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Research on Ecological Security Assessment and Countermeasures along the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor in the Belt and Road Region

Summary

Research on Ecological Security Assessment and Countermeasures along the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor (CMRC) in the Belt and Road Region is a joint cooperative research project launched by the ANSO in January 2020. The project is led and funded by the International Society of Zoological Sciences (ISZS), cooperating with the Institute of Zoology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IOZ/CAS), International Alliance of Protected Areas (IAPA) and its related protected area member organizations (including China, Russia, Mongolia, and Kazakhstan) and relevant institutions of the Russian, Mongolian, and Kazakhstan Academy of Sciences.

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Investigation and Monitoring of Agricultural and Forestry Pests in the Interior of Central Asia

Summary

"Investigation and monitoring of agricultural and forestry pests in the interior of Central Asia" is a joint cooperative research project launched by the ANSO in January 2020. The project is led by the Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, cooperating with Xinjiang Normal University and relevant institutions of the Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan Academy of Sciences and Ministry of agriculture and environmental protection of Turkmenistan.

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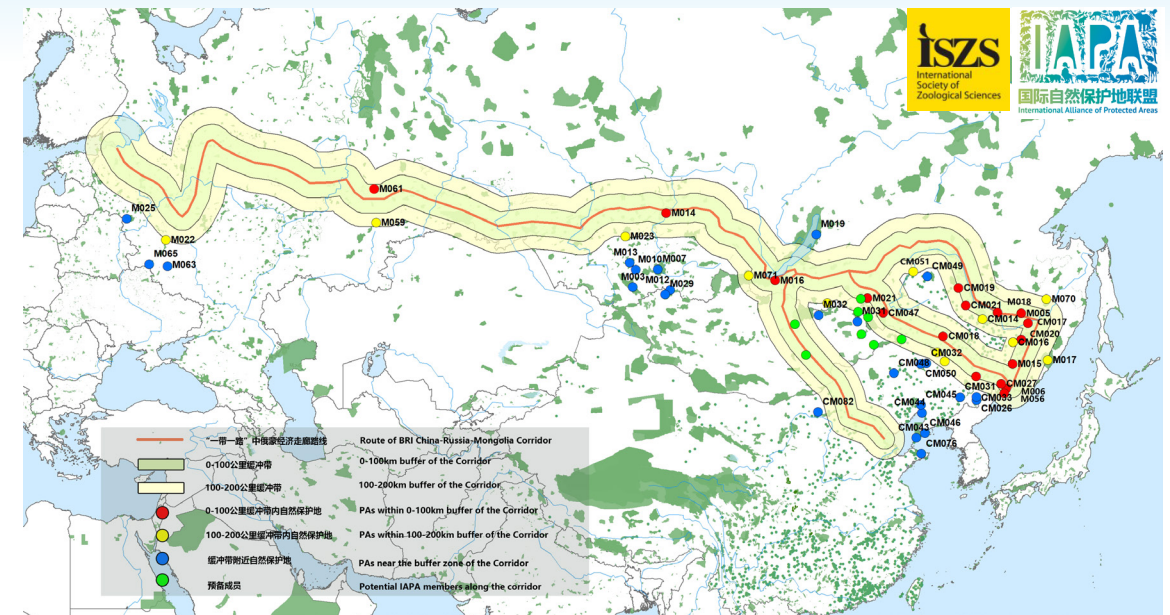**Contact:** chenj@ioz.ac.cn

Research on Ecological Security Assessment and Countermeasures along the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor in the Belt and Road Region

Objectives

The CMRC Project is to carry out ecological monitoring and biosafety assessment research along the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor in the Belt and Road (B&R) region. It aims to provide the scientific basis for ecological environment protection and cooperation of countries and regions in the B&R. It will improve local ecological monitoring capabilities, promote the development philosophy and spirit of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and encouraging B&R green development.

Research Contents

The project will complete the collection of historical information and survey the status of large mammals, birds, small mammals and their relevant diseases in key areas of the CMRC, establish the ecological baseline information database, develop the ecological monitoring standards and assessment system of the CMRC, analyze the potential impact of major B&R projects on its ecological environment and ecological risks, and propose ecological conservation and risk prevention countermeasures and recommendations.

