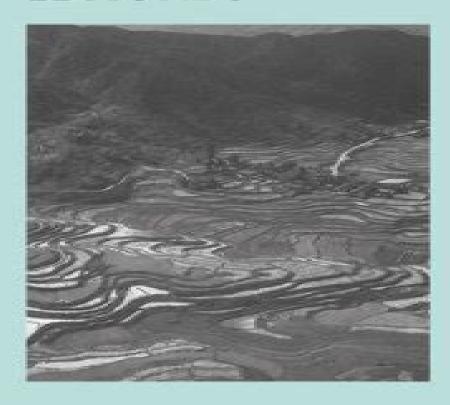
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A survey of the country's environmental degradation and protection

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