

REPORT ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION

Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces

Executive Summary

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To protect the authenticity and integrity of the Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces, the State Party has been, based on the *Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage* and its *Operational Guidelines* as well as related decisions of the World Heritage Committee, engaged in improving the conservation and management of the property. From 2013 to 2014, the following programs were launched g on the terraces:

ASdopted the *Decision on Enhancing Conservation and Management of the World Heritage Site of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces* (H.F. No.34 (2014)), which gives priority to law - based protection of the core elements of the world heritage property, including the four elements of "forest, villages, rice terraces and water system" and the traditional culture of Hani ethnic group. The World Heritage Administration of Honghe Hani and Yi People's Autonomous Prefecture, formerly Honghe Hani Rice Terraces Administration, serves as the executive agency of the Prefectural Administrative Committee for Conservation and Development of the Cultural Heritage of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces, and functions as the Prefectural Administration of the National Wetland Park in (Yunnan) Honghe Hani Terraces, taking over the duties for the management of the National Wetland Park in Honghe Hani Terraces. The integration of the management responsibilities is helpful for further improving the standards for world heritage management and the implementation efficiency and effect. Organizee related units and staff to carry out regular inspection and collect and record monitoring data every day. Any new situation and new problems discovered during inspection was handled in time. Allocated a special fund of RMB30 million (USD 4.825 million) to renovate and protect 7 villages inside the world heritage site of Hani Rice Terraces, in accordance with the Planning for the Protection and Management of Hani Rice Terraces, the Guidelines for Conservation, Renovation and Environmental Treatment of Traditional Hani Residences in Honghe and relevant laws and regulations and standards. Cultural inheritance bases have been established inside the heritage site, and 141 ethnic craftsmanship inheritors have been covered by related protection programs at state, provincial, prefecture and county levels. This promotes the protection and inheritance of intangible cultural heritage related to the farming culture, such as The Song of Production in Four Seasons of Hani Ethnic Group. Collaborated with CCTV, BBC and other domestic and foreign newspapers and periodicals, the Hani Rice Terraces was frequently covered by the TV programs and on-line news. These reports greatly improve the popularity of the Hani Rice Terraces and introduce the

OUV, authenticity and integrity of the Hani Rice Terraces to the whole society. Established the Honghe Hani Rice Terraces Culture Inheritance Center and 176 folk performance teams. In 2014, more than 400 public world heritage publicity and education activities including themed presentations were held. Attaches great importance to the development of traditional the terrace-based red rice industry. The "company + farmer" mode has been adopted and terrace-based red rice production cooperative has been established to encourage local residents to continue farming on the terraces, directly benefit the local residents and attract more young people to return to the heritage site and devote themselves to the agricultural production there.

To respond to the requirements under the fourth and sixth decisions of the World Heritage Committee, Honghe Hani Rice Terraces Administration of Yuanyang County authorized the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research of Chinese Academy of Sciences to make the *Sustainable Tourism Strategic Planning for Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces in China*. It specifies the basic principles and strategies, tourism carrying capacity and tourism management measures, and aims to coordinate the scientific protection of the world heritage with increase of income of local villagers and social development. Make the *Interpretation Planning for Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces in China*. It aims to introduce diversified interpretation and presentation methods to establish a heritage interpretation and presentation system with multiple functions, including heritage protection, tourist services, environmental education, tourist management and recreation experience, and to promote the communication and understanding between related stakeholders, improve people's cognition of the value of the cultural landscape heritage and awareness of heritage conservation, and promote the compliance with international conventions and relevant Chinese laws and regulations. The State Administration of Cultural Heritage of China and the People's Government of Yunnan held the International Workshop on the Sustainable Development of the Cultural Landscape of Honghe Hani Rice Terraces, from October 27 to 31, 2014. Participants at the workshop included representatives of related international organizations, including UNESCO Beijing office, ICCROM, ICOMOS and related scientific committees, and more than 80 experts and scholars from India, Japan, ROK, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, South Africa, Germany, Spain and Norway as well as the cultural landscape heritage protection circles of China. Centering on the topics of "Protection and Management of Cultural Landscape", "Case Study of the Cultural Landscape", "Protection and Inheritance of Cultural Diversity" and "Development Strategy for the Sustainable Ecotourism", the participants conducted in-depth and profound discussions⁶. The *Honghe Recommendations on the Sustainable Development of Terraced Cultural Landscapes* was made.