		Route of BRI China-Russia-Mongolia Corridor
一带一路 中蒙俄经济走廊路线		Route of BRI China-Russia-Mongolia Corridor
0-100公里缓冲带		0-100km buffer of the Corridor
100-200公里缓冲带		100-200km buffer of the Corridor
0-100公里缓冲带内自然保护地		PAs within 0-100km buffer of the Corridor
100-200公里缓冲带内自然保护地		PAs within 100-200km buffer of the Corridor
缓冲带附近自然保护地		PAs near the buffer zone of the Corridor
预备成员		Potential IAPA members along the corridor

国家 Country	Code	成员单位	Organization
俄罗斯 Russia	M005	巴斯塔克国家自然保护区	Bastak State Nature Reserve
	M006	豹地国家公园	Land of the Leopard National Park
	M014	斯托比国家公园	Stolby National Reserve
	M015	汗凯斯基国家自然生物圈保护区	Khankaiskiy State Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M016	贝加尔湖国家生物圈保护区	Baikal'skiy State Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M018	兴安斯基国家自然保护区	Khingansky State Nature Reserve
	M021	达乌斯基国家生物圈保护区	Daursky State Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M056	远东海洋国家生物圈自然保护区	Far Eastern Marine State Biosphere Nature Reserve
	M061	斯维亚德大斯先生物圈保护区	Visimsky Biosphere Reserve
	M011	索霍宁丁斯基国家自然生物圈保护区	Sokhondinsky State Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M017	锡霍特阿林国家自然生物圈保护区	Sikhote-Alin State Biosphere Nature Reserve
	M022	乌格拉国家公园	Ugra National Park
	M023	库兹涅茨克山国家自然保护区	Kuznetskiy Alatau State Nature Reserve
	M059	塔伽纳伊国家公园	Taganay National Park
	M070	扎波维德诺耶 普里阿穆里里国家级自然保护区	State Natural Protected Areas in Zapovednoye Priamurie
	M061	斯维尔德洛夫斯克生物圈保护区	Visimsky Biosphere Reserve
	M071	汤金斯基国家公园	Tunkinsky National Park
	M013	番卢根姆基国家公园	Sailugemskiy National Park
	M019	巴古宗斯基国家自然生物圈保护区	Barguzinsky State Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M025	斯摩棱斯克国家公园	Smolensk Lakeland National Park
	M063	中央黑钙土生物圈保护区	Central Chernozem Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M010	哈卡斯基国家自然保护区	Khakassky State Nature Reserve
	M007	萨亚诺 舒申斯基国家自然生物圈保护区	Sayano-Shushensky State Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M003	阿尔泰斯基国家自然生物圈保护区	Altaisky State Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M012	乌布逊乌卡卡尔文科特洛维纳国家自然生物圈保护区	Ubsunurskaya Kotlovina State Nature Biosphere Reserve
	M065	尼鲁索 德斯尼亚科 波莱西自然生物圈保护区	Nerusso-Desnianskoe-Polesie Biosphere Reserve

国家 Country	Code	成员单位	Organization
蒙古国 Mongolia	M031	东方省国家特别保护地	Dornod State Special Protected Areas
	M032	鄂嫩巴勒吉国家公园	Onon-Balj National Park
	M029	乌布苏流域特殊保护地	Uvs Basin Specially Protected Areas
	*	伊赫纳特自然保护区	Ikh Nart Nature Reserve
	*	特勒吉国家公园	Gorkhi-Terelj National Park
	*	堆林博格德自然保护区	Choirin Bogd Nature Reserve
	*	伊赫加兹林丘尔自然保护区	Ikh Gazriin Chuluu Nature Reserve
	*	博格德汗特别保护区	Bogdkhan Special Protected Areas
	*	胡斯泰国家公园	Khustai National Park
	*	"图吉因纳尔斯"自然纪念碑	"Tujiin nars" Natural Monument
	*	努姆鲁格特别保护区	Numrug Special Protected Areas

