



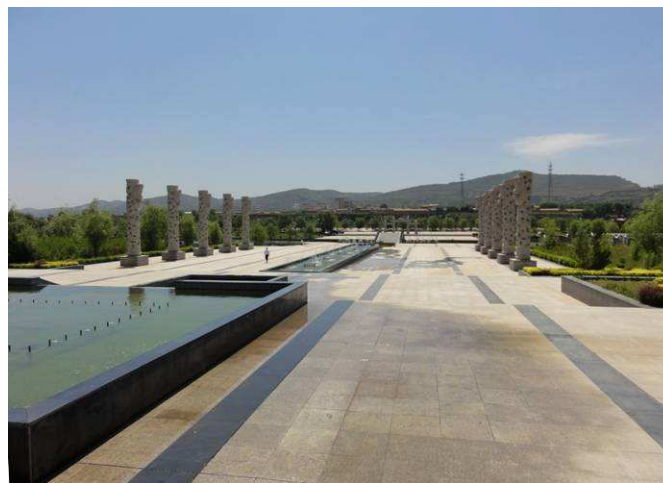
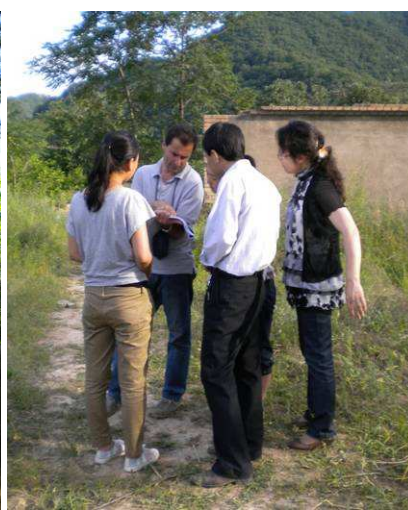
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Lonquan mountain , Tang Mao mountain , Wu Long Shan mountain. Initiate plan for general touristic development and for each site included market analysis, building of public areas in the hills, investments on communication and transportation, development, building of tourism facilities. With arch. Tatiana Bazzi

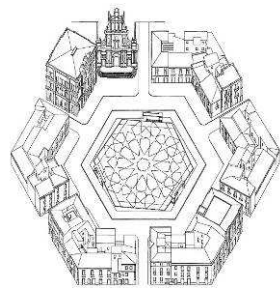
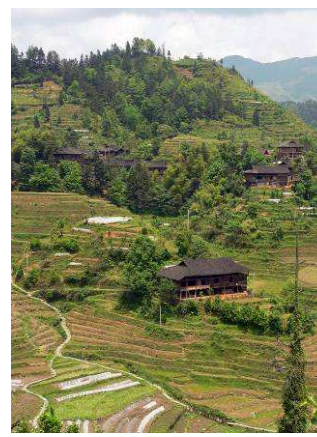
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Panorama



Site investigation



THE 4 SITES IN CHONGXIN COUNTY

1. LONQUAN MOUNTAIN
2. TANG MAO MOUNTAIN
3. WU LONG SHAN MOUNTAIN
4. SCHOLAR TREE

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS – SUGGESTIONS

- With the exception of Lonquan Mountain which has been already developed, all the sites should have a **public area for all year long fruition and always open** to the public. This area should be connected with others stable but independent facilities like entertainment one, villages and so on developed in each touristic site.
- The **footpath to connect the sites** seems very difficult in its realisation and should be studied with **more details**. In general terms however this idea has a **very high value**: connecting the points would make the sites become **one unique interesting place** to go, under the overall themes of the forestry and of the ancient Chinese medicine. In this way the sites would get **more visibility** and a great synergy would be created.



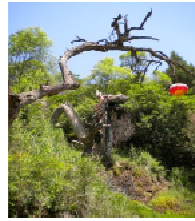
A STEP-BY-STEP STRATEGY

1. PROJECT FOR GENERAL TOURISTIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOR EACH SINGLE SITES
2. MARKET ANALYSIS ABOUT TOURISTIC DEMAND AND OFFER
3. BUILDING OF PUBLIC AREAS IN THE HILLS
4. INVESTMENTS ON COMMUNICATION
5. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT AND CREATION OF A WEB FOR PUBLIC FRUITION: highway, railway, information point in the city
6. BUILDING OF STABLE FACILITIES: villages, restaurants, museums and so on.

