



2023 | World Coastal Forum

Our Coasts: Harmony between People and Nature

CONFERENCE HANDBOOK

Yancheng, Jiangsu, China September 25 -27, 2023





Welcoming address

Dear guests,

Welcome to Yancheng, Jiangsu, a beautiful coast of the Yellow Sea, to attend the 2023 World Coastal Forum, make joint efforts to protect the coastal areas and draw a blueprint for its high-quality development.

Coastal areas are rich in biodiversity and economically developed, with important routes for migratory birds. However, coastal ecosystems are facing severe challenges such as degradation and biodiversity loss caused by climate change, pollution, land reclamation etc. To tackle these challenges, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on Wetlands of Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar), the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) have successively launched initiatives calling for the establishment of a world coastal forum to jointly promote protection, restoration and sustainable development of coastal areas.

As an active response to these initiatives, Jiangsu Provincial People's Government, Ministry of Natural Resources of China, and National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China will co-host the 2023 World Coastal Forum themed by Our Coasts: Harmony between People and Nature, which aims to promote the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, respond to global resolutions of international conventions, raise public awareness of coastal ecosystem protection, and build an international exchange and cooperation platform participated by multi-stakeholders in coastal areas.

We warmly welcome you to attend the 2023 World Coastal Forum to share unique insights and precious experience with us! Wish you a wonderful time in Yancheng!

Executive Committee of 2023 World Coastal Forum
September 2023

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Brief Introduction

Coastal areas are rich in biodiversity, economically developed, and are important channels for migratory birds while facing challenges such as climate change and biodiversity loss. It is urgent to strengthen global exchanges and cooperation to jointly promote protection, restoration and sustainable development of coastal areas.

Since 2017, the CMS, the Ramsar, the Secretariat of CBD and the IUCN have successively adopted global resolutions calling for the establishment of a world coastal forum participated by multi-stakeholders to promote the conservation, restoration, management and rational use of coastal ecosystems and associated habitats.

From 2017 to 2020, the Yellow (Bohai) Sea Wetland International Conference held in Yancheng for 4 consecutive years has gradually become an annual exchange event in the field of global coastal protection. It not only provided strong support for the application of Yancheng World Natural Heritage (China Migratory Bird Sanctuaries along the Coast of Yellow and Bohai Sea [Phase 1]), but also pooled global wisdom to initially build a protection and management system for Yellow and Bohai Sea wetlands. In 2020, representatives of international organizations, experts and scholars called for a world coastal forum on the basis of the four consecutive Yellow (Bohai) Sea Wetland International Conference held in Yancheng. In January 2022, the World Coastal Forum (preparatory meeting) discussed and adopted the Initiative on Establishing a World Coastal Forum, and set up the Forum's International Coordination Committee.

The vision, mission and goals of the Forum have been gradually clarified under the guidance of the Ministry of Natural Resources. Relevant UN conventions have paid attention to the preparations for the World Coastal Forum in resolutions or decisions, and the international influence of the Forum has been further expanded. On November 5, 2022, President Xi Jinping expressed his "support for holding the World Coastal Forum" in his speech at the Ramsar COP14, which received enthusiastic response from the international community.

Organizations

Hosts

Jiangsu Provincial People's Government, PRC

Ministry of Natural Resources, PRC

National Forestry and Grassland Administration, PRC

Organizers

Department of International Cooperation of MNR

Department of International Cooperation of NFGA

Jiangsu Provincial Department of Natural Resources

Jiangsu Provincial Forestry Administration

Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu Provincial People's Government

Yancheng Municipal People's Government

Eco Foundation Global

Support

World Coastal Forum Coordination Group



Supporting Organizations

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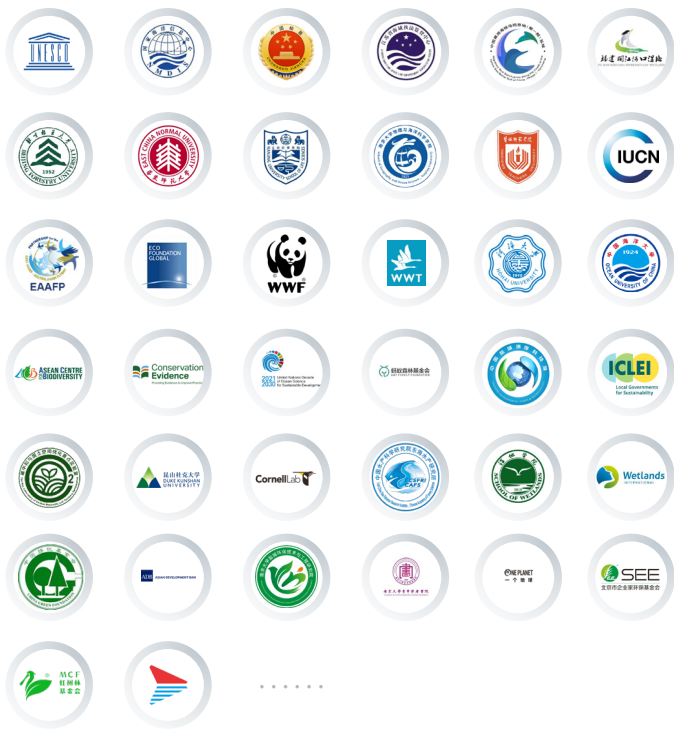
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自然资源部国土空间规划局

国家林业和草原局野生动植物保护司
(中华人民共和国濒危物种进出口管理办公室)

江苏省高级人民检察院

江苏省高级人民法院



Carbon Neutrality Conference

Tips: This conference has achieved complete carbon neutrality.

A new carbon sink forest has been established, empowering this carbon neutrality conference.

- The personal carbon emissions generated by participants during the conference will be offset by the organisers.
- The conference venue and related facilities are powered by green electricity.
- The conference complies with the carbon neutrality requirements for large-scale events and achieves the goal of green hosting.
- The Executive Committee advocates for a green lifestyle, promotes eco-friendly transport and reduces the use of disposable items.

