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# Mainstreaming Ecosystem Services in Policy-Making in China

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# Mainstreaming ecosystem services

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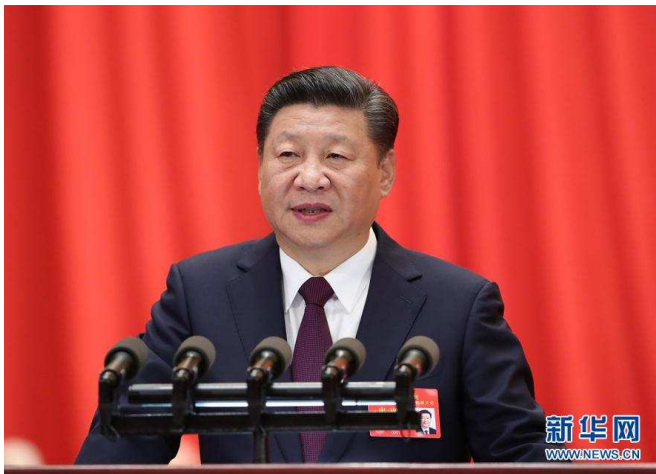
# Background

## China's environment is facing increasing challenges from

- ✧ Huge population: 1.38 billion
- ✧ Fast urbanization: Urban rates 57 % in 2016, 36% in 2000
- ✧ Massive natural resource exploitation
  - Coal mining: 3.7 billion tons
  - Fresh water withdrawn: 326.3 billion M<sup>3</sup>
- ✧ Ecosystem service decline and wildlife habitat lost
  - Soil erosions and and rocky desertification,
  - Frequency of sandstorm, flooding
- ✧ Vicious-circle of ecosystem degradation and poverty



# Background



In both 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Communist Party declared China's Dream

✧ Harmonizing people and nature

✧ Building the **ecological civilization** of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

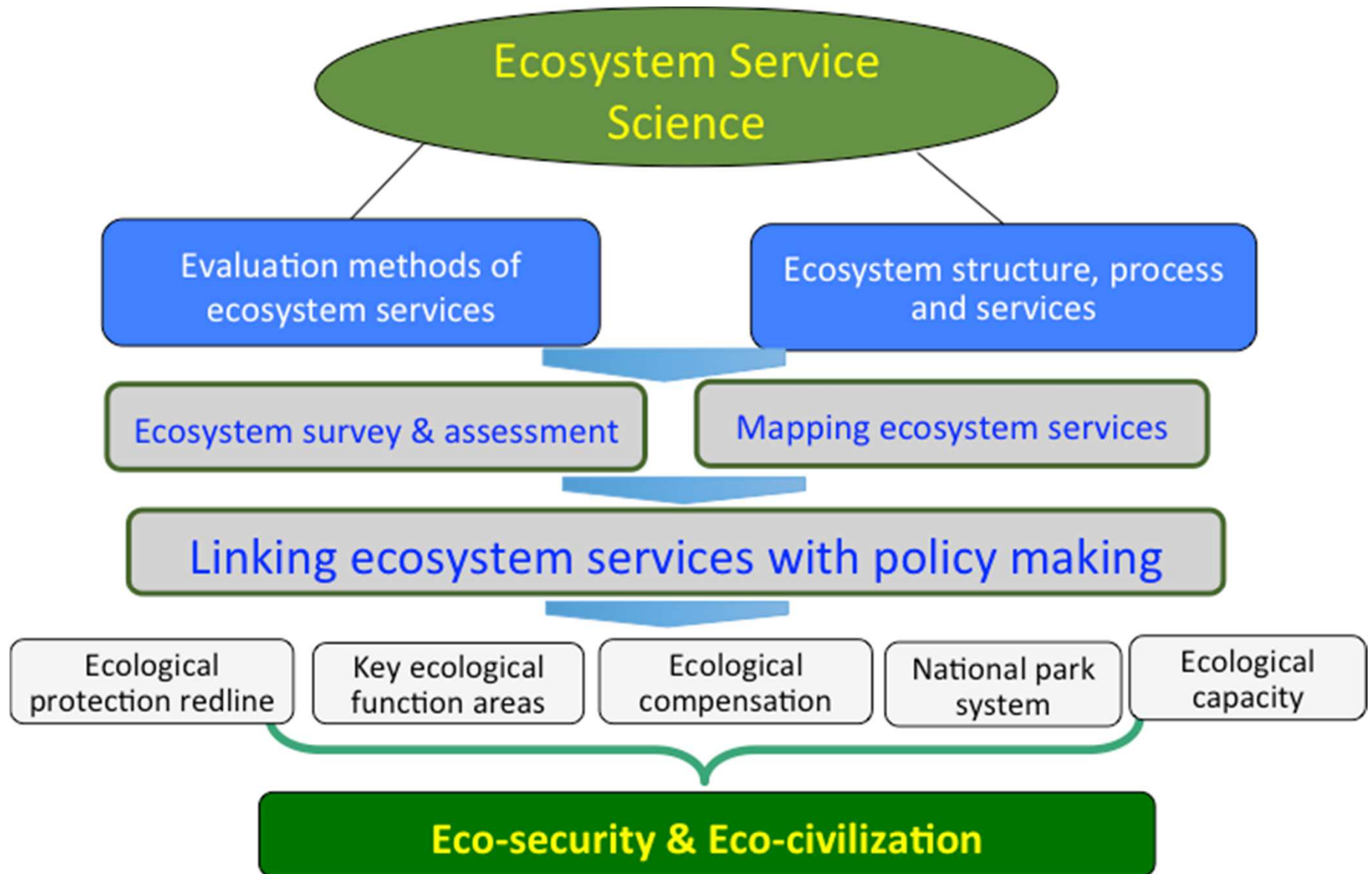


Key issues: how to coordinate conservation and development ?

- ✓ Where we must protect to ensure sustainable supply of ecosystem services?
- ✓ How to achieve natural capital conservation & poverty alleviation?
- ✓ How to evaluate the development achievements, not only GDP?

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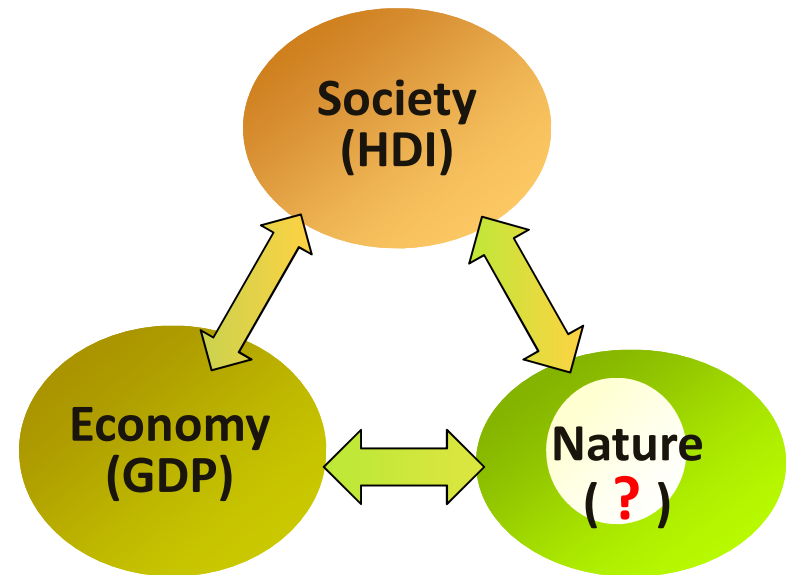
# Gross ecosystem product

# Background

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## Region is a coupled nature-economic-social system

- ✧ Economy: GDP is widely used to measure economic system performance.
- ✧ Society: HDI(Human development index) is used to measure social development status based on health, education and living-standard since 1991.
- ✧ Nature: currently we do not have widely used index to measure its contribution to human welfare.





# Concept of GEP

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## Gross Ecosystem Product, GEP

★ Gross Ecosystem Product (GEP) is the total value of final ecosystem goods and services supplied to human well-being in given region annually, like a county, or a province, a county.

★ Ecological asset (EA) is the natural asset that provides ecosystem goods and services.

★ Ecosystems:

- ✧ Natural ecosystem: forests grasslands, wetland, desert, marine, ...

- ✧ Managed ecosystem: cropland, orchards, aquaculture farms, urban green-space, ...

- ✧ Wildlife,





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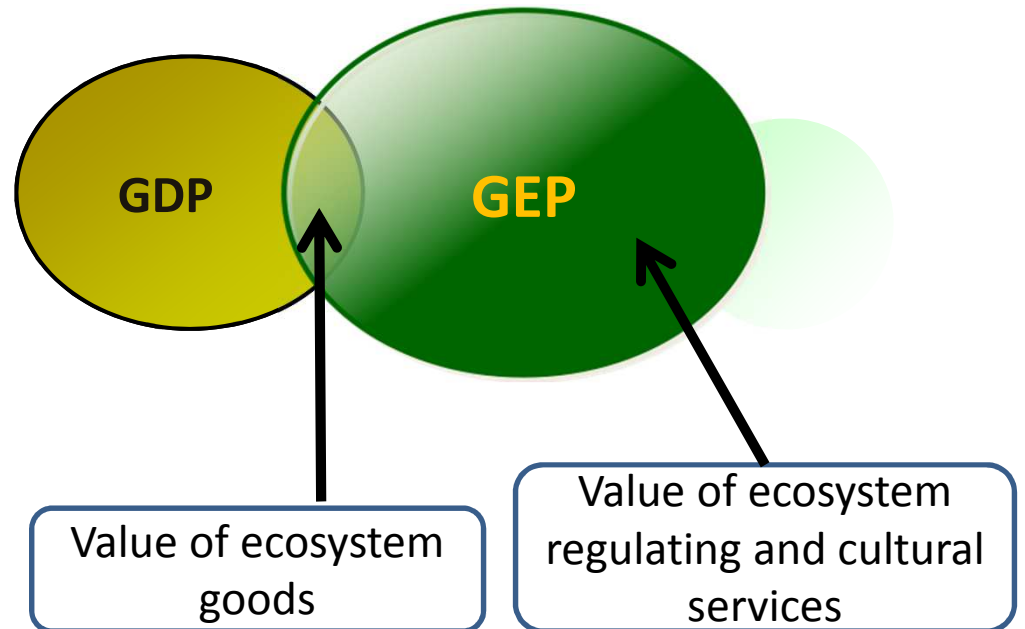
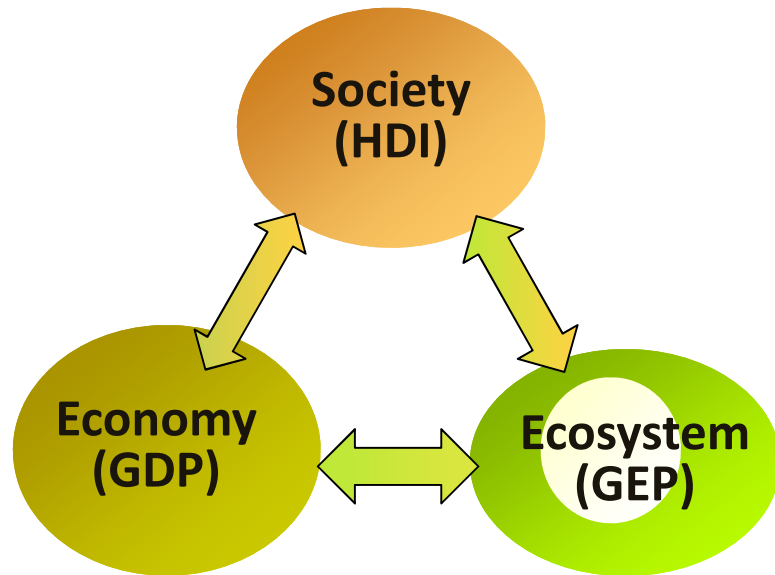
## Purposes of GEP accounting

- ✧ Assessment/description of ecosystem status
- ✧ Evaluation of the contribution of ecosystems to human welfare
- ✧ Assessment of effectiveness of conservation efforts
- ✧ Evaluation of performance of local governments or communities in natural conservation, particularly in China
- ✧ Reveal the ecological linkages among regions
  - ✓ Ecological dependency
  - ✓ Ecological supporting



# Concept of GEP

## ✦ GDP, HDI, and GEP



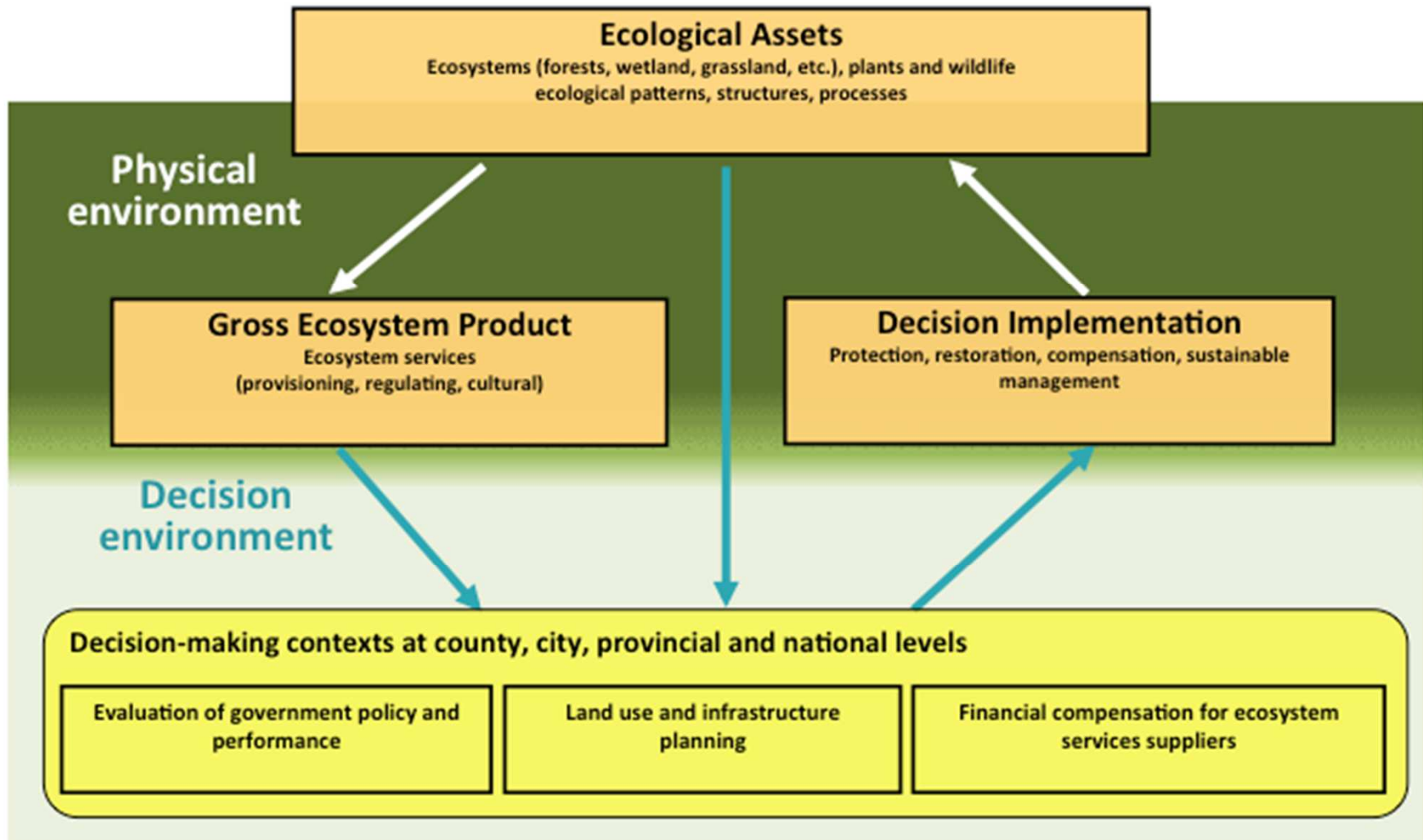
## ✦ GEP, GDP and Green GDP

- ✓ GEP, The goods and services provided by ecosystems.
- ✓ GDP, the goods and services provided by economic systems.
- ✓ Green GDP, the GDP minus natural and environmental costs,