LONQUAN MOUNTAIN - THE SPRING FORESTRY

PRESENT SITUATION – PLAN – KEY ELEMENTS

- Intention to realise a public park on the themes of ecological forestation, health
- Quite steep slope
- Connection between the foot of the mountain and the historical group of springs and the high temples



SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Ideas for the forestation of the eastern part of the mountain:

- A footpath to be walked starting from the top and going down
- The footpath should be accompanied on its sides by bushes of officinal plants so there will be a pleasant smell along it
- Along the footpath creation of natural or artificial water ponds which can function as irrigation starters for the surrounding areas
- This ponds should be surrounded in the nearest part by a mix of plant species and then by small areas of different kind of trees
- Near these new ponds a series of bamboo pergolas with climber plant growing on them could be realised in order to provide visitors with resting points and fitness areas
- On the highest part of the new footpath, with a great view on the forestry, a main service facility should be realised. The facility should comprehend a restaurant, a tea room, a natural medicine shop.

WU LONG SHAN MOUNTAIN - LINGERING OVER THE CLOUDS

PRESENT SITUATION – PLAN – KEY ELEMENTS

- Long footpath connecting the two part of the mountain
- Absence of resting areas
- The top of the mountain represent a very nice panoramic point with view on both the two valleys
- On the top there are a few remains of an ancient temple
- The small valley just below the top is very nice
- Plan to realise on the left side of the mountain a series of facilities like a restaurant, a camping site, a traditional medicine centre



SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Use the lake for recreational and commercial activities building a platform on the bank on the road side
- In order to make the lake a peaceful place there is the need to isolate the area from the noises coming from the road which runs over it. To do this soundproof panels should be used
- From the platform a boat service should be provided to bring people on the other bank of the lake
- On this bank, in the small valley located on the left side of the mountain, a small rack railway can be realised to bring people easily to the service facilities area planned on this side of the site
- The facilities area should be realised on an existing flat area and should have: a village of houses connected by an unique arcade developed against the cliff thus to create a closing frame to the area, a series of small natural oasis, some facilities buildings for entertainment and restoration, a Chinese traditional medicine pavilion and an observing terrace with a light tower over the slope
- On the top of the mountain a rounded viewing terrace should be build along with the old re-built temple
- Improve the very hard footpath providing small shaded resting areas
- Along the footpath some "fragrances tunnel" can be realised using bamboo in order to let visitors appreciate the very pleasant smells of flowers and plant
- Provide two parking areas at the two entrances to the mountain

TANG MAO MOUNTAIN - LIVING THE FORESTRY

PRESENT SITUATION – PLAN – KEY ELEMENTS

- The forestry represent a primary woodland, with a great balance between species
- The observation tower is great point to enjoy the surrounding landscape
- The temples are in a great position but their buildings are in bad conditions
- The road to reach the top of the mountain is enjoyable



SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Ideas for the development of the area in terms of public fruition of the woodland:

- Ring footpath starting from the parking and the temples and developing into the wood
- Small clearing areas into the wood to provide walkers with resting areas
- A series of 8-10 small observation tower higher than trees' crown. Each tower could contain a series of information about the trees which form the primary woodland and how were they used in the past in relation to eating and traditional medicine.
- The towers could become something more than observation points: they will have the purpose of enhancing people's knowledge about the woodland.
- The arriving point of the road should become the main service point for tourists. Improved facilities should be provided by rebuilding: the existing tower with a newer and safer one, the existing buildings in order to have a better welcome area, the existing temples which are in very bad conditions.
- A holiday village should be built in the woodland integrating it with the nature. To do this one-family houses should be realised along the slope lines to minimize their visual impact and on terraces structure, to avoid the destroy of any part of the woodland.

SCHOLAR TREE - LIVING THE HILL

PRESENT SITUATION – PLAN – KEY ELEMENTS

- The overall project foresees the development of a touristic village and the refurbishment of ancient houses surrounding the scholar tree
- Around the tree an entrance square will delimitate the area surrounding the tree
- The old re-built villages will be characterized by a central villa and by single-family houses
- The flat area where the tree is located has a very good exposition to the sun during the day
- The road to access the area is very long and has a problem of promiscuity with the tracks coming and going to sand pits



SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- There is the need of a public and collective function to be developed in relation to this site
- Around three sides of the scholar tree a great arcade should be realised to provide visitors main service facilities
- From the tree two footpaths should begin and bring to the two re-built villages
- Along this footpath two museum-houses should be realised. This historical museum should be very modern and use multi-media instruments and should have also the function of recreational centres to entertain peoples staying in the villages
- The idea of re-building two partially abandoned villages is correct. The new villages should have small apartments for groups, single-family houses, villas.
- Possibility to develop a series of sport facilities in order to attract sport teams to come to this area for their summer training camps
- Before proceeding with the construction works analyse the touristic market in order to understand which will be the real demand of facilities