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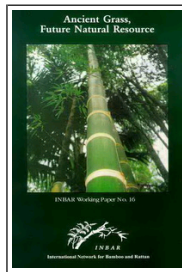
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DESCRIPTION

Bamboo has played a significant role in the economies of rural areas. Although bamboo houses were a traditional feature of the rural areas, the material is still used by millions of people live in bamboo homes, the material is still used with the poorer sections of the society. This paradox has been studied in different parts of the world.

This paper examines the role of bamboo in socio-economic development as a case study of National Bamboo Project (PNB) of China. It examines the appropriateness and sustainability of bamboo housing promoted by the Project. The author emphasizes the economic impacts of PNB, and calls for a wider and sustainable approach so that the impetus provided by the project carries on.

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