

on the ground in china

The pace of social, economic, and environmental changes underway in China has the world's attention. Scholars from the College of Natural Resources have long been engaged with China, with collaborations on topics ranging from invasive species, biocontrol, and transgenic crops to income distribution and educational performance. Here are just a few of CNR's projects happening on the ground in China.



In the Eastern Himalayan region of Yunnan Province, Cooperative Extension Specialist [Matteo Garbelotto](#) and graduate student [Anthony Amend](#) are studying the link between harvesting pressures and conservation efforts on Matsutake mushrooms. One of the most expensive mushrooms on earth (sold in Japan for over \$5,000 per pound), the Matsutake is crucial to local livelihoods and prized for medicinal properties and exceptional flavor. The researchers are examining how the makeup of forests may affect the growth of these prized fungi, and how the mushrooms' genetic distribution affects their resilience in the wake of fires and logging.