# Concept of GEP

## GEP accounting and policy implementation





# GEP accounting methods

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## The principle of GEP accounting

### ✧ Use value of ecosystem services

- ✓ Direct use value: food, bio-energy, water resource,
- ✓ Indirect use value: water retention, soil retention, pollutant purification, climate regulation

### ✧ The value of final eco-services

- ✓ Ecosystem goods, regulating services, cultural services

### ✧ The bio-physical value accounting

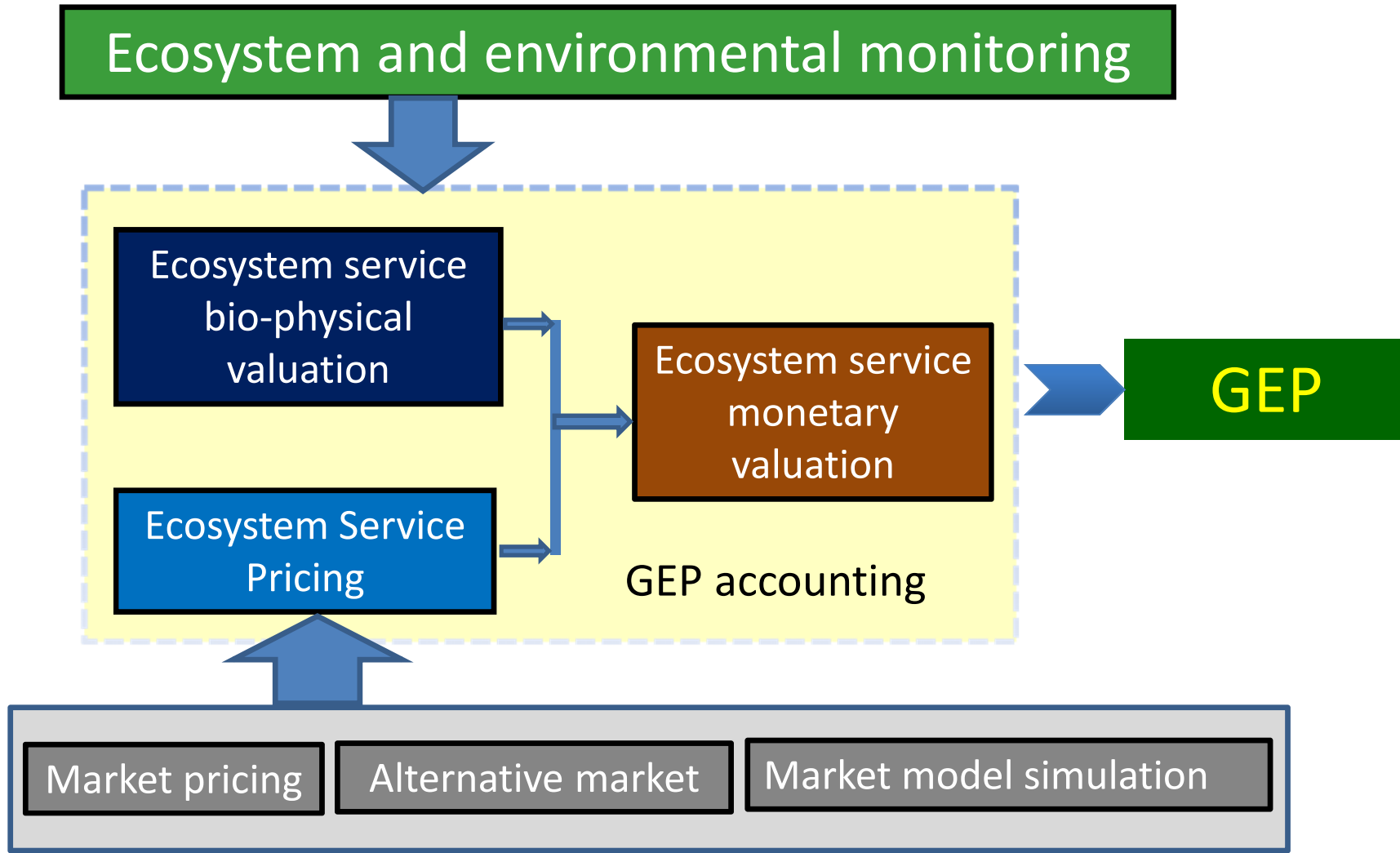
- ✓ Amount of food production, amount of water retention, amount of soil retention,

### ✧ The monetary value accounting

- ✓ The economic value of ecosystem services



# GEP accounting methods





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- **Accounting of economic values of ecosystem services**
  - ✓ GEP: the total economic value of ecosystem provision (EPV), Ecosystem regulating services (ERV) and cultural services (ECV) in the given area annually.

$$GEP = EPV + ERV + ECV$$

$$GEP = \sum_{i=1}^n EP_i \times P_i + \sum_{j=1}^m ER_j \times P_j + \sum_{k=1}^l EC_k \times P_k$$



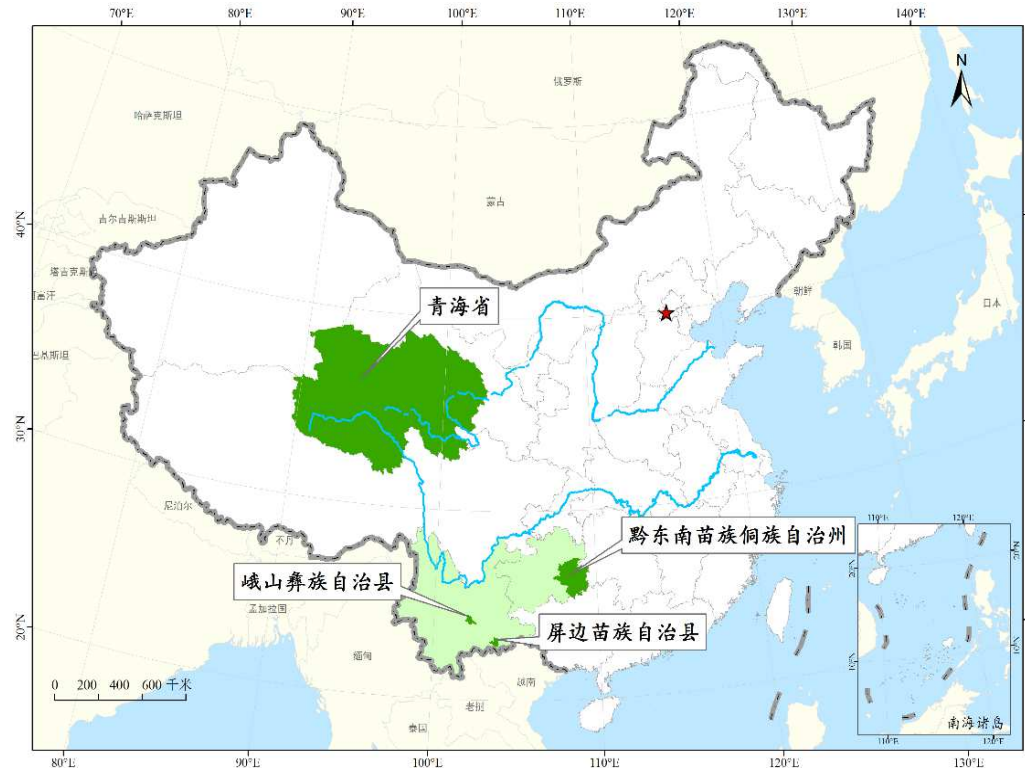
# GEP accounting methods

## Ecosystem services

Categories	Goods and services (examples)
Ecosystem goods	Food: grain, vegetable, fruits, meat, milk, egg, fish,
	Materials: wood, fiber, water, genes,
	Energy: bio-energy(fuelwood), hydro-power, wind energy,
	Others: medicine, seedling, ornament
Regulating services	Regulation services: water conservation, soil conservation, carbon sequestration, climate regulating, pollutant purification, pollination,
	Protecting services: sand storm prevention, flooding mitigation, pest control,
Cultural service	Aesthetic services: recreation and ecotourism
	Cultural value: knowledge, education, arts, spirit



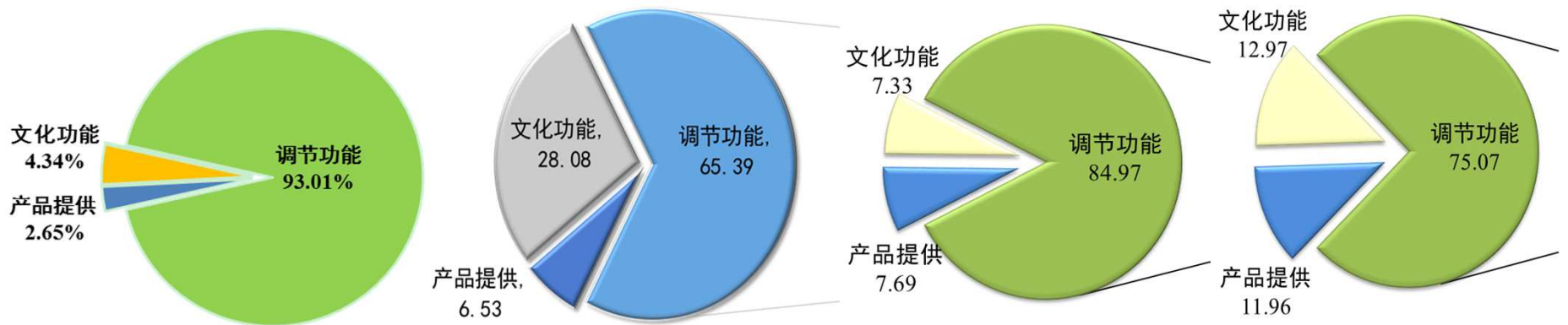
# GEP accounting in Qinghai, Qiandongnan and Eshan, Pingbian





# GEP accounting of pilot areas

Areas	GEP (billion yuan)	Provisioning services (billion yuan)	Regulating services (billion yuan)	Cultural services (billion yuan)	GEP/GDP	GEP density (million yuan/km <sup>2</sup> )	Per capita GEP (yuan/person)
Qinghai Province	1714.83	45.38	1595.04	74.41	7.09	2.37	291,637.2
Qiandongnan Autonomous Prefecture	413.63	27.00	270.48	116.16	5.1	13.63	118,676.2
Pingbian County	18.08	1.39	15.36	1.33	7.02	9.49	115,891.0
Eshan County	15.78	1.89	11.84	2.05	2.53	8.00	103,848.7





# GEP accounting of pilot areas

The value of regulating services accounted for 93.01% of the GEP in Qinghai Province in 2015

Services	Indicators	Quantification		Value (billion yuan)	Total (billion yuan)
		Quantification	Unit		
Water conservation	Amount of water conservation	638.72	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	517.36	517.36
Soil retention	Amount of soil retention	3.91	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	6.99	28.38
	Reduction of nitrogen non-point source pollution	0.08	10 <sup>8</sup> t	14.58	
	Reduction of phosphorus non-point source pollution	0.02	10 <sup>8</sup> t	6.81	
Sand fixation	Amount of sand fixation	11.74	10 <sup>8</sup> t	33.19	33.19
Flood mitigation	Amount of lakes flood mitigation	48.04	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	38.91	60.75
	Amount of reservoirs flood mitigation	11.60	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	9.40	
	Amount of swamps flood mitigation	15.36	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	12.45	
Air purification	Amount of sulfur dioxide absorption	93.63	10 <sup>4</sup> t	1.18	1.25
	Amount of nitrogen oxide absorption	4.92	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.06	
	Reduce the amount of industrial dust	2.11	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.003	
Water purification	Reduction in the amount of COD emission	220.39	10 <sup>4</sup> t	3.09	3.86
	Reduction in the amount of total nitrogen emission	17.08	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.3	
	Reduction in the amount of total phosphorus emission	17.08	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.48	
Carbon sequestration -oxygen release	Amounts of carbon sequestration	0.2567	10 <sup>8</sup> t	9.91	23.57
	Amounts of oxygen release	0.1867	10 <sup>8</sup> t	13.66	
Climate regulation	Energy consumption of plant transpiration	6534.60	10 <sup>8</sup> kwh	346.33	917.82
	Energy consumption of water surface evaporation	10782.81	10 <sup>8</sup> kwh	571.49	
Biological control	Area of pests and diseases occurrence	0.29	10 <sup>8</sup> mu	8.85	8.85
Total				1,595.04	1,595.04



# GEP accounting of pilot areas

The value of regulating services accounted for 65.39% of the GEP in Qiandongnan Prefecture

Services	Indicators	Quantification		Value (billion yuan)	Total (billion yuan)
		Quantification	Unit		
Water conservation	Amount of water conservation	137.26	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	111.183	111.183
Soil retention	Amount of soil retention	24.84	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	9.043	32.642
	Reduction of nitrogen non-point source pollution	0.09	10 <sup>8</sup> t	16.087	
	Reduction of phosphorus non-point source pollution	0.03	10 <sup>8</sup> t	7.513	
Flood mitigation	Amount of lakes flood mitigation	0.02	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	0.014	13.409
	Amount of reservoirs flood mitigation	16.54	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	13.395	
Air purification	Amount of sulfur dioxide absorption	45.27	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.57	0.594
	Amount of nitrogen oxide absorption	1.71	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.021	
	Reduce the amount of industrial dust	1.17	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.002	
Water purification	Reduction in the amount of COD emission	1.98	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.028	0.035
	Reduction in the amount of total nitrogen emission	0.15	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.003	
	Reduction in the amount of total phosphorus emission	0.15	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.004	
Carbon sequestration -oxygen release	Amounts of carbon sequestration	0.15	10 <sup>8</sup> t	5.817	13.84
	Amounts of oxygen release	0.11	10 <sup>8</sup> t	8.023	
Climate regulation	Energy consumption of plant transpiration	1689.63	10 <sup>8</sup> kwh	89.391	94.972
	Energy consumption of water surface evaporation	105.29	10 <sup>8</sup> kwh	5.581	
Biological control	Area of pests and diseases occurrence	0.12	10 <sup>8</sup> mu	3.801	3.801
Total				270.475	270.475



# GEP accounting of pilot areas

## The value of regulating services accounted for 84.97% of the GEP in Pingbian County

Services	Indicators	Quantification		Value (billion yuan)	Total (billion yuan)
		Quantification	Unit		
Water conservation	Amount of water conservation	9.99	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	8.099	8.099
Soil retention	Amount of soil retention	0.26	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	0.465	1.809
	Reduction of nitrogen non-point source pollution	0.0052	10 <sup>8</sup> t	0.916	
	Reduction of phosphorus non-point source pollution	0.0015	10 <sup>8</sup> t	0.428	
Flood mitigation	Amount of reservoirs flood mitigation	0.0153	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	0.012	0.012
Air purification	Amount of sulfur dioxide absorption	2.32	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.03	0.031
	Amount of nitrogen oxide absorption	0.09	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.001	
	Reduce the amount of industrial dust	0.06	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.0001	
Water purification	Reduction in the amount of COD emission	0.08	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.001	0.001
	Reduction in the amount of total nitrogen emission	0.01	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.0001	
	Reduction in the amount of total phosphorus emission	0.01	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.0002	
Carbon sequestration -oxygen release	Amounts of carbon sequestration	0.0070	10 <sup>8</sup> t	0.269	0.64
	Amounts of oxygen release	0.0051	10 <sup>8</sup> t	0.371	
Climate regulation	Energy consumption of plant transpiration	85.51	10 <sup>8</sup> kwh	4.532	4.748
	Energy consumption of water surface evaporation	4.08	10 <sup>8</sup> kwh	0.216	
Biological control	Area of pests and diseases occurrence	0.0007	10 <sup>8</sup> mu	0.022	0.022
Total				15.362	15.362



