

POSTCARDS FROM CHINA

Fisheries Technical Exchange 2013



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Technical Exchange 2013

- P. R. C. – U. S. Protocol on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Conservation of Nature signed in 1986, expanded in 2007 to include fish and aquatic conservation.
- Protocol is implemented in 3 year work plans or “Annexes.”
- Annex 11 (2011-2013) consisted of one senior level - 10 day exchange and two - 21 day technical exchanges.
- Sites - Yangtze River Fisheries Research Institute in Wuhan and the East China Seas Fisheries Research Center in Shanghai.
- Individuals are nominated and selected based on diversity of expertise and specific exchange objectives.



Yangtze River Facts

- Largest river in China at 3,917 miles (Mississippi River 2,320 miles, MMJ 3,902 miles)
- 18.8% of land area in China, river and basin are home to 1/3 of China's population
- 230 fish species, 300 bird species, 60 amphibian species, 87 reptile species
- Baiji dolphin and Yangtze alligator, rare endemic species



Getting ready to travel...

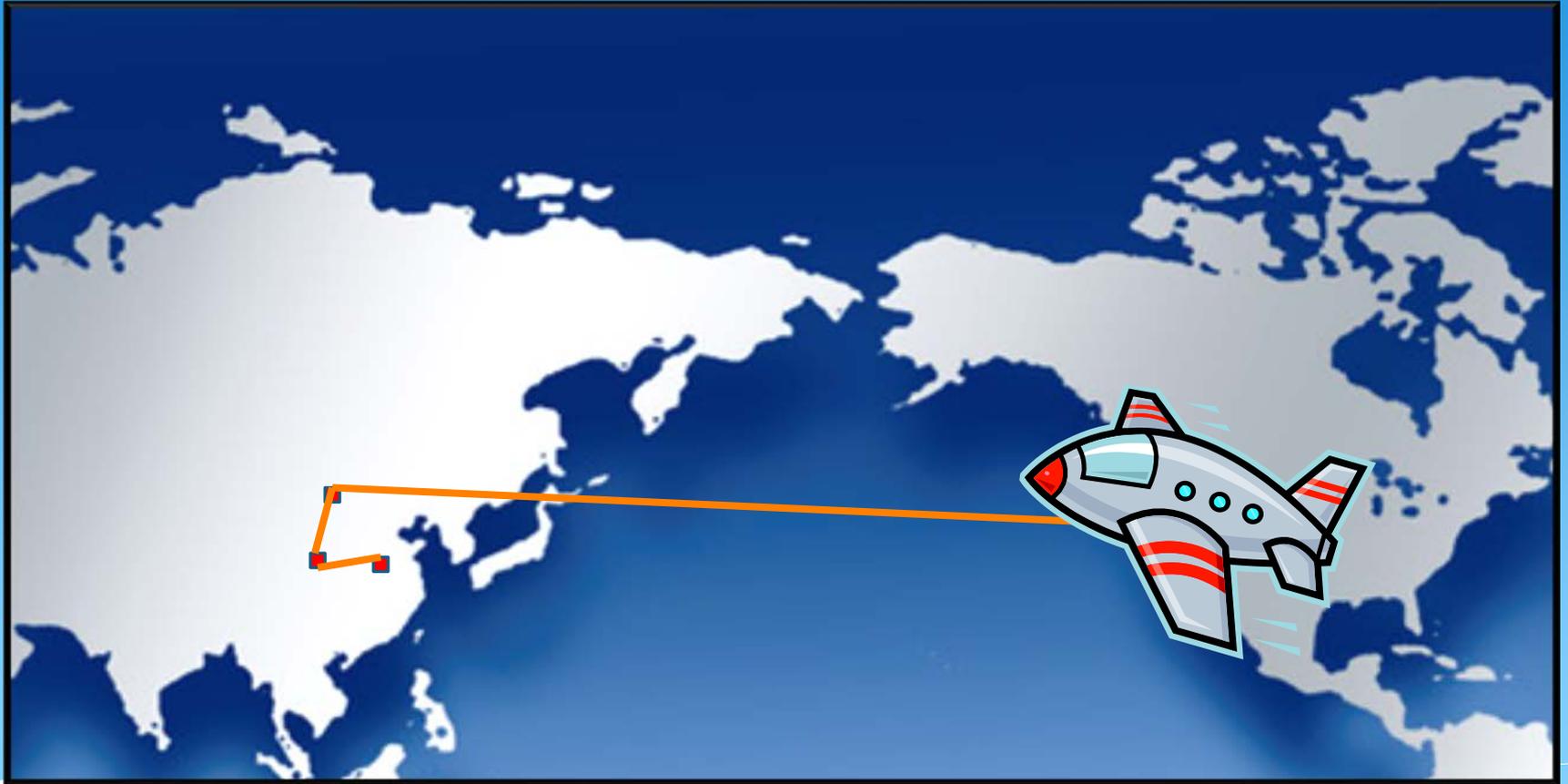
- SF-1175
- Official passport
- Chinese visa
- Vaccinations
- Coordination of travel plans
- Lapse in federal appropriations
- GovTrip/Concur transition
- New guidance on travelling with DOI electronics



