



Ramsar Information Sheet

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Guangxi Beihai Jinhaiwan Mangrove Wetlands



Designation date	28 October 2022
Site number	2508
Coordinates	21°24'28"N 109°12'E
Area	1 357,80 ha

Color codes

Fields back-shaded in light blue relate to data and information required only for RIS updates.

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1 - Summary

Summary

The Site is located in the coastal area of Beibu Gulf in the South China Sea. It is in a staggered transition zone from land to sea, with geomorphological characteristics formed from marine accumulation. The Site mainly consists of offshore and coastal wetlands, including sandy beaches, gravel beaches, mangroves, estuarine waters, and intertidal mudflats. It lies in the intertidal zone with sandy and gravelly substrate and low organic matter content. The Site consists of a series of brackish and salt water wetlands, which have low anthropogenic interference. It is a representative coastal Mangrove wetland ecosystem in southern China.

There are seven species of native mangrove plants, covering 147 ha and dominated by the native gray mangrove (*Avicennia marina*) community. The Site is on the East Asia - Australasia migration route. It provides habitat for various threatened and migrating species, including great knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*) and black-faced spoonbill (*Platalea minor*). Due to the geographical location, substrate features, habitat conditions, and the relatively low anthropogenic disturbance, this area provides an important spawning and nursery site for the only two species of horseshoe crabs in China, tri-spine horseshoe crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*) and horseshoe crab (*Carcinoscorpius rotundicauda*). It is one of the critical horseshoe crab habitats in the Beibu Bay and maybe even the world as it provides shelter for reproduction and recovery of the endangered tri-spine horseshoe crab population.

The Site provides ecological services such as water purification, moisture regulation, microclimate regulation, and supports threatened species. It also provides regional flood storage, groundwater replenishment, water supply, and coastal zone protection. In 2021, the ecological restoration of Fengji Jiang Basin in Guangxi Beihai Coastal National Wetland Park was selected as one of the top cases of ecological restoration with Chinese characteristics in the "IUCN Nature-based Solutions China Typical Cases" jointly released by the Ministry of Natural Resources of China and IUCN.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

Responsible compiler

Institution/agency	Guangxi Beihai National Wetland Park Management Office
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National Ramsar Administrative Authority

Institution/agency	Ramsar Administrative Authority of the People's Republic of China
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2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year	2018
To year	2021

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Guangxi Beihai Jinhaiwan Mangrove Wetlands
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2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

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Boundaries description

The Site is located in the Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park, accounting for 67.6% of the total wetland park area. It includes three ecosystems: offshore and coastal wetlands, permanent rivers (Fengjiajiang River), and artificial wetlands (such as Liyu Di Reservoir). The Site includes the offshore and coastal wetlands of the wetland park, including the coastal mangroves from the estuary of Fengjiajiang River to Dagan Sha and the shallow sea area, which stretches north to the position about 150 m south of Haijing Blvd, overlaps with the boundary of the Wetland Park in the south, reaches Xicungang in the east, and reaches the estuary of Fengjiajiang River in the west.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?	Beihai City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region
b) What is the nearest town or population centre?	Yintan Town, Yinhai District

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

- a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries? Yes No
- b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the territory of another Contracting Party? Yes No

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha):	1357.8
Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from GIS boundaries	1357.285

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions

Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region
Udvardy's Biogeographical Provinces	Tropical humid forests, South Chinese Rainforest Biogeographic Province, Indomalayan Realm

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

- Criterion 1: Representative, rare or unique natural or near-natural wetland types