# GEP accounting of pilot areas

## The value of regulating services accounting for 75.07% of the GEP in Eshan County

Services	Indicators	Quantification		Value (billion yuan)	Total (billion yuan)
		Quantification	Unit		
Water conservation	Amount of water conservation	4.34	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	3.518	3.518
Soil retention	Amount of soil retention	0.21	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	0.384	1.469
	Reduction of nitrogen non-point source pollution	0.004	10 <sup>8</sup> t	0.74	
	Reduction of phosphorus non-point source pollution	0.001	10 <sup>8</sup> t	0.345	
Flood mitigation	Amount of reservoirs flood mitigation	0.26	10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	0.214	0.214
Air purification	Amount of sulfur dioxide absorption	2.94	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.037	0.0381
	Amount of nitrogen oxide absorption	0.11	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.001	
	Reduce the amount of industrial dust	0.07	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.0001	
Water purification	Reduction in the amount of COD emission	0.18	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.002	0.0026
	Reduction in the amount of total nitrogen emission	0.01	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.0002	
	Reduction in the amount of total phosphorus emission	0.01	10 <sup>4</sup> t	0.0004	
Carbon sequestration -oxygen release	Amounts of carbon sequestration	0.0055	10 <sup>8</sup> t	0.212	0.505
	Amounts of oxygen release	0.004	10 <sup>8</sup> t	0.293	
Climate regulation	Energy consumption of plant transpiration	105.45	10 <sup>8</sup> kwh	5.589	6.092
	Energy consumption of water surface evaporation	9.49	10 <sup>8</sup> kwh	0.503	
Biological control	Area of pests and diseases occurrence	0.0001	10 <sup>8</sup> mu	0.003	0.003
Total				11.843	11.843



# GEP change of pilot areas

Areas	Services	2015	2010	2000	2000-2015 Change rate (%)
Qinghai Province	Provisioning services (billion yuan)	45.38	43.09	14.15	126.3
	Regulating services (billion yuan)	1595.04	1467.29	1331.89	7
	Cultural services (billion yuan)	74.41	21.31	3.3	1490.7
	<b>GEP (billion yuan)</b>	<b>1714.83</b>	<b>1531.69</b>	<b>1349.34</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Qiandongnan Autonomous Prefecture	Provisioning services (billion yuan)	27.00	11.91	5.38	254.13
	Regulating services (billion yuan)	270.48	244.65	203.12	8.49
	Cultural services (billion yuan)	116.16	32.92	0.42	19272.18
	<b>GEP (billion yuan)</b>	<b>413.63</b>	<b>289.48</b>	<b>208.93</b>	<b>60.62</b>
Pingbian County	Provisioning services (billion yuan)	1.39	0.97	0.42	133.23
	Regulating services (billion yuan)	15.36	13.77	11.23	6.47
	Cultural services (billion yuan)	1.33	0.45	0.08	1668
	<b>GEP (billion yuan)</b>	<b>18.08</b>	<b>15.19</b>	<b>11.73</b>	<b>19.73</b>
Eshan County	Provisioning services (billion yuan)	1.89	1.19	0.72	84.1
	Regulating services (billion yuan)	11.84	10.92	10.37	-2.54
	Cultural services (billion yuan)	2.05	0.64	0.07	3001.52
	<b>GEP (billion yuan)</b>	<b>15.78</b>	<b>12.74</b>	<b>11.16</b>	<b>19.13</b>

- ✦ 2000-2015, GEP of the studied areas were increased.
- ✦ Regulating services value increased : Qinghai, Qiandongnan and Pingbian;
- ✦ Regulating services value decreased : Eshan.

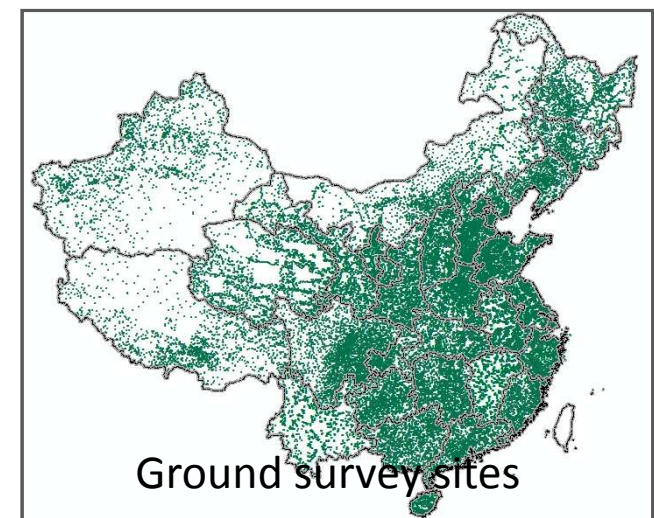
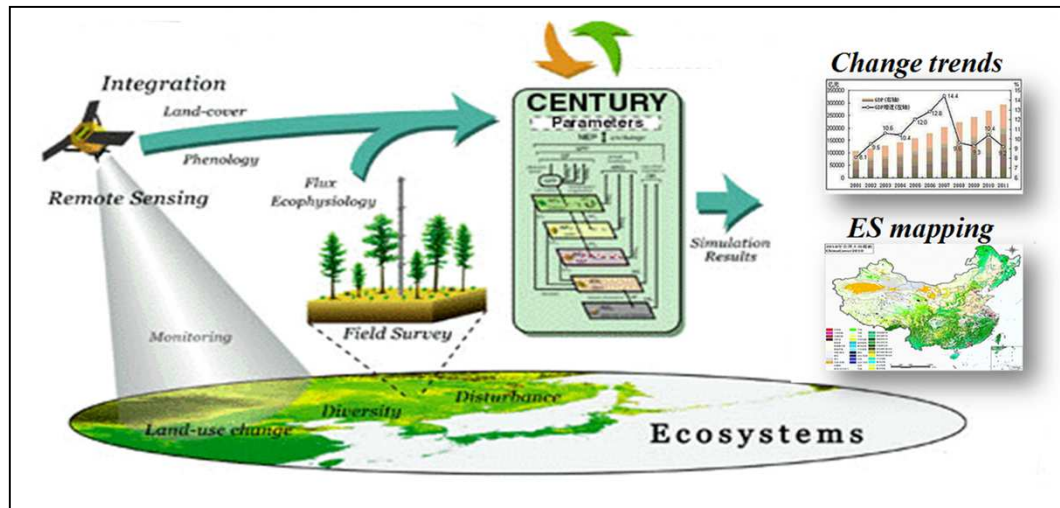
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China ecosystem survey and assessment

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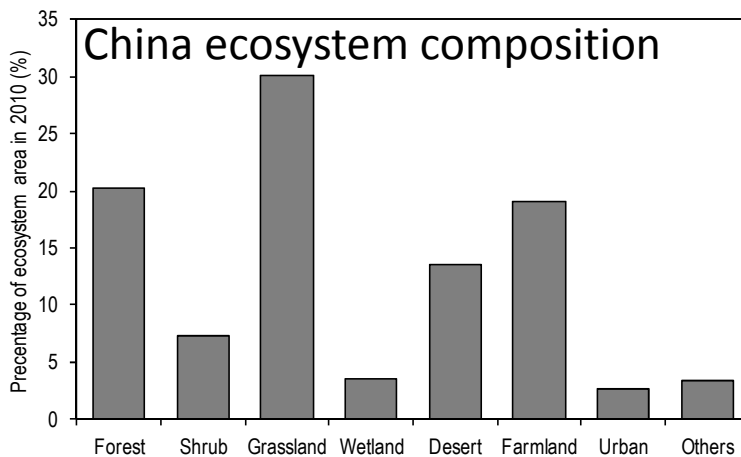
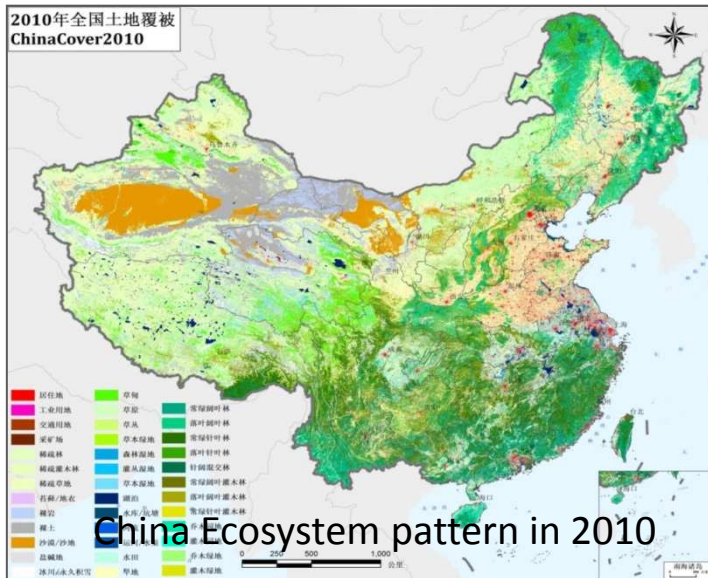
- **Scales:** Provincial (31)—Regional—National scales
- **Remote sensing data:** 21,808 images for 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015
- **Ground survey sites:** 114,500
- **Model:** InVEST and others
- **Goals:** Build an overall image of ecosystem status of China
  - ✓ Ecosystem distribution and patterns
  - ✓ Ecosystem quality and their changes
  - ✓ Ecosystem services and their changes
  - ✓ Identify crucial areas for ecosystem services





# China ecosystem patterns and changes

## China ecosystem composition and patterns



Ecosystem types	Areas (km <sup>2</sup> )	Percentages (%)
Forests	190.83	20.17
Shrubs	69.23	7.32
Grassland	283.68	29.98
Wetland	35.61	3.76
Desert	127.73	13.50
Cropland	181.59	19.19
Urban	25.41	2.69
Others	32.02	3.38

Grassland, forest, cropland and desert were made of 82.8% of total area of China

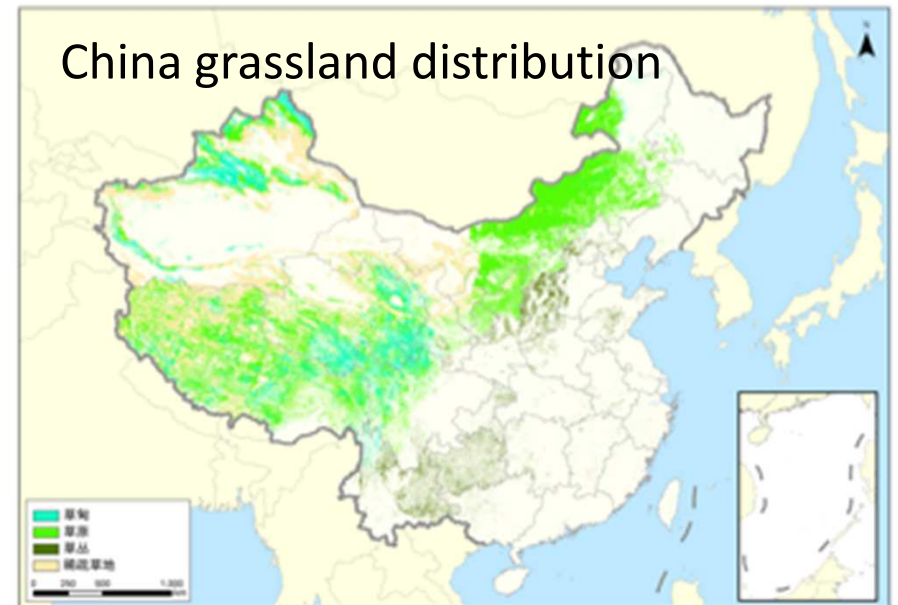
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## Forest and grassland ecosystem distribution and changes



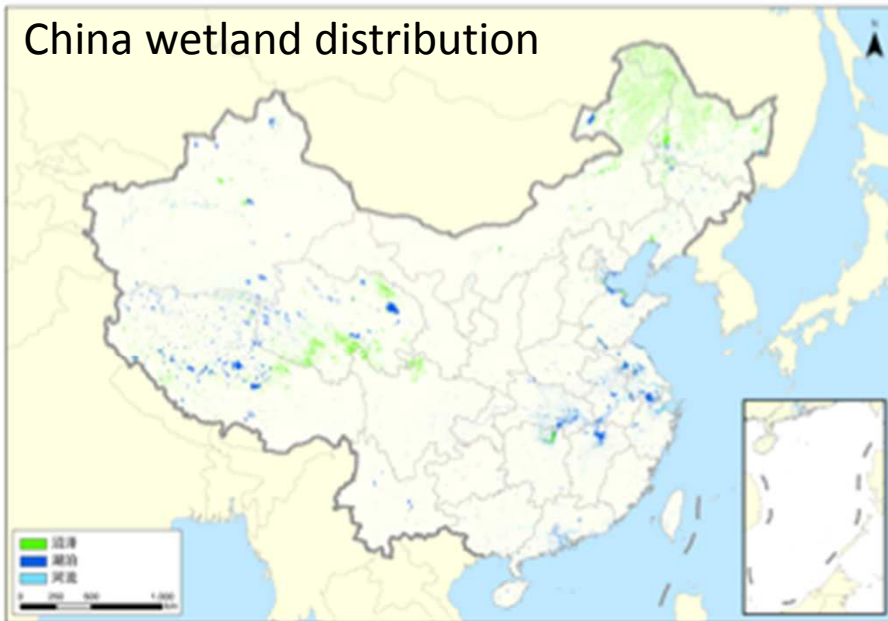
Forest increased  $29.1 \times 10^3$  km<sup>2</sup> (+1.5%) during 2000-2010.

Grassland decreased  $16.3 \times 10^3$  km<sup>2</sup> (-0.56%) during 2000-2010.



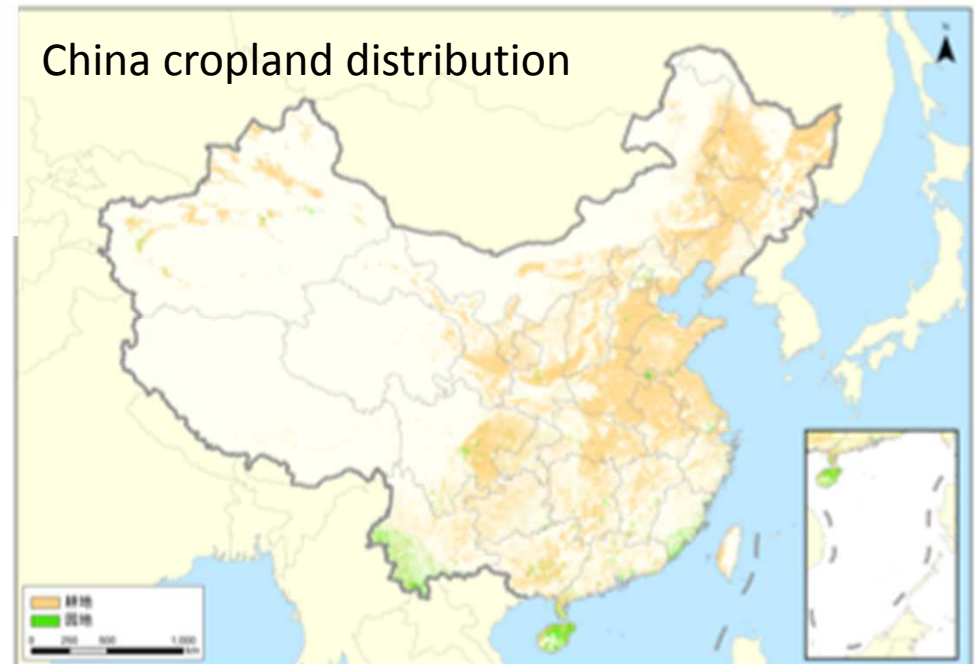
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## Wetland and cropland ecosystem distribution and changes



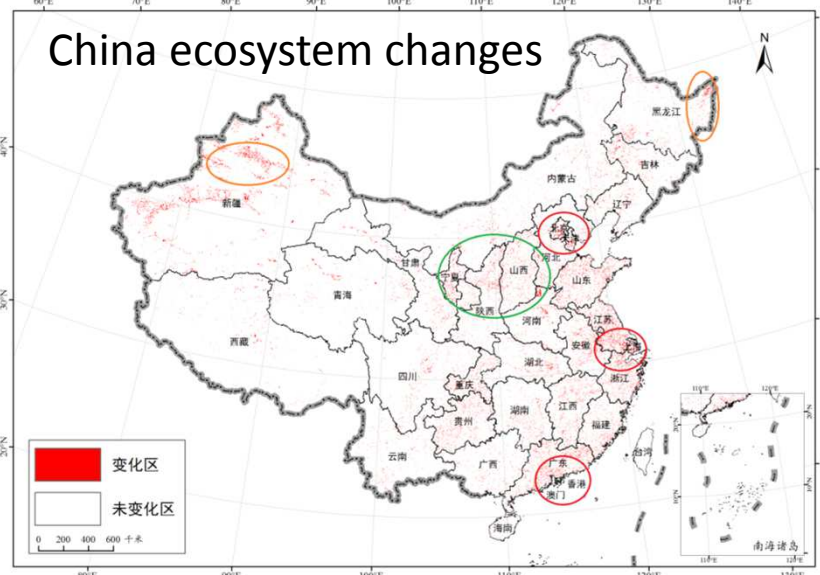
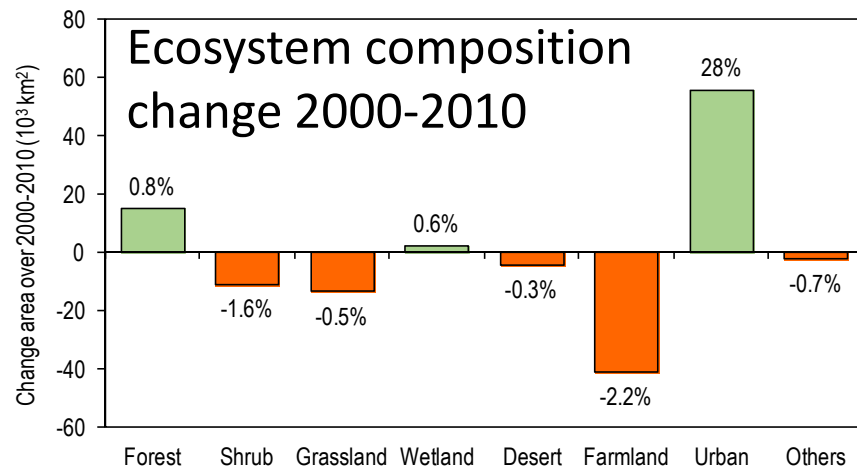
- Areas of lake and reservoirs increased 3663.6 km<sup>2</sup>
- Marsh decreased 4801 km<sup>2</sup> during 2000-2010.