Yancheng Executive Committee of 2023 World Coastal Forum

September 25th, 2023

*The winds of the Yellow Sea in China
illuminate the World Coastal Forum.*



Conference Programme

Time: September 24th (Sunday) 2023
Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel
Yancheng International Conference Center

Item	Time	Conference theme	Venue
1	September 24th (Sunday) 15:00-17:30	2023 WCF Youth Forum	Yancheng International Conference Center, Multifunctional Hall (1st floor)
2	September 24th (Sunday) 16:00-17:30	Biodiversity-friendly (birds)-friendly urban development	Yancheng Guest Hotel Jiulong Hall (3rd floor, via lobby lift)
3	September 24th (Sunday) 15:00-17:00	Coastal Low-carbon Territory Space Optimization and Sustainable Development	Yancheng Guest Hotel Tianshan Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)

Conference Programme

Time: September 25th (Monday) 2023
Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel
Yancheng International Conference Center
Hilton Ocean Bay Hotel/Yidu Jinling Grand Hotel

Item	Time	Conference theme	Venue
1	September 25th (Monday) 09:00-11:30	Opening Ceremony	Yancheng International Conference Center, Golden Hall
2	September 25th (Monday) 14:00-15:45	Thematic Plenary 1 Coastal Ecosystem Protection and Conservation	Yancheng Guest Hotel Yingbin Hall (1st floor, conference main building)
3	September 25th (Monday) 16:00-17:30	Thematic Plenary 2 Promoting Coastal Conservation Knowledge of Migratory Species and Their Habitats	Yancheng Guest Hotel Shiji Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
4	September 25th (Monday) 14:00-18:00	Workshop on the Modern Legislation of the Coastal Ecosystem Conversation by Procuratorates	Hilton Ocean Bay Hotel Meeting Hall



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Yancheng International Conference Center
Hilton Ocean Bay Hotel/Yidu Jinling Grand Hotel

Item	Time	Conference theme	Venue
5	September 25th (Monday) 15:00-16:40	Global Coastal Wetland Cities Alliance Round Table (Invited Only)	Yancheng Guest Hotel Jiulong Hall (3rd floor, via lobby lift)
6	September 25th (Monday) 15:00-17:30	Judicial Protection of Coastal Wetlands in China	Yidu Jinling Grand Hotel Jinling Hall
7	September 25th (Monday) 16:00-17:30	First Meeting of NbS Asia Hub (Invited Only)	Yancheng Guest Hotel Xianghai Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
8	September 25th (Monday) 16:00-18:00	The Scientific Treatment of <i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	Yancheng International Conference Center, Multifunctional Hall (1st floor)

Conference Programme

Time: September 26th (Tuesday) 2023
Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel

Item	Time	Conference theme	Venue
1	September 26th (Tuesday) 08:30-10:00	Thematic Plenary 3 Ensuring Sustainable Development in Coastal Regions	Yancheng Guest Hotel Yingbin Hall (1rd floor, conference main building)
2	September 26th (Tuesday) 10:30-12:00	Thematic Plenary4 Raising Awareness and Multi-stakeholder Engagement	Yancheng Guest Hotel Shiji Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
3	September 26th (Tuesday) 10:30-12:00	The Conservation Action of <i>Mythical Bird</i>	Yancheng Guest Hotel Wanghai Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
4	September 26th (Tuesday) 09:00-11:00	Coastal Wetland Ecological Conservation, Restoration and Management Practices	Yancheng Guest Hotel Xianghai Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
5	September 26th (Tuesday) 08:00-10:30	Coastal Wetland Conservation and Blue Economy	Yancheng Guest Hotel Tianshan Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
6	September 26th (Tuesday) 14:00-15:30	Coastal erosion and flooding defense through ecological restoration	Yancheng Guest Hotel Shiji Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
7	September 26th (Tuesday) 14:00-15:30	The Regional Flyway Initiative Discussion on Innovative Financing Approaches and focusing on the People's Republic of China	Yancheng Guest Hotel Tianshan Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)



Conference Programme

Time: September 26th (Tuesday) 2023

Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel

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8	September 26th (Tuesday) 14:00-15:30	Green Collaboration Around an Ecological and Economic Yellow Sea	Yancheng Guest Hotel Yingbin A Hall (1rd floor, conference main building)
9	September 26th (Tuesday) 16:00-17:30	Mangrove Ecological Protection and Restoration Workshop	Yancheng Guest Hotel Tianshan Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
10	September 26th (Tuesday) 16:00-17:30	Wetland Restoration Toolkit: Steps towards the Development of Coastal Ecosystems Restoration Guidance in the Yellow Sea Region	Yancheng Guest Hotel Xianghai Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
11	September 26th (Tuesday) 16:00-17:30	Strengthening Regional Collaborations in Coastal Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration	Yancheng Guest Hotel Wanghai Hall (3rd floor, conference annex building)
12	September 26th (Tuesday) 17:00-18:00	Press conference	Yancheng Guest Hotel Yingbin Hall (1rd floor, conference main building)
13	September 26th (Tuesday) 19:00-21:00	World Coastal Forum International Advisory Meeting(Invited Only)	Yancheng Guest Hotel Jiulong Hall Hall (3rd floor, via lobby lift)

Conference Programme

Investigation Activities for Guests of World Coastal Forum (WCF)

Time: September 27th, 2023 (Wednesday)



Event registration entrance;
The deadline for registration is September 26 at 12:00

