

Seminar on Wetland Conservation and Management for RAMSAR Member Countries

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Organizer	China National Bamboo Research Center		
Time	2024-05-24 -- 2024-06-06	Language for Learning	English
Invited Countries	Developing countries		
Number of Participants	25		
Requirements for the Participants	Age	Under 45 for officials at or under director's level; under 50 for officials at director general's level.	
	Health	In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.	
	Language	Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English that can meet the requirements of the seminar.	
	others	Family members or friends shall not follow.	
Host City	Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province	Local Temperature	Summer: 20°C-30°C
Cities to visit	Jiaxing City, Huzhou City, Zhejiang Province Shanghai City, Changshu City, Jiangsu Province	Local Temperature	Jiaxing City 20°C-30°C, Huzhou City 20°C-30°C, Shanghai City 20°C-30°C, Changshu City: 20°C-30°C
Notes	<p>1. Please prepare your valid passport and visa in advance; 2. If you are unable to depart on time due to special circumstances, or if your flight is delayed when connecting, please contact the program contact person to inform the latest flight status in order to arrange for pick-up; 3. In principle, personal changes to international tickets are not allowed; if you really need to do so, please contact the Business Office for ticket change procedures. If personal change is made to the air tickets without consent, the resulting costs and responsibilities will be borne by the individual. 4. Please check if you need to re-handle your baggage check-in when you transfer to another flight. After picking up your baggage, please wait patiently at the international arrival exit (or domestic arrival exit) and the staff will pick you up with the pick-up sign with the name of the seminar. If you wait for more than 15 minutes, you can communicate with the program contact person by phone; 5. If you need to register with the airline in case of lost checked luggage, please call the program contact person to confirm the luggage delivery address before filling out the registration form; 6. Please pay attention to the weather of the destinations and bring appropriate clothing; prepare light footwear to facilitate visits and investigations; attend the important activities of the Seminar in formal wear or national costume; 7. Please bring a small amount of common medicines as necessary.</p>		

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About the Organizer	<p>CBRC was established in 1984 and is headquartered in Hangzhou, China. CBRC has 3 missions: (a) Bamboo's R. & D. at national and international levels; (b) International exchange, cooperation and personnel training; and (c) Bamboo industrialization. Over 40 training spots have been set up in China. In 2011, International Forestry Science and Technology Training Center of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration was established at CBRC. Since 1993, CBRC has organized 171 international workshops, including 8 ministerial seminars, all sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and individual governments. So far, 6,079 participants from 114 countries have been well trained. CBRC also conducts the China-aid Bamboo Development Project for Rwanda as entrusted by MOFCOM and has successfully provided technical service to over 30 countries.</p> <p>Founded in 2005, the Department of Wetlands Management of National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China is the RAMSAR Administrative Authority of China (RAA). It is the management authority for wetland conservation in China and supervises all relevant resources. RAA China is responsible for organizing, coordinating, guiding and supervising wetland conservation, RAMSAR Convention implementation in China and international cooperation.</p> <p>CBRC and RAA have jointly organized 8 international workshops on wetland conservation and management since 2017. There were various modalities, including technical course, official seminar, overseas workshop and online seminar. So far, 386 participants from 49 countries have been well trained for wetland management at CBRC. A team of experts, an optimized curriculum and a number of field study sites have been established.</p>	

Seminar Content	<p>1.Main Training Courses and Contents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Overview of China, an introduction to China’s history, geography, politics, economy, science, education, custom, etc., especially the modern development and the eco-civilization construction. (2) Overview of wetland management in China, the definitions and classification of wetlands, wetland management authorities, wetland inventory and international cooperation. (3) National wetland parks, history and management modes, planning, evaluation, regulation and effectiveness assessment. (4) Wetlands and human well-being, an explanation of the close relationship between wetlands and human civilization, and the impact of wetland conservation on building a community of life for man and nature. (5) Financing nature conservation, an introduction to financing channels for nature conservation projects, including wetland conservation, the use of funds and effective evaluation. (6) GEF funded wetland projects in China, an overview of wetland conservation projects in China sponsored by GEF, and the collaboration mechanism between individual government and international organization. (7) Coastal wetland conservation, focusing on a special type “coastal wetlands” and discussing their protection mechanism, health index assessment, biodiversity investigation, etc. (8) Small wetland management, elaborating the Ramsar resolution proposed by China and explaining the importance of small wetlands and their ecologic evaluation. (9) NbS based wetland ecologic restoration, its theory, technical analysis and some case studies. (10) Wetland public education, a discussion session on wetland publicity, education and tripartite cooperation from NGO’s perspective. <p>2.Study tours</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Visit Hangzhou Xixi National Wetland Park, the first national wetland park in China, to appreciate its historic transformation and the harmonious coexistence between natural ecology and traditional water town culture. (2) Visit Shanghai Chongming Dongtan National Nature Reserve, a Ramsar site, to study migratory bird habitat conservation and a fight against invasive species in tidal mudflat. (3) Visit Xiazhuhu National Wetland Park in Deqing County to understand the planning and zoning of a typical wetland park in South China, and study and protection of crested ibis. (4) Visit Changshu City, one of the first “International Wetland Cities” in the world, and visit two national wetland parks and Changhsu Ecological Institute of Nanjing Univ. <p>3.Cultural Experience</p> <p>It is proposed to arrange the fellow participants to appreciate profound traditional Chinese culture by visiting West Lake, Hefang Street of Hangzhou City and Yuyuan Garden of Shanghai City.</p> <p>4. Introduction of Main Lecturers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Bao Daming, former Acting Director-general, Department of Wetlands Management of National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China, and chief contributor to macroscopic strategies and policies of wetland conservation and restoration in China. (2) Lei Guangchun, former Chair of Ramsar Convention STRP, professor at Beijing Forestry University and the recipient of “Luc Hoffmann” prize. (3) Chen Kelin, renowned ecologist, former Deputy Director-general, Department of Wild Conservation, National Forestry and Grassland Administration, former Director of Wetland International – China Office. (4) Zhang Xianwu, Senior Engineer at Professor’s Level, Director of Wetland Monitoring and Evaluation Division at East China Academy for Forest Inventory and Planning. Research fields include wetland resource inventory and monitoring, wetland protection and restoration, wetland nature reserve design and consultancy. (5) Yu Xiubo, professor at Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, secretary-general of China Ecosystem Research Network (CERN). Research fields include ecosystem evaluation, wetland conservation and sustainable utilization.
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(6) An Shuqing, professor at Nanjing University, Dean of Changshu Ecological Institute of Nanjing University, and vice chair of Society of Wetland Scientists – China Chapter.

(7) Yuan Jun, Director of Wetland Investigation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division at Academy for Forest Inventory and Planning, and the head of GEF Wetland Project Office in China.

(8) Lv Cai, associate professor at School of Ecology and Nature Conservation, Beijing Forestry University, Deputy Director of Center for East Asia-Australasia Flyway, and engaged in wetland survey, monitoring and evaluating for over 20 years.

To facilitate the exchange with Chinese experts, please prepare the materials related to the training topics in your country, such as: (a) the status quo and existing problems in the field of wetland conservation and wise use; (b) potential international cooperation, especially with China, etc.