Integrated Water Resources Management for Adaption to Climate Change Jinsha River 金沙江 River of Golden Sands

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China





Stop 1 Chengdu













Stop 2 **Yibin**





Participants

- Yangtze Water Resources Commission
- Swiss Delegation
- Local Experts







Junction Min River / Jinsha River 岷江 / 金沙江

- Min River 50-years discharge: 30'000 m³/s
- Highest flood level marks in 2012 (left)

1st Project Meeting

Stop 3 Shuifu



Xiangjiaba Hydropower Station

- 1 of 4 stations
- Together 2x capacity of Three Gorges Dam
- Costs 50 billion
 CNY (8 billion CHF)











Roadtrip to Kunming









Roadtrip to Kunming Stopover Huize



Stop 4 Kunming



2nd Project Meeting Kunming











Penal discussion Yunnan Water Resources Department

- Climate situation
 in Yunnan
- Natural hazard disasters
- Strategies and measures



Roadtrip to Dali











Stop 5 Dali



Er Lake

- Local water diversion project for agriculture
- In operation since 1994













Bai Zhu Minorities at Erhai / Dali









Stop 6 Lijiang – Yangtze First Bend



Stop 7 Yulong Xueshan – Snow Mountain



Snow Mountain

- Valley station
 3'356 m asl
- Visitor platform
 4'506 m asl
- Visitor top platform 4'680 m asl
- Mountain peak 5'596 m asl









Snow Mountain

 Glaciers and mountain springs contribute strongly to water supply in the valley

Lijiang inhabitants 140'000 residents / 200'000 incl. temporary residents / 300'000 incl. tourists

- 3 parallel river catchments: Jinsha river (=Changjiang or Yangtze river)
 - Lancang river (=Mekong river, Er Hai (Dali) is tributary of Lancang) Nu river (=Salween river)





Stop 8 Lijiang - Ancient Town











Black Dragon Pond Hei Long Tan **黑**龙潭

- Strong touristic attraction
- Dried out in January 2013 due to sinking of groundwater level and running dry of natural springs (drought phenomenon)
- Minimum groundwater level at -17 m (July 2013)
 - 6 m (September 2013)
- new groundwater gauging station installed in November 2012, no water extraction e.g. for agriculture
- Last few years strong decrease of precipitation



Black Dragon Pond Hei Long Tan 黑龙潭

Artificial («man-made») fountain in Lijiang

water supplied from Snow Mountain source, water supply for Lijiang city, at **water wheel** point in ancient city (left) distributed to **3 water flows**, wide distribution

 «Water compensation areas» in Snow Mountain area, divert water to several spots in the region, where water is short;

option for Hei Long Tan in the future.

Long-term Goal

To develop an Integrated Water Resources and Risk Management Framework for the Jinsha River Basin that takes account of the impacts of climate change, that is effective in protecting life and assets, contributes to the continuing development of the Chinese economy and that is a source of learning for global climate change discussions.

3-year Goal

Sino-Swiss cooperation to design measures to enhance the water management practices for the Jinsha river basin and to adapt to climate change.







The real wrap-up mEATing!









Saying Goodbye





Outlook

- Contracts signed November 2014
- Project start December 2014
- End of Project 2017

Thank you!



