

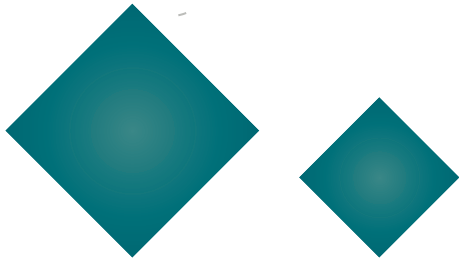
Editor's Note: Ordos is hosting the Ninth Kubuqi International Desert Forum on Aug 25-27. This graphics page showcases the city's desertification prevention and control efforts and achievements in recent years. The three-day forum hopes to make new contributions to effectively address the challenge of desertification and explore innovative solutions to promote global environmental sustainability.

Key efforts

- Artificial afforestation
- Artificial afforestation of arbor forest
- Artificial afforestation of shrubwood
- Afforestation via closing mountains
- Aerial-seeding forest
- Degraded forest restoration
- Fixing sand land

Protection of Natural Forest Resources Project (2000-21)

Total tasked area
810,547 hectares



2.84 million hectares of grassland*

1.16 million hectares of afforestation*

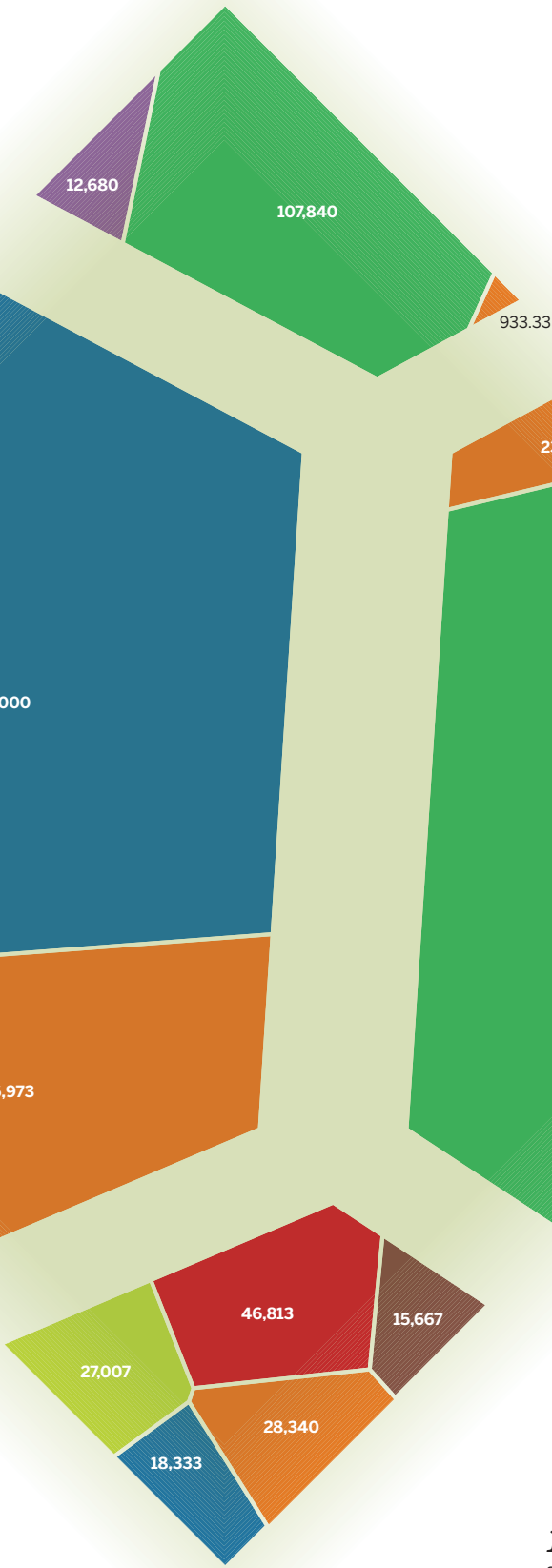
\$ **1.89 billion** Desertification control*

* Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China in 2012

Northwest-North-Northeast Shelter Forest Program (1978-2050)

Totally completed area (2001-20)

121,453 hectares



Beijing-Tianjin Sand and Dust Source Control Project (2013-21)

