



# 14<sup>th</sup> International Living Lakes Conference

Nanchang, China 2014



**Lakes in densely populated regions -  
balance between people and nature**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014**



*"Water is the driver of Nature", Leonardo da Vinci*

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Location: Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, China

Hosts: Jiangxi Provincial Government, Global Nature Fund (GNF), Ramsar, Jiangxi Department of Science & Technology, MRLDO, Jiangxi Academy of Sciences, Mountain River Lake Sustainable Development (MRLSD)

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Themes: **Lakes in densely populated regions: Balance between people and nature**

- Safeguard ecosystem services of lakes in an urban environment
- Water for cities
- Healthy Lakes and wetlands as an incentive for tourism development
- Sustainable fisheries in lakes and wetlands
- Ecological functions of flood plains
- Lakes as hotspots of biodiversity

### **Lake Management – Challenges in a changing world**

In 1998, the Living Lakes network, a global partnership of environmental organisations striving for the protection of lakes and wetlands worldwide, was launched by Global Nature Fund. Now, more than 16 years later, the network consists of over 100 partner lakes represented by member organisations from all over the world.

### **Target Group**

Sound water management is crucial to find the right balance between optimising the use of water resources and protecting of the ecological integrity of lake and wetland ecosystems. There is a wide consensus on how best management practices are reached, and that is by including all stakeholders acting in the lakes basin. Therefore this conference targets the wide range of stakeholder implicating in lakes and wetland management, including : administrations and political decision makers on local and regional level, farmers and fishermen, the tourism industry, and other economical sectors, scientific institutions, NGOs and other representatives of the local communities.

### **Global Nature Fund**

Headquartered in Germany at Lake Constance, Global Nature Fund (GNF) is a non-profit, private, independent international foundation for the protection of the environment and





nature. GNF launched the global Living Lakes network in 1998, the only lake network of NGOs worldwide.

## **MRLSD & MRLDO**

Headquartered in Nanchang, China, MRLSD (Promotion Association for Mountain-River-Lake Regional Sustainable Development), a non-governmental non-profit organisation, is the official Living Lakes partner organisation at Lake Poyang. MRLSD's mission is to promote activities to protect and develop China's freshwater lake and to solve the problems of ecological degradation and poverty in urban and rural areas. MRLSD, who started the Mountain-River-Lake Programme in 1985, is supported by MRLDO (Mountain-River-Lake Development Organisation).

## **Jiangxi Academy of Sciences**

The Jiangxi Academy of Sciences (JXAS) is the only comprehensive institute of natural science research in Jiangxi Province and focuses on lake research, including wetland environment & plant ecology, water environment & pollution control, soil environment & ecological restoration, and Oncomelania ecology & Schistosome control. The Jiangxi Academy of Sciences is also member of the international network Living Lakes.

## **Ramsar**

The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, called the Ramsar Convention, is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

## **Living Lakes**

Living Lakes is an international network and partnership having the mission to enhance the protection, restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, wetlands and other freshwater bodies of the world.

## **Poyang & Nanchang**

The venue of the conference is Nanchang, the capital of the Jiangxi Province. Poyang-hu, the largest freshwater lake in China, is situated 50 km north of Nanchang.

## **The Importance of Lakes**

Lakes and wetlands are among the world's most easily accessible source for fresh water. They are dynamic aquatic ecosystems; simultaneously providing large quantities of fresh water, food and recreation for humans, in addition to sustaining habitats for thousands of species of animals, birds and plants. Water is a precious shared resource and its protection requires citizens, corporations and nations to act responsibly. The Living Lakes Network is about developing partnerships with all stakeholders to ensure a balance is firmly established between protecting sensitive ecosystems and managing the growth of lake-sensitive economic development – whether it is recreational, agricultural or industrial.





## Involving the Private Sector

Since its creation in 1998, Global Nature Fund and Living Lakes have been seeking for strong alliances with partners from the private sector. GNF and its partners pursue careful and considerate use of natural resources as well as the development of alternative income sources. In our global world, the strong interconnection between environmental and economic development becomes more and more evident. Strong and positive social and environmental performances of companies are becoming a necessity.. Strengthening biodiversity and ecosystems can therefore be a opportunity for business knowing that almost every business sector depends to some extent on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

## Media Participation

Media representatives from around the world will observe the steps to preserve the natural water legacy of China for future generations. Conference delegates will exchange on what is being done, on municipal, provincial and federal level, to handle water as a scarce resource being the prerequisite for business development.

