

Directory of Important Bird Areas in China (Mainland): Key Sites for Conservation

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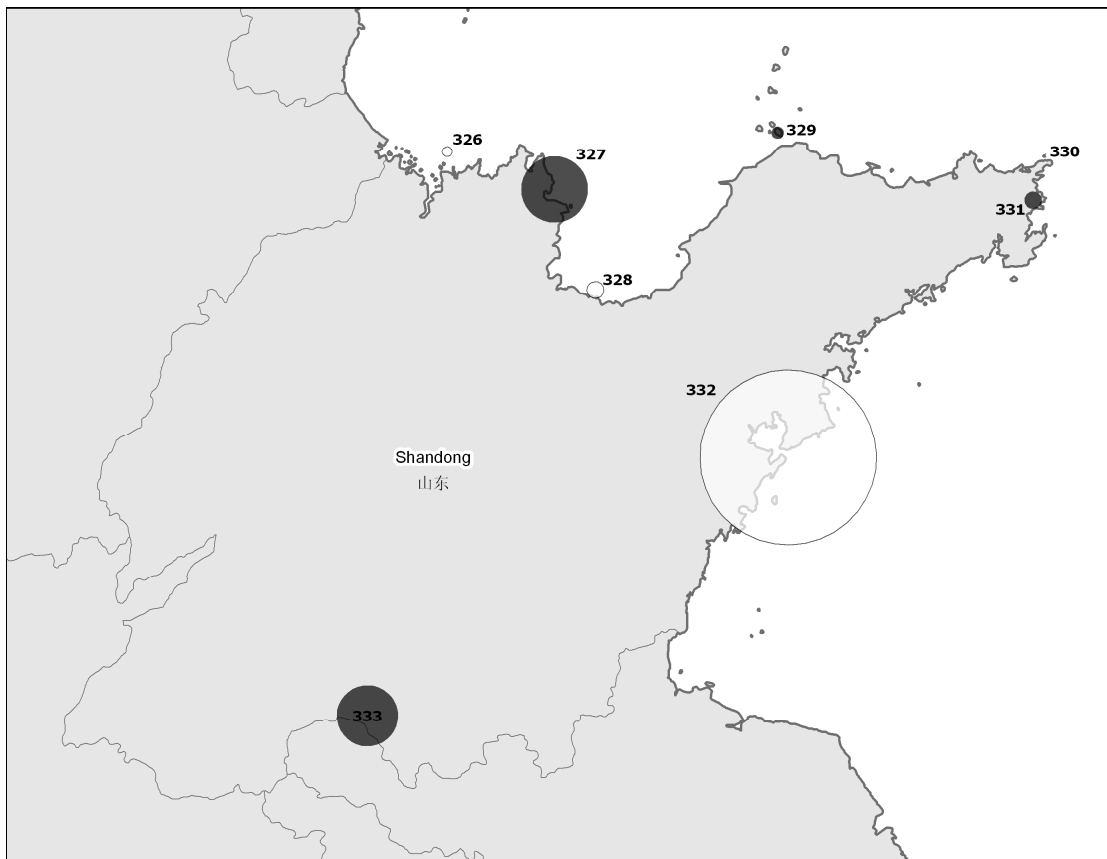
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Important Bird Areas in Shandong Province



IBAs are represented on the map as circles proportional to their areas.

Key: ● = Protected; ◐ = Partially protected; ○ = Unprotected.



The Yellow River Delta (CN327) includes relatively new areas of land that have been created where the river water discharges into the sea, and it supports millions of birds that winter or pass through on migration. (PHOTO: SHAN KAI)

IBA CODE: CN326
NAME: Binzhou coastal islands
CRITERIA: A1 A4iii
AREA: 3,379 ha
COORDINATES: 38°10'N 118°15'E
ALTITUDE: 0-2 m
CONSERVATION STATUS: Not protected
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: No information.
THREATENED SPECIES: *Otis tarda* (VU)
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN327
NAME: Yellow River Delta Nature Reserve
CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii
AREA: About 153,000 ha
COORDINATES: 37°50'N 119°0'E
ALTITUDE: 0-5 m
CONSERVATION STATUS: Protected since 1990, it was established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1991 and a national nature reserve in 1992. It was added to the North East Asian Crane Site Network in 1997.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: At the Huang He (Yellow River) estuary, massive volumes of sediment brought down by the river have settled and formed the largest river delta in China and the youngest coast wetland in eastern China. This sedimentary area is a flat plain. Vegetation cover is c.53.7% inside the nature reserve, and the IBA includes the largest area of coastal vegetation in China.
THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Mergus squamatus* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Tringa guttifer* (EN), *Grus monacha* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU), *Larus saundersi* (VU)
CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Cygnus cygnus*, *Anser fabalis*, *Anser albifrons*, *Anser anser*, *Anas platyrhynchos*, *Grus grus*, *Grus monacha*, *Grus japonensis*, *Fulica atra*, *Larus saundersi*
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN328
NAME: Laizhou Wan
CRITERIA: A4i,A4iii
AREA: About 10,000 ha
COORDINATES: 37°12'N 119°10'E
ALTITUDE: Sea-level
CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Laizhou Wan (bay) is on the northern Shandong peninsula and is one of the three large bays in the Gulf of Bohai. The bay is rather shallow with most of the area not exceeding 10 m in depth, and it is becoming shallower as sediments are deposited by the local rivers.
CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Pluvialis squatarola*, *Charadrius mongolus*, *Limosa lapponica*
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN329
NAME: Changdao Nature Reserve
CRITERIA: A1 A4iv
AREA: 5,300 ha
COORDINATES: 37°55'N 120°44'E
ALTITUDE: 0-203 m
CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1982, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 1988.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Changdao Islands are also called Changshan Liedao, and they lie in the strait between the Shandong and Liaodong peninsulas. The IBA is a migratory bottleneck for birds, and more than one million birds migrate through the islands annually. One of China's most important bird-banding stations is on the islands.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Aquila heliaca* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN330

NAME: Hailü Dao

CRITERIA: A1 A4iii

AREA: 7 ha

COORDINATES: 37°27'N 122°40'E

ALTITUDE: 0-66 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Hailü Dao is an island off the coast to the north-west of Chengshantou, Rongcheng County. It is an important breeding ground for gulls.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Egretta eulophotes* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN331

NAME: Rongcheng Swan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 10,500 ha

COORDINATES: 37°12'N 122°30'E

ALTITUDE: 0-5 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1991, upgraded to a provincial-level nature reserve in 2000 and to a national nature reserve in 2007.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The IBA comprises coastal wetlands and lagoons. The swans winter at three lagoons, named Yue Hu (Tian'e Hu), Chaoyang Hu (Chaoyang Tian'e Hu) and Yangyu Hu (Mashangang Tian'e Hu).

THREATENED SPECIES: *Mergus squamatus* (EN)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Cygnus cygnus*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN332

NAME: Qingdao-Rizhao coastal wetland and islands

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: About 1,063,000 ha

COORDINATES: 36°0'N 120°20'E

ALTITUDE: 0-1,133 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: No information.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN333

NAME: Nansihu Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4iii

AREA: About 128,000 ha

COORDINATES: 34°55'N 117°0'E

ALTITUDE: 34-40 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a city-level nature reserve in 1994.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: No information.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Mergus squamatus* (EN), *Anser erythropus* (VU), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.