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National Action Plan for Seagrass in China

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Introduction

- ✓ Current total area of Seagrass in China
only 2,500ha
- ✓ Distribution
Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan
- ✓ Main threats to Seagrass
 - Aquaculture
 - Fishing
 - Pollution
 - Construction



Seagrass Management Currently

Existing Actions

- ✓ Survey and Assessment of Offing Ocean in China
- ✓ Functional Division of marine in Guangxi (Feb. 2005)
- ✓ A county reserves for seagrass was established in Leizhou, Zhanjiang (Apr. 2003)
- ✓ Program Compendium of Marine Economy Development in China (May 2003)
- ✓ “Reverse environmental degradation trends in South China Sea and Bay of Thailand--- the dissertation of seagrass of China” (2002)



Seagrass Management Currently

- ✓ The establishment of national nature reserves for dugongs (1996)
- ✓ Action Plan for the Protection of Biodiversity in China (1994)
- ✓ Laws and regulations related to seagrass management
- ✓ Administrative departments for seagrass management

Ministry of Environmental Protection of China

State Oceanic Administration

Fishery Administration of the Ministry of Agriculture



Seagrass Management Currently

Problems

- ✓ The laws & regulations related to seagrass protection are limited and deficient
- ✓ The economy policy system regarding the sustainable use of seagrass has not been established
- ✓ The coordination and cooperation among government, non-governmental organizations and local commune is not enough
- ✓ The development of Natural Reserves or Demon Sites for seagrass is slow



Seagrass Management Currently

Problems

- ✓ The destruction of seagrass from human beings is serious
- ✓ The understanding on the ecological value of seagrass is poor
- ✓ The scientific researches on seagrass is insufficient
- ✓ The budget allocated for the research and protection of seagrass is few
- ✓ The publication, education and exchange of seagrass protection is not enough



Goals and Actions

Goals

- ✓ To stop any destruction of seagrass
- ✓ To reduce or reverse the status of seagrass degradation trends
- ✓ To maintain and develop the functions and benefits of seagrass at the maximum level
- ✓ To ensure the sustainable use of seagrass



Goals and Actions

Actions

- ✓ To establish a system for seagrass protection and exploitation
 - Budget: US\$ 800,000
 - Schedule: 2007~2010
- ✓ To set up the coordination system for seagrass management
 - Budget: US\$ 500,000
 - Schedule: 2007~2015



Goals and Actions

Actions

- ✓ To construct natural reserves for seagrass
 - Budget: US\$ 3,000,000
 - Schedule: 2007~2010
- ✓ To reverse the degradation of seagrass
 - Budget: US\$ 800,000
 - Schedule: 2007~2015



Goals and Actions

Actions

- ✓ To carry out the publication, education and training
 - Budget: US\$ 800,000
 - Schedule: 2007~2015
- ✓ To establish the information system and database for seagrass
 - Budget: US\$ 700,000
 - Schedule: 2007~2010
- ✓ To improve the research on seagrass
 - Budget: US\$ 1,400,000
 - Schedule: 2007~2010

Action Plan of the Protection for Seagrass in South China

| Objectives | Prior Actions | Budget (US\$) | Dept. | Time | Priority | Funding | Indicators |
|--|---|---------------|---|-----------|----------|------------------------|---|
| establish a system for seagrass protection and exploitation | Make the conservation plan of seagrass as one part of the action plan of conservation of biodiversity | 200,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | H | Central Finance | .Reports of advance that the conservation plan as one part of the action plan of conservation of biodiversity |
| | Establish economical policies aiming at leading the local people to use seagrass resources in a sustainable way | 600,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | H | Local Finance | .Evaluating system of seagrass economic value .Reports of establishment of economic sustainable development system of local government |
| set up the coordination system for seagrass management | Strengthen the coordination among government departments | 300,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | H | Central Finance | .Records of coordinating meetings .Reports of coordinating protecting actions of different departments |
| | Establish a partnership among different departments and organizations to protect seagrass | 200,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2015 | M | Local Finance Donation | .Management plan .Reports of coordinating protecting actions of different organizations |

