



Coastal Wetlands Conservation in China

Especially for Implementation on Res. 28, WCC 2012

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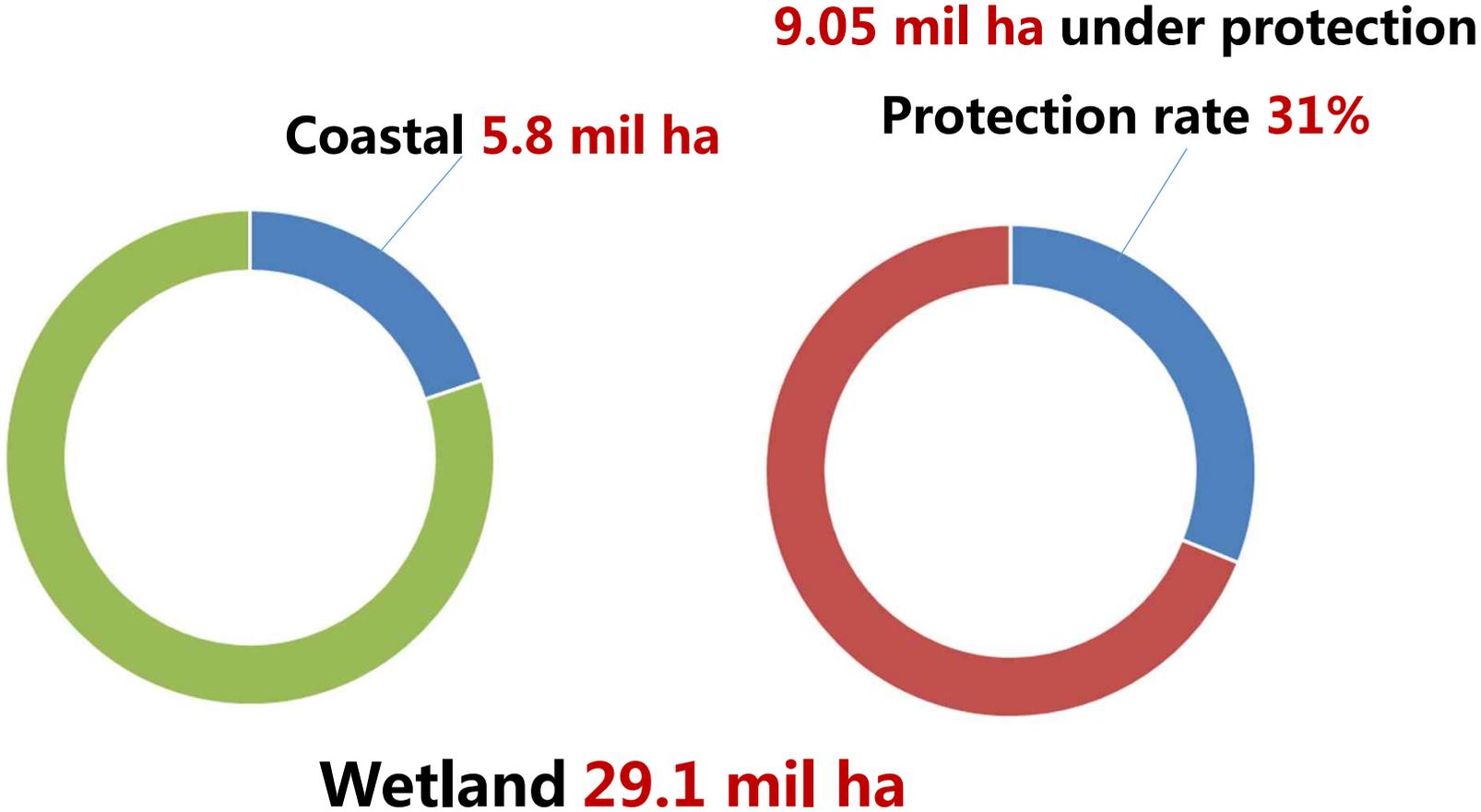
Overview on EAAF and coastal wetlands in China

EAAF in China

Covers 4.11 mil km² in 25 provinces, including Tianjin, Hebei, Shandong, Jiangsu and etc.

