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This guide should be regarded as a momentary picture of the information supply with regard to China and various environmental issues. As the Internet is a fast-changing medium, web addresses or contents that are described in this guide can soon be outdated.

Comments, remarks, criticism are welcome, also suggestions for additions to the list.

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1. Government institutions

- ◆ www.zhb.gov.cn **State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA)** 国家环境保护网 Chinese + English
 → Extensive environmental information and up to date news, very good reference data and statistics in the annual national report on the state of the environment!
- ◆ www.agri.gov.cn **Ministry of Agriculture, P.R. China (MOA)** 中华人民共和国农业部 Chinese + English
- ◆ www.mwr.gov.cn **Ministry of Water Resources of the P.R. China (MWR)** 中华人民共和国水利部 Chinese + English
- ◆ www.soa.gov.cn **State Oceanic Administration, P.R. China (SOA)** 国家海洋局 Chinese only
- ◆ www.cma.gov.cn **China Meteorological Administration (CMA)** 中国气象局 Chinese only
- ◆ www.cin.gov.cn **Ministry of Construction, P.R. China (MOC)** 中华人民共和国建设部 Chinese only
- ◆ www.most.gov.cn **Ministry of Science and Technology, P.R. China (MOST)** 中华人民共和国科学技术部 Chinese + English
- ◆ www.cas.ac.cn **Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)** 中国科学院 Chinese+English
 → See also **Research Centre for Eco-Environmental Sciences (RCEES), Chinese Academy of Sciences** 中国科学院生态环境研究中心 (Chinese only, the English site is currently not accessible).
 → Another interesting website connected to these two institutions is that of **Scope Cast China (Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment, China Association for Science and Technology)** 国际科联环境问题科学委员会中国委员会 (Chinese + English). Scope Cast China is part of a worldwide network consisting of national science academies, research councils, international scientific unions, committees and societies. Interdisciplinary syntheses are stressed in guiding and developing scientific programmes on environmental problems, interdisciplinary reviews are compiled.
- ◆ www.sdinfo.net.cn **Sustainable Development Information Networking** 中国可持续发展信息网 Chinese only
 → This website contains extensive information on environmental conditions in China (geographical structure, climate, vegetation, nature reserves, forestry, soil quality, etc.) and is an initiative of the **Administrative Centre for China's Agenda 21 (ACCA21)** 中国 21 世纪议程管理中心 www.acca21.org.cn (Chinese + English) in cooperation with several state departments.

→ Another initiative of ACCA21 is the **Centre for Environmentally Sound Technology Transfer (CESTT)** 环境无害化技术转移中心, www.cestt.org.cn (Chinese + English) . CESTT was founded in 1997 with the support of the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, the Asian Development Bank, and the Environmental Resources Management China. CESTT's "mission is to promote the transfer and adoption of environmentally sound technology (EST) by forming bridges between policy makers, technology suppliers, technology developers, financial institutions, and Chinese industry, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)."

2. Environmental Education

◆ www.chinaeol.net **Centre for Environmental Education and Communication (CEEC) of SEPA** 国家环境保护总局宣传教育中心/ 中国环境在线 Chinese only

→ Created in 1996, the CEEC is a technical support institution to SEPA (see above), responsible for environmental publicity, education and training. It also functions as the Department of Environmental Technology Exchange and Public Education of the China-Japan Friendship Environmental Protection Centre, in which it is housed. Its major tasks are the development of activities concerning national environmental protection publicity and education as well as the training of personnel in this regard. As part of the CEEC, our CESDRRC represents its reference and research section.

◆ www.envir.online.sh.cn **Shanghai Environment Online** 上海环境热线 Chinese + English

→ Very informative environmental information website! It is a product of the **Shanghai Environment Education Centre/ Green World** 上海市环境保护宣传教育中心/ 绿色世界, www.greenworld.net.cn (Chinese only, for English part see Shanghai Environment Online), which is the provincial department of CEEC (the CEEC being the central institution with nationwide responsibility).

◆ www.greenschools.com.cn **China Green Schools** 绿色学校网 so far in Chinese only

→ The China Green Schools program run by the Environmental Education Department of CEEC helps schools use energy efficiently through building retrofits, changes in operational and maintenance routines, and changes in the behaviour of students, teachers, custodians, administrators, and community partners.

→ For an English description of the Green School concept have a look at the US-based Website www.ase.org/greenschools

◆ www.childrenandearth.org.cn = www.dqc.org.cn **Hand in Hand, Building an Earth Village** 手拉手地球村 Chinese + English

→ This long-term project is aimed at providing Chinese children across the nation with environmental education and opportunities for interaction with the environment, encouraging kids to take the initiative in environmental protection projects, and learn about the importance of environmental protection in a fun and effective way. Joint sponsorship of Chinese Aid

Committee for the Culturally Disadvantaged, National Working Commission for Children, SEPA and Chinese Teenager's Journal.

