



The Study of Multiple Functions and Values of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces

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According to the research of many history documents, and field investigation of Honghe Hani Rice terraces in Yunnan, this paper mainly analyzes the multiple functions which relating to livelihood, ecology, and culture of Hani Rice terraces.

Livelihood function primary shows in continue to provide local people with rice, fish, ducks, vegetables etc., many kinds of foods for thousands of years. Terraces are the main foods basis for local people. Ecological function is embodied in ecosystems that maintaining soil and water, regulation climate, keeping biodiversity, and circulate ecosystem. Social and cultural values are reflecting in the terraces farming works that connecting the relationships of man & man and people & nature. In addition, labor relations promote the bind of people in Hani community. The Honghe Hani Terraces possesses other values such as offering people historical research, economical contribution, literary creation and artistic aesthetic .

Honghe Hani Rice Terraces are ancient and valuable agricultural heritage which left by Hani ancestors who is a main nationality in southwest China. They are the model of farming civilization, which reveals the harmonious connections of human beings and nature, and environmentally traditional agriculture. Hani Rice terraces are also the world sample of the wisdom of human existence whose harmony, diversity and sustainable development life style affording people an important implication in today's society.