Hydrological services provided

Jinhaiwan Mangrove Wetlands is located in the south of Beihai City. It is mainly composed of offshore and coastal wetlands, including the coastal mangroves from the estuary of Fengjiajiang River to Daguansha and shallow sea areas. The wetland types includes mangroves, sandy beaches, muddy beaches and estuarine waters. The major water sources consists of tides, freshwater streams, and atmospheric precipitation. The tidal pattern of the sea area is all-day tide, with an average tide level of 2.51m, a maximum tide level of 6.06m, a minimum tide level of -0.06m, a maximum flow rate of 0.23m/s at high tide and 0.45m/s at low tide. The primary wave direction of the sea area is southwest with an average wave height of 0.3m and a maximum wave height of 2m. Under these different hydrological conditions, the salinity from the coast to the shallow waters shows significant gradient variations which results in relatively regularly changing vegetation types, microbial communities, nutrient elements, dissolved oxygen, and physical and chemical properties of coastal wetland soils. This overall helps in forming an estuary and coastal mangrove ecosystem with ecological functions such as wind and wave prevention, siltation, beach preservation, and shore protection. It plays a vital role in maintaining the ecological balance and ecological security of Beihai City and the coast of Beibu Bay.

Other ecosystem services provided

The substrate of the Site is gravel, which is the most typical sandy mangrove ecosystem in China. It contains 11 species of true mangrove plants and eight semi-mangrove plants, among which the gray mangrove (*Avicennia marina*) group has the largest distribution area and is protogenic and representative to the Southern China Coast. Approximately 147 ha of mangrove forest forms a relatively unique community and successional process near the estuary and coast. This Site has high productivity and provides suitable habitats and abundant food for birds, lower plants, plankton and microorganisms, macrobenthos, and insects. In addition, mangroves in the Site have significant water purification value in the near-shore environment and shallow marine waters. The Site also facilitates the growth and reproduction of offshore fish by providing organic matter, breeding grounds, and shelter for those organisms.

- Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

Optional text box to provide further information

The Site is the habitat of many rare and threatened species, including two Critically Endangered (CR) species: spoon-billed sandpiper (*Calidris pygmaea*) and yellow-breasted bunting (*Emberiza aureola*); seven Endangered (EN) species: far eastern curlew (*Numenius madagascariensis*), great knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*), black-faced spoonbill (*Platalea minor*), spotted greenshank (*Tringa guttifer*), java sparrow (*Lonchura oryzivora*), big-headed reeves' turtle (*Mauremys reevesii*), and tri-spine horseshoe crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*). The following 13 species are vulnerable (VU): Chinese Agarwood (*Aquilaria sinensis*), greater spotted eagle (*Clanga clanga*), fairy pitta (*Pitta nympha*), white-browed reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus tangorum*), eastern imperial eagle (*Aquila heliaca*), Saunders's gull (*Chroicocephalus saundersi*), Chinese egret (*Egretta eulophotes*), black-legged kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*), Chinese cobra (*Naja atra*), king cobra (*Ophiophagus Hannah*), common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), Chinese soft-shelled turtle (*Pelodiscus sinensis*), and beauty snake (*Orthriophis taeniurus*).

The Site covers a complete wetland sequence from fresh water to saline water, and the wetland ecosystem is well preserved with high integrity. The special hydrology, soil and climate have bred complex and complete animal and plant communities, providing important wintering and resting places for the above-mentioned birds on the migration route of East Asia - Australasia migratory birds, as well as important spawning and breeding grounds for the only two species of horseshoe crabs in China, and also providing a good habitat for subtropical reptiles.

Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

Justification

Guangxi Beibu Bay is one of the major mangrove distribution areas in China. The mangroves in the Site are a vital plant group for maintaining the biodiversity of Beibu Bay in the South China Sea and South China. It is crucial for the reproduction and habitat of native mangrove species, water birds, and benthic animals. There are 11 species of true mangroves and eight species of semi-mangroves, such as gray mangrove (*Avicennia marina*), black mangrove (*Aegiceras corniculatum*), *Kandelia obovata*, black mangrove (*Bruguiera gymnorhiza*), tonga mangrove (*Lumnitzera racemose*), red mangrove (*Rhizophora stylosa*), and blindingtree (*Excoecaria agallocha*).

A total of 401 species of vertebrates were found in the Site and its surroundings, including 32 species of fish, nine species of amphibians, 21 species of reptiles, 330 species of birds, and nine species of mammals. The common species of amphibians contain *Duttaphrynus melanostictus*, *Fejervarya multistriata*, and *Microhyla fissipes*. In the reptiles, snakes are common, with 13 species accounting for 61.90% of the number of reptile species. As a crucial part of the East Asia-Australasia international migratory bird route, there are many bird species in the Site, which is typical to the coastal area of the South China Sea and play an important role in maintaining regional species diversity. Mammals are dominated by small rodents, with a total of five species, accounting for 55.56% of the mammal species.

Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions

The Site has a large number of waterfowls staying and wintering here every year, which is an important wintering and resting place on the migration route from East Asia to Australasia. The diverse wetland habitats and rich food resources provide an important resting and wintering place for 111 species of wintering migratory birds, such as great knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*), Black-faced Spoonbill (*Platalea minor*), Saunders's Gull (*Chroicocephalus saundersi*), eurasian curlew (*Numenius arquata*), Grey-tailed Tattler (*Tringa brevipes*).

Optional text box to provide further information

The horseshoe crab is an ancient marine arthropod that appeared 450 million years ago and is known as a "living marine fossil". It inhabits the inner bay where water exchange is weak, and its juveniles live in the intertidal zone near the estuary for eight to ten years. They are highly dependent on environmental conditions in coastal areas and are considered indicator species for estuarine ecosystem health. Sandy substrates dominate the Site, and the rich sediments and biodiversity of the mangroves provide an essential guarantee for the growth and development of young horseshoe crabs. It is one of the few important habitats of horseshoe crab in the Beibu Bay waters. It inhabits the only two kinds of horseshoe crab in China, tri-spine horseshoe crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*) and horseshoe crab (*Carcinoscorpius rotundicauda*). Based on monitoring data in 2021, the total number of juvenile tri-spine horseshoe crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*) in the region was estimated to be about 13,700. As the growth and development of tri-spine horseshoe crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*) at all stages of its life history have high requirements on environmental characteristics, the Site, as an important spawning and nursery place for tri-spine horseshoe crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*) in the Beibu Bay, is crucial to the survival of tri-spine horseshoe crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*) population.

Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population

Optional text box to provide further information

Based on monitoring data from 2018-2021, a total of three waterfowl species have more than 1% of their biogeographic population within the Site, namely the *Charadrius alexandrinus*, *Calidris alba*, and *Charadrius leschenaultia*. See 3.3 for details.

3.2 - Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Plantae								
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Acanthus ilicifolius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Aegiceras corniculatum</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Aquilaria sinensis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Avicennia marina</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Bruguiera gymnorrhiza</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Excoecaria agallocha</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Kandelia obovata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Laguncularia racemosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Lumnitzera racemosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Rhizophora stylosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Sonneratia apetala</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>		True mangrove, the main species of mangrove forest

3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion				Species contributes under criterion				Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
		2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
Others																	
ARTHROPODA/ MEROSTOMATA	<i>Carcinoscorpius rotundicauda</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				DD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	Crit 3: Representative species; Crit4: inhabiting in this Site
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	<i>Duttaphrynus melanostictus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species;
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	<i>Fejervarya multistriata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				DD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	<i>Mauremys reevesii</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				EN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	Crit 3: Representative species;
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	<i>Microhyla fissipes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	<i>Naja atra</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species and endemic species;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	<i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	Crit 3: Representative species;

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion				Species contributes under criterion				Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
		2	4	6	9	3	5	7	8								
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	<i>Orthriophis taeniurus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	<i>Pelodiscus sinensis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species and endemic species;
ARTHROPODA/ MEROSTOMATA	<i>Tachypleus tridentatus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				EN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	Crit 3: Representative species and endemic species; Crit4:Breeding in this Site
Fish, Mollusc and Crustacea																	
CHORDATA/ ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species;
Birds																	
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Acrocephalus tangorum</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class I	Crit 2: VU; Crit 3: Representative species and rare species;
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class I	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Calidris alba</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	773	2018-2021	3.51	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site; Crit 6: 1 % threshold for rubida, E & SE Asia, Australia, New Zealand (non-bre) is 220 as of 2002.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Calidris pygmaea</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				CR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class I	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				EN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2109	2018-2021	3.01	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species; Crit4: Breeding in the site; Crit 6: 1 % threshold for the population of alexandrinus, E Asia is 700 as of 2021 from EAAFP CSR 1.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	997	2018-2021	1.26	LC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species; Crit 6: 1 % threshold for leschenaultii, SE Asia, Australia (non-bre) is 790 as of 2012.
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Chroicocephalus saundersi</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class I	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Egretta eulophotes</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class I	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species;
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Emberiza aureola</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				CR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class I	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Lonchura oryzivora</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				EN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 3: Representative species and rare species;
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				NT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	Crit 3: Representative species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				EN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Pitta nympha</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class II	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species;