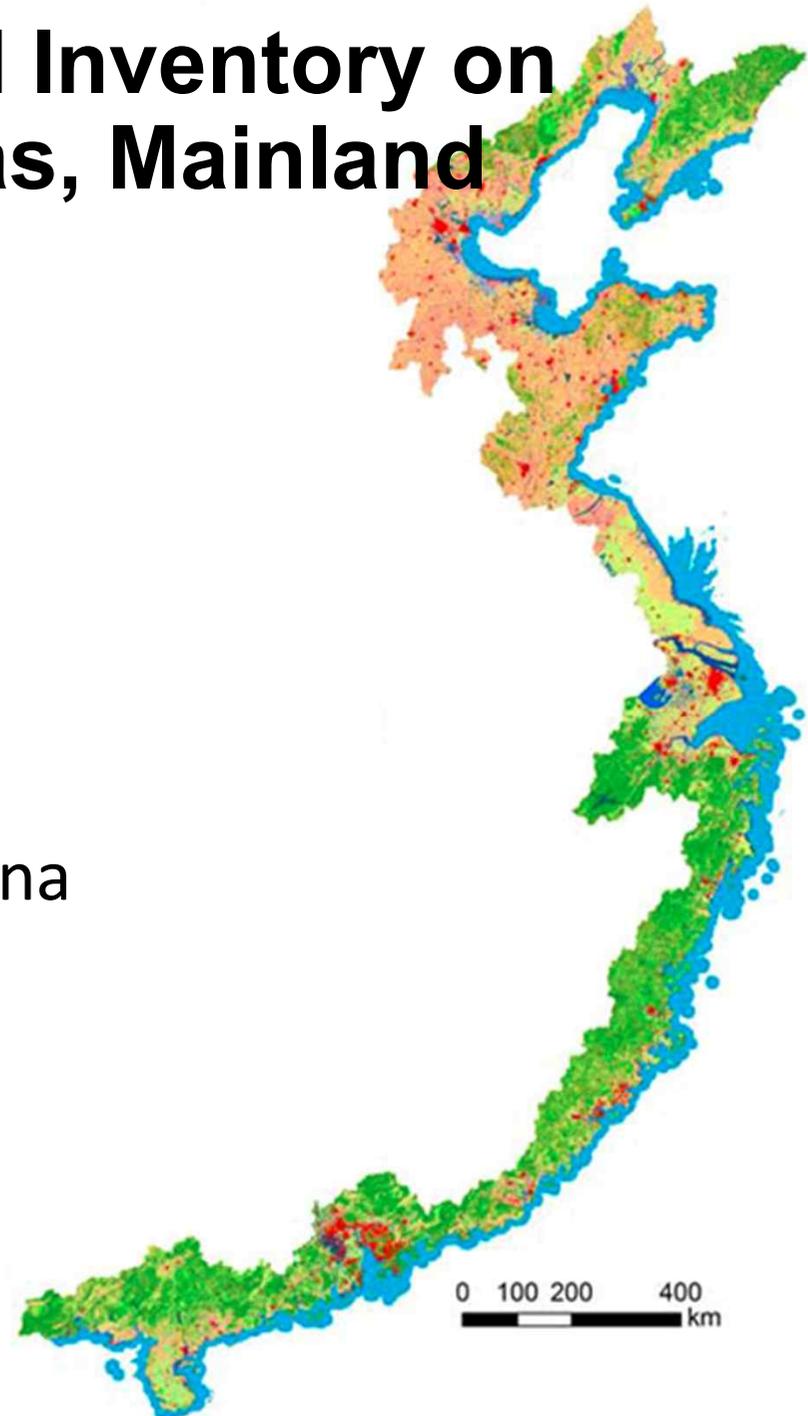


Wetlands along EAAF in China



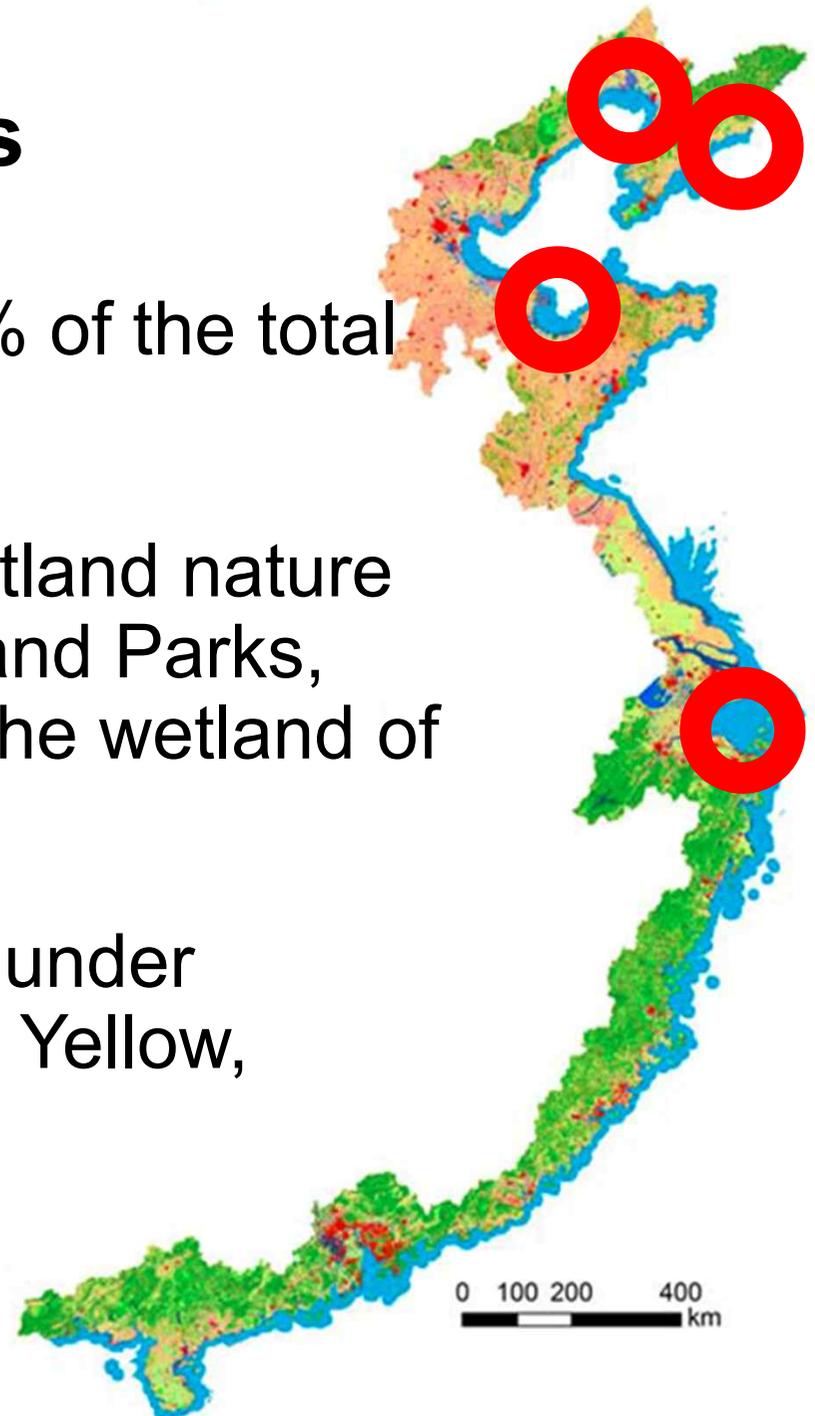
Second National Wetland Inventory on the Coastal Wetland Areas, Mainland China

