

U.S.-China Cooperative Efforts for the Conservation of Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Activities for 2014-2016









Protocol on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Conservation of Nature between the Department of the Interior of the United States of America and the State Forestry Administration of the People's Republic of China

Annex 12 2014-2016

"The Parties agree to carry out cooperation and exchanges under this Protocol on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit."

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top row left: Chinese rhesus macaques in Hunan Province, China; FWS photo by Roy W. Lowe; December 8, 2012

top row right: Yulong (Jade Dragon) Snow Mountain Scenic Area in Yunnan Province, China; FWS photo by Joseph Green; November 7, 2013

bottom row left: Black winged stilt at Xianghai National Nature Reserve, Jilin Province, China; FWS photo by Roy W. Lowe; July 22, 2009

bottom row right: Two FWS staff attended the International Ecological Forum at Changbai Mountain Nature Reserve, Jilin Province, China; FWS photo by Holly Gaboriault; September 2013

ANNEX 12

TO THE PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVATION OF NATURE

BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND

THE STATE FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

In accordance with Articles 2, 3 and 8 of the Protocol on Cooperation and Exchanges between the Department of the Interior of the United States of America and the State Forestry Administration of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) signed in Washington D.C. on November 19, 1986 and extended for five-year periods in 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011, representatives of the Parties met in Nanjing April 25, 2014 to review the results of activities carried out during 2011-2013 under Annex 11 and adopt a program for cooperation for 2014-2016. The subjects and lead agencies for those programs are appended to this document, together with a list of the members of the U.S. and Chinese delegations.

The U.S. and Chinese delegations were headed by Mr. Bryan Arroyo and Ms Zhang Hongyan, respectively. The Parties commended the many achievements of nearly three decades of cooperation between the U.S. and China in nature conservation, including nature reserve/national refuge development, management and monitoring, migratory bird research, wildlife studies, wetland utilization and management, endangered species import and export management, aquatic fisheries protection and utilization, policy formulation and public education and outreach. They agreed to adopt more flexible and practical measures to facilitate cooperation in areas in which both countries have interests.

The Parties agreed to hold a series of events in 2016 to mark the 30th anniversary of U.S.-China cooperation in Nature Conservation, including a special symposium to

extend the Protocol.

Whereas China is undergoing restructuring of fishery administration, the Parties agreed to incorporate the 2014-2016 fisheries activities into Annex 12 subject to written confirmation by both Parties. Activities not completed under Annex 11 shall be carried out in the period 2014-2016.

Funding and detailed arrangements for activities will be discussed by the Parties through correspondence. The exploration of new funding sources is encouraged.

The Parties agreed to hold the next Joint Committee Meeting in the U.S. in the first half of 2017.

This Annex shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties, and shall remain valid for the duration of the Protocol.

Done in Nanjing on the 25th day of April 2014 in duplicate in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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2014-2016 MUTUAL EXCHANGES UNDER ANNEX 12

SUBJECT	DURATION;	LEAD ORGANIZATIONS	
	NUMBER OF		
	PARTICIPANTS	U.S.	P.R.C
Management of wildlife	10-14 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese State
and habitat in urban	6-8 people	Wildlife Service	Forestry
refuges, including			Administration
environmental education			
and public services			
Long-term exchanges of	Up to one month;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese State
nature reserve/wildlife	number of	Wildlife Service	Forestry
refuge staff	participants to be		Administration
	determined		
Cooperation between	Duration and	U.S. Fish and	Chinese State
Changbaishan National	number of	Wildlife Service	Forestry
Nature Reserve (Jilin) and	participants to be		Administration
Arctic National Wildlife	determined under		
Refuge (Alaska)	MOU		
Nationally coordinated	10-14 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese State
monitoring of	6-8 people	Wildlife Service	Forestry
landscape-scale			Administration
conservation in wildlife			
refuges, including			
establishment of new			
refuges			
Consultations on CITES	10-14 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese State
Convention	6-8 people	Wildlife Service	Forestry
			Administration
Monitoring and restoration	10-14 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese State
of wetlands, including a	6-8 people	Wildlife Service	Forestry
symposium in China	(symposium may	U.S. Environmental	Administration
	include more	Protection Agency	
	participants)	- •	
Ecological/economic	10-14 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese State

benefits and sustainable	6-8 people	Wildlife Service	Forestry
use of wetlands		U.S. Environmental	Administration
		Protection Agency	

PROSPECTIVE AREAS OF COOPERATION FOR FISHERIES

			
Design and delivery of	10 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese Ministry of
endangered species	5-6 people	Wildlife Service	Agriculture
conservation			
Conservation and	10 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese Ministry of
sustainable management of	5-6 people	Wildlife Service	Agriculture
Giant Salamander			
Asian Carp recovery in	10 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese Ministry of
China and control in the	5-6 people	Wildlife Service	Agriculture
U.S.	_		
Multi-jurisdictional aquatic	10 days;	U.S. Fish and	Chinese Ministry of
and fish habitat	5-6 people	Wildlife Service	Agriculture
management			

In addition to the agreed upon activities under Annex 12, the two sides expressed support for the following activities subject to availability of resources:

SUBJECT	LEAD ORGANIZATIONS		
	U.S.	P.R.C	
Wildlife disease prevention and	U.S. Fish and Wildlife	Chinese State Forestry	
early detection	Service	Administration	
	U.S. Department of		
	Agriculture		
	U.S. Geological Survey		
Wildlife reintroduction, including	U.S. Fish and Wildlife	Chinese State Forestry	
bald eagle	Service	Administration	
Establishment and operation of	U.S. Fish and Wildlife	Chinese State Forestry	
national park system	Service	Administration	
	U.S. National Park Service		
Evaluation of diseases of wildlife	U.S. Fish and Wildlife	Chinese State Forestry	
populations	Service	Administration	

U.S. Department of	
Agriculture	
U.S. Geological Survey	