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CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Platalea minor</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				EN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class I	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				VU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Crit 2: It's VU species in IUCN Redlist; Crit 3: Representative species and rare species;
CHORDATA/ AVES	<i>Tringa guttifer</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				EN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Protection Class I	Crit 3: Representative species and rare species; Crit4:Overwintering in this Site

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

<no data available>

4 - What is the Site like? (Ecological character description)

4.1 - Ecological character

Located in the Beibu Bay of the South China Sea, the Site is mainly composed of offshore and coastal wetlands. The wetland types include sand beach, gravel and pebble beach, intertidal forest wetland, estuarine waters, and intertidal mudflat, sand beach and salt flat. The mangrove forest is the essential component of the Site, mainly composed of sandy gray mangrove (*Avicennia marina*) communities distributed in the coastal zone and mangrove mixed communities in the Fengjiajiang estuary habitat. It is a key habitat for waterfowls, intertidal benthos and other animal groups, and is of great significance for maintaining biodiversity.

The mangrove forest in the intertidal forest wetland is dense, and the mangrove plants mainly include gray mangrove (*Avicennia marina*), black mangrove (*Aegiceras corniculatum*), *Kandelia obovata*. It is inhabited by black-crowned night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), Chinese pond-heron (*Ardeola bacchus*), great egret (*Ardea alba*), etc. In the intertidal zone, the rich benthic life provides important feeding grounds for waterbirds such as great knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*), grey-tailed tattler (*Tringa brevipes*), and black-faced spoonbill (*Platalea minor*).

Furthermore, the suitable sand and water flow in the intertidal mudflats provide suitable spawning grounds for Tri-spine Horseshoe Crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*). Abundant benthic organisms provide food security for the growth of its larvae, making it an excellent nursery ground for Tri-spine Horseshoe Crab (*Tachypleus tridentatus*). Estuarine waters, with high heterogeneity of habitats, are the main habitats and breeding places for various aquatic animals, including common species such as spotted sardine (*Clupanodon punctatus*), picnic sea bream (*Acanthopagrus berda*), and *Thryssa* (*Thryssa hamiltonii*).

In addition, the Site also provides ecological services such as wave reduction and shore protection, material production, climate regulation, siltation and land reclamation, pollution retention, flood regulation and storage, water conservation, biodiversity protection, tourism, science and education. The total value of ecological services is estimated to be 136054000 Chinese Yuan per year.

4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Marine or coastal wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
E: Sand, shingle or pebble shores		1	1162.5	
F: Estuarine waters		3	45.3	Representative
G: Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats		4	2.4	
I: Intertidal forested wetlands		2	147.4	Representative

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Other noteworthy plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Cerbera manghas</i>	semi-mangrove plant
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Clerodendrum inerme</i>	semi-mangrove plant
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Fagopyrum acutatum</i>	National Protection Class II
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Glycine max soja</i>	National Protection Class II
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Heritiera littoralis</i>	semi-mangrove plant
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Pluchea indica</i>	semi-mangrove plant
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	semi-mangrove plant
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Premna serratifolia</i>	semi-mangrove plant
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Talipariti tiliaceum</i>	semi-mangrove plant
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	<i>Thespesia populnea</i>	semi-mangrove plant

Optional text box to provide further information

There are four criteria for the selection of species in the List of Wild Plants under Key State Protection: 1, endangered species with very small number and narrow distribution range; 2, endangered and rare species with important economic, scientific and cultural values; 3, wild populations of important crops and related species with genetic value; 4, the species with important economic value, and resources are sharply reduced due to over-exploitation and utilization.

