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The International Waters Portfolio of SGP China wins 2012 National Public Welfare Figure Prize of Water Protection

On 14 December 2012, SGP China received the 2012 National Public Welfare Figure Prize of Water Protection for its efforts to support local NGOs to protect international waters especially reducing land-based pollution and restoring and protecting coastal habitats in China. The National Public Welfare Figure Prize of Water Protection is an annual award presented by China Foundation for Glory Society and Beijing Normal University. The award was established since 2010 and aims to promote the acknowledgement of the great contribution to water protection given by outstanding public welfare organizations, individuals and university students groups through showcase successful modalities; to help the public to deeply understand the current situation and issues of water protection through the analysis by the experts in the field of water protection.

Since the launching of this year's election on 22 March 2012, the award organizer has done many investigations and site visits and interviewed 104 candidates. Finally, 10 organizations and individuals and 9 university students groups win the award. The award for SGP China is given to its international waters portfolio as an efficient mechanism to support local NGOs and communities to demonstrate community-based approaches to protect waters and coastal habitats.

SGP China started in 2009. Since then it supports 5 NGOs' initiatives including Investigation and Control of Land-based Pollution in the Coastal Area of Dalian, Demonstration Project on Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal Wetland in



Ms. Liu Yi (the third from left), the NC of SGP China, received 2012 National Public Welfare Figure Prize of Water Protection

Techeng Island, Zhanjiang, Demonstration Project on Promotion of the Ecological Aquaculture Mode to Reduce Land-based Pollution, Community Participatory Sustainable Development Demonstration at Seagrass Special Protected Area in Lingshui Xincun and Li'an Harbor and Demonstration of Eco-restoration and Eco-aquaculture in Mangrove Forest in the North Bay of

Guangxi. These projects have involved 19,770 local people and directly benefited 4345 people.



Eco-aquaculture in Leizhou Peninsular

The Investigation and Control of Land-based Pollution in the Coastal Area of Dalian project has ended in Jan. 2011, in which 8008 volunteers contributed 22,630 hours and cleaned up 11,590kg waste. 1906 kilometers coastline of Dalian is under monitoring and protection. The achievements of this project have been acknowledged by the local government by providing another 50,000USD

to the grantee to continue the project work. Demonstration Project on Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal Wetland in Techeng Island, Zhanjiang has ended in Feb. 2011, which has facilitated to establish a cross-sector wetland integrated management committee composed of local government departments, academic institutes, NGOs and local communities for Techeng Island serving as a permanent mechanism for better management of the coastal eco-system of Techeng Island. The other three on-going projects have demonstrated how SGP projects can support local community's conservation activities while enhancing people's livelihood through promotion of eco-aquaculture and conservation of mangroves and seagrass bed. Through implementing SGP projects, public awareness on water protection and coastal habitat conservation has been improved; local NGOs have leveraged resources from local governments, academic institutes, private sectors and communities to improve cross-sector cooperation on water issues; partnerships among wide stakeholders have been established to solve water issues.



The panel of this award thinks that the SGP model and community-based approaches have a potential to be replicated and promoted.

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