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1. General Introduction

- Agriculture is the founding pillar of Chinese civilization

- Ancient philosophy in China: *Man-Nature harmony*

- Sustainable & green concept is thriving in China

How to conserve those significant traditional agricultural systems and tap the potential to promote the sustainable development of agriculture?
中国15个GIAHS点分布
1. Qingtian Rice-fish Culture System (2005)
4. Pu'er Traditional Tea Agro system (2012)
5. Aohan Dryland Farming System (2012)
8. Xinghua Duotian Agro system (2014)
13. Huzhou Mulberry-dyke and Fish Pond System (2017)


Various conservation measures explored

- Work on GIAHS
  - Management system
  - International Cooperation
  - Academic research
  - Enabling policies and institutional environment
  - Improve the visibility of GIAHS
  - Monitoring and evaluation
GIAHS Governance in China

MARA

- Scientific Committee
- DIC (CICOS):
  - GIAHS
- Bureau of Agri-processing:
  - NIAHS

- Provincial Department of Agriculture
- County Government and local community
By 2018, NIAHS 91 sites, GIAHS 15 sites
农业农村部办公厅关于开展第五批中国重要农业文化遗产发掘工作的通知

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为深入贯彻落实习近平新时代中国特色社会主义思想和党的十九大精神，按照2018年中央一号文件要求，根据《重要农业文化遗产管理办法》（农业部公告第2283号）规定，农业农村部决定开展第五批中国重要农业文化遗产发掘认定工作，现就有关事项通知如下。

一、目标要求
Ⅱ. Lesson and Experiences learned

1. Political commitment from government top level

Wang Yang (Vice-Premier), meeting with Jose Graziano da Silva

Han Changfu (Minister), meeting with Jose Graziano da Silva
Lesson and Experiences learned

2. Supporting Policies and Regulations put in place

- Administrative Measures on GIAHS/NIAHS in China

Includes:
- Application & Approval
- Conservation & Management
- Utilization & Development
- Supervision & Monitoring

Emphasizing the principle of
- Conserving during identification,
- Inheriting during utilization, and
- Dynamic conservation,
- Coordinated development,
- Multi-stakeholder participation
- Benefit sharing
Annual National Conferences on GIAHS

First Session in 2014  Second Session in 2015  Third Session in 2016

Fourth Session in 2017  Fifth Session in 2018
Lesson and Experiences learned

3. Seed money/funding from government programme
4. Communication and Visibility

专辑, 宣传册, 画册, 明信片, 精装图书……
Lesson and Experiences learned

5. Scientific and technology research intensified

China GIAHS/NIAHS Scientific Committee established in 2014
GIAHS Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Indicators: Aspects of Ecology, Environment, Economy, Culture, Products, Policies and etc.
6. GIAHS Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Local annual monitoring**: Each GIAHS site submits annual working reports and self-assessment reports.
- **Third-party evaluation I**: MARA dispatches non-committee experts to conduct in-depth survey and evaluation.
- **Third-party evaluation II**: MARA organizes experts from the Committee of Experts to conduct a comprehensive and systematic evaluation.
- **Releases results**: MARA synthesizes evaluation opinions by combining opinions from both the Committee of Experts and non-committee experts, releases results.
7. International Cooperation

- South-South Cooperation on GIAHS
The idea of GIAHS twinning program was proposed at the GIAHS International Forum held in Japan in 2013.
III. Challenge and perspective

1. Characteristics of GIAHS/NIAHS sites in China

- More mountainous area or remote area or ghettoize
- Labor intensive
- Poor infrastructure
- Low/slow economic benefit
2. Influence of modern agriculture

- Modern technologies
- such as herbicides, pesticides, machinery use
- Old species lose
“农耕文化是我国农业的宝贵财富，是中华文化的重要组成部分，不仅不能丢，而且要不断发扬光大”，“要让农村成为安居乐业的美丽家园”。
What we need to do

- Rediscover the value of traditional agriculture
- Protect agricultural legacy and associated social-ecological and cultural, local and global benefits
- Harmonize modern agriculture and agriculture heritages
- Rely on the participation of rural communities
Core Goal of GIAHS conservation is: Based on the conservation of Biodiversity and Cultural Diversity to Promote local economic development and farmers’ livelihood and to Support modern eco-agricultural development.

Therefore, GIAHS should be:

- **A Platform** for agricultural research;
- **A Window** for traditional agricultural achievements;
- **A Base** for eco-cultural agricultural products;
- **A Destination** for eco-cultural tourism.
Thanks for attention!
Chinese Farmers’ Harvest Festival

Request for recording a short congratulation video

The State Council of the People’s Republic of China decided to celebrate the Chinese Farmers’ Harvest Festival annually on the Autumn Equinox, starting from this year. Autumn Equinox is one of the 24 solar terms of the Chinese lunisolar calendar and usually falls between 22 and 24 September, during the country’s agricultural harvest season.

This is the first festival established by the state for the country’s farmers.
Happy Chinese Farmers’ Harvest Festival