4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range / endemism / other
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Acanthopagrus berda</i>				Dominant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Accipiter badius</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Accipiter gularis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Accipiter soloensis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Ardea alba</i>				Dominant species
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>				Dominant species
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Asio flammeus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Butastur indicus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Buteo japonicus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				National Protection Class I
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Circus spilonotus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Egretta sacra</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Falco amurensis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				National Protection Class II

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Fregata ariel</i>				National Protection Class I
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Haliastur indus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Hirundapus cochinchinensis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AMPHIBIA	<i>Hoplobatrachus rugulosus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Konosirus punctatus</i>				Dominant species, synonym of Clupanodon punctatus
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Merops philippinus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Merops viridis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Milvus migrans</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				Dominant species
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Otus lettia</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Otus sunia</i>				National Protection Class II

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Pitta moluccensis</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Rhinomyias brunneatus</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	<i>Thryssa hamiltonii</i>				Dominant species
CHORDATA/AVES	<i>Zosterops erythropleurus</i>				National Protection Class II

Optional text box to provide further information

Wild animals have important ecological value. The State Council of the People's Republic of China has approved and issued the list of rare and endangered wild animals under national key protection, and the protection of these wild animals has been raised to the legal level.

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
C: Moist Mid-Latitude climate with mild winters	Cfa: Humid subtropical (Mild with no dry season, hot summer)

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in metres)

a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres)

- Entire river basin
- Upper part of river basin
- Middle part of river basin
- Lower part of river basin
- More than one river basin
- Not in river basin
- Coastal

Please name the river basin or basins. If the site lies in a sub-basin, please also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.

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4.4.3 - Soil

- Mineral
- Organic
- No available information

Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)? Yes No

Please provide further information on the soil (optional)

The soil-forming parent material of the Site is gravel, sand, and claystone, with an average soil bulk of 1.62 g per cubic centimeter, total porosity of 39.20%, and non-capillary pores of 10.66%. The soil-forming parent material of the terrace is shallow marine sediment and a few basaltic slope deposits. The zonal soil is humid-thermos ferralitic, and the non-zonal soil is solonchaks, mainly located at the confluence of the bay and estuary. The mangrove soil is called coastal solonchaks, rich in organic matter and sulfate ions, with acidity, and the profile is mostly dark gray.

4.4.4 - Water regime

Water permanence

Presence?	
Usually permanent water present	No change

Source of water that maintains character of the site

Presence?	Predominant water source	
Water inputs from precipitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change
Water inputs from surface water	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change
Marine water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No change

Water destination

Presence?	
Marine	No change

Stability of water regime

Presence?	
Water levels fluctuating (including tidal)	No change

Please add any comments on the water regime and its determinants (if relevant). Use this box to explain sites with complex hydrology:

The annual average water temperature of the sea water in the Site is 23.7°C. The annual average salinity is 28.02‰ (August is the month with the most rainfall and runoff throughout the year, and the average salinity is 24.89‰), with the maximum daily salinity of 35.4 ‰ for many years. There is only one high tide and low tide in the Site every day. The tide pattern in the sea area is diurnal tide, with an average tide level of 2.51 meter, a maximum tide level of 6.06 meter and a minimum tide level of -0.06 meter. Maximum flow rate is 0.23 meter/second at rising tide and 0.45 meter/second at falling tide. The main wave direction of the sea is southwest, with an average wave height of 0.3 meter and the maximum wave height of 2 meter.

4.4.5 - Sediment regime

Significant erosion of sediments occurs on the site

Significant accretion or deposition of sediments occurs on the site

Significant transportation of sediments occurs on or through the site

Sediment regime is highly variable, either seasonally or inter-annually

Sediment regime unknown

4.4.6 - Water pH

Acid (pH<5.5)

Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4)

Alkaline (pH>7.4)

Unknown

Please provide further information on pH (optional):

The monitoring results in 2018 showed that the pH value of the wetland surface water is 6.91-8.32, which is generally weakly alkaline.

