



China, People's Republic of: Supporting the Application of River Chief System for Ecological Protection in Yangtze River Economic Belt

Project Name	Supporting the Application of River Chief System for Ecological Protection in Yangtze River Economic Belt	
Project Number	51014-001	
Country	China, People's Republic of	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Supporting the Application of River Chief System for Ecological Protection in Yangtze River Economic Belt Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 400,000.00	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Land-based natural resources management - Water-based natural resources management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	<p>The TA is aligned with the following impact: ecological security and sustainable development of the YREB safeguarded. The TA will have the following outcome: ecological security monitoring and supervision mechanism in the YREB improved. The TA will have the following outputs: (i) assessment of the application of the river chief system in YREB; (ii) demonstration of ecological security monitoring system in Chishui River basin; and (iii) improvement of the institutional capacity for ecological management in YREB.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance will support strengthening of the ecological security mechanism for the Yangtze River Economic Belt in the People's Republic of China. The TA will assist the Yangtze Water Resources Commission (YWRC), a river basin authority under the Ministry of Water Resources of the PRC, to improve ecological security monitoring and supervision, evaluation of effectiveness of ecological protection programs, and coordination with the provinces for ecological security in the Yangtze River basin.</p> <p>Given that PRC's water and ecological status remains fragile and the environmental safety situation is grim, the State Council of the PRC has recently issued the ecological red-line strategy in safeguarding national ecological safety. The strategy statement implies the demarcation of the border and calibration of the regions for ecological security (red-line) system to be established by 2020 nationwide. The strategy will apply in the regions with important ecological functions, including water and soil conservation, biodiversity maintenance as well as windbreak and sand-fixation, along with ecologically-fragile regions which are prone to soil erosion, desertification, and salinization. The strategy prioritizes the YREB for ecological security. The Government of the PRC requested a TA from the Asian Development Bank for the Study on Ecological Security Mechanism for Yangtze River Economic Belt.</p>	
Impact	Ecological security and sustainable development of the Yangtze River Economic Belt safeguarded	

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Ecological security monitoring and supervision mechanism in the YREB improved
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application of the river chief system in YREB assessed 2. Ecological security monitoring system in Chishui river basin demonstrated 3. Institutional capacity for ecological management in YREB improved
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)
Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The TA will require 4 person-months of international and 23 person-months of national consulting services. Six national consultants (water and environment specialist and team leader, hydrologist, ecologist, institutional and capacity development specialist, environmental legal specialist, and water and soil conservation specialist) and two international consultants (water resources specialist and ecologist) will be required for TA implementation. The consultants will be engaged following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time) through individual consultant selection. This is considered the most efficient method as the consultants will be supervised by ADB in close coordination with the executing agency.
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	29 Sep 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Sep 2017

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