Route	Activity arrangement
Route 1	Jiangsu Yancheng Wetland and Rare Birds National Nature Reserve 08:30 Gather at Yancheng Guest Hotel and depart; 09:35 Arrive at the Rare Birds Reserve and then visit Red-crowned Crane Museum, Red-crowned Crane Feralization Centre, Ecological Eye Monitoring & Observation Platform, and Xiujuan Xu Spirit Inheritance Classroom; 12:00 Have lunch at the reserve guesthouse and return.
Route 2	Dongtai Tiaozini Wetland Park and Chinese Milu Park 06:30 Gather at Yancheng Guest Hotel and depart; 08:30 Arrive at Tiaozini Wetland Park, inspect Tiaozini Tide-watching Area and 720 high-tide roosting site; watch the promotional videos "Meet Tiaozini" and "Wetland Habitat, Paradise of Birds" in the multi-function hall and visit the Breeding Base of Saunders's Gull (Larus saundersi) and No. 4 Post Station; 9:30 Go to Chinese Milu Park, watch videos, visit the elk habitat, interact with elk on the Elk Watching Platform and successively visit Elk King Exhibition Area, Elk Cultural Park, Elk Horn Gate and Museum; 12:00 Dine in Chinese Milu Park and then return.
Route3	Dongtai Tiaozini Wetland Park 6:30-8:00 Going from Yancheng to Tiaozini Wetland Park 8:10-11:00 Launching ceremony of the individual friendly match, submission of birdwatching records by teams and individuals, evaluation of competition results (outside the east gate of multi-function hall in the tide-watching area, Tiaozini Wetland Park) 11:00-11:30 Prize presentation and group photo (outside the multi-function hall in the tide-watching area, Tiaozini Wetland Park) 12:00 Buffet lunch for birdwatching teams (3rd floor, Dongtai Coastal Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Building) 12:00-13:00 Buffet lunch for guests participating in the individual friendly match (Tiaozini International Hotel and return to Yancheng after lunch)



High-level Events

Opening Ceremony

Time: 09:30-11:30 (Beijing time, 120 minutes) on 25 September

Venue: Golden Hall, Yancheng International Conference Center

Agenda:

Session 1

Moderator: H.E. Xia Xinmin, Vice Governor of Jiangsu Provincial People's Government

Speech

- H.E. Wang Guanghua, Minister of Natural Resources of China, PRC
- H.E. Xu Kunlin, Governor of Jiangsu Provincial People's Government, PRC
- H.E. Yan Zhen, Deputy Director-General of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China, PRC
- H.E. Nyanga Jacques Jean L., Ambassador of the Republic of the Congo to China
- H.E. George Yeo, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore
- H.E. Kumsil Kang, Gyeonggi Province Climate Ambassador and Former Minister of Justice of South Korea
- Mr. Tu Ruihe, Representative of Inge Anderson, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and UNEP China Office
- Mrs. Jennifer George, Chief Executive Officer of EAAFP
- Mrs. Theresa Mundita S. Lim, Executive Director of ACB

Video speech

- H.E. Bertie Ahern, Former Prime Minister of Ireland
- H.E. Abraão Vicente, Minister of Marine Economy of Cape Verde
- H.E. Nani Hendiarti, Vice Minister for Coordinating of Environmental and Forestry Management of Indonesia
- Mrs. Musonda Mumba, Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
- Mrs. Amy Fraenkel, Executive Secretary-General of the Secretariat of the CMS
- Mrs. Grethel Aguilar, Acting Director-General of the IUCN
- Mr. Borge Brende, President of the World Economic Forum and Former Foreign Minister of Norway

High-level Events

Opening Ceremony



Announcement of World Coastal Forum Partnership Initiative

- H.E. Zhang Xinsheng, Chairman of WCFCG, Former President and Chairman of the Council of the IUCN and Former President of the Executive Council of UNESCO

Signing the "Cooperation Framework Agreement on Supporting the World Coastal Forum among Jiangsu Provincial People's Government, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the National Forestry and Grassland Administration"

Announcement of WCF research projects

- Mr. Zhou Bin, Secretary of CPC Yancheng Municipal Committee

Session 2

Moderator: Mr. Zhang Mingkan, Director of the Yancheng Executive Committee of WCF, Mayor of the People's Government of Yancheng City

Sharing conservation stories and announcing public knowledge products

- Our Dream Home, a story about wild deer conservation in Dafeng, Yancheng: Mr. Ma Lianyi, Founder of Dafeng Yeludang Conservation Area
- Summary of the Global Coastal Ecosystem Status Report: Mr. Spike Millington, Former CEO of EAAFP
- Release of the English version of the 2023 Blue Book of China's Ecological Conservation Redlines : Mr. Feng Wenli, President of the China Land Surveying and Planning Institute
- Release of *Spartina alterniflora* control and saltmarsh wetland restoration toolkit for global coastal ecosystem protection: Prof. William James Sutherland, Fellow of the Royal Society and Professor of the Cambridge University
- Release of International Case Collection of Ecological Disaster Reduction Coordination in Coastal Zones: Mr. Xu Guodong, Director of the Marine Disaster Reduction Center of the Ministry of Natural Resources



High-level Events

Opening Ceremony



Seat Arrangement

High-level Events

Global Coastal Wetland Cities Alliance Round Table(Invited Only)

Time: 15:00-16:40, September 25th (Monday)

Content: The Global Coastal Wetland Cities Alliance Round Table will invite domestic and overseas coastal city officials and representatives to attend and build a global coastal wetland cities alliance network, promoting pragmatic exchanges and cooperation among coastal cities, gathering global wisdom, building consensus among all parties, and contributing to the green and low-carbon development of coastal cities.

World Coastal Forum International Advisory Meeting(Invited Only)

Time: 19:00-21:00, September 26th (Tuesday)

Content: In response to the resolutions and decisions of international conventions, all invited parties at the International Advisory Meeting will review important achievements of the World Coastal Forum since 2021, discuss future development plan of the WCF, actively promote the support and participation of multiple stakeholders, and continuously enhance the international influence of the WCF.



