



## China, People's Republic of: Strengthening Capacity for Wetland Protection for Sanjiang Plain

Project Name	Strengthening Capacity for Wetland Protection for Sanjiang Plain	
Project Number	47075-001	
Country	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>TA 8541-PRC: Strengthening Capacity for Wetland Protection for Sanjiang Plain</b>	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 200,000.00
	Multi-Donor Trust Fund under the Water Financing Partnership Facility	US\$ 300,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	<b>Agriculture, natural resources and rural development</b> - Water-based natural resources management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming		
Description	<p>The People's Republic of China's (PRC) Twelfth Five-Year Plan (2011-2015) supports the long-term goal of building a harmonious and moderately prosperous (xiaokang) society through livelihood improvement, and regionally balanced and environmentally sustainable growth. ADB has been supporting projects on lakes and wetland protection in the PRC. ADB's 2011-2015 country partnership strategy (CPS) for the PRC supports the government's overarching strategic goal of building a xiaokang society by focusing on three strategic pillars: inclusive growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional cooperation and integration. The proposed TA is fully consistent with the PRC's Twelfth Five-Year Plan (2011-2015) and ADB's CPS for the PRC by promoting sustainable management of natural resources and protecting globally significant biodiversity in the Sanjiang Plain.</p> <p>The impact of the TA will be the improved management of natural resources to protect globally significant biodiversity in the Sanjiang Plain. Performance target and indicator for the impact is the conservation status of eight key globally threatened species in the Sanjiang Plain lifted from the lists of endangered-to-vulnerable species by 2020. The target will be confirmed during the TA fact-finding mission.</p> <p>The outcome of the TA will be continuous implementation and expansion of the achievements of the Sanjiang Plain Wetlands Protection Project. Performance targets and indicators for the outcome are (i) wetland restoration program functioning in at least xx WNRs in the Sanjiang Plain by 2018, (ii) species recovery programs functioning in at least xx WNRs in the Sanjiang Plain by 2018, and (iii) alternative livelihood development projects implemented in at least 10 WNRs in the Sanjiang Plain by 2018. The targets will be confirmed during the TA fact-finding mission. The outputs of the TA will be (i) expansion of relevant HPG staff's capacities for wetlands protection developed under the Sanjiang Plain Wetlands Protection Project, and (ii) dissemination and sharing of the wetlands protection models and knowledge developed or accumulated in the Sanjiang Plain.</p>	

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The Sanjiang Plain wetlands in Heilongjiang Province are some of the most species-rich ecosystems in Asia. However, the wetlands and neighboring forestlands have shrunk to one fifth of their original size in the last 5 decades because of increasing population and crop production. Flora and fauna in wetland nature reserves are threatened by farmland encroachment and water resource exploitation.</p> <p>An Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan for \$15 million cofinanced by a Global Environment Facility (GEF) grant of \$12.14 million for the Sanjiang Plain Wetlands Protection Project (the project) was approved in 2005. The project comprised five components: (i) watershed management, (ii) wetland nature reserve management, (iii) alternative livelihood programs, (iv) education and capacity building, and (v) project management. The executing agency was the Heilongjiang provincial government (HPG) represented by the Heilongjiang Provincial Forestry Department. The project was completed successfully in August 2012.</p> <p>There were some achievements in the project. Some key gaps in and challenges to wetland reservation have been identified. To upscale some of the successes and tackle remaining challenges, the HPG requests ADB's continuous support through a capacity development TA to (i) expand their wetland protection capacity developed under the project; (ii) disseminate the wetlands protection models developed under the project; (iii) share the knowledge accumulated under the project domestically and internationally; and (iv) monitor the benefits and impacts of the project, and collect information for possible scaling up of the project activities in a second phase investment.</p>
Impact	Improved management of natural resources to protect globally significant biodiversity in Sanjiang Plain

## Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Capacity established for continued implementation and expansion of the achievements of the Sanjiang Plain Wetlands Protection Project
Progress Toward Outcome	Consulting services commenced in July 2014. The consultants have conducted capacity development activities and prepared draft knowledge product.

### Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of relevant Heilongjiang provincial government staff's capacities for wetland protection developed under the Sanjiang Plain Wetlands Protection Project</li> <li>Expansion and dissemination of wetland protection models developed under the Sanjiang Plain Wetlands Protection Project and sharing of knowledge developed or accumulated for Sanjiang Plain</li> </ol>
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>Through TA activities and workshops, many valuable lessons were shared, suggestions were made to improve and strengthen management of nature reserves, and knowledge of relevant agencies' staff was enriched.</p> <p>Through TA activities and workshops, many valuable lessons were shared, suggestions were made to improve and strengthen management of nature reserves, and knowledge of relevant agencies' staff was enriched.</p> <p>A review workshop for the knowledge product was held on 11 Mat 2015. The final draft knowledge product will be submitted to ADB and TMO by 30 June 2015.</p>

Geographical Location

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

### Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Stakeholders were consulted during the design.
During Project Implementation	The technical assistance will be implemented in close consultation with stakeholders.

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The TA will be carried out by a team of consultants engaged through a consulting firm. A total of 13.0 person-months (pm) of international and 19.5 pm of national consulting services will be required. The consultants will be selected and engaged by ADB following the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The consulting firm will be selected by (i) inviting simplified technical proposals; and (ii) using the quality- and cost-based selection method, with a quality_cost ratio of 80:20. Disbursements under the TA will be undertaken in line with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).
Procurement	The office equipment provided under the TA for the consultants will be procured following ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time), and will be handed over to the HPG upon TA completion.

## Responsible Staff

Responsible ADB Officer	Kobayashi, Yoshiaki
Responsible ADB Department	East Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, EARD
Executing Agencies	<i>Heilongjiang Provincial Government People's Republic of China</i>

## Timetable

Concept Clearance	15 Aug 2013
Fact Finding	09 Aug 2013 to 15 Aug 2013
MRM	-
Approval	05 Dec 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	27 Sep 2016

## TA 8541-PRC

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
05 Dec 2013	02 Jan 2014	02 Jan 2014	11 Jun 2015	30 Sep 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
200,000.00	300,000.00	125,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	625,000.00	05 Dec 2013	489,813.33

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