国家 Country	Code	成员单位	Organization
中国 China	CM017	黑龙江八岔岛国家级自然保护区	Heilongjiang Bacha Island National Nature Reserve
	CM018	黑龙江扎龙国家级自然保护区	Heilongjiang Zhalong Nature Reserve
	CM019	黑龙江中央站黑嘴松鸡国家级自然保护区	Heilongjiang Central Station Spotted Capercaillie National Nature Reserve
	CM020	黑龙江挠力河国家级自然保护区	Heilongjiang Naoli River National Nature Reserve
	CM021	黑龙江盛山国家级自然保护区	Heilongjiang Shengshan National Nature Reserve
	CM027	吉林汪清国家级自然保护区	Jilin Wangqing National Nature Reserve
	CM030	吉林黄泥河国家级自然保护区	Jilin Huangni River National Nature Reserve
	CM047	内蒙古呼伦湖国家级自然保护区	Inner Mongolia Hulun Lake National Nature Reserve
	CM051	内蒙古额尔古纳国家级自然保护区	Inner Mongolia Erguna National Nature Reserve
	CM014	黑龙江翠北湿地国家级自然保护区	Heilongjiang Cuibei Wetland Provincial Nature Reserve
	CM015	黑龙江丰林国家级自然保护区	Heilongjiang Fenglin National Nature Reserve
	CM016	黑龙江宝清七星河国家级自然保护区	Heilongjiang Baoqing Qixinghe National Nature Reserve
	CM028	吉林查干湖国家级自然保护区	Jilin Chagan Lake National Nature Reserve
	CM029	吉林莫莫格国家级自然保护区	Jilin Momoge National Nature Reserve
	CM026	吉林长白山国家级自然保护区	Jilin Changbai Mountain National Nature Reserve
	CM032	吉林向海国家级自然保护区	Jilin Xianghai National Nature Reserve
	CM033	吉林园池湿地国家级自然保护区	Jilin Yuanchi Wetland National Nature Reserve
	CM049	内蒙古大兴安岭汗马国家级自然保护区	Inner Mongolia Da Hinggan Ling Hanma National Nature Reserve
	CM050	内蒙古科尔沁国家级自然保护区	Inner Mongolia Horqin National Nature Reserve
	CM031	吉林哈泥国家级自然保护区	Jilin Hani National Nature Reserve
	CM082	内蒙古大青山国家级自然保护区	Inner Mongolia Daqingshan National Nature Reserve
	CM043	辽宁蛇岛老铁山国家级自然保护区	Liaoning Snake Island-Laotieshan National Nature Reserve
	CM044	辽宁辽河口国家级自然保护区	Liaoning Liaohekou National Nature Reserve
	CM045	辽宁医巫闾山国家级自然保护区	Liaoning Yiwulvshan National Nature Reserve
	CM046	大连城山头海滨地貌国家级自然保护区	Dalian Chengshantou Coastal Landform National Nature Reserve
	CM048	内蒙古赛罕乌拉国家级自然保护区	Inner Mongolia Saihan Wula National Nature Reserve
	CM076	山东昆嵛山国家级自然保护区	Shandong Kunyushan National Reserve

Project Site: China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor of *BRI*

China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor

CMRC

Main Progress

Established a preliminary ecological security cooperation network along the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor. There are 64 protected areas (PAs), and 12 scientific research institutions are included in the network, which strengthened the communication among trans-boundary PAs.

Held five international workshops and training meetings to promote communication, cooperation and related monitoring technology sharing among the countries.

Established preliminary ecological baseline databases of the CMRC region, collected relevant information on the project area, especially the temporal and spatial data of 25 key species, and provided the basis for compiling the Ecological, Social and Development Report of the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor.

Carried out a field survey in Inner Mongolia and surrounding grasslands for animal species distributed along the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor. These works have provided a large amount of first-hand information.

Compiled three reports with recommendations on three aspects along the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor: ecological security, trans-boundary cooperation among PAs, and biological disaster prevention and control.

Highlights

Established a regional ecological information database of the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor, compiled recommendation reports on ecological security to promote trans-boundary conservation and biological disaster prevention and control.