Cropland decreased  $48.2 \times 10^3$  km<sup>2</sup>  
(-2.6%) during 2000-2010.



# China ecosystem patterns and changes

## Changes of ecosystem composition and pattern



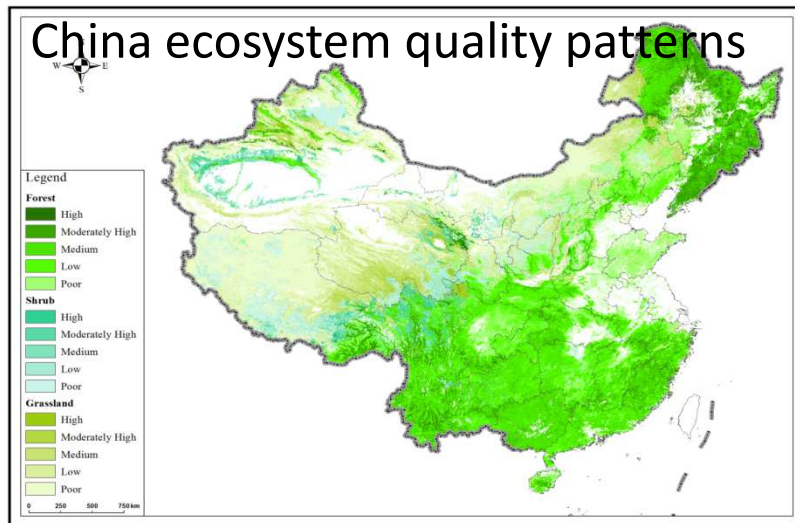
**Urbanization regions:** Yangtze river delta, Jing-Jin-Ji, Zhujiang river delta, Liaodong peninsula, Shangdong peninsula

**Cropland expansion region:** North-eastern plain, Daxinganling, in North-eastern China, Oasis surroundings in Xingjiang, Coastal regions in northern Jiangsu.

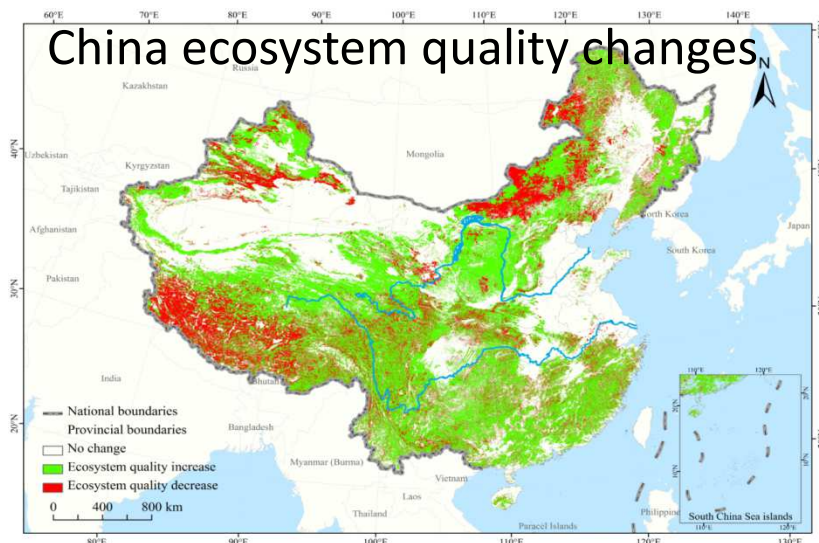
**Forest restored regions:** Loess Plateau, the surroundings of Sichuan Plain, Zhejiang, Guizhou, Chongqing

# China ecosystem quality and changes

## Ecosystem quality and changes in China



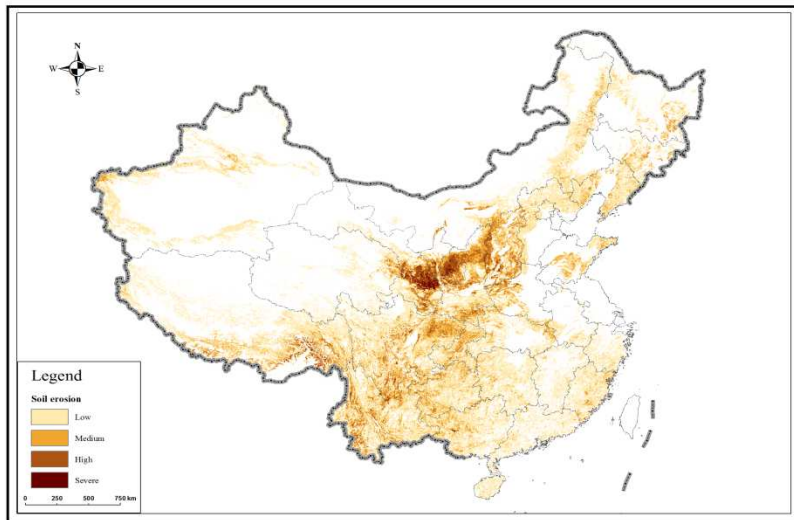
Quality grades	Forests	Grassland
Excellent	5.8%	5.5%
Good	14.8%	12.0%
Fair	35.4%	14.3%
Poor	27.3%	22.7%
Bad	16.8%	45.5%



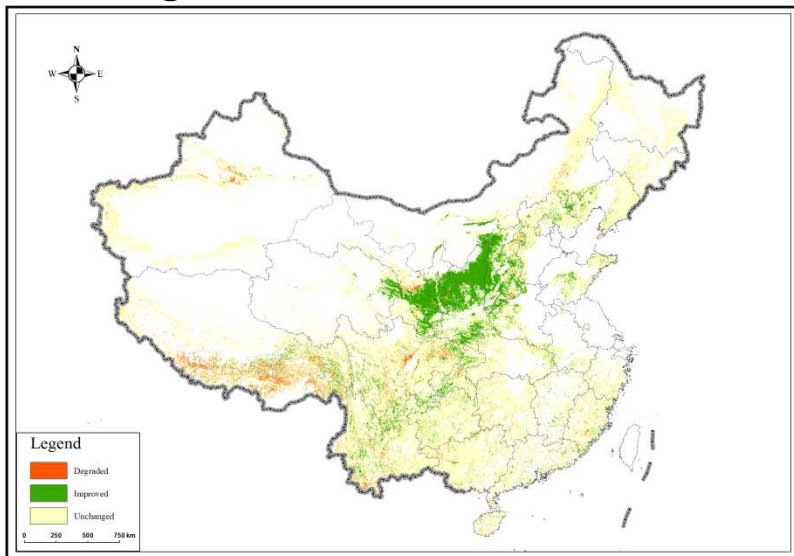
- 72.3% forest ecosystem quality improved
- 50.3% grassland ecosystem quality improved

# Changes in ecological problems

## Spatial pattern of soil erosion



## Changes of soil erosion



## Soil erosion

✧ Soil erosion affected 1.73 million km<sup>2</sup>, 18.0% of the land in 2010.

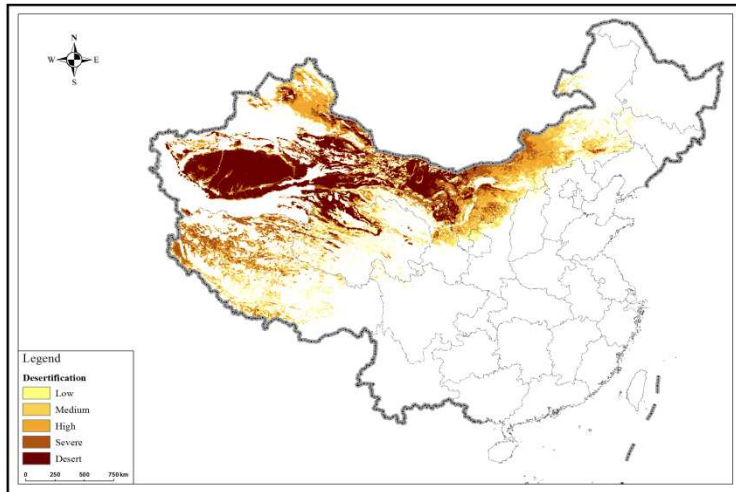
- mainly distributed in Loess Plateau in North China, mountainous areas in northwest China

✧ From 2000 to 2010, soil erosion areas decreased by 10,030 km<sup>2</sup> (or 5.6 %).

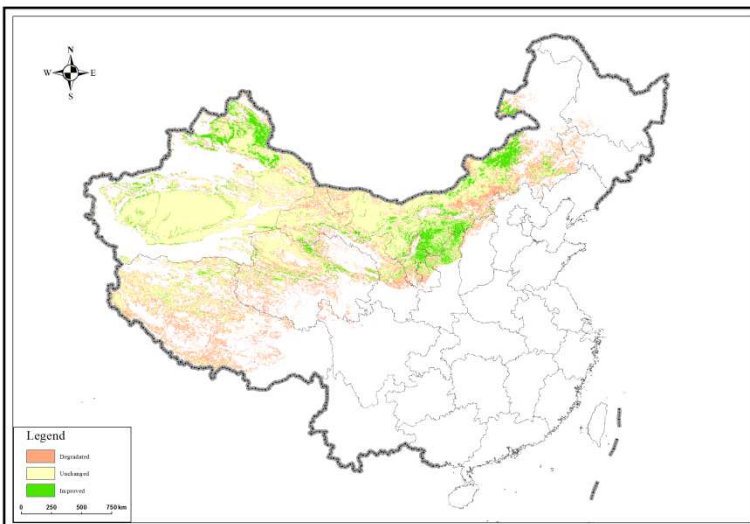
- ✧ Soil erosion exacerbated in some areas.
- Qionglai-Minshan Mountains, South Tibet Plateau, South Yunnan

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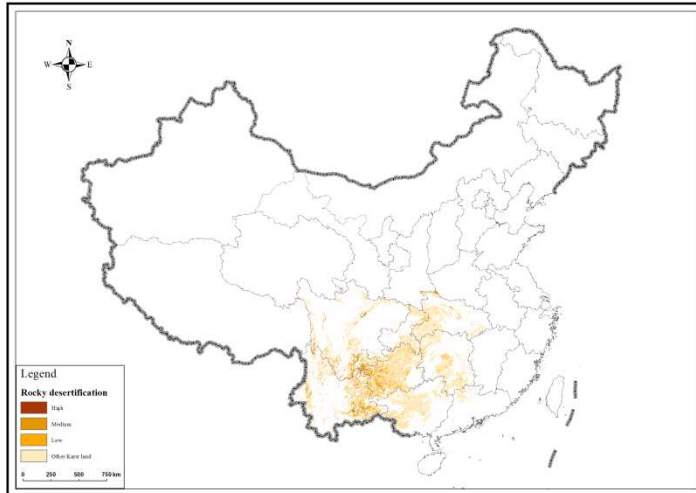


## Desertification

- ✧ Desertification affected 1,820,000 km<sup>2</sup> (or 19.0%) of the land in 2010.
  - Mainly distributed in Xinjiang, west Inner Mongolia, and the north Tibet Plateau.
- ✧ From 2000 to 2010, desertification land decreased by 11,610 km<sup>2</sup> (6.0%).
- ✧ Desertification worsened
  - Mainly in middle Inner Mongolia in north China, west Tibet in west China.

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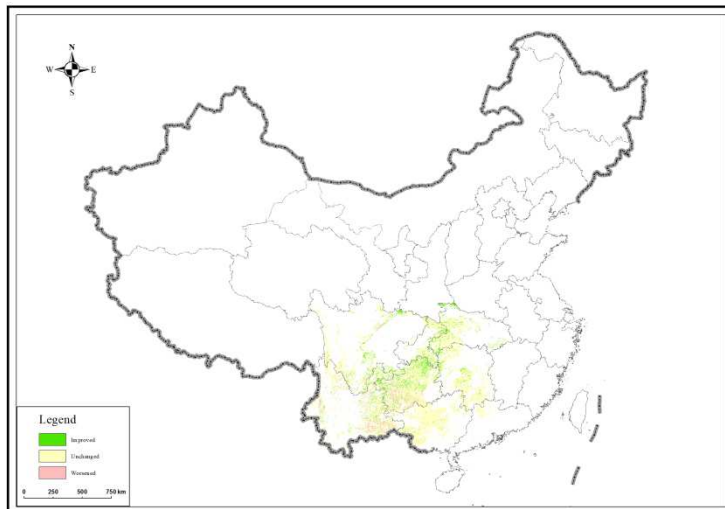
## Spatial pattern of rocky desertification



## Rocky desertification

- ✧ Rocky desertification land affected 95,600 km<sup>2</sup> of the karst land in south and southwest China in 2010.
- ✧ mainly distributed in west Guizhou, east Yunnan.
- ✧ From 2000 to 2010, rocky desertification land decreased by 4,700 km<sup>2</sup>(4.7%).
- ✧ Desertification improved in middle and north Guizhou, and northeast Yunnan, but worsened in south Guizhou, and southeast Yunnan.