Thematic Plenary 1

Coastal Ecosystem Protection and Conservation



Time: 14:00-15:45 (Monday) on 25 September

Venue: Yingbin Hall, 1st floor, Conference Main Building, Yancheng Guest Hotel

Hosts: Department of Territorial and Spatial Ecology Rehabilitation, Ministry of Natural Resources, PRC
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Moderator

- Lu Lihua, Deputy Director-General of the Territorial and Spatial Ecology Restoration, Ministry of Natural Resources, PRC
- James Hardcastle, Head of Protected and Conserved Areas, IUCN Centre for Conservation Action

Opening Session

- Wang Lei, Director-General of the Department of Territorial and Spatial Ecology Restoration, Ministry of Natural Resources, PRC
- James Hardcastle, Head of Protected and Conserved Areas, IUCN Centre for Conservation Action
- Zhang Guoliang, Director-General, Jiangsu Provincial Department of Natural Resources

Special Report

- Su Jilan, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Researcher of the Second Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources, PRC

Keynote Reports

- Tu Ruihe, Representative of Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and UNEP China Office
- William Sutherland, Fellow of the Royal Society and Professor of the University of Cambridge, UK
- Yu Xiubo, Researcher of the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Giovanni Ruta, Chief Environmental Economist for the Asia Pacific Region of the World Bank
- Gail Chmura, Professor of McGill University, Canada
- Zhang Yong, National Land and Space Planning Research Institute, Zhejiang Province

Thematic Plenary 2

Promoting Coastal Conservation Knowledge of Migratory Species and Their Habitats



Time: 16:00-17:30 (Monday) on 25 September

Venue: Shiji Hall, 3rd floor, Conference Annex building, Yancheng Guest Hotel

Hosts: Department of Wildlife Conservation, National Forestry and Grassland Administration (NGFA)
East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)

Moderator

- Wan Ziming, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Wildlife Conservation of National Forestry and Grassland Administration, PRC
- Yuan Jun, Director of Wetland Division of Academy of Forestry Inventory and Planning of NFGA
- Terry Townshend, Consultant of Paulson Institute

Opening Session

- Lu Zhaoqing, Level II Inspector of Jiangsu Provincial Forestry Department
- Cheng Wu, Vice President of Beijing Forestry University
- Jennifer George, Chief Executive of EAAFP
- Wan Ziming, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Wildlife Conservation of National Forestry and Grassland Administration, PRC

Keynote Report

- Nicola Crockford, Principle Policy Officer of Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Qian Fawen, Director of National Bird Banding Center, China
- Lei Guangchun, Member of the STRP of Ramsar Convention; Professor at Beijing Forestry University

Panel Discussion

- Yang Shufen, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Singapore
- Sun Lili, Founder of the Mangrove Conservation Foundation, Chair of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Task Force
- Theresa Mundita S. Lim, Executive Director of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
- Duncan A. Lang, Senior Environmental Specialist of Asian Development Bank



Thematic Plenary 3

Ensuring Sustainable Development in Coastal Regions



Time: 8:30-10:00 (Tuesday) on 26 September

Venue: Yingbin Hall, 1st floor, Conference Building, Yancheng Guest Hotel

Hosts: Jiangsu Provincial Department of Natural Resources

Department of Land and Space Ecological Restoration, Ministry of Natural Resources, PRC
ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Moderator

- Chen Xiaohui, Chief Planner, Jiangsu Provincial Department of Natural Resources
- Theresa Mundita Lim, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Speech

- Zhang Guoliang, Director-General, Jiangsu Provincial Department of Natural Resources
- Zhang Xinsheng, Chair of the World Coastal Forum Coordination Group

Keynote Report

- George Yeo, Former Minister for Trade and Industry and Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore
- Zhang Mingkang, Mayor of Yancheng Municipal People's Government
- Amélie Aubert, Regional Director of China-Mongolia, AFD
- Xiong Jian, Secretary of the Party Committee and Vice President of Shanghai Urban Planning & Design Research Institute
- Gao Shu, Director of the Academic Committee of Key Laboratory for Coastal Saltmarsh Wetland Ecological and Resource, Ministry of Natural Resources and Professor of Nanjing University
- Wang Hongyang, Member of the UN-Habitat Expert Group and Professor at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning of Nanjing University

Panel Discussion

- Yang Shufen, Director of Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, National Parks Board of Singapore
- Srey Sunleang, Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Administration for Nature Conservation and Protection, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
- Angeliq Songco, Protected Area Superintendent of Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, Philippine

Release of Achievements

Release of two standards: The Technical Specifications for Coastline Classification and Survey; The Technical Specifications for Carbon Stock Investigation of Tidal Flat and Salt Marsh Ecosystems
The 2nd Release of Achievements in Jiangsu Cases for Most Beautiful Ecological Protection and Restoration and Awarding Ceremony

Thematic Plenary 4

Raising Awareness and Multi-stakeholder Engagement



Time: 10:30-12:00 (Tuesday) on 26 September

Venue: Shiji Hall, 3rd floor, Conference Building, Yancheng Guest Hotel

Hosts: Yancheng Municipal People's Government

United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

Moderator

- Wang Lianchun, Deputy Mayor of Yancheng City
- Chris Rostron, International Engagement Manager of Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT); Co-lead of CEPA Task Team of WCFCG

Speech

- Zhang Mingkang, Mayor of Yancheng
- Shahbaz Khan, UNESCO Representative in China (Video Speech)

Keynote Report

- Stanley Johnson, Advisor of WCFCG, Former Vice-President of the European Parliament's Environment Committee
- Chaode Ma, Assistant Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in China

Panel Discussion

- SUH Seung Oh, Executive Director of the Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia
- Dou Rui, Deputy Secretary of Ant Forest Foundation
- Han Feng, Professor of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University
- Yang Shufen, Director of Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, National Parks Board of Singapore
- John MacKinnon, International expert in biodiversity

Announcements

Signing ceremony of blue carbon ecosystem carbon sink trading project
Carbon-neutral certificate presentation ceremony of the 2023 WCF
The Wetlands Creatures Guardian Project
Issue awards of nature notes and drawings
Appointment ceremony of international experts for coastal conservation



Parallel workshop

Coastal Low-carbon Territory Space Optimization and Sustainable Development



Time: 15:00-17:00, September 24th (Sunday)

Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel Tianshan Hall

Hosts: School of Geography and Ocean Science, Nanjing University
Jiangsu Maritime Law Enforcement and Supervision Center
Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Moderator