- 11 provinces along the coast
- 12.46 million hectares
- 23.26% of the wetland of China
- Wetland coverage 9.69%



Protected Coastal Areas

- 5.8million hectares, 10.85% of the total wetland of China
- 8 Ramsar sites, over 80 wetland nature reserves, 23 National Wetland Parks, 1.39 million hectares, with the wetland of 24.07%
- All large river estuaries are under protection: the Yangtze, the Yellow,



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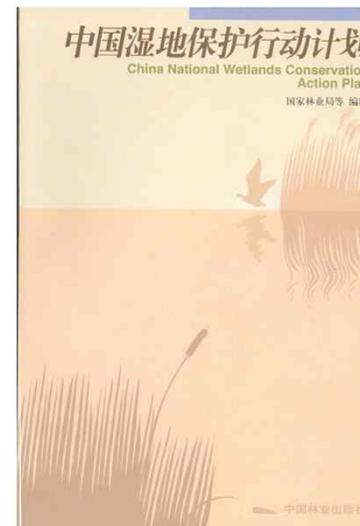
Background



- IUCN World Conservation Congress held in Jeju, Korea in September 2012, 100% of voting governments agreed to adopt Resolution 28.
- Loss and degradation in the Yellow Sea intertidal wetlands is of critical global concern due to it being one of the most important biodiversity hotspots and one of the most threatened habitats in the world.

Support from Central Government

- Develop technical guidances to enhance capability on wetland conservation
- Provincial regulations on wetland conservation were adopted in 6 coastal provinces
- National wetland conservation mid-long term plan and phased implementation plan (2011-2015)
- Wetland conservation and restoration projects
- Eco-compensation policy
- **National Wetland Eco-Redlining policy**



Central Government Support on Coastal Wetland Conservation

- Under 12th five-year plan, over 200 wetland conservation and restoration projects implemented, over 700 million funding invested to these provinces, over 40,000 hectares mangrove been restored
- The ecological environment of habitat has been improved



International cooperation on coastal wetland conservation strategy

The Office of Wetlands Conservation and Management under the State Forestry Administration, the Paulson Institute and IGSNRR of CAS, signed a tri-partite partnership agreement in Beijing on February 26, 2014, and announced the launching of Coastal Wetland Conservation Blueprint Project (the Project) in China.



National cooperation on coastal wetland conservation networking



Establishment of Chinese Conservation Network of Coastal Wetlands

Min River Estuary NNR, June 17, 2015

Declaration of International Workshop on Intertidal Wetland Conservation and Management in the Yellow Sea Provinces of China

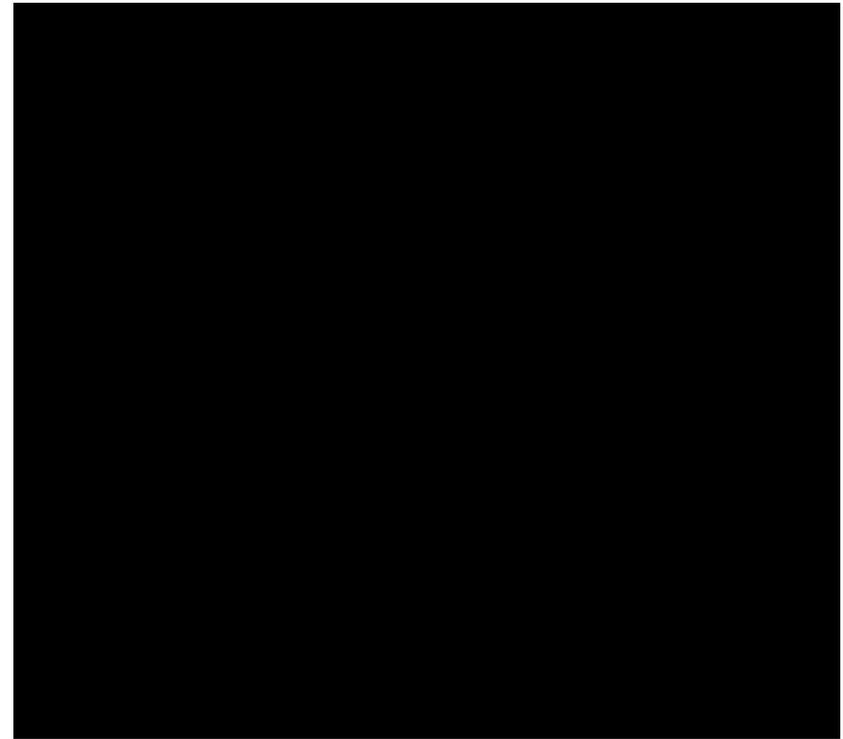
September 16-17 2014, Beijing Forestry University, Beijing