## Visa Procedure

In order to obtain an invitation letter to apply for Visa, please contact the Chinese host organisation MRLSD:

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## Participation Fees

**450 Euro for the full conference (7 days & 6 nights, including food and lodging).**

90 Euro per day/night including food and lodging.

## Registration

Online registration at [www.globalnature.org/14LLC](http://www.globalnature.org/14LLC).

## General Information

Time Zone	UTC+8
Climate	The weather in November is mild and rather dry, average temperature is 20° C (68° F). Bring a jacket for mornings and evenings, insect repellent and umbrellas, just in case.
Conference Language	English. Simultaneous Chinese - English interpretation will be provided during plenary sessions.
Currency	Chinese RMB. ATMs are available.
Communication	The international phone code for China is +86, the international prefix is 00.
Electricity	Voltage is 220V - 50 Hz. Information on adapters and plugs is available at <a href="http://kropla.com/electric2.htm">http://kropla.com/electric2.htm</a> .





## Programme

TUESDAY, 18 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 - ARRIVAL DAY	
	Arrival at Nanchang
19.30	Welcome Dinner
WEDNESDAY, 19 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 – Field Trip Day	
7.00 – 8.30	Breakfast
9.30 – 12.30	<b>Visit to the Jiangxi Academy of Science</b>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.30 – 18.00	<b>Guided Walk to Nanchang.</b> Living Lakes Networking Meetings (for Living Lakes delegates)
19:30	Dinner
THURSDAY, 20 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 – Conference Day 1	
07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast
08.00 – 09.00	Registration (will be continued during the day)
09.00 - 09.30	Opening of the 14 <sup>th</sup> World Living Lakes Conference <b>“Lakes in densely populated regions: Balance between people and nature”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>President of the Jiangxi Provincial Government</b></li> <li>• <b>Marion Hammerl</b> , President of GNF</li> <li>• <b>Chris Perceval</b>, Head of Strategy &amp; Partnerships, Ramsar Convention</li> </ul>
09.30 - 10.45	<b>Keynote Presentations: Lake protection in densely populated areas</b> <b>Dr Thomas Chiramba</b> , Chief Freshwater & Ecosystems, UNEP <b>Meng Wei</b> , Academician, Chinese Academy of Engineering (tbc) <b>Prof Dr Manfred Niekisch</b> , IUCN, GNF, Member of the Council of Environmental Experts of the German Government
10.45 – 11.15	<b>Coffee Break</b>



11.15 - 12.30	<p><b>Session 1: Sustainable management of riparian Lake Communities with a special focus on lake protection</b></p> <p>Moderator: OXFAM International</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof Hu Zhenpeng, Former Vice-President of Jiangxi Provincial Government</li><li>• Heather Leschied, Living Lakes Canada</li><li>• Dr Thomas Schaefer, Network Living Lakes Germany</li></ul> <p>Questions</p>
12.30 - 14.00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14.30 - 15.30	<p><b>Session 2: Pollution in Lake Areas - Control, Precaution and Resilience</b></p> <p>Moderator: Prof Xingzhao Dai, MRLSD</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof Yang Guishan, Institute of Geography &amp; Limnology, Chinese Academy of Science, Taihu Lake</li><li>• Bobby Azores, Friends of Seven Lakes Foundation, Lake Sampaloc, Philippines</li><li>• Prof Wei Yuansong, Jiangxi Academy of Science, Poyang Lake</li><li>• Felipe Valderrama, Laguna Fúquene, Colombia</li></ul> <p>Questions</p>
15.30 - 17.00	<p><b>Session 3: Biodiversity and Wetland Protection - Conflict of land demand between people and nature</b></p> <p>Moderator: Chris Perceval, Ramsar Convention</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ma Guangren, Wetland Conservation Management Center, State Forestry Administration of China</li><li>• Nancy Haddaden, Friends of the Earth Middle East, Dead Sea, Israel, Jordan, Palestine</li><li>• Ma Chao De, United Nations Development Programme China Office</li><li>• Eduardo de Miguel, Fundacion Global Nature Spain, Albufera Lagoon Valencia</li></ul> <p>Questions</p>
17.00 - 17.30	<p>Coffee Break</p>