- Zou Xinqing, Professor, School of Geography and Ocean Science, Nanjing University

Welcome Note

- Zhu Wanjiang, Secretary and Director of the Party Committee of Jiangsu Provincial Marine Law Enforcement Supervision Center

Keynote Report

- Michael Meadows, President, International Geographical Union; Member of the Royal South African Academy of Sciences
- Pavel Krasilnikov, Professor and Acting President, Faculty of Soil Science, Lomonosov Moscow State University
- Yan Weilong, Secretary of the Party Committee and Second Class Professor, Nanjing Audit University
- Li Aimin, Foreign member of the Russian Academy of Engineering; Professor, School of Environment, Nanjing University
- Xu Juntian, Vice President of Jiangsu Ocean University; President of College Of Marine Life And Fisheries

Parallel Discussion

- Jin Xiaobin, Vice President, School of Geography and Marine Science, Nanjing University
- Tang Boping, Professor, Yancheng Teachers University
- Xu Min, President, School of Marine Science and Engineering, Nanjing Normal University
- Xu Ligang, Director and Researcher, Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Liu Dahai, Researcher, First Institute of Oceanography, MNR
- Zou Xinqing, Professor, School of Geography and Ocean Science, Nanjing University

Parallel workshop

Biodiversity (Bird) Friendly City Development



Time: 16:00-17:30, September 24th (Sunday)

Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel Jiulong Hall (3rd floor, via lobby lift)

Hosts: Paulson Institute (U.S.) Beijing Representative Office
Mangrove Conservation Foundation (MCF)

Moderator

- Terry Townshend, Advisor to the Paulson Institute

Welcome Note

- Wendy Paulson, Vice Chairman of Paulson Institute; Chairman of Bobolink Foundation
- Zhang Qian, Deputy Director-General of Shenzhen Forestry Bureau

Keynote Report

- Dr. John MacKinnon, author of "Field Guide to the Birds of China"
- Li Binbin, Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences of the Environmental Research Center at Duke Kunshan University
- Wong Suet-mei, Conservation Officer of the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society

Parallel Discussion

- Andrew Farnsworth, Senior Research Fellow of Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology
- Hu Ping, Director of Authority for the Guangdong Neilingding Futian National Nature Reserve
- Sun Lili, Founder and Vice Chairman of Mangrove Conservation Foundation (MCF)
- Xiong Jian, Manager of R&D Technology Department, Xianning South Glass Energy Saving Glass Co., LTD.
- Terry Townshend, Advisor to the Paulson Institute

Closing Ceremony

- Xie Xiaohui, Secretary-General of Vanke Foundation
- Wang Shi, Founder and Honorary Chairman of China Vanke Co., Ltd; Chairman of the Board of Vanke Foundation



Parallel workshop

2023WCF Youth Forum



Time:15:00-17:30, September 24th (Sunday)

Venue:Yancheng International Conference Center, Multi-functional Hall (1st floor)

Hosts:Yancheng Teachers University

Yancheng Municipal Committee of the Communist Youth League

Jiangsu Huanghai Yellow Sea Financial Holding Group Co., Ltd

Guiding Organization: UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office for East Asia

Moderator

- Tang Boping, Dean of School of Wetlands of Yancheng Teachers University; Vice Chairman of the CPPCC Yancheng Municipal Committee

Welcome Note

- Li Lanxiang, Deputy Mayor of the People's Government of Yancheng City
- Zhang Xinsheng, Chairman of the International Coordinating Committee of WCF; Former President and Chairman of the Council of IUCN
- Leader of Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education
- Shahbaz Khan, Director and Representative of UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office for East Asia (Video)

Results of Workshop

Keynote Presentation

- Majda Aouititen, Ph.D, Beijing Forestry University
- Li Teng, Co-Founder and Chairman of Beijing Blue Crystal Microbiological Technology Co., Ltd
- Abbas Ali Abid, Graduate from University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan
- Song Congqing, Member of the CPC Committee and Vice General Manager of Yancheng Water Affairs Group Co., Ltd
- Zhang Xinyu, Research Fellow of Xiong'an Innovation Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Dong Xueying, Young Post Expert of Yancheng City; Student in School of Wetlands

Parallel Discussion

- Ge Baoming, Professor in School of Wetlands, Yancheng Teachers University
- Xu Linhan, Student in School of Wetlands, Yancheng Teachers University
- Wang Keqi, Outstanding Individual of Chinese Young Volunteers; Deputy Secretary General of Yancheng Young Volunteers Association
- Zhang Tao, Representative of the General Branches of the Communist Youth League of the National May Fourth Red Flag, and of Jiangsu Yancheng Wetland National Nature Reserve, Rare Birds
- Zhang Hui, Deputy General Manager of Jiangsu Sheyang Port Green and Zero Carbon Industrial Park Development Co., Ltd
- Wang Ming, International Volunteer of Lingxi Public Welfare of Zigong City, Sichuan Province; Student in School of Wetlands
- Mamadamonov Ijzatsho, International Student of Yancheng Teachers University from Tajikistan

Handing Out Awards for Essay Solicitation

Parallel workshop

Workshop on the Modern Legislation of the Coastal Ecosystem Conversation by Procuratorates



Time:14:00-18:00, September 25th(Monday)

Venue:DoubleTree by Hilton AB Hall

Welcome Note

- Zhou Bin, Secretary of the CPC Yancheng Municipal Committee
- Shi Shitai, Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group and Prosecutor General of Jiangsu Provincial People's Procuratorate
- Gong Ming, Member of the Leading Party Members Group and Deputy Procurator General of the Supreme People's Procuratorate

Expert Presentations

- International expert presentations
- Domestic expert presentations

Procuratorate Exchanges

Provincial Procuratorates of Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi and Hainan

Procuratorates of Yancheng (Jiangsu), Dandong (Liaoning), Binhai New Area (Tianjin), Tangshan (Hebei), Dongying (Shandong) and Chongming (Shanghai)

Signing Ceremony of Yancheng Initiative: Coastal Ecological Prosecution and Protection

