

Marine and Coastal Conservation in China

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Abstract

Chinese coastal philosophy seeks to preserve its most scenic coasts and islands, while recognising the multiplicity of usage to which coastal and ocean environments are subjected. To date a total of 68 national and local marine and coastal nature reserves have been established. This represents only a very small percentage (less than 3%) of the Chinese coastline and islands to be declared natural conservation sites compared with developed countries, for example, England and Wales, UK, where 33% of the coast has been defined as Heritage Coasts alone.