17.30 - 18.45	<p><b>Session 4: Lakes and sustainable tourism development</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Andrew Venter, Wildlands, South Africa</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lei Gang, WWF China</li> <li>• Antje Völl, Lake Constance Foundation, Germany</li> </ul> <p>Questions</p>
19.30	Dinner
<b>FRIDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 – Conference Day 2</b>	
07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast
09.30 – 12.00	<b>Opening and Summit Forum of the World Low Carbon and Eco-economy Conference &amp; Technical Expo (including poster session)</b>
12.15 - 13.45	Press Meeting incl. Lunch (for media representatives)
12.15 – 13.45	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Parallel Workshops</b></p> <p><b>Workshop 1: Lake communities and land use planning, Management of informal settlements at lake shores</b></p> <p>Moderator: Lennie Santos Borja, LLDA, Laguna de Bay, Philippines</p> <p>Input from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emmanuel Nshimirimana, Biraturaba, Lake Tanganjika, Burundi</li> <li>• Liao Gaochao, MRLSD, Lake Poyang</li> <li>• Premanjali Rao, Pulicat Lagoon, India</li> </ul> <p><b>Workshop 2: Lake communities and climate change: Mitigation and adaptation strategies and measures</b></p> <p>Moderator: N.N., Poyang Lake Laboratory, Nanchang University</p> <p>Input from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N.N., Lake Biwa, Japan</li> <li>• Estuardo Girón, Vivamos Mejor, Lago Atitlán, Guatemala</li> <li>• N.N., Lakes Management Bureau, Hubei Province</li> </ul>



	<p><b>Workshop 3: Lakes and their recreational value</b></p> <p>Moderator: Marion Hammerl, Lake Constance Foundation</p> <p>Input from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N.N., National Park Authority, Lake Hovsgol, Mongolia</li> <li>• N.N., Poyang Lake Laboratory, Jiangxi Normal University</li> <li>• Dr Gábor Mólnar, LBDCA, Lake Balaton, Hungary</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Workshop 4: How Business can support the protection of lakes and wetland and their valuable ecosystem-services</b></p> <p>Moderator: Sebastian Winkler, Global Footprint Network, Switzerland</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huang Haoming, CANGO</li> <li>• Liao Zhiming, Jiangxi Jindalai Environmental Protection Co. Ltd</li> <li>• Stefan Hörmann, Global Nature Fund</li> </ul>
16.00 - 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 - 17.30	<p><b>Short Rapports from the four Workshops</b></p> <p>Moderator: Udo Gattenlöhner, Global Nature Fund</p>
17.30 - 18.30	<p><b>Conference Closing Ceremony</b></p> <p>incl. Gerhard Thielcke Best Conservation Practice Award Ceremony</p>
19.30	Dinner (with dinner speech)
<b>SATURDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 – Guided Tour to Poyang Ramsar Site and LL Assembly</b>	
07.00 – 08.00	Breakfast
08.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Field Trip to Poyang Lake (Ramsar designated Site)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bus departs from Nanchang City to Poyang County</li> <li>- Field trip to the National Wetland Park of Poyang Lake</li> </ul>
12.30 – 14.00	Packed Lunch
14.00 – 18.30	<p><b>Living Lakes Assembly Part 1 &amp; Working Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conference Facilities in the National Wetland Park</li> <li>- Moderator: Dr Alain Maasri, Global Nature Fund</li> </ul>
19:30	Dinner
<b>SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 - Living Lakes Members Assembly and Field Trip</b>	





07.00 – 08.30	Breakfast
09.00 – 13:00	<b>Living Lakes Assembly Part 2 &amp; Working Groups</b>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00	<b>Field Trip to Eco-environmental Protection Project Sites in Rural Areas of the Poyang County</b>
19.30	Dinner and Farewell Event
<b>MONDAY, 24<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 – DEPARTURE</b>	
7.00 – 9.00	Breakfast and Departure

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