- Beijing Forestry University and WWF
- RSPB, the UK, EAAFP and the Sweden Embassy
- 160 international and domestic participants.
- Specifically focus on the Yellow Sea wetlands



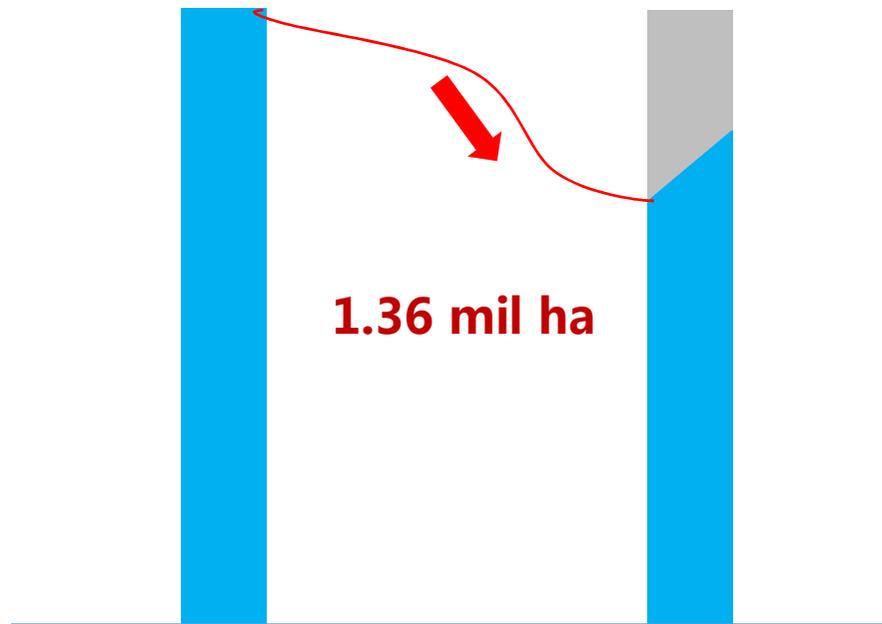
GEF 6 project

- Enhancing the Management Effectiveness of China's Coastal Wetland Network of Global Importance for Migratory Waterbirds in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway



Challenges and Further Actions

Area loss of coastal wetlands



From 2005 to 2013, coastal wetlands lost **22.91%**

Major Threats



Reclamation & construction



Pollution



Invasive alien species



Over fishing and harvest

Further action and solutions

- Strictly observe **the ecological redlines**, especially on the coastal wetland ecological redlines
- Having the strict steps to regulate the wise use of wetland.
- Implement the wetland conservation and restoration project. improve the wetland ecological stat



Further action and solutions

- Strengthen the regulation and policy along the coastal areas and having a longer term conservation mechanism
- Enhance the coastal wetland as well as EAAF network building smoothly with the cooperation between members, government, local community, NGOs, and other stakeholders.
- Improve the coastal area wetland especially yellow sea areas conservation, increase the public awareness



Thank you!

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