



EU-China Biodiversity Programme  
中国—欧盟生物多样性项目

# Field Project Summary

## Environmental Governance to Balance Livelihoods and Biodiversity in Lower Yangtze Wetland



### The Challenge

Anqing Municipality, in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River, in Anhui Province, has rich wetland biodiversity resources, and the local government is committed to biodiversity conservation as an integral part of sustainable wetland management. Currently, however, it lacks the knowledge and practices to effectively undertake this commitment. Aqua cultural production of single species (e.g. crabs) in the wetlands pose an increasing threat to ecosystems and the government seeks sustainable approaches that can combine biodiversity conservation with sustainable livelihoods for communities living around the wetlands

### The Response

The project will support integration of wetland biodiversity conservation into the development planning and programmes of the Anqing municipal government. The project will create conditions for wetland users to take joint actions that reduce negative impacts on wetland biodiversity while supporting local income generation. At the municipal level, biodiversity measures will be included in annual government work plans for various economic sectors. Wetland biodiversity indicators will be included as a basis for criteria used to assess annual performance of local government agencies. At the county level, approaches to community based and integrated conservation and development will be demonstrated.



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### At A Glance

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**Cooperating Agency:**  
Anqing Municipal Government (Anqing)

#### Partners:

1. Wetlands International
2. Academy of Forest Inventory and Planning, State Forestry Administration

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Partners contribution:	US\$	1,180,832
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### Project Focus

- Integration of wetland biodiversity considerations into annual work plans of local agencies, and biodiversity indicators into performance appraisal systems for local government departments
- Establishment of an inter-agency wetland conservation mechanism and improve capacity of key staff
- Promotion of public participation in wetland management
- Implementation of development and protection plans which promote conservation and sustainable livelihoods

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