



Over the past months, there have been many policy changes which provide certain new challenges for development work in the region. However Plateau Perspectives' work is still welcome and has continued forth. In addition, the prefecture government where we have worked for the past decade wishes to present to Plateau Perspectives a special plaque of appreciation for our work.

Community Health



Completed hospital building Zaduo

In **Zaduo** PP has assisted with the construction of a new building for the hospital where over 60% of patients in the town are seen. The four new community health centres in Zaduo are near completion. A doctor training, to increase the standard of care in these facilities, is now planned for the end of the year. The clinics are built in remote communities who are very supportive of these new facilities.

In **Zhiduo** the community clinics are running well and are now all fully staffed. Some are stretched to meet the demand but the patients are being seen and they receive health insurance from the government to assist with payment. At the health clinic in Yaqu an increasing number of women are coming to deliver their babies and PP is planning, with the government and the community, the construction of a delivery room with the provision of electricity and an ultrasound machine etc.

In **Qumalai**, PP provided the equipment and furniture for a clinic, transport for the collection of dung to provide heating and has now provided an ultrasound mostly for antenatal use but also for general medical purposes.

Education

Educational policy has changed over the last couple of years with larger plans for relocation of nomads to towns where schools are provided. Teacher-student ratios are reduced in these towns but nonetheless government support is for schools in towns. We therefore have not been able to expand the village education program and have had to close the "Yak-2-school project". Nonetheless the communities that had local provision of education through the PP school project were less affected by the changes and their children are still receiving good quality education in the countryside.

Environmental Protection - Three Great Rivers Nature Reserve

Human wildlife conflict – bear fencing

In the last 3 years bears have started to break into winter homes for food. Homes have been destroyed and families have become increasingly afraid. Whilst it is important to protect the bears, the cost to the communities is high. This year we have been trialing electric bear fencing and so far the houses surrounded by bear fencing have not been broken into while all the unprotected houses in the community have been damaged.

Wildlife surveys

This year the camera trap project for snowleopard monitoring is in the process of being set up. Unusually wet weather conditions, although good for the grass, has delayed much of the work.

University Links - Qinghai

Marc Foggin has been appointed as associate professor at **Qinghai Normal University** as part of the new Institute of Geograpy and Life Sciences. He is specifically appointed to introduce foreign research projects and experts to the university. In the Spring, PP introduced an NSF funded research programme from the US. Plans are now under discussion for setting up a new masters programme in Sustainability.

Likewise **Qinghai University** has welcomed PP to introduce good foreign experts and has now taken on a new PP member of staff – John Friberg - to the engineering department.

Conferences

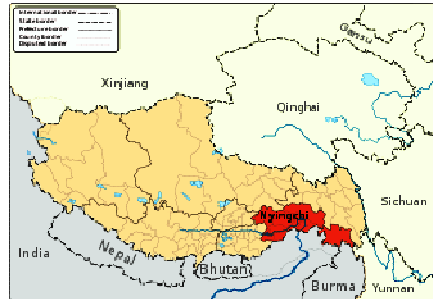


Marc Foggin, Gongbo Tashi and Marion Foggin were all invited by the **Chinese Academy of Social Sciences** to give presentations, and Marc Foggin to lead discussiona at a session at the **International Anthropological Conference (IUAES)** from which many fruitful discussions arose.

Jigme Rabden, our field office manager ,participated in a training course in Guangxi province to meet people from another minority group in southern China to discuss the issues of cultural preservation.

Eastern Tibet

As a further step to opening work in the area, Marc Foggin has been invited to teach at Tibet University – the Agricultural College in Bayi in Eastern Tibet. Marion Foggin is to meet with health bureau and community leaders in the region to discuss plans for health work there.



Map from en.wikipedia.7val.com

Field Staff

Marc Foggin, conservation biologist, Executive Director
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Hu Ting, historian, Qinghai Manager
Marion Foggin, consultant paediatrician, Medical Director
Ben Henderson, GIS researcher, Assistant Manager
Shinay Henderson, IT specialist, Website host
Jigme Rabden, Translator and Field Office Manager
Xu Hai Ying, Office Assistant

Fiona Worthy after completing her 3-year term with PP has now left PP to work in Yunnan province but is looking to continue some joint research with us. We thank her for her 3 years of hard work and we will miss her.

Randal and Solveig Frivold, who have provided invaluable management support including the finances are also moving on. We thank them for their valuable contribution this year.

We welcome **John and Joy Friberg**. John is an engineer and will be teaching at Qinghai University leading up engineering research projects. Joy has training in education and experience in community development but will begin her time here in Qinghai with language study.



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