Project implementation report TA 9374-PRC: Supporting the Application of River Chief System for Ecological Protection in Yangtze River Economic Belt





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1 River Chief System (RCS) in China

•Why RCS?

multi-department management + sub-regional management; lack of cross-sectoral and cross-regional coordination and cooperation; low efficiency in river protection and management; serious water pollution and ecological damage problem

What's RCS

The heads of the Party and government responsible for river management six major tasks: water resources protection, water area and shoreline management, water pollution prevention and control, water environment treatment, and water ecology restoration, law enforcement and supervision.

Time schedule

At the end of 2016, begin to implement the river system throughout the country.

by the end of 2018, establishment of RCS at the provincial, municipal, county, township availage levels.

2 About Chishui River

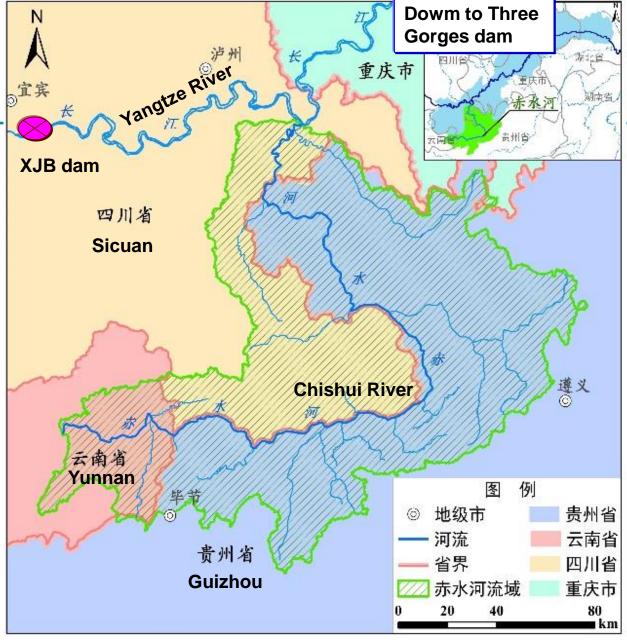
- The only tributary: Free flowing, unregulated, no dams
- alternative habitat (National Nature Reserve)
- Water source of Maotai (a famous liquor in China)
- Typical transboundary river (3 provinces of Yunnan, Guizhou and Sicuan)
- The social and economic development is lagged behind, big contradictions between development and protection
- Facing new development concept: highly values ecological and environmental protection. Ecological priority, green and sustainable development

the Chishui River can serve as a good case to promote RCS and can provide demonstration of RCS application in the Yangtze River Basin

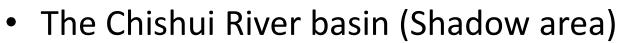














3 basic information of the project

TA 9374-PRC was approved by Asia Development Bank (ADB) in September 2017. The executing agency (EA) is Changjiang Water Resource Commission (CWRC), Ministry of the Water Resource (MWR).

Total budget: 500 thousand dollars

execution period: October 2017 to September 2019.

Objectives

- Conclude the experience in the actualization of the RCS in the Chishui River and
- upgrade the generalization of RCS in the Yangtze River Economic Belt.
- Promote hydro-ecological safety protection and management along the type River Economic Belt.

4 project implementation

Establish project organization

Including project management leadership group (chaired by CWRC), the project leading group, project implementation office project consultants

Organize the inception meeting

On January 30 and 31, 2018,.

Nearly 70 people, who are the river chief office staff from Guizhou, Yunnan, Sichuan provinces, consultant experts, and relevant department heads and representatives of the member units of the Project Leading Group attended the meeting.