4.4.7 - Water salinity

Fresh (<0.5 g/l)

Mixohaline (brackish)/Mixosaline (0.5-30 g/l)

Euhaline/Eusaline (30-40 g/l)

Hyperhaline/Hypersaline (>40 g/l)

Unknown

Please provide further information on salinity (optional):

The monitoring results in 2018 showed that the annual average salinity of the wetland is 28.02 ‰, with a daily maximum of 35.4 ‰ in many year. The flood season is from May to October. The average salinity of each month is 24.69-29.65 ‰. The lowest salinity is in August, with an average of 24.89 ‰.

4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Eutrophic

- Mesotrophic
- Oligotrophic
- Dystrophic
- Unknown

4.4.9 - Features of the surrounding area which may affect the Site

Please describe whether, and if so how, the landscape and ecological characteristics in the area surrounding the Ramsar Site differ from the site itself: i) broadly similar ii) significantly different

- Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development
- Surrounding area has higher human population density
- Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use
- Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types

Please describe other ways in which the surrounding area is different:

The Site is mainly composed of mangroves and mudflats, surrounded by farmland, sea area, and urban land.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Erosion protection	Soil, sediment and nutrient retention	High
Pollution control and detoxification	Water purification/waste treatment or dilution	High
Climate regulation	Local climate regulation/buffering of change	High
Climate regulation	Regulation of greenhouse gases, temperature, precipitation and other climactic processes	Medium
Biological control of pests and disease	Support of predators of agricultural pests (e.g., birds feeding on locusts)	High
Hazard reduction	Coastal shoreline and river bank stabilization and storm protection	High

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Low
Spiritual and inspirational	Inspiration	Medium
Spiritual and inspirational	Contemporary cultural significance, including for arts and creative inspiration, and including existence values	Medium
Spiritual and inspirational	Aesthetic and sense of place values	High
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	High
Scientific and educational	Important knowledge systems, importance for research (scientific reference area or site)	High
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	High
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	High

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganisms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High
Soil formation	Sediment retention	High
Soil formation	Accumulation of organic matter	High
Nutrient cycling	Storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients	High
Nutrient cycling	Carbon storage/sequestration	High
Pollination	Support for pollinators	Medium

Within the site:

Outside the site:

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site? Yes No Unknown

Where economic studies or assessments of economic valuation have been undertaken at the site, it would be helpful to provide information on where the results of such studies may be located (e.g. website links, citation of published literature):

The total value of the ecological service function of the Site is assessed to be RMB 136.054 million per year, with a unit area value of RMB 70,622/ha. The direct utilization value is RMB 38.717 million, accounting for 28.4% of the total value, and the indirect utilization value is RMB 97.337 million, accounting for 71.6% of the total value. The estimation results of each principal service function value are a material production value of RMB 28.863 million, tourism, science, and education value of 9.854 million yuan, climate regulation value of 6.483 million yuan, biodiversity value of 4.288 million yuan, pollution reduction and purification value of 49.632 million yuan, flood storage value of 10.471 million yuan, and water conservation value of 26.463 million yuan.

4.5.2 - Social and cultural values

i) the site provides a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland

ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland

Description if applicable

The area where the wetland park is located has rich wetland cultural resources, including the famous "Nanzhu" culture, the ancient "Maritime Silk Road" culture, the Dan family culture with rich customs, and the devout marine religious culture. The Danjia culture is the central culture that affects the ecological characteristics of wetlands. The Dans means water residents. They take the sea as their companion, the boat as their home, and the fishing as their business. They fight with the wind and waves all year round and feed on the sea. The dangerous residence environment and unique livelihood make industrious, brave, optimistic, and open-minded fishermen to form their unique folk customs in the long-term conquest of the sea.

iii) the ecological character of the wetland depends on its interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples

iv) relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological character of the wetland

4.6 - Ecological processes

<no data available>

5 - How is the Site managed? (Conservation and management)

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

Public ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Private ownership

Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
Cooperative/collective (e.g., farmers cooperative)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for managing the site:

Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office

Provide the name and/or title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:

Guo Guo, Director

Postal address:

Wetland Park Scientific Research Monitoring Center
1km west of the intersection of Nanzhu Blvd and Haijing Blvd
Yinhai District 536000
Beihai City
Guangxi Province
P.R.China

E-mail address:

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5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

5.2.1 - Factors (actual or likely) adversely affecting the Site's ecological character

