Clootwijck Nurseries and
Dalian Green Fruit Tree Nurseries (P.R. China)

Dalian Green Fruit Tree Nurseries is a joint venture between the Chinese company Dalian Tiansheng Green Food and the Dutch combination J.M. Levarht and Son B.V. with Clootwijck Nurseries and Van Rijn-De Bruyn BV., supported by the Dutch TSOM support facility. Together they establish a fruit tree nursery with demonstration orchard to serve as an example of Dutch knowledge in the field of equipment, technology and knowhow on commercial fruit tree nursing and postharvest handling.

The joint aim is to stimulate transfer of this knowledge from the Netherlands to China and stimulate investment in the introduction of modern fruit varieties as well as nursery and orchard technologies which result in higher revenues. To achieve this, Dalian Fruit Tree Nurseries will produce and sell fruit of own and contracted orchards, and produce and sell “Knip” and “Spindle” type fruit trees in China. Possible extention of the range includes the sales of inputs like crop protection products, bamboo stickes, binding material and clips, trimming and agricultural equipment.

The role of Clootwijck Nurseries focuses on initiation, feasibility analysis, project management, joint venture establishment and financing arrangements.

Key impacts

Nursery and Orchard Development

Realisation of a high density demo orchard of 4 ha. to test the ‘Chinese’ quality of Dutch fruit tree varieties as well as Dutch orchard technology.

Realisation of a fruit tree nursery of 8 ha. which will produce yearly 85.000 young trees (apples and pears) in a two-year cycle.

Postharvest Handling

Realisation of an ULO fruit storage and packaging facility for handling 3.000 ton fruit per year.

Business Development

Establishment of “Dalian Green Fruittree Nurseries (DFN) and making it into a fully operational company including agronomy advisory services, training program and marketing and sales support.