Launching Ceremony of Yancheng Initiative: Coastal Ecological Prosecution and Protection

Summary



Parallel workshop

The Chinese Practice of Judicial Protection of Coastal Wetlands

Time:15:00-17:30, September 25th (Monday)

Venue:Jinling Hall, Yidu Jinling Grand Hotel, Yancheng

Hosts: Jiangsu High People's Court

Moderator

- Li Min, Yancheng Broadcasting Television

Welcome Note

- Zhou Bin, Secretary of the CPC Yancheng Municipal Committee
- Xia Daohu, Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group and President of Jiangsu High People's Court
- Jiang Bixin, Vice President of China Law Society and Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Supreme People's Court
- Yang Linping, Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group and Vice President of the Supreme People's Court

Keynote Presentation

- Tang Xiaofu, Member of the Judicial Committee and Level II Inspector of Jiangsu High People's Court
- Lin Biyan, Vice President of Guangdong High People's Court
- Yi Fang, Vice President of Guangxi High People's Court and Vice Chairman of the 13th Guangxi Committee of Chinese Peasants and Workers Democratic Party
- Li Jiangrong, Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group and President of Yancheng Intermediate People's Court
- Du Qun, Vice President of the Chinese Society of Environmental and Resources Law
- Wang Jin, Vice President of the Chinese Society of Environmental and Resources Law
- Zhang Zitai, Vice President of the Chinese Society of Environmental and Resources Law

Agreement Signing and Initiative Release

Summary

- Liu Xiaobing, President of the Ecological Law Research Association of Jiangsu Law Society

Parallel workshop

The Scientific Treatment of *Spartina alterniflora*

Time:16:00-18:00, September 25th (Monday)

Venue:Yancheng International Conference Center, Multi-functional Hall (1st floor)

Hosts:School of Life Sciences, Nanjing University; Environmental Protection Industry Park, Yancheng, Jiangsu;

Moderator

- Ji Yong, Secretary of the Party Committee, School of Life Sciences, Nanjing University

Welcome Note

- Lu Yanqing, Vice President of Nanjing University
- Yan Sheng, Secretary of Tinghu District Party Committee of Yancheng City

Keynote Presentation

- Ye Shufeng, Vice President, Professor, East China Sea Development Research Institute, Ministry of Natural Resources
- Tan Fanglin, Director, Professor, Institute of Ecological Environment, Fujian Academy of Forestry
- Lu Hongfang, Professor, South China Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Wang Faming, Professor, South China Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Yang Yushun, Doctor, Associate Professor, Jinhua Advanced Research Institute
- Xu Shuwen, Vice Minister of Marketing Planning Department (Intellectual Property Department), GPLL

Results of Workshop/Closing

Professor Admiration made a concluding speech and announced the establishment of the "Industry-Study-Research Alliance of *Spartina* Scientific Treatment" Nanjing Spartine Biotechnology Co., LTD. signed a cooperation agreement with Jiangsu Yancheng National Rare Bird Nature Reserve and Jiangsu Yancheng Environmental Protection Science and Technology City Management Committee to build a "Scientific management and resource utilization of *Spartina alterniflora*" Tinghu Lake demonstration base

Nanjing Spartine Biotechnology Co., LTD. signed a contract with GPLL on the strategic cooperation of "Spartina functional beverage"

Nanjing Spartine Biotechnology Co., LTD. signed a contract with Hebei Mishuang Biotechnology Co., Ltd. on the sales cooperation of *Spartina*-related products



Parallel workshop

First Meeting of the NbS Asian Hub



Time:16:00-17:30, September 25th (Monday)

Coastal Wetland Ecological Conservation Restoration and Management Practice



Time:9:00-11:00, September 26th (Tuesday)

Venue:Yancheng Guest Hotel Xianghai Hall

Hosts: National Marine Data and Information Service (NMDIS)

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) China Office

Moderator

- Tao Yijun, Deputy Director of Division of Marine Ecology, NMDIS

Welcome Note

- Leader of Department of Territorial and Spatial Ecology Rehabilitation, Ministry of Natural Resources, PRC
- James Hardcastle, Head of Protected and Conserved Areas Team, Centre for Conservation Actions, IUCN
- Leader of NMDIS

Keynote Presentation

- William James Sutherland, Fellow of Royal Society; University of Cambridge
- Spike Millington, Vice President of International Crane Foundation
- Wang Yue, Strategy and Planning Director, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) China
- Kim Kyung Min, Professor of Kyungpook National University
- Lu Wenhui, Director of Division of Marine Ecology of NMDIS
- Raphael Glemet, Senior Programme Officer, Asia Regional Office, IUCN

Summary

Parallel workshop

Coastal Wetland Conservation and Blue Economy



Time:8:30-10:00, September 26th (Tuesday)

Venue:Yancheng Guest Hotel Tianshan Hall

Hosts:Yancheng Wetland and Natural World Heritage Conservation and Management Center

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Beijing Office

Moderator

- Liu Jieyun, Shanghai Regional Program Senior Program Officer, WWF-China

Welcome Note

- Wu Qijiang, Director of Yancheng Wetland and Natural World Heritage Conservation and Management Center
- Zhuang Ping, Former Director of East China Sea Fisheries Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences (CAFS-ECSFRI)
- Chan Tsai Lok, Director of Conservation, WWF-Hong Kong

Keynote Presentation

- Dennis Fritsch, Associate Nature Lead of United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative
- Wen Xianji, Program Director of Mai Po Nature Reserve and Migration Route Conservation Project, WWF-Hong Kong
- Ren Wenwei, Shanghai Regional Head of WWF-China
- Yang Gang, Assistant Researcher of East China Sea Fisheries Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Fishery Sciences (CAFS-ECSFRI)
- Wang Songlin, President of Qingdao Marine Conservation Society
- Yao Linbo, Deputy General Manager of Credit Management Department, Agricultural Bank of China Ningbo Branch



Parallel workshop

Coastal Erosion and Flooding Defense through Ecological Restoration

Time: 14:00-15:30, September 26 (Tuesday)



Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel ShiJi Hall

Hosts: Hohai University

Polytechnic University of Catalonia (Spain)

Jiangsu Geological Bureau

Ocean University of China

East China Normal University

Moderator

- Gong Zheng, Professor and College Dean of Hohai University
- Yan Yuru, Deputy Director of Marine Institute of Jiangsu Geological Bureau
- Wu Guoxiang, Associate Professor of Ocean University of China
- Li Xiuzhen, Professor of East China Normal University

Welcome Note

- Chen Xiaohui, Chief Planner, Jiangsu Provincial Department of Natural Resources

Keynote Presentation

- Cai Feng, Director of the Third Institute of Oceanography, MNR
- Chen Wei, Researcher, Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon, Germany
- Ji Yongxing, Chief Engineer of SWEDRI Co., Ltd.
- Ian Townend, Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Professor of Southampton University
- Zhou Zeng, Professor and Director of the Institute of Coastal Resources and Environment, Hohai University
- Xavier Sánchez-Artús, Researcher, Polytechnic University of Catalonia

Parallel workshop

Green Collaboration Around an Ecological and Economic Yellow Sea

Time: 14:00-15:30, September 26th (Tuesday)



Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel Yingbin Hall

Hosts: Yancheng Municipal People's Government

Moderator

- Zang Chong, Director, Yancheng Development and Reform Commission

Welcome Note

- Zhai Dongsheng, Director, National Development and Reform Commission The Belt and Road Initiative Promotion Center
- Wang Rongfei, Member of Jiangsu Development and Reform Commission
- Gou Fengcheng, Member of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Party Committee and Executive Vice Mayor, Yancheng
- Guo Zhigang, Deputy Secretary General, Shenzhen One Planet Foundation

Keynote Presentation

- Zhou Yiren, Director, Institute of Spatial Planning and Regional Economy, National Development and Reform Commission
- Lei Guangchun, Professor, Beijing Forestry University & Member of the Science and Technology Committee of The Ramsar Convention
- Yang Sonying, Senior Project Director, Mangrove Foundation & Member of Blue Economy Policy Research Team, China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development
- Wang Songlin, Founder and Chairman, Qingdao Marine Ecology Study Organization
- Zhang Yimo, Priority project coordinator, Sustainable Blue Economy, World Wide Fund for Nature Beijing Office

Results of Workshop/Closing

Announce the joint initiative of "Establishing the Alliance of the Yellow Sea Ecological-Economic Circle Cities"



Parallel workshop

The Regional Flyway Initiative Discussion on Innovative Financing Approaches and focusing on the People's Republic of China



Time:14:00-15:30, September 26 (Tuesday)

Venue:Yancheng Guest Hotel Tianshan Hall

Hosts:Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Moderator

- Duncan Lang, Senior Environment Specialist of ADB

Welcome Note

- Zhou Rui, DDG of Department of Wetlands Management, NFGA
- Jennifer George, Chief Executive of EAAFP Secretariat
- Alex Hai Zhang, Facilitator of World Coastal Forum Coordination Group, Secretary-General of Eco Foundation Global

Keynote Presentation

- Yang DingLi, Regional Flyways Coordinator of BirdLife International
- Alexandre Cassini, CCX Manager of Conservation Capital
- Zhang Wei, Deputy Director of the People's Bank of China, Yancheng Branch

Parallel Discussion

- Vina Dharmarajah, Regional Director (Asia) of BirdLife International
- Alexandre Cassini, CCX Manager of Conservation Capital
- Duan Xiumei, Director General of Department of International Green Finance Cooperation (PMO of ADB Project), China National Investment and Guaranty Corporation
- Terry Townshend, Advisor to the Paulson Institute
- Zheng Hang, Director of the Management Office of Fujian Minjiang Estuary Wetland National Nature Reserve
- Yan Zequn, Director General of Jiangsu Yellow Sea Wetland Institute Co., Ltd

Parallel workshop

Mangrove Ecological Protection and Restoration



Time:16:00-17:30, September 26th (Tuesday)

Venue:Yancheng Guest Hotel TianShan Hall

Hosts:Third Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources
Society of Entrepreneurs and Ecology (SEE) Foundation

Moderator

- Wang Jing, Marine Program Director, SEE Foundation

Welcome Note

- Leader of Department of Territorial and Spatial Ecology Rehabilitation, Ministry of Natural Resources, PRC

Keynote Presentation

- Jorge López-Portillo, Emeritus Full Researcher, Mexican Ecological Research Institute
- Chen Guangcheng, Research Professor, Third Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources
- Virni Budi Arifanti, Principal Researcher, Research Center for Ecology and Ethnobiology, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), Indonesia
- Tiffany G. Troxler, Associate Professor, Institute of Environment, Florida International University

Parallel Discussion

- Zhang Yan, Director of the China Office of the International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Gail L. Chmura, Professor, Department of Geography, McGill University
- Jorge López-Portillo, Emeritus Full Researcher, Mexican Ecological Research Institute
- Virni Budi Arifanti, Principal Researcher, Research Center for Ecology and Ethnobiology, National Research and Innovation Agency, Indonesia
- Dou Rui, Deputy Executive Secretary, Ant Forest Foundation



Parallel workshop

Wetland Restoration Toolkit: Steps towards the Development of Coastal Ecosystems Restoration Guidance in the Yellow Sea Region



Time:16:00-17:30, September 26th (Tuesday)

Venue:Yancheng Guest Hotel Xianghai Hall

Hosts:Wetlands International and Conservation Evidence (Cambridge University)

Moderator

- Wetlands International

Welcome Note

- Wetlands International

Keynote Presentation

- Lorenzo Gaffi, Senior Technical Officer, Wetlands International
- Ward Hagemeijer, Senior adviser, Wetlands International
- Vanessa Cutts, Post doctoral research associate, University of Cambridge

Group activity

- Lorenzo Gaffi, Senior Technical Officer, Wetlands International
- Ward Hagemeijer, Senior adviser, Wetlands International
- Vanessa Cutts, Post doctoral research associate, University of Cambridge
- The audience will be divided in three groups.

