

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

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## Important Bird Areas in Shanghai City



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

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



Chongming Dongtan Nature Reserve (CN375) is located at the mouth of the Yangtze River. It is designated as a 'Wetland of International Importance' (or Ramsar site) and is part of the East Asian Shorebird Network. There have recently been new records there of threatened species such as breeding Marsh Grassbird *Locustella pryeri* and thousands of Baikal Teal *Anas formosa*. (PHOTO: GAN XIAOJING)

IBA CODE: CN374

NAME: Coastal Wetlands of Northern Chongming Dao Island

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: About 6,060 ha

COORDINATES: 31°47'N 121°27'E

ALTITUDE: 0-5 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Lies on the northern shore of Chongming Dao Island, with wide tidal flats created by sedimentation from the slow-flowing northern section of the Yangtze Estuary. The area is attractive to large flocks of ducks and shorebirds because it is remote and human disturbance is low. Construction of a dyke began in 2003 between the middle of the tidal flat and Xinglong Sha (also known as Huanggua Sha), and formed an artificial lagoon that is called Bei Hu (North Lake) by local people. This has led to increased sedimentation in Bei Hu and to the east of the dyke. When a new bridge connecting Qidong City in Jiangsu Province and Chongming Dao is completed in 2010, it is anticipated that human disturbance and development pressure will increase.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Platalea minor* (EN), *Larus saundersi* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Platalea minor*, *Larus saundersi*, *Charadrius alexandrinus*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN375

NAME: Chongming Dongtan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: 32,610 ha

COORDINATES: 31°30'N 121°57'E

ALTITUDE: 0-5 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve (32,610 ha) in 1998. The reserve was designated in 2002 as a 'Wetland of International Importance' (or Ramsar site) under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The nature reserve is located in the eastern part of Chongming Dao island, on the boundary of Chongming County, 40 km north-east of Shanghai City. Chongming Dao island is 76 km by 15 km, and was formed by siltation from sediment carried by the Yangtze River, and it is still growing eastwards by 130-140 m annually. The major habitat in the IBA is inter-tidal mudflats.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Platalea minor* (EN, satellite tracking revealed that this IBA is used by the species during northward migration), *Anser cygnoides* (EN, 200 birds in 1991), *Tringa guttifer* (EN), *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus* (EN), *Anser erythropus* (VU, 200 birds in 1991), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Grus monacha* (VU), *Larus saundersi* (VU), *Megalurus pryori* (VU, discovered breeding in the IBA by researchers and students from Fudan University in summer 2005); there was a record of *Sterna bernsteini* (CR) in the IBA in September 2004 but there is no evidence that it occurs there regularly

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Ciconia boyciana*, *Grus monacha*, *Pluvialis squatarola*, *Charadrius dubius*, *Charadrius alexandrinus*, *Numenius madagascariensis*, *Tringa erythropus*, *Tringa stagnatilis*, *Tringa nebularia*, *Calidris tenuirostris*, *Calidris acuminata*, *Calidris alpina*, *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN376

NAME: Jiuduansha Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4iii

AREA: 42,320 ha

COORDINATES: 31°10'N 121°54'E

ALTITUDE: 0-4 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 2000, and upgraded to a national nature reserve (42,320 ha) in 2005.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the eastern coast of Shanghai. The IBA is an estuary in the outmost part of the Yangtze, which includes four sandy islands and the adjacent water. There are no permanent human residents, only occasional visits by fishermen. The reserve aims to protect the estuarine ecosystem. The area is located in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, and large numbers of shorebirds occur on passage. It is also the major wintering area for ducks and geese in Shanghai.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Platalea minor* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Tringa guttifer* (EN), *Anser erythropus* (VU), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Grus monacha* (VU), *Larus saundersi* (VU), *Larus relictus* (VU, seen annually since 2005)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN377

NAME: Eastern Tidal Flat of Nanhui

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: 12,250 ha

COORDINATES: 30°58'N 121°54'E

ALTITUDE: 0-5 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a non-hunting area by Nanhui District Government in September 2007.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the south-eastern corner of Nanhui District, in the Qiantang Jiang estuary, roughly in the middle of the Chinese coastline. It comprises a long inter-tidal strip extending about 40 km from the border of Pudong and Nanhui districts in the north to the gulf of Hangzhou Wan in the south, with a width of 3-5 km from the sea to the Lianggang-Nanlu highway. It occupies about 18% of the land area of Nanhui District. The IBA faces severe development pressure, and about 13,300 ha of the inter-tidal areas in Nanhui were reclaimed for urban construction in 2003.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Platalea minor* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Egretta eulophotes* (VU, 36 birds recorded in August 2006), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Larus saundersi* (VU), *Megalurus pryeri* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Anas falcata*, *Egretta eulophotes*, *Calidris alba*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.