Countless questions on what to expect...



Are we there yet?



Albuquerque to Beijing via San Francisco (15.5 hours/ 6,800 miles) to Wuhan (2.5 hours/ 715 miles). 13 days later, Wuhan to Shanghai by a bullet train (6 hours/522 miles).



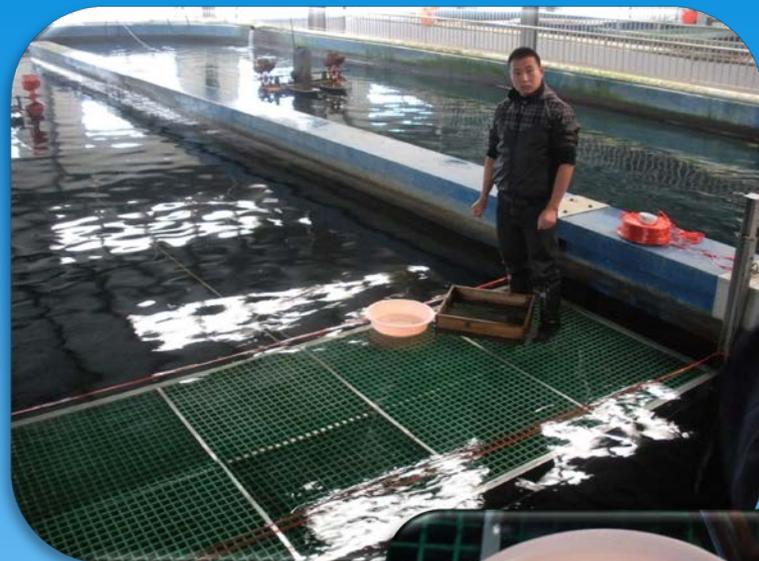
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Propagation Facilities

YRFRI (Wuhan)

Taihu Base (Jingzhou City)





Having fun, wish you were here...

- Jet lag
- Language barrier
- Chopsticks
- Sleeping arrangements
- Communication with home
- Good food, but...
- Itinerary changes
- Restrooms
- Smog



Trip Motto: “Just go with it”

Liangzi Lake sampling trip



High Tech Labs





Fish Collections



Chongming Island and wetland conservation



Chinese Food







Chinese Culture





Chinese living – City and Country



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2014 – 2016 Mutual Exchanges Under Annex 12 (Newest Version of the Protocol)

- **Management of wildlife and habitat in urban areas, including environmental education and public services**
- **Long-term exchanges of nature reserve/refuge staff**
- **Cooperation between Changbaishan National Nature Reserve and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**
- **Nationally coordinated monitoring of landscape-scale conservation in refuges**
- **Consultations on CITES Convention**
- **Monitoring and restoration of wetlands, including a symposium in China**
- **Ecological/economic benefits and sustainable use of wetlands**

Prospective Areas of Cooperation for Fisheries (2014 – 2016)

- Design and delivery of endangered species conservation
- Conservation and sustainable management of Giant Salamander
- Asian carp recovery in China and control in U. S.
- Multi-jurisdictional aquatic and fish habitat management

Plus support for wildlife disease evaluation/prevention and early detection, wildlife reintroduction (including bald eagle), and establishment and operation of a Chinese national park system subject to the availability of resources on both sides.

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