Sharing

- Lorenzo Gaffi, Senior Technical Officer, Wetlands International

Closing

- Ward Hagemeijer, Senior adviser, Wetlands International

Side Event

Strengthening Regional Collaborations in Coastal Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration



Time:16:00-17:30, September 26th (Tuesday)

Venue:Yancheng Guest Hotel Wanghai Hall

Hosts:ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Moderator

- Representatives of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Welcome Note

- Theresa Mundita S. Lim, Executive Director of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Keynote Presentation

- Angelique Songco, Protected Area Superintendent of Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park
- Wendy Yap Hwee Min, Director of National Parks Board Singapore
- Srey Sunleang, Deputy Director General of Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
- Apichai Ekwanakul, Acting Director General of the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, Thailand
- Representatives of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Parallel Discussion



Side Event

The Conservation Action of *Mythical Bird*

Time: 10:30-12:00, September 26th (Tuesday)



Venue: Yancheng Guest Hotel Wanghai Hall

Hosts: Fujian MinJiang River Estuary Wetland National Nature Reserve Administrative Office

Moderator

- Zheng Hang, Director of Fujian MinJiang River Estuary Wetland National Nature Reserve Administrative Office

Keynote Presentation

- Zheng Hang, Director of Fujian MinJiang River Estuary Wetland National Nature Reserve Administrative Office
- Yang Jin, Executive Vice President of Fujian Bird Watching Society
- Zhang Shouhua, Executive Director of the Matsu Wild Bird Association
- Zheng Huaizhou, Research Assistant of Fujian Normal University

Results of Workshop

Release *Chinese Crested Tern Conservation Action Partner Declaration*

Supplementary Activities

Yellow Sea Wetlands Museum

Time: September 25th-27th

Venue: Yellow Sea Wetlands Museum

Host: Yancheng Executive Committee

Executor: Yellow Sea Wetlands Museum

Arrangements

From September 25 to 27, it is open to all participating guests and citizens.

Exhibition Content

Bird-watching equipment and cultural and creative products exhibition

Related enterprises participating in the exhibition will be invited to display the most cutting-edge bird-watching equipment in the industry, and provide an international exchange and cooperation platform for bird-watching enthusiasts around the world.

Nature Painting and Notes Exhibition

Some representative works winning in the Nature Painting and Note Exhibition of "Into the Wetland, Harmonious Coexistence between Man and Nature" will be selected to encourage young people to go into nature and observe the scenery, animals and plants of the wetlands.



Brief Introduction of Yancheng

Yancheng is located on the west coast of the Pacific Ocean, the Yellow Sea in eastern China. It also located in the north wing of the Yangtze River Delta, and is one of the densely populated and economically developed cities in the Yangtze River Delta. The land area is 17,000 square kilometers and the sea area is 19,000 square kilometers.

This is a magical land created by the silt of the Yellow, Huai and Yangtze rivers. More than 800 years ago, the Yellow River flowed from Binhai County of Yancheng into the Yellow Sea. For more than 700 years, the ancient Yellow River and Yangtze River converged at Yancheng, creating a network of ditches, ports and branches, and huge tidal flats. This is Yancheng Yellow Sea Wetland, with a coastline of 582 kilometers and a coastal tidal flat area of 460,000 hectares. Yancheng has three ecological systems of wetland, ocean and forest. It has the largest green lungs and the best air in the Yangtze River Delta, and is known as the "capital of wetlands". The city is famous for two national natural reserves for red-crowned cranes and Milu deer. It has two international business cards, "Natural World Heritage" and "International Wetland City".

Currently, Yancheng is promoting green and low-carbon development and making targeted efforts to build itself into a city of ecology, green manufacturing, green energy and livability, showcasing its development dynamism and charm as an international wetland city and a coastal green city.



Online broadcast



Green Meeting



Photo live streaming



Website



Official Accounts



Notes for Guests

Notes

- All guests will register and receive the conference materials at the registration center.
- The Conference Manual will provide you with the meeting schedule, organizations and other information. If there is any change or other matters not mentioned, please pay attention to the reminder notice of the Yancheng Executive Committee.
- All participants are required to submit documents to attend each session. The certificate is a valid certificate for participating in meetings and activities, please keep it properly, wear it with you, and cannot be transferred. If you lose it, please report it to the committee in time.
- After entering the venue, please turn your mobile phone and other mobile communication devices to silent and do not leave the venue in advance.

From September 25 to September 27, the Yancheng Executive Committee will provide pick-up and drop-off service. Guests participating in the event are kindly requested to feedback the return information to the committee one day in advance, so as to make overall arrangements

Information of Venues and Hotels

- Yancheng International Conference Center
Address: No.98 Fangongzhong Road, Yancheng City Tel: 0515-68777777
- Yancheng Guest Hotel (Accommodations and Conference Venues)
Address: No.1 Tianshan Road, Tinghu District Economic Tel: 0515-68888888
- Yancheng Yidu Jinling Hotel (Accommodations other Conference Venues)
Add: No. 603 Shiji Avenue, Yandu District, Yancheng City Tel: 0515-88888888
- Doubletree by Hilton Yancheng Ocean Bay (Accommodations and other Conference Venues)
Address: No. 39 East Ring North Road, Tinghu District, Yancheng City Tel: 0515-81888888
- Yancheng Marriott Hotel (Accommodation)
Address: No. 9 Jianjunxi Road, Tinghu District, Yancheng City Tel: 0515-80119999
- Yancheng Jinsail wanyuan hote(Accommodation)
Address:No. 7 Jiefangbei Road, Tinghu District, Yancheng City Tel: 0515-80119999

Notes for Guests

Dining service

- During the conference, guests can use their meal vouchers for lunch and dinner.
- Note: Guests are required to register their personal information at the reception and make a credit card guarantee when checking in to the hotel. Upon departure, guests are required to settle their own personal consumption.