## Changes of rocky desertification





# Changes in ecological problems

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## Wildlife habitat lost

- ✧ Natural forest decreased 10.3%
- ✧ Marsh decreased 3.1%
- ✧ Natural coastal line decreased 10.7%, and coast wetland decreased 14.0%



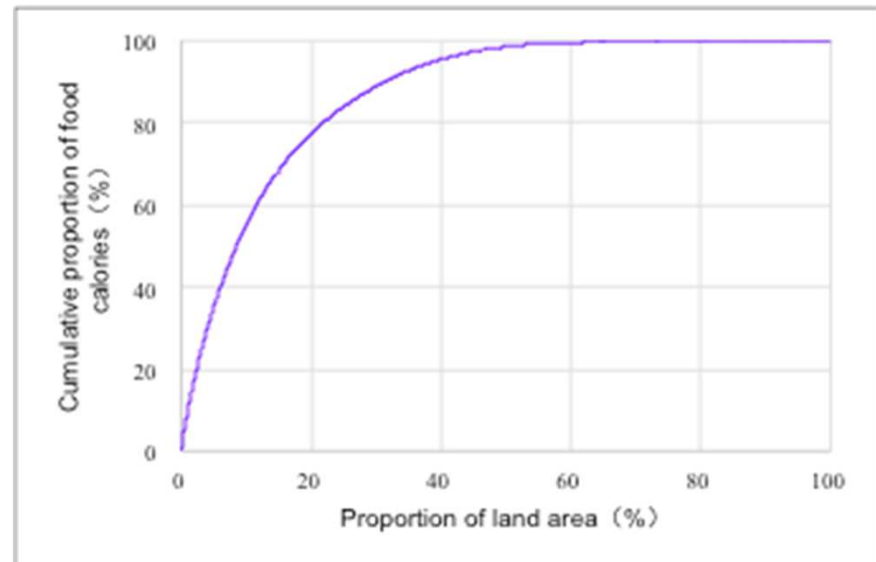
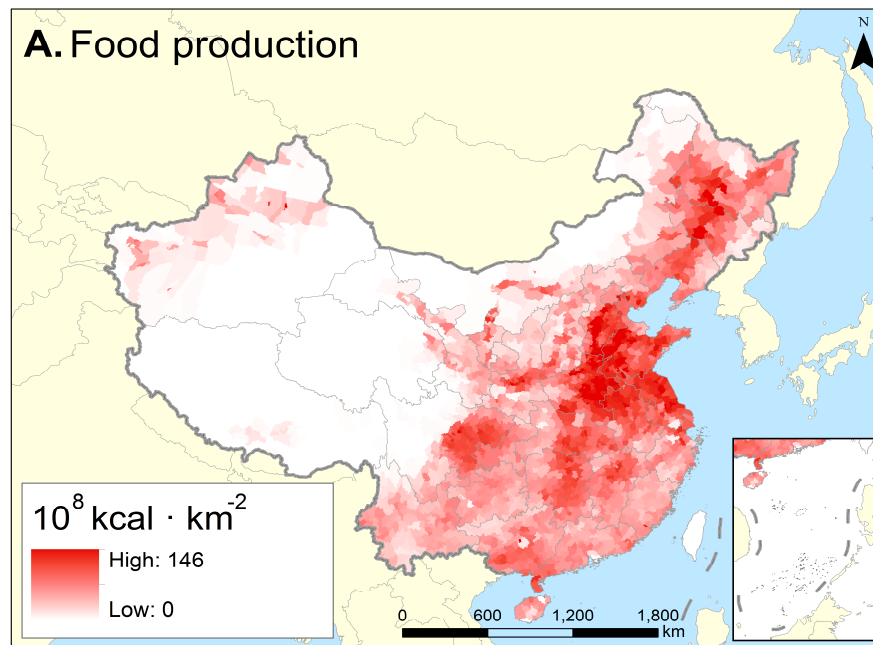
# Mainstreaming ecosystem services

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## Mapping ecosystem services of China

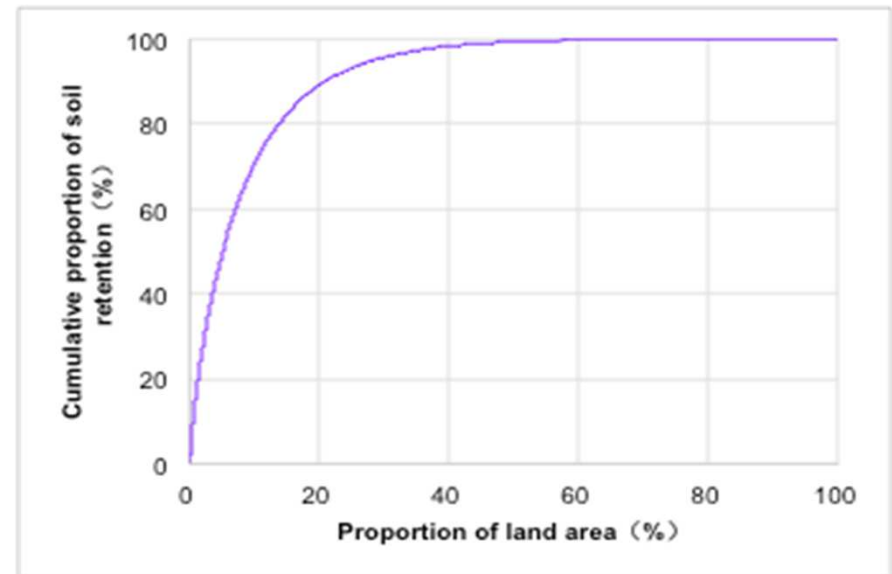
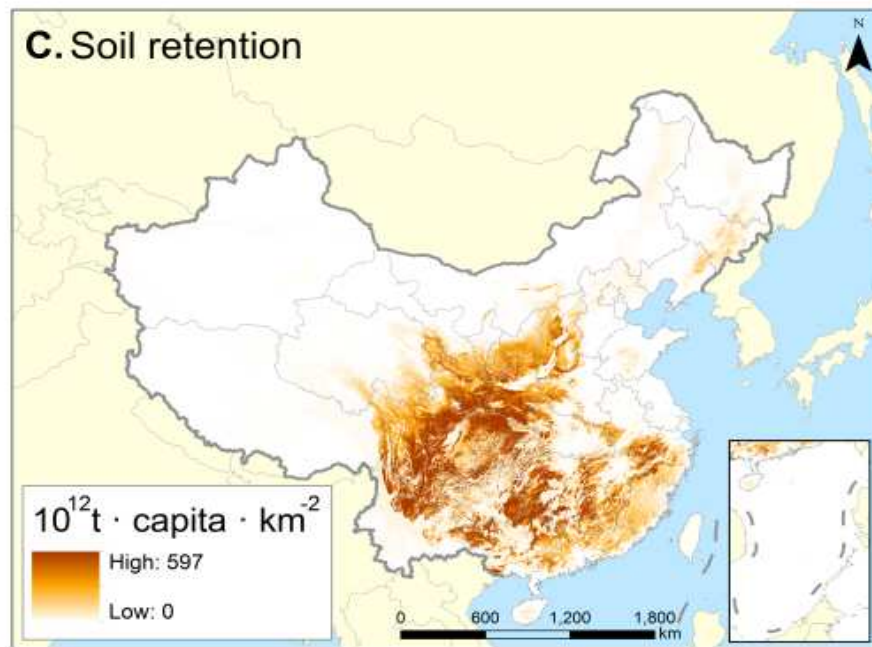
- Food production
- Water retention
- Soil retention
- Sand storm prevention
- Carbon sequestration
- Flood mitigation
- Biodiversity conservation

# Ecosystem service pattern in China



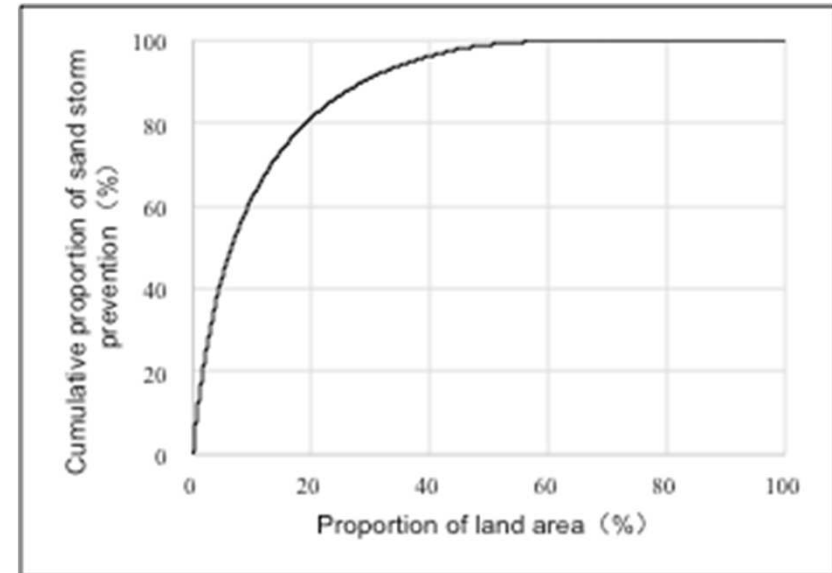
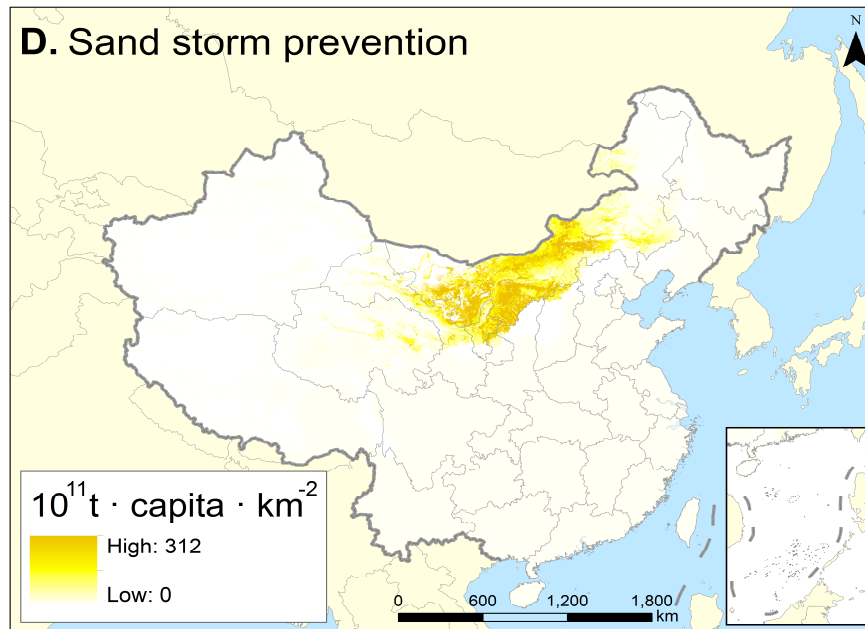
Importance of food production	Area ( $10^4 \text{ km}^2$ )	Area proportion (%)
Very high	80.86	8.54
High	94.71	10.01
Medium	121.74	12.86
Normal	649.25	68.59

# Ecosystem service pattern in China



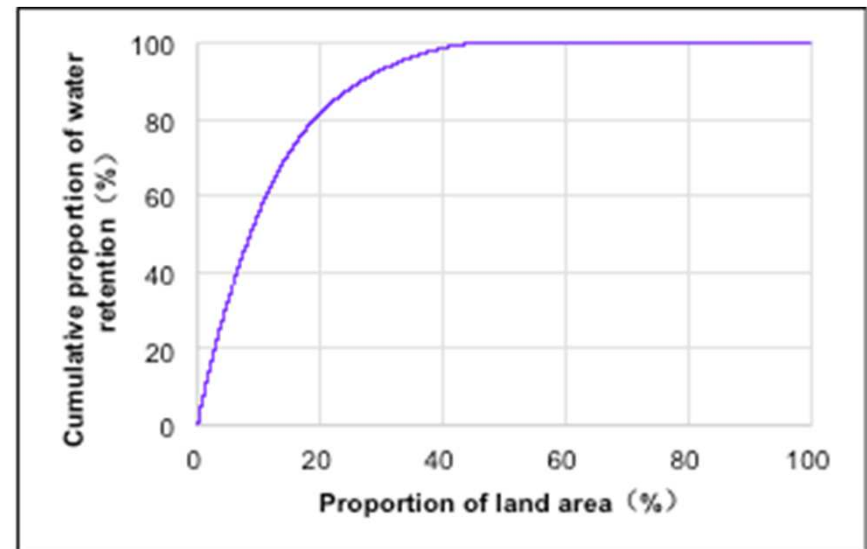
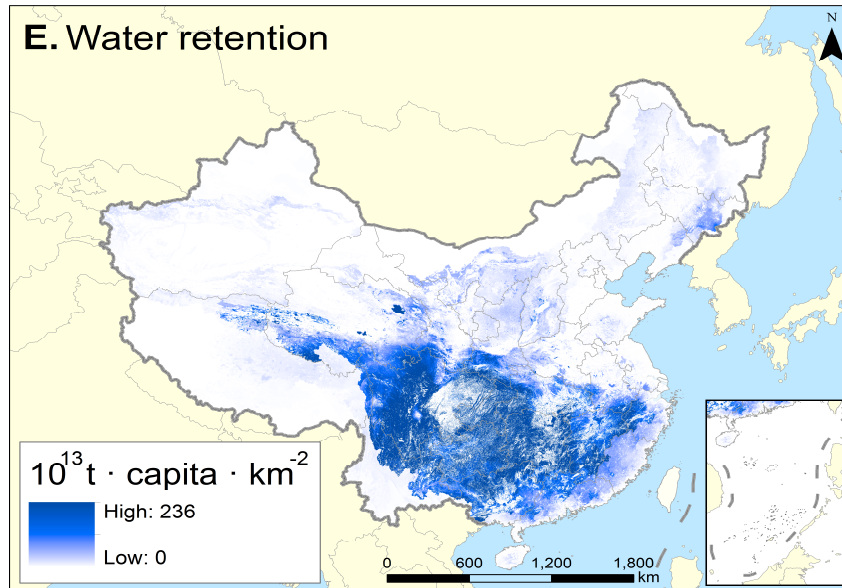
Importance of soil retention	Area ( $10^4 \text{ km}^2$ )	Area proportion (%)
Very high	63.82	6.73
High	76.43	8.06
Medium	104.82	11.06
Normal	702.66	74.14

# Ecosystem service pattern in China



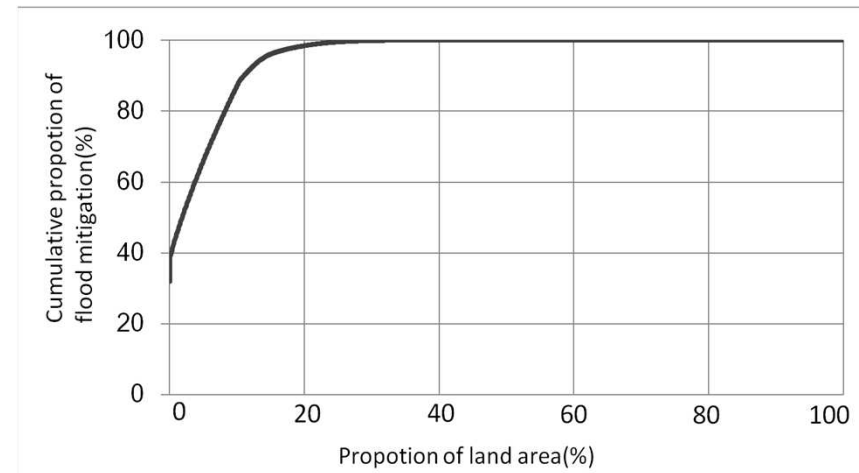
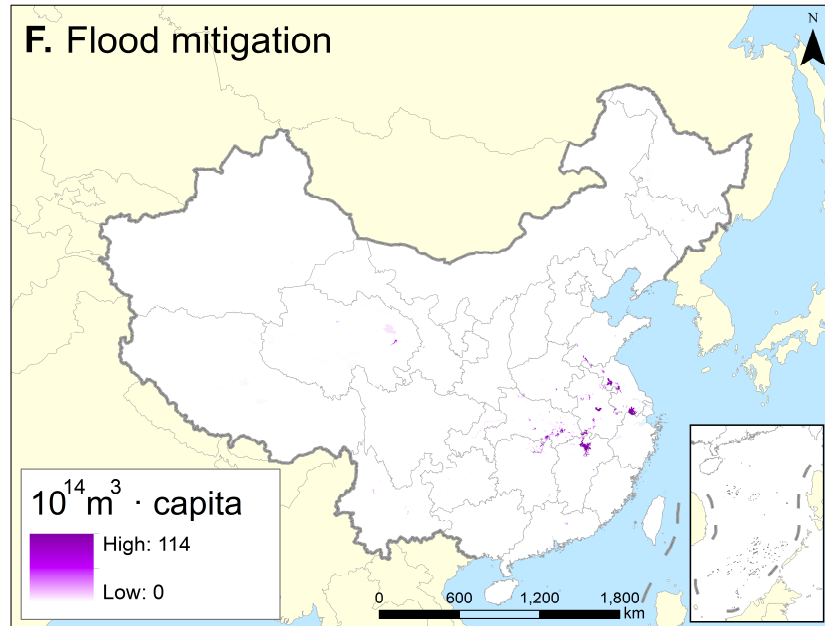
Importance of sand storm prevention	Area ( $10^4 \text{ km}^2$ )	Area proportion (%)
Very high	30.61	3.24
High	44.08	4.66
Medium	60.67	6.42
Normal	809.69	85.68