| Objectives | Prior Actions | Budget (US\$) | Dept. | Time | Priority | Funding | Indicators |
|--|--|---------------|---|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| construction of natural reserves for seagrass | Establish Hepu Natural Reserves for Seagrass | 1,000,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | VH | Central Finance Local Finance GEF | .Result of seagrass reserve approved by local government .Management Board .Management plan .Reports of protecting actions |
| | Establish Xincun & Li'an Natural Reserves for Seagrass | 1,000,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | VH | Central Finance Local Finance GEF | .Result of seagrass reserve approved by local government .Management Board .Management plan .Reports of protecting actions |
| | Establish Liusha Natural Reserves for Seagrass | 1,000,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | VH | Central Finance Local Finance GEF | .Result of seagrass reserve approved by local government .Management Board .Management plan .Reports of protecting actions |
| Reverse degradation of seagrass | Guide the local people to change the production pattern that destroys seagrass | 200,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | M | Local Finance | Reports, videos or photos of new production patterns of local people |
| | Prevent and cure the destruction of pollutants to seagrass | 200,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2012 | H | Local Finance GEF | .Reports of preventing the pollutants around the seagrass beds .Reports of seagrass bed environmental quality monitoring |
| | Reduce the influence of marine projects on seagrass | 400,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R.C | 2007—2012 | H | Local Finance | .Reports of enhancing the management of marine projects |

| Objectives | Prior Actions | Budget (US\$) | Dept. | Time | Priority | Funding | Indicators |
|--|--|---------------|---|-----------|----------|---|--|
| Carry out publication, education and training | Strengthen the propaganda of protecting seagrass in different government departments | 200,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | H | Local Finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .Reports of education & training .Number of educated government officials .Results of training & education .Propagandistic video .Propagandistic book .Warning boards |
| | Strengthen the propaganda of protecting seagrass in local commune | 200,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | H | Local Finance GEF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .Reports of education & training .Number of educated students, teachers and residents .Results of training & education .Propagandistic video .Propagandistic book .Warning boards |
| | Strengthen the training and exchange of administrative personnel | 400,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2015 | H | Central Finance Local Finance GEF | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .Number of facilitators trained .Number of other staff trained .Reports of attending conferences .Construction of education center |

| Objectives | Prior Actions | Budget (US\$) | Dept. | Time | Priority | Funding | Indicators |
|--|--|---------------|---|-----------|----------|---|---|
| Establish information system of seagrass | Establish a preliminary seagrass database | 200,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | H | Local Finance GEF | .Establishment of seagrass website .Reports of investigation of seagrass resources |
| | Establish a monitoring network of seagrass resources | 400,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2010 | M | Central Finance Local Finance GEF | .Reports of monitoring on seagrass resources .Reports of investigation of seagrass resources |
| | Establish the first Chinese Web of seagrass | 100,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2008 | H | Local Finance GEF | .Seagrass website .Number of accessing to the seagrass website |
| Improve scientific researches on seagrass | Strengthen the basic researches on seagrass | 400,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2015 | H | Central Finance GEF | .Construction of education center .Results of researches on seagrass |
| | Strengthen researches on the ecosystem service value of seagrass | 400,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2015 | M | Central Finance GEF | .Papers or monographs of researches on the ecosystem service value of seagrass |
| | Strengthen researches on the sustainable use of seagrass resources | 600,000 | Department confirmed by State Council P.R China | 2007—2015 | M | Central Finance GEF | .Papers or monographs of researches on the sustainable use of seagrass resources |



Data Collected at Hepu Demo Site



Data Collected at Hepu Demo Site

| Uses | Value (¥/ha/a) | Percentage(%) |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Direct value | 43,693 | 6.8 |
| Feed raw stuff | 4,560 | 0.7 |
| Handicraft | 6,900 | 1.1 |
| Cosmetic | 3,833 | 0.6 |
| Fish | 8,200 | 1.3 |
| Aquaculture | 20,200 | 3.1 |
| Indirect value | 446,474 | 69.3 |
| Nursing ground | 171,000 | 26.5 |
| Nutrient cycling | 224,000 | 34.8 |
| Coastline protection | 14,454 | 2.2 |
| Climate change mitigation | 230 | 0.04 |
| Biological diversity | 36,000 | 5.6 |
| Research | 474.2 | 0.1 |
| Water purification | 316 | 0.05 |
| Non-use value | 154,000 | 23.9 |
| Total | 644,167 | 100 |

A scenic view of a large body of water, likely a lake or bay, with a forested hillside on the right and distant mountains on the horizon. The water is dark blue with small waves. The sky is bright and clear.

Thank you!