A symposium on the theme of Research on Ecological Security Assessment and Countermeasures along the China-Mongolia-Russia Corridor in the Belt and Road Region was held on 20 September 2020 in Changbai Mountain with over 190 onsite and over 100 online participants. The symposium promoted the implementation of the CMRC project.

Future Plans

Establish and improve an ecological monitoring system, formulate a specification of cooperation in ecological monitoring, and establish monitoring capacity.

Continue to promote exchanges and cooperation among transnational nature reserves and hold international symposiums and training meetings.

Carry out data collection, develop transnational field work, establish basic database of ecological information of the CMRC region.

Submit suggestions of ecological security and risk prevention to government departments of the four countries (China, Russia, Mongolia and Kazakhstan).

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ANSO project meetings

Photos of field work in Inner Mongolia

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Consultation report
Research report

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Investigation and Monitoring of Agricultural and Forestry Pests in the Interior of Central Asia

Objectives

As an important region of the Belt and Road Initiative, Central Asia has a very close relationship with China. The biota is both similar to and different from that of China, which has a significant impact on our country's neighboring biosafety and foreign economic and trade cooperation. Relying on the Belt and Road Animal Resources and Sustainable Utilization Alliance, this project aims to organize a targeted survey of agricultural and forestry pest resources, to determine the composition and fauna of agricultural and forestry pests in the hinterland of Central Asia, and to develop a database of agricultural and forestry pests in this area. The project will also build a rapid species identification platform based on DNA barcode technology, as well as a monitoring network for important pests. The project aims further to export targeted "green" prevention and control equipment and products, to organize relevant professional knowledge and special technical training meetings to encourage young scientists and technology teams dedicated to the monitoring and prevention of pests in agriculture and forestry, and to attract leading scholars to China for exchange visits and cooperative research, in order to build a cooperative research network for monitoring agricultural and forestry pest in Central Asian.

Methodology

We conduct pest resources surveys in partner countries, collect specimens and integrate sample information, establish a Central Asian agricultural and forestry pest database and a DNA barcode standard sequence library to achieve rapid identification of species; build up a pest monitoring network to provide a basis for formulating control strategies. The Chinese side will provide green prevention and control technologies and comprehensive management optimization measures for partner countries, and conduct professional technical training, academic exchanges and personnel training in various fields, such as specimen collection, species identification, and pest monitoring methods.

Main progress

Through a field survey of agricultural pest resources, more than 12,000 specimens of various agricultural pests have been collected; 17,000 specimens have been systematically sorted, and 1,680 DNA barcode sequences of more than 160 pest species have been obtained. The Central Asia Agriculture Pest specimen library, the basic database of pest species of the Belt and Road Region and the rapid identification platform of DNA barcode have been initially established. The Chinese and English versions of the e-book "Agricultural Pests in the B&R Region in Central and East Asia" has been compiled. A monitoring network composed of equipment and products based on the suction tower, entomological radar, sex attractants, etc. has been built, and part of the monitoring data has become an important basis for forecasting, field prevention and control of cross-border migratory locusts on the border between China and Kazakhstan. Operating procedures for monitoring, prevention and control equipment have been provided for three major pests for organic vegetables, greenhouse crops, and fruit trees, as well as lists and instructions for the three major categories of green prevention and control products. A Chinese-English bilingual agricultural pest information platform (Insect Pest Information Platform, http://www.insectpestip.net) was built. Information on the management of 406 species of pest in 83 families and 8 orders can be accessed at any time. Training services have been provided on the use of green prevention and control products and equipment, as well as corresponding English standards and operating instructions for cooperating countries.

