

Table 1. Major afforestation programs in China.

Six key afforestation projects	Region	Project dates	Project goals	Planted area (million ha)
Three Norths Shelter Forest SystemProject (Phase IV)	Northern and western provinces	2001–2010	Desertification control	27.5
Natural Forest Conservation Program	Northern and central China; 17 provinces	2000–2010	Soil and water conservation	4.4
Sand Control Program	Northern China; 5 provinces	2001–2010	Desertification control	5.2
Grain for Green Project	All of China except the southeastern provinces	2001–2010	Soil and water conservation	32
Forest Industrial Base Development Program	Areas of eastern China where precipitation is more than 400 mm; 17 provinces	2001–2015	Wood production	13.3
Wildlife Conservation and Nature Reserves Development Program	All of China	2001–2010	Wildlife conservation and the development of nature reserves	—

Source: [Wang et al., 2007](#); [Cao et al., 2011](#).