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## **Rice Paddy Wetlands in China**

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Rice is one of the wetland productions, and also common wetland flora, but has been playing a significant role in agriculture evolution and history civilization. Rice growing can be dated to the costal wetland of eastern China some 7,700 years ago. Rice is grown in 120 countries worldwide and, as the staple diet for over half the world's population, but the global average yield is only 200 kg per mu. The achievement of hybrid rice by Prof. Yuan Longping and its application and spread create conditions for self food supply in many countries. Rice paddy field is the largest human-made wetland and is as important as natural wetlands. Paddy rice fields provide not only rice production for food, but also play important role for maintaining ecological balance. The new technology of rice paddy field aquiculture should be encouraged and the new modal of "rice paddy + aquiculture" should be extended.