

Dealing with Sandstorm

Conducted by members of the National University Student Greencamp group, aimed to investigate and raise awareness of the causes of the desertification of the Minqin area of the Ganshu Province in China. This was achieved by carrying out scientific investigations in both the Mingin desert and contrasting it with the biologically diverse and abundant Baishuijiang National Natural Reserve in Summer 2005.

Having researched the history, culture and biological diversity of the Baishuijiang National Natural Reserve and evaluated the biological build up, the student volunteers then developed and conducted educational workshops for the local population stressing the importance of conservation. Educational resources such as books and cards were also created.

In the Minqin area, as well as carrying out scientific investigation into the causes of desertification, the students also lived with the local people and recorded the difficulties for the local people for the purpose of highlighting their plight to the general population of China. Environmental education classes were also run with the local people in Minqin.

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