

WHO WE ARE

The Global Water Partnership China (GWP China) has the strong support of the Global Water Partnership Organization (GWPO) and the Ministry of Water Resources of China (MWR). Founded in 2000, it was approved to be a Regional Water Partnership, equivalent to the Region of South Asia, Central Europe or Mediterranean in the GWPO network. The provincial and river basin water partnerships in the GWP China Region function like country water partnerships that promote IWRM, facilitate stakeholders in water development and protection, as well as raise the public awareness of water issues at provincial, river basin and other levels. Until 2017, GWP China has set up four water partnerships at the provincial level and one at the river basin level, namely GWP China Fujian in 2002; GWP China Hebei in 2003; GWP China Shaanxi in 2004, GWP China Yellow River in 2005 and GWP China Hunan in 2008.



The first Regional Partners Meeting was organized in Jiangsu Province and founded the regional committee (Regional Council). The second Regional Partners Meeting in May 2008 elected a new term of regional committee and the regional chair, H.E. Shucheng WANG, former Minister of Water Resources of China. A decade later, GWP China met with its third regional committee at the Partners Meeting on 22 March 2016 in Beijing. H.E. Qihua CAI, former Vice Minister of Water Resources and Commissioner of the Yangtze River Conservancy, won the election and became the first female president of GWP China Region. Same in 2016, the Ministry of Civil Affairs issued a legal certificate to GWP China. As an independent statutory organization in China, it now has 190 regional partner members, with two brands, China Water Resources Strategic Studies (in Chinese) and GWP China (in English) respectively. Based on a legal and full-bodied base, GWP China organizes public activities that integrate national and international resources towards GWP goals and the SDGs in the future.



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WHY WE VALUE

Towards a water-secure world is GWP China's vision. A secure water world integrates concern for the intrinsic value of water with care for its use for human survival and well-being. As a finite resource, water is the key to all aspects of development. Thus, water resources management is critical to government policy, economic growth, social security, and the sustainable development of nature. We are committed to supporting countries to achieve water security which determines the public health, the national economy and natural sustainability.

HOW WE ACT

We speak up for the resource and improve the way that water is managed and used. We offer the technical tools via publications and online GWP ToolBox. We also act as water warrior, regulation interpreter and programme consultant on various grounds. The multiple roles enable us to promote integrated water resources management (IWRM) and contribute to the achievement of Agenda 202, the Three-Red Lines of Water Government of China, as well as to the progress of China-ASEAN Cooperation Mechanism, the Belt and Road Initiative, the Paris Agreement, the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation, China-EU Platform, APEC, the Asia-Pacific Gateway (APG), Youth and Gender Strategy, etc. With the patronage of the MWR, GWP China obtains a broad range of allies and partners upon the GWP network and sets up a neutral platform where multiple stakeholders can exchange views or develop the coordination to generate impacts in the direction of a sustainable development of human and nature. The strategic development goals (2014-2019) of GWP China consist of "catalyze change in policies and practice" "generate and communicate knowledge" and "strengthen partnerships". Under these goals, we have hosted or co-convened various programmes, thematic campaigns, capacity building and knowledge dissemination activities.

WHAT WE ATTAIN

We would like to share some stories to show how GWP China has affected water development at local, national, regional and global levels. In the past years, GWP China has established partnerships with multiple stakeholders and utilized their strengths and powers to benefit all through performing IWRM in different industries at all levels.

High-Level Roundtable

GWP China has organized 9 high-level roundtables that emphasize on performing IWRM to overcome the challenges and settled an open platform for multiple stakeholders at each level. The roundtable convened 200 participants from government ministries, UN agencies, EU Delegation to China, foreign embassies, World Bank, NGOs and media. Roundtable Proceedings gather multi-disciplinary data to share with the world.

SDG 6 Campaigns

While completing 6.5.1 in 2017, GWP China expanded the value of IWRM and organized activities related to SDG 6 that enabled the stakeholders to provide more inputs to the country onwards. Globally, GWP China and 12 other regional water partnerships made a significant contribution to the Synthesis Report by organizing 30+ events on SDG 6.5.1.

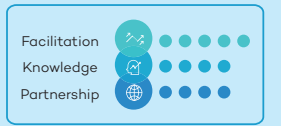
Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) for Climate Resilience & Water Security

WACDEP aims at the climate resilience through better water management. It involves 60 countries in 13 regions of GWP. GWP China has implemented it in the direction of integrating water and climate into the development plans or policy-making processes that help stakeholders enhance their awareness of investing or capacity of financing water security and climate change adaptation. While working on it, GWP has extended links with national governments and regional organisations to an extensive scope.



Economic Leverage on the Effective Governance of Water Resources

GWP China facilitated Hebei Province to implement the Reform of Water Resource Tax as the first pilot province in China through workshops and dialogues. By replacing the water tariff with tax from 2016 to 2017, 4300+ water intake licenses were issued and 2100+ self-drilled irregular wells were closed, which saved 0.38 billion m³ water. 1.8 billion RMB (€0.23 billion) of water tax was levied, twice of the water tariff in 2015. The reform has successfully raised enterprise's consciousness and reduced groundwater withdrawal.



Stride Onwards South-South Cooperation in Asia

GWP China facilitated the Lancang-Mekong Water Cooperation Centre to extend relationships with the GWP network and 6 associated countries (China, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam and Thailand). By promoting transboundary cooperation and knowledge exchange in the Lancang-Mekong River Basin, GWP China, jointly with GWP SEA and GWPO, can set up mutual understanding and achieve stable collaboration, and thus push forward a sustainable development of nature and people in Asia.



Groundwater protection now in place in Shaanxi Province

GWP China Shaanxi conducted studies to analyse the critical role of groundwater in water resources allocation, resulted in a policy recommendation to establish new legislation. The proposed legislation was adopted in 2016, aiming to reduce groundwater withdrawal by 30 percent by 2020, and GWP China promoted knowledge sharing to improve implementation.



Sustainable Irrigation Supported in Hunan Province

Hunan Province is home to the famous Ziquejie rice terraces, a UNESCO world heritage site. GWP China Hunan has been working with the Hunan Provincial Institute of Water Resources Research to work out how to protect this ancient system while providing sustainable livelihoods for farmers. The findings, which suggest the use of a zoning system, have been adopted by local water governance and tourist development agencies.



Smart Water Management of the Yellow River

Water allocation plan is critical for the river basin management and preventing disputes. GWP China Yellow River, together with the Yellow River Conservancy Commission, provide platforms for stakeholder participation to acknowledge the climate change impact on the river basin and to incorporate ecological tools into the river management strategies.



River Ecological Security in Fujian Province

GWP China Fujian and Fujian Water Resources Department initiated a program called "Ecological Security for Thousands of Miles Rivers" in 2016, aiming to restore the ecological functions of rivers and promote biodiversity. GWP China Fujian introduced innovative measures for river management and facilitated the formation of partnerships between local government and enterprises.