4 project implementation

Conducted field survey 3 times on the Chishui River Basin

April 16 to 20, July 25 to 28, and September 3 to 7,2018 Visited the officials of local RCS offices and discussed the progress of RCS application in Chishui River (Yunnan, Guizhou and Sichuan);



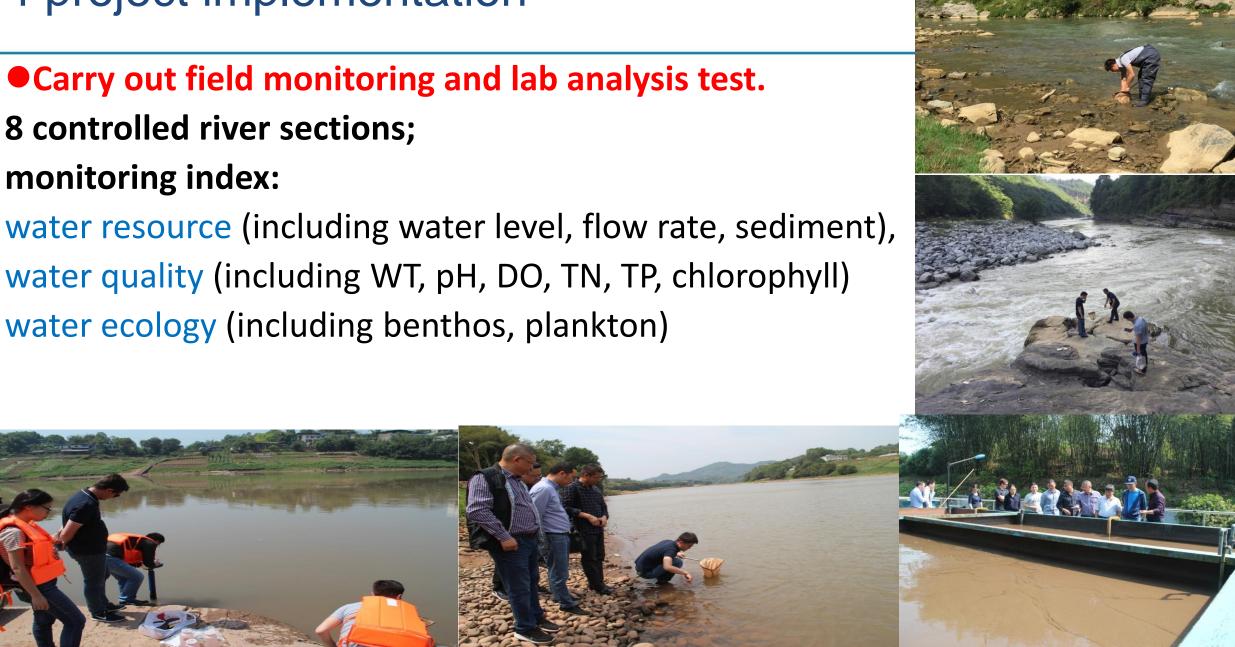






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water quality (including WT, pH, DO, TN, TP, chlorophyll) water ecology (including benthos, plankton)



5 Main findings

5.1 Current situation of RCS

The three provinces have established RC Yunnan Province the city-level RCS; Guizhe Province city-level RCS.



•protection actions: prohibit sand mining in river channels; banning cage fish culture, setting up livestock prohibited breeding areas; transforming agricultural planting structures; and establishing river basin ecological compensation mechanism.









5 Main findings

5.2 Existing problems

- There are no river chiefs above the provincial level, and the management coordination of inter-provincial rivers is still insufficient. It is necessary for River Basin authorities (CWRC) to play the role of coordination, guidance, supervision and monitoring.
- ●The local governments in the three provinces don't have enough funds for river protection and treatment. The central government need to provide more funds to support RCS work of Chishui River in combination with poverty alleviation plan.







6 Future works

- •Study monitoring index system and methods used to assess the of the effectiveness of RCS.
- Put forward recommendations for improving coordination between RCS and comprehensive river basin management.

Ultimate objective: Promote RCS and improve hydro-ecological safety protection and management along the Yangtze River Economic Belt.







