

Alxa League Environmental Rehabilitation and Management (ALERM)



Location

Inner Mongolia, China

Client

AusAID

Project Value

AUD\$10.3 Million

Start Date

June 2001

Completion Date

January 2007

Associate

URS Sustainable Development –
incorporating AACM

Office Responsible

Cardno Acil

Responsibilities

Institutional strengthening,
community involvement, improved
environment, sustainable resource
use and poverty reduction.

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Project Scope

Alxa League is a remote province of Inner Mongolia in China. The province is characterised by a range of ecosystems, ethnic diversity, extreme temperatures, poverty and severe environmental degradation. The major environmental problem is desertification as a result of over grazing of fragile grasslands and forests.

The ALERM Project is designed to contribute to an improved environment through sustainable resource use and poverty reduction by addressing long-term sustainability, potential negative environmental impacts and excessive resource exploitation.

By implementing a combination of institutional strengthening and coordination, community involvement, technical interventions and changes to the policy to incorporate environmental considerations into planning, the project involves communities and institutions as partners in all stages of development and implementation.

This is achieved by developing a framework to facilitate inclusive community based planning which is supported by strengthening the capacity of institutions to identify and apply appropriate interventions and support communities in optimal resource management. Participating agencies will work together and

access outside funding to ensure sustainability of project activities post -project completion. On an international level, the project will be seeking assistance from other donors to strengthen the region through collaborative assistance.

Cardno Acil is responsible for overall project management and direction of the project. The team comprises of four international and four national advisers.