

PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION OF GAODANG: A BUYI MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

📍 Anshun m² Area: 0,14 sqkm



Gaodang is a traditional village of the Buyi ethnic minority group in a remote impoverished mountainous area in the Chinese southwest province of Guizhou. A seven-year program has been implemented here with the goal of protecting Buyi cultural landscape, boosting community cohesion and strengthening regional economic and ecological sustainability by means of landscape architecture. The program is rooted in the fragile karst ecosystem and village historical site, integrating the needs of modern life and the protection of traditional landscape. The long-term renovation and renewal process in Gaodang has united forces including scholar, landscape architect, indigenous people, the local craftsmen and design institute. New sustainable development opportunities have been provided for Gaodang, so its culture heritage, traditional scenes, and ecological principles could continue and thrive with cost, construction and high performance. The



project is not solely about aesthetic landscape design and living environmental improvement, but also the practical significance of the Philosophy of Symbiosis between nature and human beings, valuing the regional cultural diversity, traditional culture inheritance, as well as social equity for disadvantaged groups.



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