

STRP Case Study Repository Anti-Electrofishing Volunteer Network Fighting Illegal Fishing



Submitting organisation

China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF)

Country

China

STRP Output

Task 5.2: <u>Scaling up wetland conservation and restoration to deliver the Kunming-Montreal Global</u> <u>Biodiversity Framework</u>

Description

The China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation has established a volunteer programme that assisted fishery authorities in uncovering nearly 1,000 cases of illegal fishing in 2018 alone within the Yangtze River Basin. The programme consists of extensive education and awareness activities including environmental classes and lectures, the launch of the "RiverEye" mobile application to encourage public participation in reporting and preventing illegal fishing of critically endangered fish species and advocacy against the release of invasive species like the largemouth bass.

Key Messages

- Fighting illegal fishing enforcement along the Yangtze River Basin.
- Awareness promotion on freshwater ecosystem and biodiversity protection.
- Technology assistance through the development of the "RiverEye" mobile application.
- Measures to stop the invasion of aquatic species, especially the largemouth bass.

Additional information

- <u>Safeguarding Biodiversity: The Impact of China Biodiversity Conservation and Green</u> <u>Development Foundation's Anti-Electrofishing Volunteer Network</u>
- <u>Anti-electrofishing Networking: improved connectivity makes a big difference for China's</u> <u>freshwater ecosystem</u>

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