# Ecosystem service pattern in China



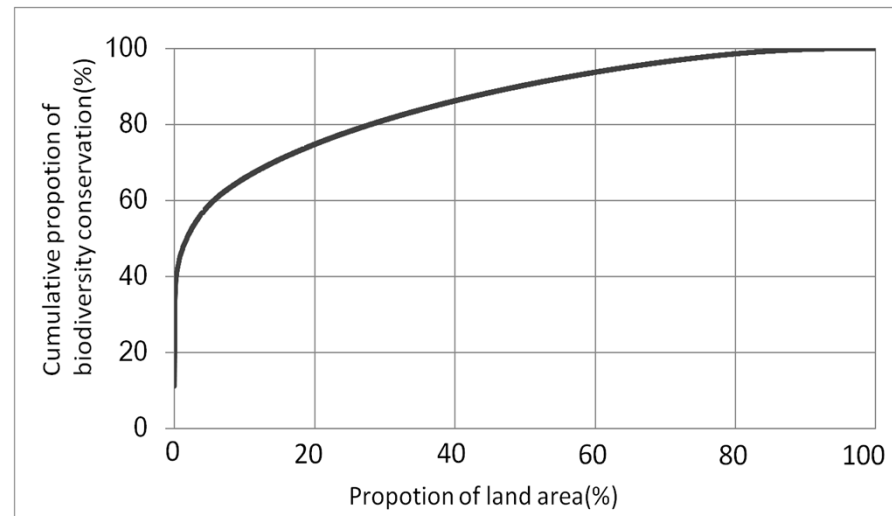
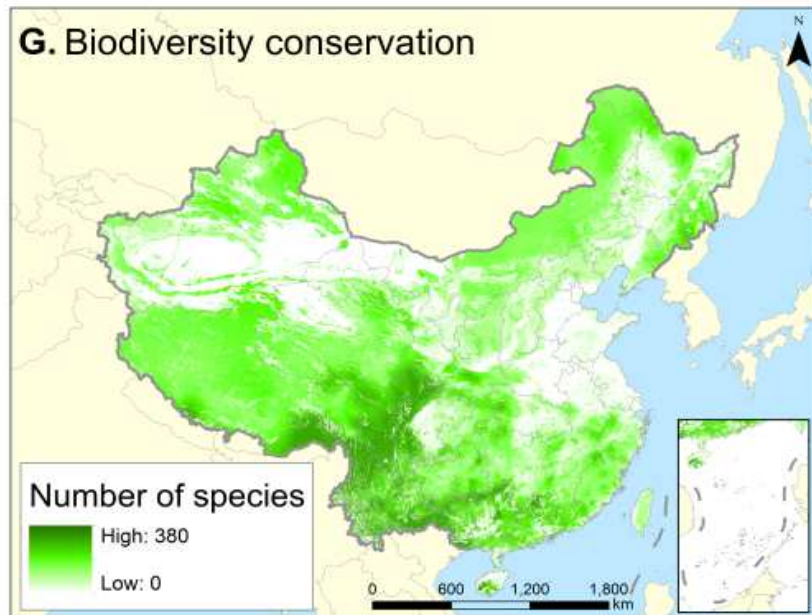
Importance of water retention	Area ( $10^4 \text{ km}^2$ )	Area proportion (%)
Very high	151.77	16.04
High	101.57	10.74
Medium	80.17	8.48
Normal	612.49	64.75

# Ecosystem service pattern in China



Importance of flood mitigation	Area ( $10^4 \text{ km}^2$ )	Area proportion (%)
High	27.43	2.90
Normal	918.37	97.10

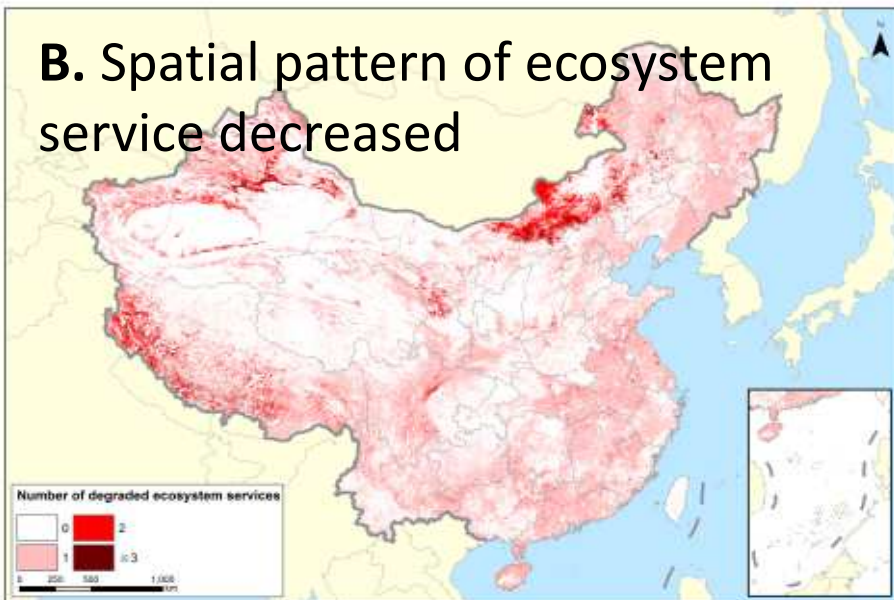
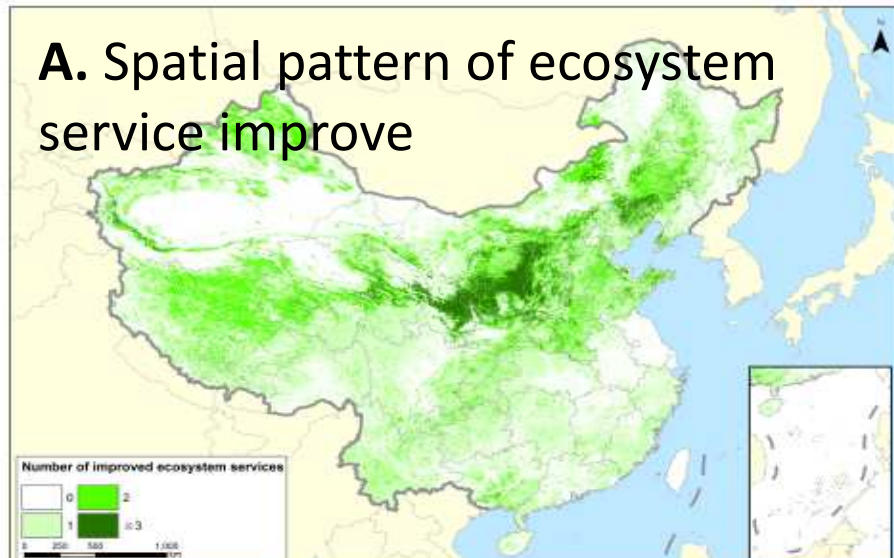
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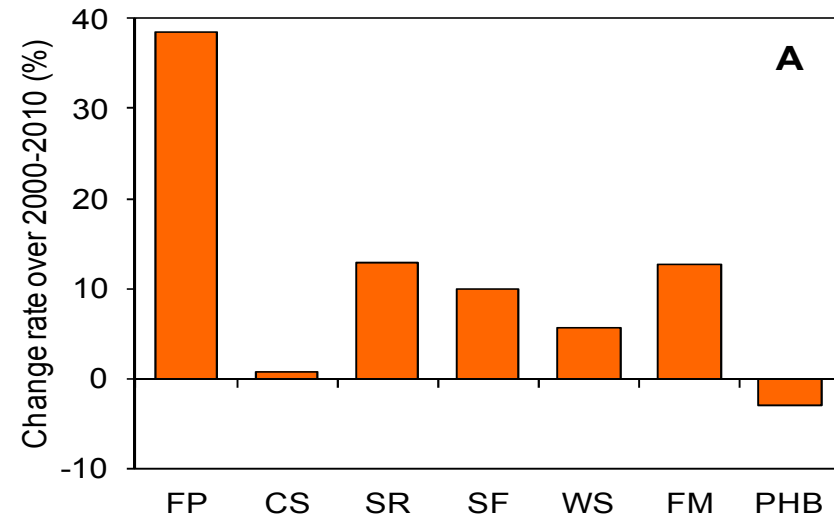
Importance of biodiversity conservation	Area ( $10^4\text{km}^2$ )	Area proportion (%)
Very high	200.84	21.23
High	107.60	11.37
Medium	288.76	30.52
Normal	348.81	36.87



# Changes of ecosystem service pattern in China

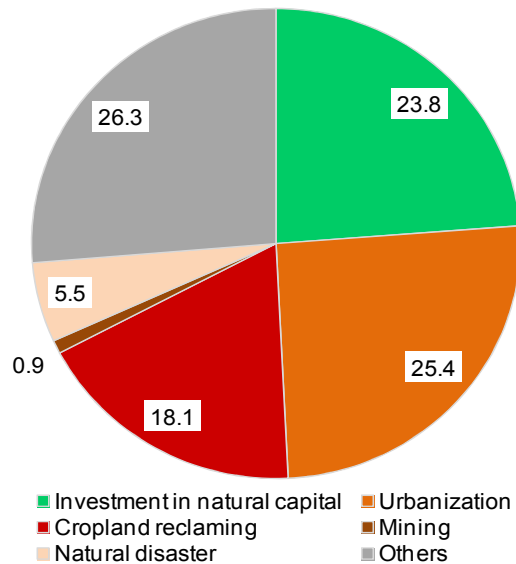


All ecosystem services evaluated increased between 2000 and 2010, with the sole exception of habitat provision for biodiversity.



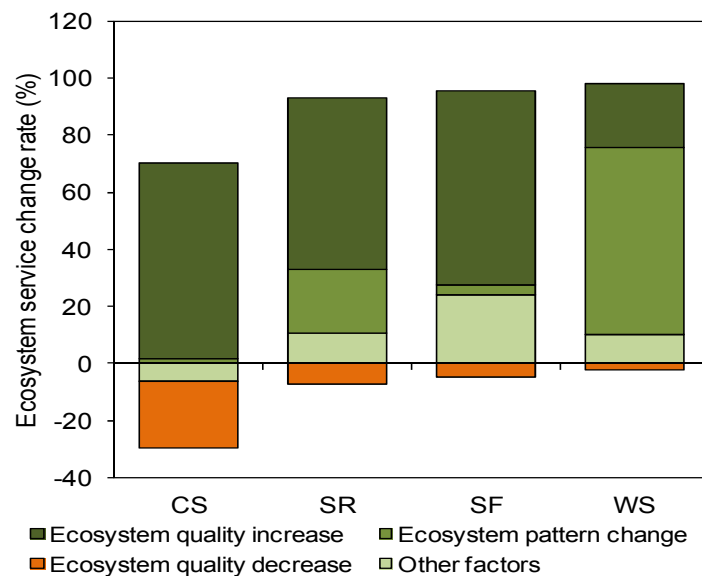
FP: Food production, CS: Carbon sequestration, SR: Soil retention, SF: Sand fixation, WS: Water supply, FM: Flood mitigation, PHB: provision of habitat for biodiversity.

# Driving forces of ecosystem changes in China



Driving forces of ecosystem composition and pattern changes

- Urbanization
- Ecosystem conservation and restoration
- Cropland reclaiming
- Mining
- Natural disasters



Driving forces of ecosystem service changes

- Ecosystem pattern changes
- Ecosystem quality changes



# Mainstreaming ecosystem services

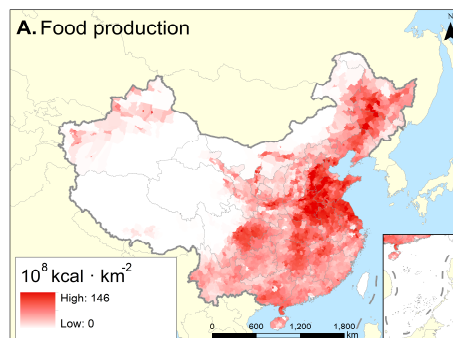
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## Linking ecosystem services to policy making

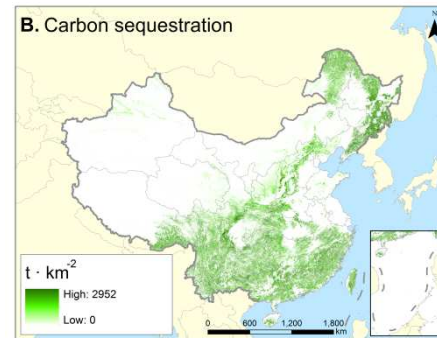
- ✦ Identify crucial areas of ecosystem services
- ✦ Figure out conservation gaps
- ✦ Initiate and supporting new conservation policy

# Ecosystem service mapping

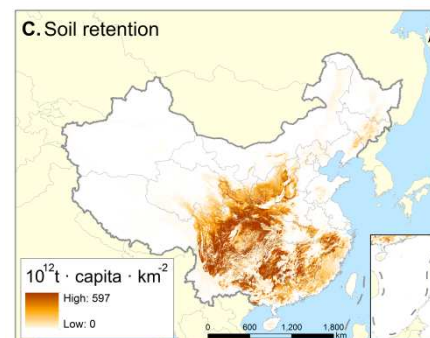
## Spatial pattern of ecosystem services



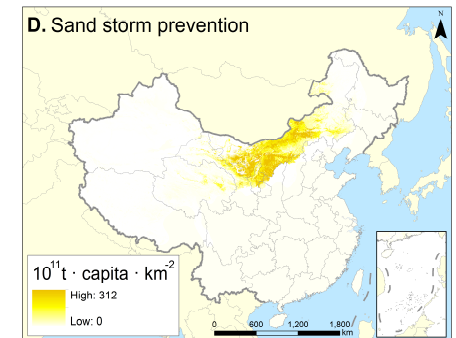
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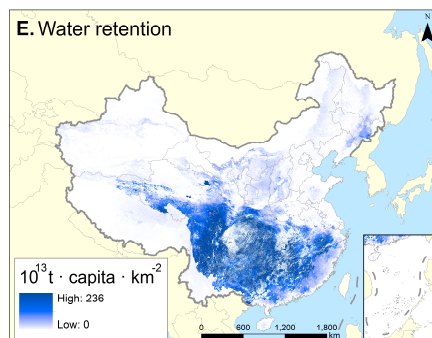
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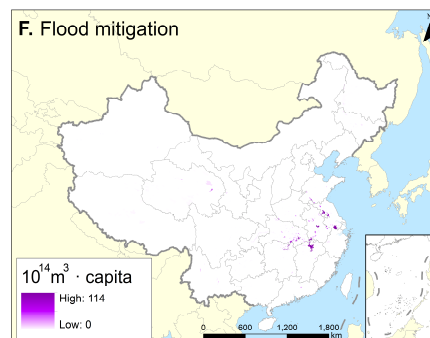
Soil retention



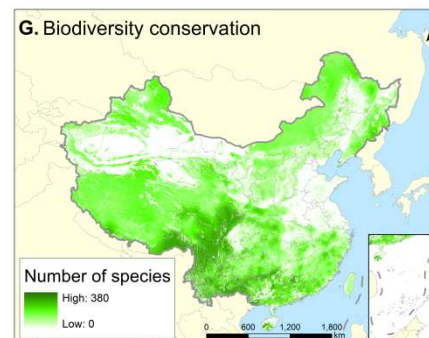
Sand storm prevention



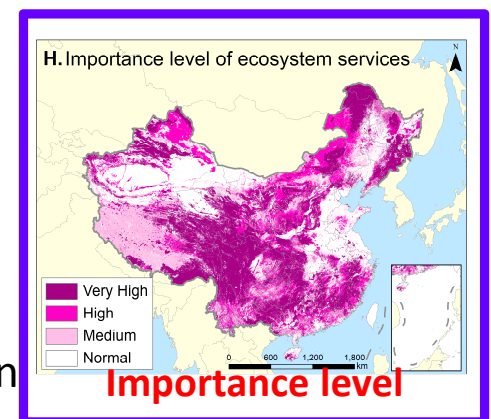
Water retention



Flood mitigation



Biodiversity conservation



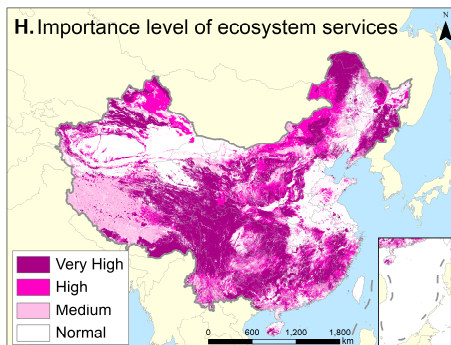
Importance Level

We translated biophysical supply of ecosystem services into importance of service provision by weighting supply by the number of people affected.



# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

## Identify crucial areas of ecosystem services in China



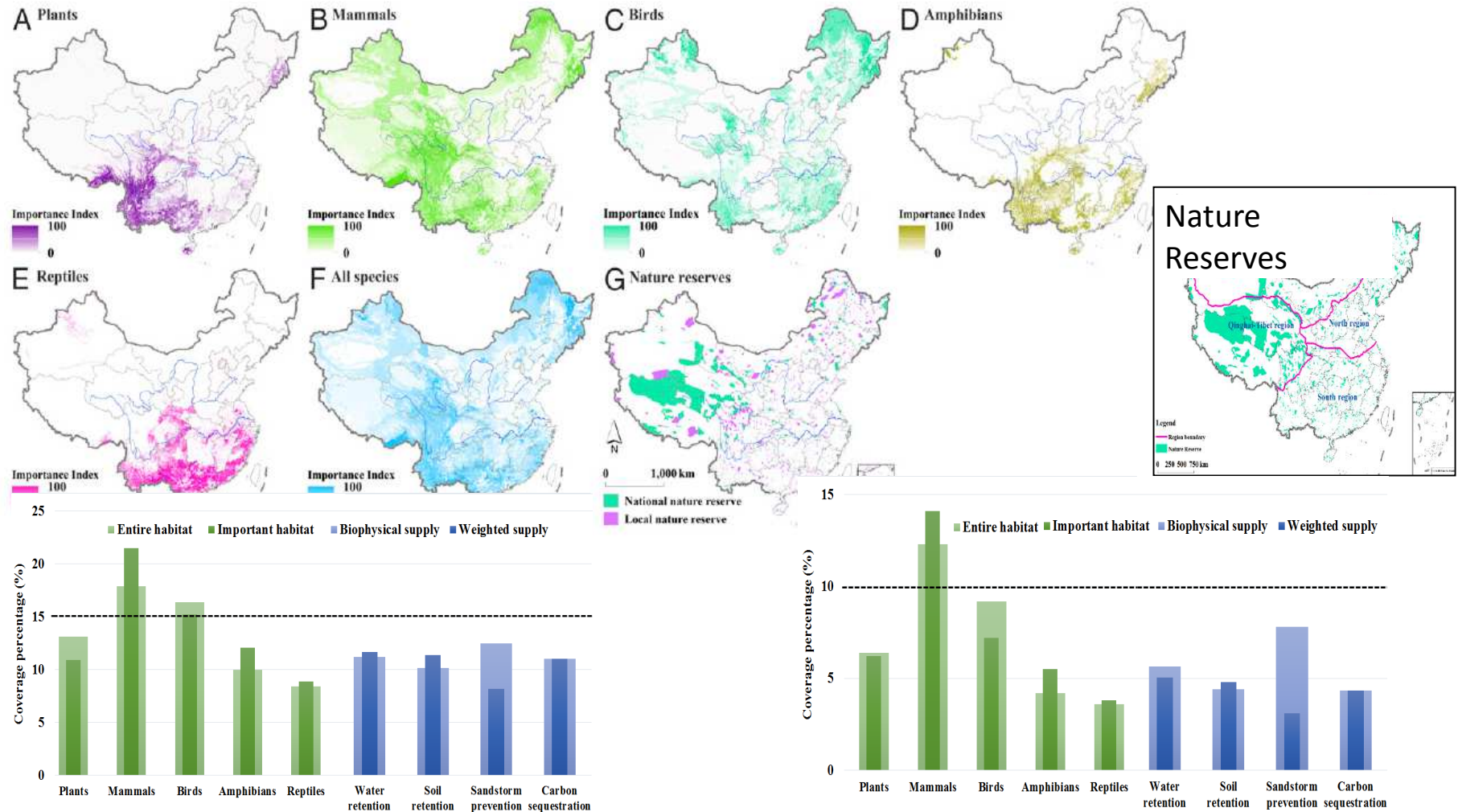
Importance	Land area		Soil retention	Water retention	Sand storm prevention	Biodiversity conservation
	10 <sup>4</sup> km <sup>2</sup>	%	%	%	%	%
Very high	343.6	35.8	66.3	60.8	37.3	51.8
High	204.6	21.3	22.0	21.8	27.0	24.1
Medium	161.2	16.8	9.1	11.9	19.2	19.2
Normal	246.8	25.7	2.5	5.4	16.5	4.9

✧ The table showed that about 35% land with high level of ecological importance provide about 60% of ecosystem regulating services.



# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

## Figure out conservation gabs

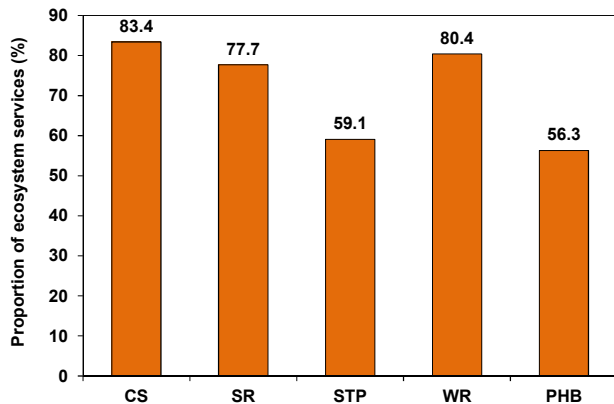
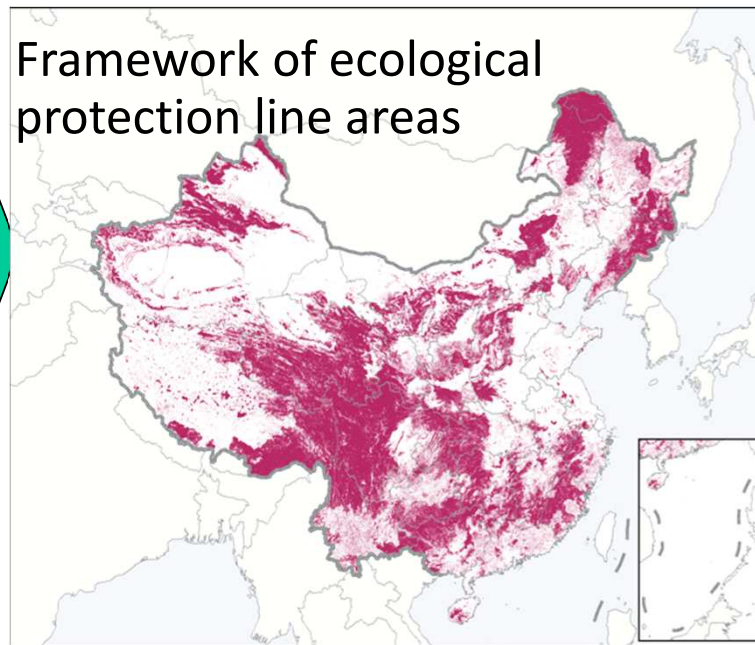
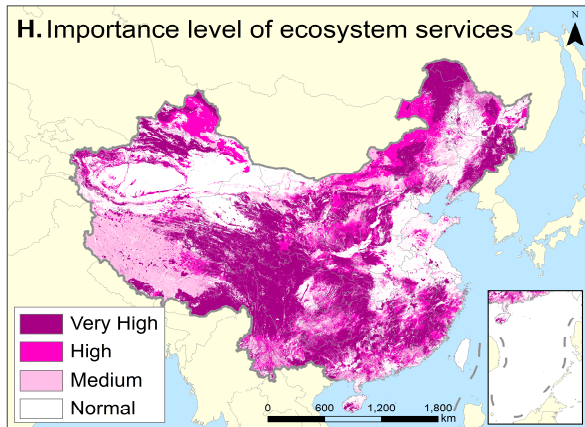


Protected Areas not well match with biodiversity and ecosystem service pattern



# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

## Ecological Protection Redline



Provision of ecosystem services in EPR Areas (35 %)

- ◆ The very high important areas are planned as Ecological Protection Redline (EPR) to protected strictly for providing ecosystem services and wildlife habitat
- ◆ EPR: 35 % of China

环境保护部办公厅  
国家发展和改革委员会办公厅 文件

环办生态[2017]48号

关于印发《生态保护红线划定指南》的通知

各省、自治区、直辖市环境保护厅(局)、发展改革委,新疆生产建设兵团环境保护局、发展改革委:

根据中共中央办公厅、国务院办公厅《关于划定并严守生态保护红线的若干意见》的安排部署,环境保护部、发展改革委共同组织编制了《生态保护红线划定指南》(见附件),现印发给你们。请按照本指南要求,加快推进本地区生态保护红线划定工作。

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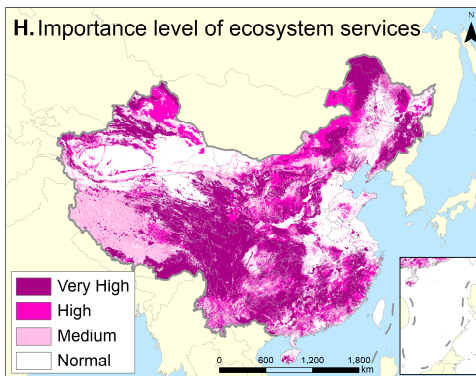
附件:生态保护红线划定指南

Guideline for ecological redlining by MEP and NDRC



# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

## Ecosystem function conservation areas



### 中华人民共和国环境保护部 中国科学院 公告

2015年 第61号

为落实《环境保护法》《中共中央关于全面深化改革若干重大问题的决定》《中共中央 国务院关于加快推进生态文明建设的意见》等关于加强重要区域自然生态保护、优化国土空间开发格局、增加生态用地、保护和扩大生态空间的要求，环境保护部和中国科学院在2008年印发的《全国生态功能区划》基础上，联合开展了修编工作，形成《全国生态功能区划(修编版)》。现予以发布。

附件：全国生态功能区划(修编版)



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- ✦ 63 areas with critical ecosystem services were identified as **Ecosystem function conservation areas (EFCAs)** released in 2015 by MEP and CAS.
- ✦ Total 63 EFCAs, 49% of China.

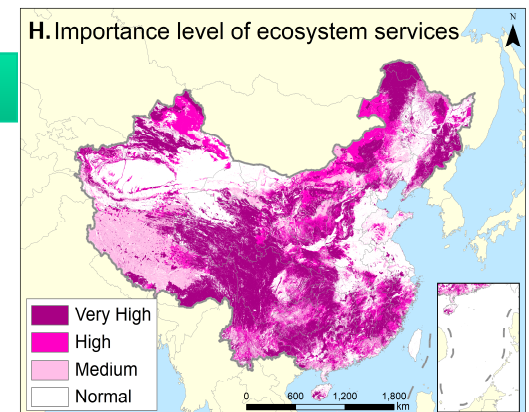
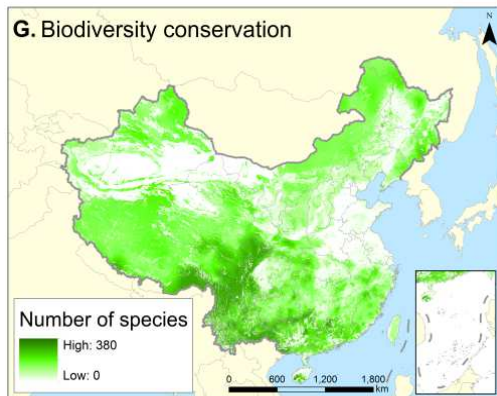
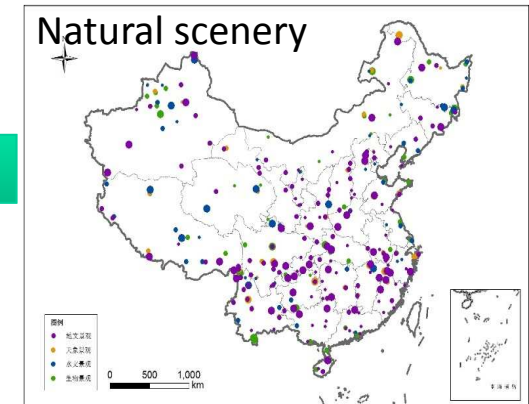
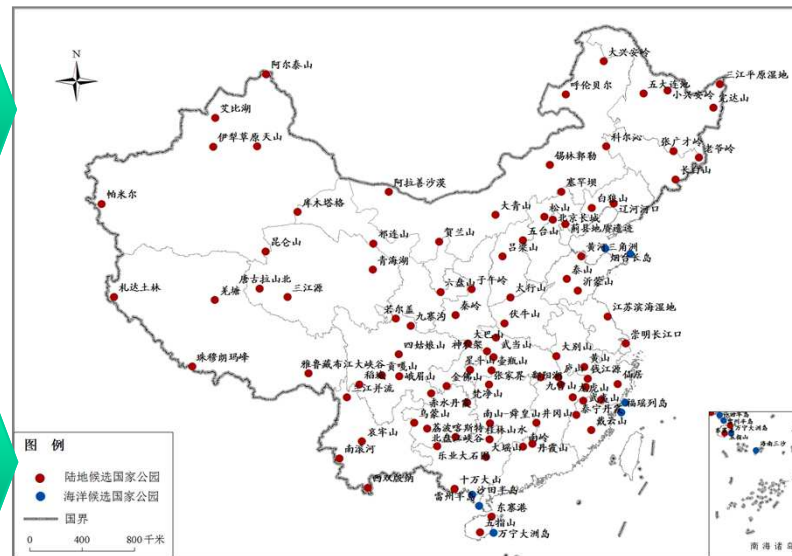
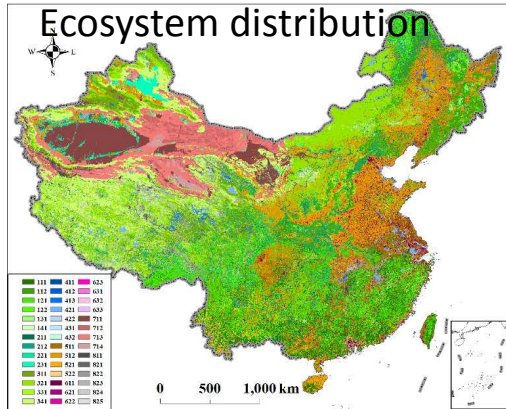
- water retention
- Biodiversity conservation
- Soil retention
- Sand fixation
- Flood mitigation





# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

## National park system planning



✦ The national parks were located based on distribution of represented ecosystems, natural landscape, wildlife and ecosystem services.



# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

## Identify the counties and their leading ecosystem services in key Ecological Function Areas



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发改办规划(2017)201号

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2016年9月, 国务院批复同意240个县(市、区、旗)及87个重点国有林区林业局新增纳入国家重点生态功能区。根据《国家发展改革委关于印发〈重点生态功能区产业准入负面清单编制实施办法〉的通知》(发改规划(2016)2205号)要求, 地方各级人民政府、各有关部门要遵循“县市制定、省级统筹、国家衔接、对外公布”的工作机制, 因地制宜编制实施负面清单。

为使各有关单位按照不同重点生态功能区类型因地制宜编制实施负面清单, 经有关科研机构进行科学评价, 现将新增国家重点生态功能区的类型发给你, 请据此尽快完成负面清单编制工作, 并于6月底前印发试行。

附件: 1. 新增240个国家重点生态功能区的县(市、区、旗)类型表  
2. 新增87个国家重点生态功能区的国有林区林业局类型表

国家发展改革委办公厅  
2017年2月3日

- ✦ The 299 more counties were added in the lists in key ecological function areas, and released by State Council in 2016.
- ✦ Identification of leading ecosystem services of each county in national Key Ecological Function Area by NDRC

Identification of leading ecosystem services for the counties in national Key Ecological Function Area, by NDRC



# Linking ecosystem services to policy making



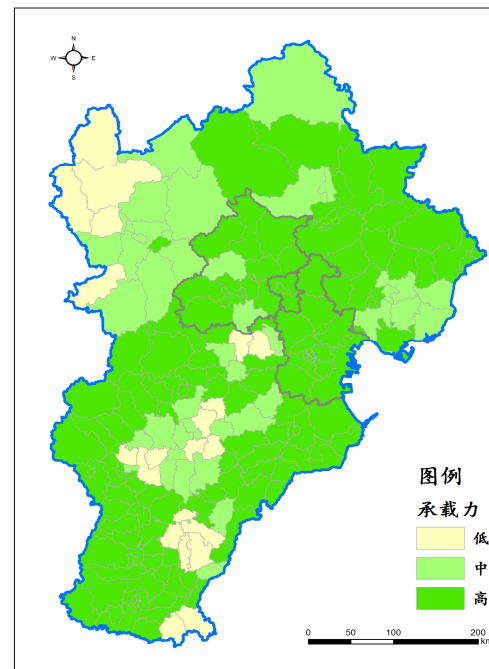
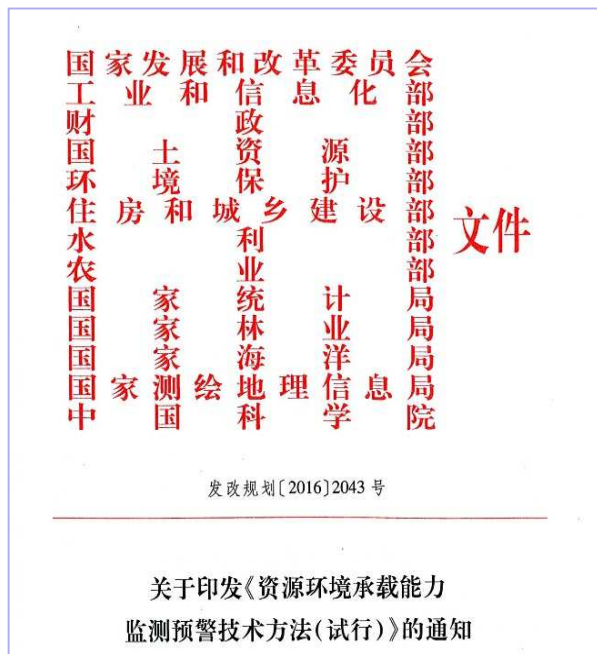
Year	Budgets (billions RMB)	Benefited Counties
2008	6.0	221
2010	24.9	437
2014	48.3	512
2016	58.7	700

- ✦ In order to push conservation in key ecological function areas, Center government launched ecological financial transfer program based on ecosystem service pattern.
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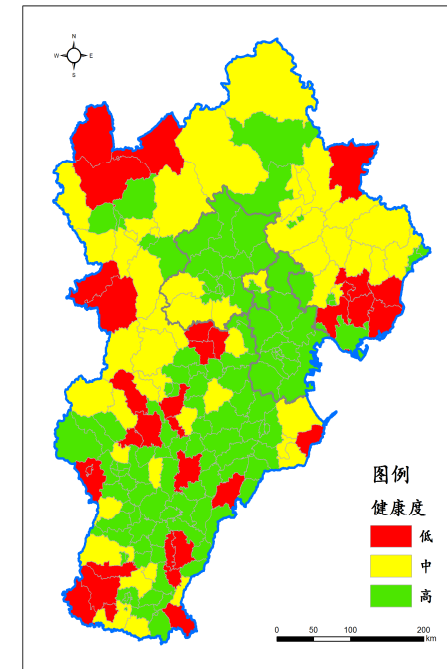


# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

## Providing methods and data for ecological carrying capacity evaluation



Ecological carrying capacity in Jing-Jin-Ji region



Ecosystem Health index in Jing-Jin-Ji region

Methods and data for ecological carrying capacity evaluation, released by 13 ministries



# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

- ★ The information and findings in ecosystem service studies have been used in supporting national, regional, provincial conservation policy making and environmental management.
  - ✧ National and provincial ecological redline planning
  - ✧ National key ecological functional region planning
  - ✧ National park planning
  - ✧ National ecological transfer payment
  - ✧ National and provincial natural reserve monitoring
  - ✧ Ecological carrying capacity assessment and early warning
- ★ Database: <http://www.ecosystem.csdb.cn/>: 3T

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为贯彻落实《环境保护法》和《中共中央关于全面深化改革若干重大问题的决定》中“中央 国务院支持加快构建生态文明制度的意见”中“关于全面加强自然生态资源保护，依法禁止开垦、采石、挖砂、取土等破坏地表的活动，保护和发展草原、森林、湿地、荒漠和海洋生态系统，增加生态用地，保护和扩大生态空间的要求，环境保护部和中国科学院在2008年印发《全国生态功能区划》基础上，联合开展了修编工作，形成《全国生态功能区划(修编版)》，现予以发布。

附件：全国生态功能区划(修编版)

2016年11月13日

环境保护部办公厅文件  
国家发展和改革委员会办公厅文件  
环办生态〔2016〕748号

关于印发《生态保护红线划定指南》的通知

各省、自治区、直辖市环境保护厅(局)，发展改革委，能源局，住房和城乡建设部，工业和信息化部，水利部，农业部，林业部，海洋局，国家海洋局，国家能源局，国家统计局，国家食品药品监督管理总局，国家卫生和计划生育委员会，国家新闻出版广电总局，国家版权局，国家中医药管理局，国家食品药品监督管理总局，国家卫生和计划生育委员会，国家卫生和计划生育委员会

根据《中共中央办公厅、国务院办公厅《关于划定并严守生态保护红线的若干意见》的指示精神，环境保护部、发展改革委、工业和信息化部、水利部、农业部、林业部、海洋局、国家海洋局、国家能源局、国家统计局、国家食品药品监督管理总局、国家卫生和计划生育委员会、国家新闻出版广电总局、国家版权局、国家中医药管理局、国家食品药品监督管理总局、国家卫生和计划生育委员会、国家卫生和计划生育委员会

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附件：生态保护红线划定指南

中华人民共和国环境保护部

关于生态保护红线制度创新研究成果应用证明

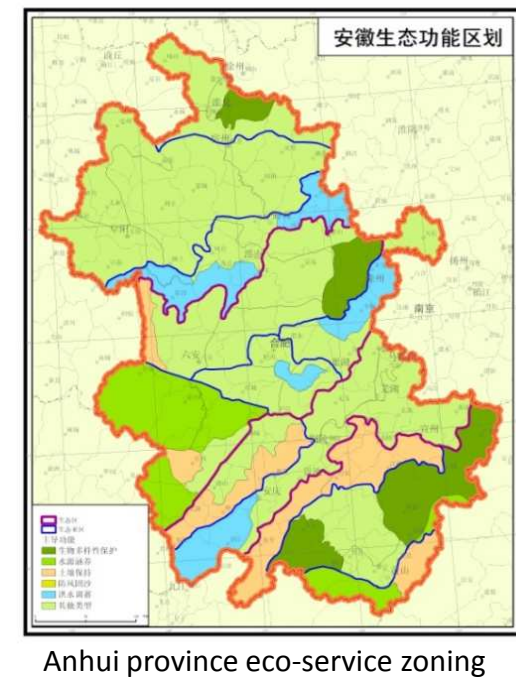
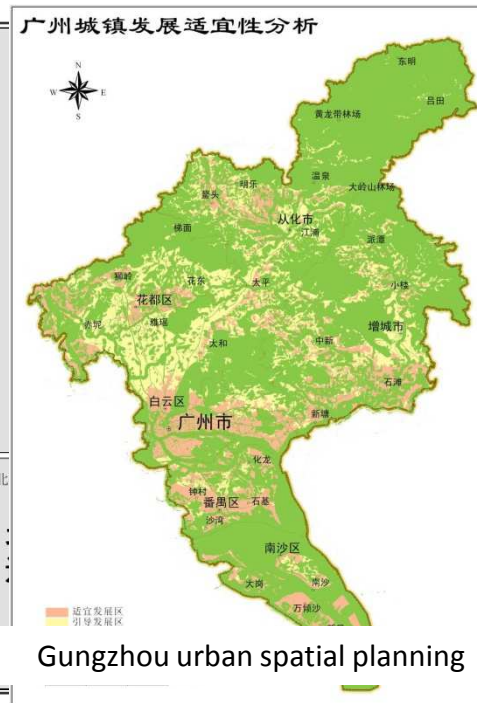
中国科学院生态环境研究中心近期在“生态保护红线制度创新”研究成果，提出了生态保护红线的定义与内涵、划界原则、划界程序、划界标准与管理措施等，成果已直接应用于全国生态保护红线划定方案，生态保护红线管理制度，生态保护红线建设管理等，与划界严守生态保护红线发挥了关键作用。

特此证明。

2016年11月14日

# Applications in local governments

- ✧ All provinces in China have mapped ecosystem services, and identified local ecosystem function conservation areas.
- ✧ Ecosystem service spatial patterns were the basis for urban master planning and regional land use planning in many cities, as Beijing, Guangzhou





# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

◆ The papers published on international and Chinese journals, including papers in *Science*, *PNAS*, *Nature-ecology & evolution*, *Ecology Letters*, *Frontier in Ecology and Environ Sciences*

**Science**, 2016

Improvements in ecosystem services from investments in natural capital

**PNAS**, 2017

Strengthening protected areas for biodiversity and ecosystem services in China

**PNAS**, 2015

Impacts of conservation and human development policy across stakeholders and scales

**PNAS**, 2013

Benefits, costs, and livelihood implications of a regional payment for ecosystem service program

**PNAS**, 2007

Strengthening protected areas for biodiversity and ecosystem services in China

**Nature-Ecology & Evolution**, 2017

Reassessing the conservation status of the giant panda using remote sensing

**Ecology Letters**, 2015

Linking ecosystem characteristics to final ecosystem services for public policy

**Frontier in Ecology and Environ Sciences**, 2016

Using ecosystem service trade-offs to inform water conservation policies and management practices

**Wetlands**, 2015

Advancing Wetland Policies Using Ecosystem Services - China's Way Out

**Biological Conservation**, 2017

Habitat conservation redlines for the giant pandas in China

**Water Resource Research**, 2017

Lake and wetland ecosystem services measuring water storage and local climate regulation

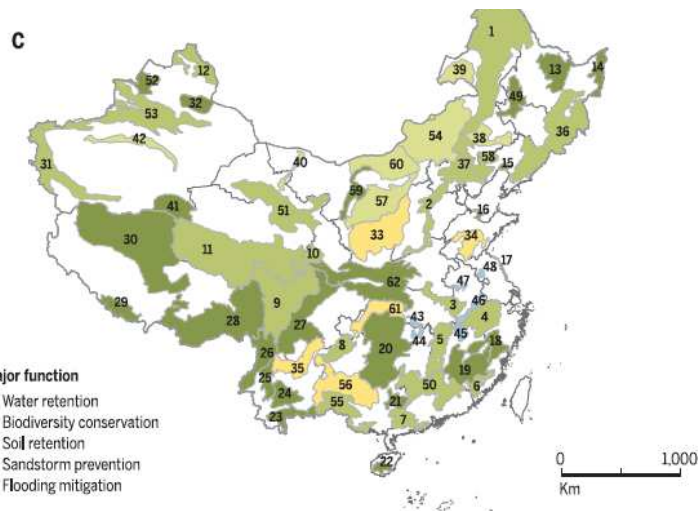


# Linking ecosystem services to policy making

REVIEW

## Biodiversity losses and conservation responses in the Anthropocene

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**Fig. 3. Responses to biodiversity decline.** (A) The cumulative number of islands on which one or more species of invasive vertebrates have been eradicated, since 1950. Data are from the Database of Island Invasive Species Eradications (<http://diise.islandconservation.org>). Island eradications of invasive predators have been essential in preventing the extinction of species such as the kakapo *Strigops habroptilus*. (B) Recovery of the golden lion tamarin in Brazil. Reintroduction of captive-bred animals and restoration of corridors linking forest fragments have resulted in a dramatic increase in the wild population; shown are population estimates and intervention timeline from Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado. (C) China's National Ecosystem Function Zoning scheme, developed by the Ministry of Environment Protection and Chinese Academy of Sciences, to identify areas with key ecosystem functions and where development is restricted to protect those functions (source, [www.mep.gov.cn/gkml/hbb/bgg/201511/t20151126\\_317777.htm](http://www.mep.gov.cn/gkml/hbb/bgg/201511/t20151126_317777.htm)).

✦ Christopher Johnson, *Science*, 2017, Vol 356(6335),270-275, introduced the EFCAs in China

## REVIEW

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## Securing natural capital and expanding equity to rescale civilization

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wide range of ecosystems, services and scales. Perhaps most strikingly, China is establishing a new network of 'ecosystem function conservation areas' (EFCAs; Fig. 3). EFCAs are being zoned so as to focus conservation and restoration in places with high return on investment for public goods. At the same time, high-impact human activities are being zoned to reduce or enhance natural capital values.

These initiatives have dual goals: to harmonize people and nature by securing critical natural capital, and to alleviate poverty. Specifically, the government aims to protect ecosystems and their biodiversity, improve energy control, hydropower production efficiency, irrigation supply, and more productive agriculture and tourism. In addition, it aims to open non-farm sectors, increase household income and make land-use practices more sustainable in rural areas<sup>70</sup>. Although these initiatives represent a major scientific and policy undertaking, there is still little understanding of the local costs of implementation, or their effects on poor and vulnerable populations in or near the target areas. The EFCAs model represents a new paradigm for integrating conservation and human development, but for this policy innovation to have wide applicability, it will be important to assess and improve local livelihoods<sup>71</sup>.

rates are proving extremely difficult to check. One barrier is that the consumer culture of developed countries represents the "needs and aspirations" of the population today, but rarely considers the needs and aspirations of other people. A second, pernicious obstacle is the

of developing countries 2–14 fold<sup>69</sup>. The importance of the A and T factors in reducing impacts is even greater today than it was when the concept was first presented, and has stimulated innovative research, in the social

measurable spread of the developed world's consumption patterns to developing nations. The 2008–09 financial crisis has brought attention to the high resource requirements of the developed world, and the gains in sustainability that have been achieved in the developing world.

The urgency for the 2012 Earth Summit concerns whether we can find ways to check the growth of the world population, and the limits to reduce strains on the environment. The 2012 Earth Summit is a critical moment. Before severe impacts are felt, the world must take action. Similarly, although carrying capacity is difficult to measure, it is clear that the human population's use and consumption patterns are well above what is sustainable. The environmental pillar of sustainability is non-negotiable—we must change the physical systems that support our lives. Department of Biology and Woods Institute, 371 Serra Mall, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305, USA

✦ Paul Ehrlich et al, *Nature*, 2013 "the EFCAs model represents a new paradigm for integrating conservation and human development"



# Concluding remarks

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- ✧ China has made big efforts to apply ecosystem service evaluation and mapping in conservation policies.
- ✧ Ecosystem service evaluation can be powerful and useful tools to support conservation policy making and innovation.
- ✧ **Opportunity**
  - ✓ Urban ecological restoration: ecosystem service orientation
  - ✓ Coastal management.
  - ✓ GEP accounting: for evaluation of ecological compensation, conservation efforts.
  - ✓ Marketing mechanism for ecosystem services.
- ✧ **Scientific infrastructure**
  - ✓ Evaluation, monitoring, modeling of ecosystem services.
  - ✓ We need powerful ecosystem service assessment tools and platform.

An aerial photograph of a landscape during autumn. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees with green and yellow foliage. In the foreground, there is a grassy field with scattered trees showing vibrant orange and red autumn colors. The lighting is soft, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

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A high-angle photograph of a lush green mountain valley. A paved road winds through the dense forest, leading to a bright green golf course in the foreground. The background features a range of rolling, forested mountains under a cloudy sky. The text "Thanks !" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Thanks !**