3. Green Food

(For more details on Organic Food, please consult our Organic Food Consumer Guide for Beijing)

- ◆ www.ofdc.org.cn **Organic Food Development Centre (OFDC), Nanjing** 国家环境保护总局有机食品发展中心 Chinese only
 - Founded in 1994, the OFDC of SEPA aims at “improving quality of the environment and human life through participating in organic inspection and certification”. It is the only national institution in China that focuses on organic certification.
- ◆ www.greenfood.org.cn **China Green Food Development Centre (CGFDC), Beijing/ China Green Food Net** 中国绿色食品网 Chinese only
 - “Green Food is safe and contamination-free food of high quality and full of nutrition”, it says on the homepage of the CGFDC. The institution was established to organise and carry out the so-called “Green Food Project”, i.e. developing a green food industry, throughout the country, and to clearly mark Green Food with labels.
- ◆ www.gx-tea.com **Gengxiang Tea Company, Ltd.** 更香茶叶有限公司 Chinese + English
 - The biggest Chinese company specialising in and selling a variety of organic teas.

4. NGOs within China

- ◆ www.eetpc.org **The Environmental Education Television Project for China (EETPC)** Chinese + English
 - EETPC is a project of the **Television Trust for the Environment (TVE international)**, <http://info.tve.org/> (English only), which was founded in 1984 in Great Britain. TVE international wants to function as a “catalyst for the production and distribution of films about environmental, developmental, health and human rights issues”. The aim is to increase general environmental awareness with the help of TV broadcasts as well as other audio-visual media.
- ◆ www.enviroinfo.org.cn **China Environment and Development Information / Human and Nature in Harmony** 中国环境与发展信息检索 / 天地人和 Chinese + English
 - This website that contains collected information from officially published media reports in China is a product of the **Institute of Environment and Development (IED)** 环境与发展研究所 www.ied.ac.cn (Chinese + English), an NGO that was founded in Beijing in 1994, aiming at bringing about public awareness of environmental development issues as well as sustainable development through public education, information or knowledge dissemination and research.

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- ◆ www.fon.org.cn **Friends of Nature (FON)** 自然之友 Chinese + English
→ Founded by environmental activist Liang Congjie, FON was formally registered in 1994 as the Academy for Green Culture, an affiliate to the non-governmental Academy for Chinese Culture. It is a non-profit public welfare organization, funded by membership fees and public support.

 - ◆ www.gvbchina.org **Global Village of Beijing (GVB)** 北京地球村环境文化中心 Chinese + English
→ The NGO that is led by Sheri Xiaoyi Liao is one of the more well known Chinese NGOs outside of China. It organises environmental projects and activities and claims to have more than 4,000 volunteers nationwide.

 - ◆ www.cepf.org.cn **China Environmental Protection Foundation (CEPF)** 中华环境保护基金会 Chinese + English
→ Founded in 1993, CEPF was the first non-governmental foundation dedicated to environmental protection in China. Several high-ranking officials are members of this organization, such as Prof. Qu Geping, President of the Natural Resources Conservation Committee of the China National People's Congress, who is the President of the CEPF's Board of Directors.

 - ◆ www.lead.org.cn **Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) China** 国际环境与发展学院 mainly in English, some articles in Chinese
→ LEAD is one of the 14 member programs being carried out by the Institute of Environment and Development, an environmental NGO in Beijing. There are apparently 100 Chinese LEAD fellows and associates, playing active roles in their respective positions "to advance the sustainability of the earth system".

 - ◆ www.snisd.org.cn **South-North Institute for Sustainable Development (SNISD)** 北京天恒可持续发展研究所 Chinese + English
→ SNISD is a Chinese non-profit environmental organization based in Beijing that is doing publicity work, training, consulting and exchanges. It states its mission as carrying out research for laws, regulations and policies concerning environmental protection and sustainable development, and promoting the use of renewable energy, especially in the Asia-Pacific region.

 - ◆ www.gitcp.com **Green Industry and Technology Promotion Centre (GITPC), Shanghai** 上海市绿色工业促进会 Chinese + English
→ GITPC is an NGO, which regards the promotion of green technologies, products, marketing and propaganda of green concepts as its duty. Members are scientific research institutes, universities and colleges, major industrial holdings/ groups as well as companies/ enterprises in Shanghai.

