction of food production directly impacting on farmers' livelihood, but also deterio-ration of ecosystems threatening the foundation for human survival. Therefore, it is an obligatory responsi-bility of countries, international organizations and scientists to improve the ecological situation in drylandareas, to prevent land degradation and to achieve sustainable land management as soon as possible. China has a wide distribution of dryland and land degradation is severe. Land degradation has become thekey factor restraining sustainable economic and social development in dryland areas. In order to improve the ecological conditions in dryland areas, Chinese government and its people have taken many measuresfor ecological improvement and protection and have made tremendous achievements in land degradation prevention and control, obtaining a series of applicable experiences and techniques which have greatly con-tributed to ecological improvement and land degradation control in dryland areas. While committed to ecological improvement and environment protection, Chinese government attachesgreat importance to strengthening international cooperation and exchange. In 2002, Chinese governmentestablished a strategic partnership with the GEF in land degradation control, i.e. China-GEF partnership onland degradation in dryland ecosystems. This was the first partnership of GEF established with a govern-ment in ecological fields. The partnership was aimed to create a multiagency, cross-sector and inter-regionalintegrated natural resource management system, a new approach to addressing land degradation problem from the grassroot. Therefore to stop land degradation, restore dryland ecosystems, reduce poverty, and promote sustainable development in western China and protection of global environment. 显示全部信息

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High vertical living barrier is a protective barrier set in the wind a nd sand strickenareas. The barrier with certain height and penetrability is ma de up of growing plantssuitable for dry and sandy conditions to alleviate th e wind and sand drifting speedthrough the rows of plants, and finally piling up the drifting sand. It is an effective sand fixation approach to protect in frastructure from being ravaged. Vast deserts are distributed in north China whe re soil is seriously desertified. The rail-way service has experienced frequent s uspensions in Qingshui section of Lanzhou-Xinjiang railway line suffering imme nse economic losses. In 1980s, the railway de-partment raised funds to constr uct high vertical living barrier with technical supportprovided by Gansu Desert Control Research Institute. Since its operation, the projecthas played an imp ortant role in intercepting sand encroachment and protection of nor-mal opera tion of railway service. The high vertical living barrier is set in a strip form ation in the areas where wind and desert hazard is severe. 2-4 belts of win dbreak are proper for the seriously affected areas and 1-2 belts are suitable f or lightly affected places. Specifically, the first beltof windbreak should be pla nted perpendicular to the wind direction about 200m to therail tracks to be protected at the windward side. Further, windbreaks should be plantedin 20 m intervals to total 2-4 belts in parallel with the first one. Calligonum kler nentzii, Haloxylon ammodendron, Salix psammophila, etc. may be planted. 25cm or longercuttings, or one year old seedlings in 30cm are proper for the plantation of Calligonumand Salix psammophila; one year old seedlings of 30c m in length suits planting of Haloxylon ammodendron. Initial density should b e kept in 10-12 trees/m. After treeplanted, drip irrigation or other types of irrigation shall be applied in low moisture dunesto facilitate survival of the plants.

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