Totally completed area

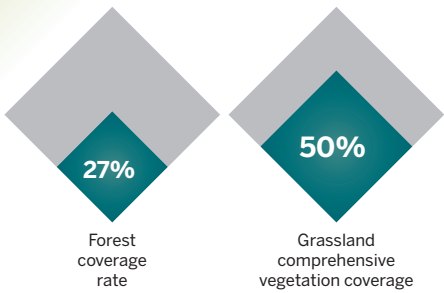
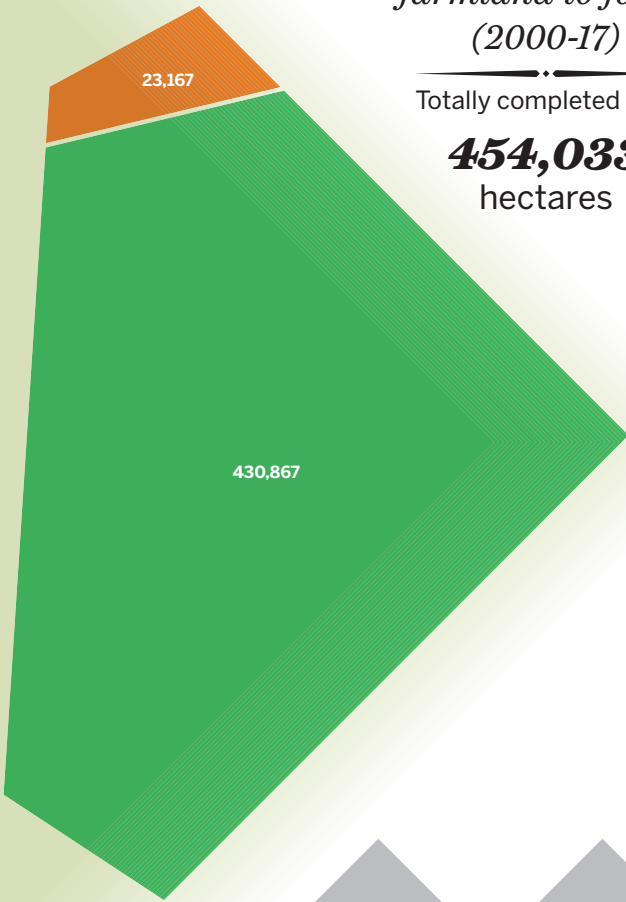
136,160 hectares

TURNING GREENER

Ordos is a key land sandification prevention belt in North China and home to the Kubuqi Desert and part of the Mu Us Sandy Land, which account for about 53 percent of the city's total area. Through implementing important ecological projects, it has worked miracles, turning part of the Kubuqi Desert green.

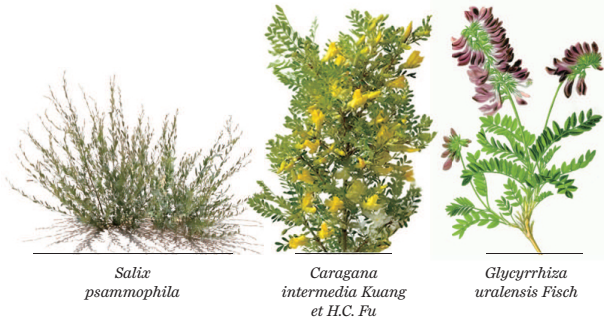
Project for returning farmland to forest (2000-17)

Totally completed area
454,033 hectares



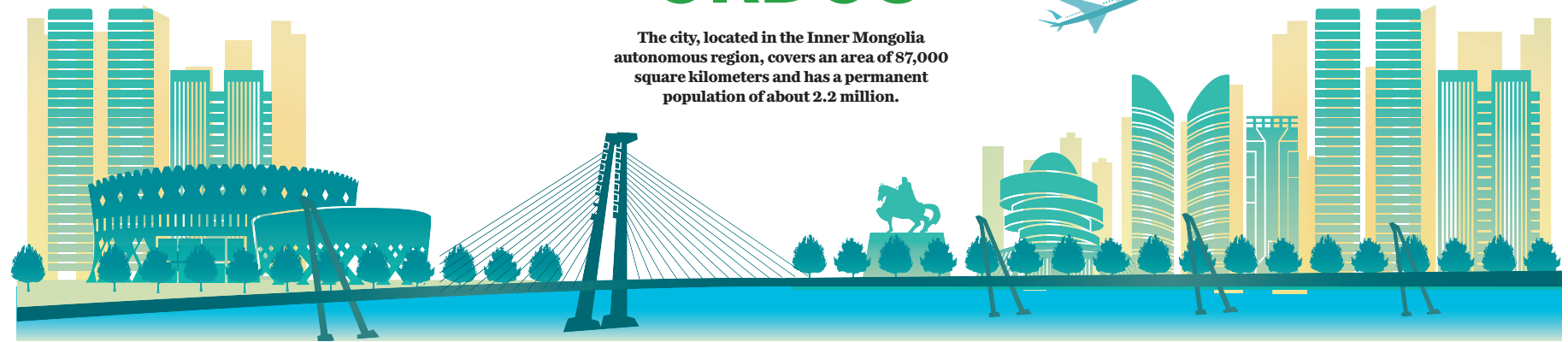
136 million trees*

Some species planted



ORDOS

The city, located in the Inner Mongolia autonomous region, covers an area of 87,000 square kilometers and has a permanent population of about 2.2 million.



Source: The Ordos forestry and grassland bureau

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