 - ◆ <http://cbik.org> also <http://cbik.ac.cn> **Centre for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge (CBIK), "Yunnan Initiative"** 云南省生物多样性与传统知识研究会 English only

→ CBIK is an NGO established in 1995 and based in Kunming with the aim to aid conserve nature and culture as well as to promote socially equitable and environmentally sound development in mountainous ethnic minority areas of southwest China.

◆ www.geocities.co.jp/NatureLand/7714 **Beijing Environmental Volunteers Network**
Japanese only

→ Most of the members are Japanese expatriates.

5. Hong Kong Based Organisations

◆ www.ecc.org.hk **Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC)** 环境保护运动委员会
Chinese + English

→ The committee was set up in 1990 to promote public awareness of environmental issues and encourage the public to contribute actively to a better environment. It is composed of members from green groups, the educational sector, academic fields, industrial and business organisations, professional institutions, community service agencies, and representatives of relevant government departments, including the environmental protection department. The committee plans and organises many environmental events and activities for different sectors of the community. A highly entertaining, informative and nicely made up website with opportunities for interaction and communication!

◆ www.greenpower.org.hk **Green Power** 绿色力量 Chinese + English

→ This NGO aims at promoting a green lifestyle and arouse public concern on local environmental issues. Projects include the Chinese White Dolphin Centre (developing environmental conservation), and the Green Field Ecological Education Centre (facilitate interflow of green education between Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland and arouse awareness towards Sustainable Development in China, cooperation with the Guangzhou Environmental Protection Bureau and Guangzhou Research Institute of Environmental Protection).

◆ www.greenpeace-china.org.hk **Greenpeace-China** 绿色和平 Chinese + English

→ Officially registered in Hong Kong in 1997 as a local NGO, Greenpeace-China has been successful in developing into an active player that is able to act financially independent from the international organization by covering its costs from donations. The NGO is also active on the Chinese mainland.

◆ www.cleanhongkong.gov.hk **Clean Hong Kong** 清洁香港 Chinese + English

→ Clean Hong Kong is a campaign against littering and dumping of waste in order to bring about overall improvement of the city environment. It was officially launched in 2000 by the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr. Tung Chee Hwa, and combines active cleansing operations with public education and publicity efforts.

6. NGOs outside of China

- ◆ www.chinaenvironment.net **Professional Association for China's Environment (PACE)** English only
 - This NGO consists of voluntarily cooperating and communicating experts from different fields of environmental protection. PACE was formed in 1996 in Washington, D.C. as a response to the realization that China's environmental condition is decisively influencing global environmental conditions, so by improving the situation in China, one could simultaneously make significant global improvements. The website's focus is on discussion and information exchange between members. PACE moreover used to publish an excellent online magazine called 'SINOSPHERE', which has not been published during the last year, though (we are waiting for its revival).

- ◆ <http://ecsp.si.edu> **Woodrow Wilson Centre, Environmental Change and Security Project (ECSP)** English only
 - The project's 'Working Group on Environment in U.S.-China Relations' launches programmes and publications to encourage dialogue among U.S. and Chinese scholars, policy makers and NGOs on environmental and energy challenges in China. In this quest, it regularly brings together experts with diverse backgrounds and affiliations.
 - Especially note the working group's regular publication called 'China Environment Series', which has an excellent collection of in-depth articles!

- ◆ www.reachchina.net **Journal of Resources, Environment and China** English only
 - REACH is an independent E-journal based in the USA, which strives to be neutral as well as „factual, scientific, objective and entertaining“. Its goal is to provide a forum for information sharing and open discussion, and thereby to promote a more scientific decision-making process and a better understanding of natural resources and the environment.

- ◆ www.gcci.org/gea/geac1.html **Global Environmental Alliance – China** 中国全球环境教育行动 English only
 - GEA – China is a joint initiative between the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and Global Communications for Conservation (GCC), a US-based NGO. It works with Chinese educators to promote literacy and assists with the training of government officials to integrate environmental concerns into the decision-making process.

- ◆ www.chinadevelopmentbrief.com **China Development Brief** 中国发展献简报 English only
 - China Development Brief is an independent publication established in 1996 to report on aid to China, highlighting the work of international and Chinese NGOs.

- ◆ www.buildinggreenbridges.org **Building Green Bridges** English only
 - This US-based NGO has dedicated itself to “building the capacity of leaders for a sustainable future”. Especially note the China survey “Strategies for Healthy Economies and Prosperous Communities”.