Human settlements (non agricultural)

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Tourism and recreation areas		Low impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Water regulation

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Drainage		Low impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water abstraction		Low impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Agriculture and aquaculture

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Marine and freshwater aquaculture		Low impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Transportation and service corridors

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Roads and railroads	Low impact		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shipping lanes		Low impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Biological resource use

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources		Low impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Human intrusions and disturbance

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Recreational and tourism activities	Low impact		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Climate change and severe weather

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Temperature extremes	Low impact		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
National Wetland Park	Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park		partly

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

- Ia Strict Nature Reserve
- Ib Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection
- II National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
- III Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
- IV Habitat/Species Management Area: protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention
- V Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation
- VI Managed Resource Protected Area: protected area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems

5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

Measures	Status
Legal protection	Implemented

Habitat

Measures	Status
Soil management	Partially implemented
Improvement of water quality	Implemented
Land conversion controls	Partially implemented
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Partially implemented
Hydrology management/restoration	Partially implemented
Re-vegetation	Partially implemented
Catchment management initiatives/controls	Implemented

Species

Measures	Status
Control of invasive alien plants	Partially implemented
Control of invasive alien animals	Proposed
Threatened/rare species management programmes	Partially implemented

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Regulation/management of wastes	Implemented
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented
Fisheries management/regulation	Implemented
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented
Management of water abstraction/takes	Implemented
Harvest controls/poaching enforcement	Implemented
Research	Partially implemented

Other:

The Site became the first National Wetland Park in Guangxi in 2016, and the management agency is Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office. After more than ten years of construction, the wetland park has developed significantly, forming a set patrol management system with clear responsibilities for various departments. In addition, the Beihai Government promulgated the Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Measures (for Trial Implementation). So, wetland park management has a law to follow. In the Site, 12 hectares of ponds were returned to the beach, semi-mangrove plants were planted to enrich plant community structure and biodiversity, and the wetland ecosystem and bird habitat environment were significantly improved. 27.7 kilometers of interceptor pipes were laid to collect sewage at the nearest sewage treatment plant. Publicity signs and cultural and educational galleries were provided within the Park to show the public about wetland protection and restoration and plant and animal resources. From 2016 to 2021, on average, more than 30 publicity activities were held every year for surrounding communities, the public, primary and secondary school students, etc., to popularize wetland protection knowledge, and more than 3000 people directly participated in the activities. In addition, the Site actively used the Wechat official account, wetland China net, and other platforms to publish about 700 pieces of public information and distribute about 10,000 copies of wetland publicity materials.

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? In preparation

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site? Yes No

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning processes with another Contracting Party? Yes No

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No, but a plan is being prepared

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Water regime monitoring	Implemented
Plant community	Implemented
Animal species (please specify)	Implemented
Water quality	Implemented
Plant species	Implemented
Birds	Implemented
Soil quality	Implemented
Animal community	Implemented

The wetland park has built scientific research and monitoring infrastructures such as mangrove experiment rooms, ecological monitoring and management rooms and purchased various scientific research and monitoring and experimental equipments. The management office organized some ecological monitoring, built artificial wetland mini-habitats and mangrove simulation habitats. In 2020, the Wetland Park Management Office became the National Innovation Alliance for Mangrove Protection and Restoration director unit and the Asia Pacific Limulus Observatory Network Program member unit. At the same time, the Site actively cooperated with the Fourth Institute of Oceanography of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Guangxi Forestry Research Institute, Guangxi Mangrove Research Center, and other scientific institutions to carry out the protection and sustainable use of mangrove marine ecology Scientific research work.

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6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3)

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ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

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iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

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iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

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v. site management plan

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vi. other published literature

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6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Mangrove (Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office, 14-12-2016)



Intertidal mudflat (Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office, 09-07-2021)



Mangrove (Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office, 12-07-2016)



Charadrius alexandrinus (Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office, 05-11-2016)



Calidris alba (Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office, 29-11-2016)



water birds (Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office, 24-10-2022)



Mangrove (Guangxi Beihai Binhai National Wetland Park Management Office, 29-04-2019)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 2022-10-28