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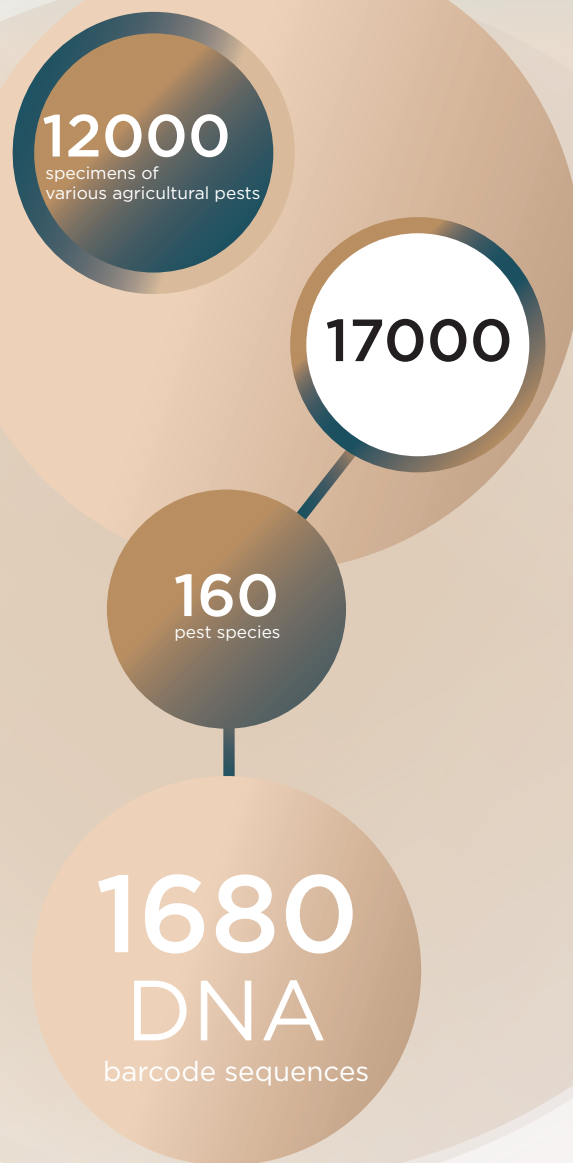
Highlights

More than 12,000 new specimens of various agricultural pests were collected; 17,000 specimens were systematically sorted, and 1,680 DNA barcode sequences of more than 160 pests were obtained; a specimen library of agricultural pests in Central Asia, a basic species database, and a rapid identification platform of DNA barcodes were established; and "Agricultural Insect Information Platform" in both Chinese and English has been built, providing information on 406 species of agricultural pests distributed in the Belt and Road of Central and Eastern Asia; 3 sets of integrated technologies for the prevention and monitoring of organic vegetables, greenhouse crops, and fruit tree pests and 4 green technology operating procedures have been formed; product lists and instructions for use have been developed; training has been provided for young scientists in partner countries, of whom currently 7 students are studying in China.

Future Plan

We plan to guide collaborators to carry out online resource survey specimen sorting and identification remotely in their own country; to continue to obtain important pest DNA barcode sequences, and further to improve the rapid identification system; to improve the monitoring system for migratory insects based on suction trap and insect radar; and to carry out timely biological control of important lepidopteran pests in the experimental bases selected by the partner countries based on the monitoring results of sex attractants. We also will continue to instruct foreign students from the partner countries to carry out scientific research and training, particularly for young technical scientists for foreign countries mainly through online methods.

Agricultural Insect
Information Platform

Publication and IP

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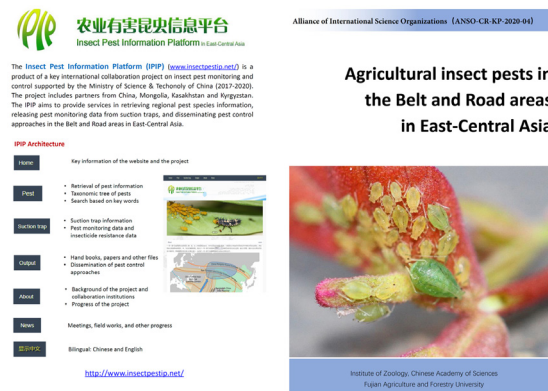DNA barcoding local visualization comparison system V1.0, 2020, 2020SR1920278, applicant: XC Zhu.

Figure 1 Monograph, Electric Book and Information Platform

Insect specimens from Kazakhstan

Insect specimens from Tajikistan

Insect specimens from Uzbekistan

Figure 2 Insect specimens after sorting and preparing (partial)

Suction Trap in Kazakhstan

Insect trap lamps in the China-Kazakhstan border area

Figure 4 Monitoring equipments in the field

Figure 3 Surveys in the field and preparing the specimens

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