7. Environmental Businesses and Related Services

- ◆ www.ahk-china.org **Delegation of German Industry and Commerce (AHK)** 中国德国商会, mutual site of the 4 offices in China, German + Chinese
www.ahksha.com.cn **AHK Shanghai Office**, German+ English
 → In 1996, the German Ministry of Economics and Technology launched the Environmental Area Manager Project, in order to help German environmental technologies to get a footing in the Chinese market. Environmental Area Managers are part of the AHK organization, and in their position as experts of the respective environmental markets function as mediators between German suppliers and Chinese customers. They provide all kinds of services, mainly for German industries, ranging from individual market analyses to the monthly newsletter **ECOFlash**.
 → A bridgehead for the connection to the supply side in Germany is the **Centre for the International Transfer of Environmental Technologies (ITUT)** 德国国际环保技术转让中心 www.itut.de (German, English and Chinese), with an extensive data collection of small and medium sized environmental technology providers under www.enviromeister.de.
- ◆ **Centre for Environmentally Sound Technology Transfer (CESTT)** 环境无害化技术转让中心, www.cestt.org.cn (Chinese + English) see ACCA21 (Government Institutions)
- ◆ www.riet.org **Regional Institute of Environmental Technology (RIET)** English only
 → RIET came to life in 1993 as a result of a mutual project of the European Commission and the government of Singapore. It has been an officially registered NGO in Singapore since 1998, which defines itself as forum for networking on environmental business issues, environmental intelligence provider, counsel for business partnerships, advisor in eco-efficiency and link to Asian environment projects.
- ◆ www.chinaenvironment.com **China Environment** 中国环保网 Chinese + English
 → China Environment is specially set up as an information and business information exchange centre with the mission to provide its members with value-added services, e.g. business opportunities, new products, headhunting, information provision/ search, a forum, etc.
- ◆ www.ermchina.com **Environmental Health and Safety Review, Environmental Resources Management (ERM) China** 环境资源管理集团(中国)公司 English only
 → ERM is a privately operated and managed joint venture corporation, with offices in Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou, providing environmentally health and safety consulting services in China. Its expertise is based on a partnership with the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES), the major technical and policy think tank of SEPA.
- ◆ www.waterchina.net **China's Largest International Exhibition and Conference on Water and Wastewater Treatment** 第五届中国国际水技术与装备展览会研讨会 Chinese + English
 → Industry-specific market information and exhibition venues. A free newsletter with information mainly about US water and wastewater industries is available in English (www.waternet.com).

8. Environmental News

- ◆ www.cenews.com.cn **China Environment News** 中国环境报 Chinese only, English version is totally outdated
 - As an organ of SEPA, this institution is disseminating official up to date environmental news.
 - See also www.ee65.com.cn **East Environment** 东方环境 (Chinese + English), which is run by the same institution.

- ◆ www.xiaojunma.net.cn **Xiao Jun Ma** 小骏马 Chinese only
 - A monthly environmental newspaper from Inner Mongolia. Most of the paper's lively reports about the environmental situation in Inner Mongolia are written by 13 to 17 year old middle school students. This year, Little Horse was awarded the Chinese Environmental Journalist Association's Earth Prize.

- ◆ www.cesp.com.cn **China Environmental Science Press (CESP)** 中国环境科学出版社 Chinese only
 - Book presentations, book lists including signatures, prices, contact data, etc. so ordering is made easy.

9. Other Foreign Institutions

- ◆ <http://www.usembassy-china.org.cn/english/sandt/index.html> **US Embassy in Beijing, Dep. for Environment, Science and Technology** 美国驻华使馆环境与科技处 Chinese + English
 - This department was established in order to increase mutual understanding of the Chinese and American governments in the fields of environment, science, technology and health on the one hand, and to encourage closer cooperation of both countries in these fields according to the Sino-U.S. Science and Technology Agreement on the other hand. Among other things, the website contains more than 80 reports with information on these issues, which have been composed by the department itself. The information provided on this website are by far the most extensive with regard to Chinese environmental issues!

- ◆ www.unchina.org **United Nations in China** English only
 - This website displays the 13 UN organizations that are represented in China, together with the Bretton Woods institutions (World Bank, IFC, IMF, see below). They all work together under the umbrella of the so-called UN Resident Coordinator System, which is responsible for coordinating single programs and projects so that resources are used more effectively, benefits from synergies effects are created, and thereby costs are reduced. Networking and inter-institutional cooperation are the credo of this website.
 - The following institutions/ programs can be accessed from this website: UN Resident Coordinator in China, News of the UN in China, UN international, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF),

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Health Organisation (WHO), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), The World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Finance Corporation (IFC), International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP).

- ◆ www.ernasia.org **Environmental Research Network Asia (ERNASIA)** English only
 - ERNASIA was founded by the North-South Interdisciplinary Research and Education Fund of Wageningen University/ The Netherlands (INREF), and understands itself as an independent, multi-disciplinary research network that provides an international forum for academic cooperation, exchange and debate on environmental problems in Asia.