

YINFENG GUO

Date of Birth: 2 February 1966

Nationality: Chinese

Current City of Residence: Haidian District, Beijing, China

Email: 13910729039@163.com

Linked-In: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/yinfengguo/>

WeChat: 00639329157139



ABOUT

Dynamic environmental governance and sustainability expert with over 30 years of proven track record and skills in advancing ecosystem resilience and policy reforms, fostering global partnerships, and implementing high-impact sustainability initiatives.

Currently serving as Chief Expert for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Natural Resources, leading negotiations and cooperation in nature and natural resource management, developing strategies for marine hazard mitigation, blue carbon certification, and nature-based solutions. Previous roles include managing 100 million US dollar donor projects for improved governance of biodiversity, river basin and international waters, spearheading integrated coastal management and large marine ecosystem approach across Southeast and East Asia, contributing to the implementation Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia and the global frameworks.

WORK EXPERIENCES

Chief Expert, International Cooperation, National Marine Hazard Mitigation Service, Ministry of Natural Resources (NMHMS/MNR), since April 2021. Beijing

- Strategic and policy adviser on policies, programs and initiatives of IUCN, UNDP, the GEF, CBD, BBNJ, CCAMLR, UN Ocean Decade endorsed Global Once Negative Carbon Emissions Programme, Xiamen Ocean Week, World Coastal Forum, etc.
- Adviser to NMHMS team in partnership development and cooperation with IUCN, AFD, EU, China Biodiversity Facility and PEMSEA to advance NbS, Eco-DRR, blue carbon accounting and policy integration in NBSAP and NDC.

Chief Technical Adviser and Manager of UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project, UNOPS, 2016-2020. Incheon, RO Korea

- Assumed full responsibility to UNOPS, UNDP, State Oceanic Administration of China, ministries of foreign affairs and ocean and fisheries of RO Korea for the implementation of the UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Phase II Project (2016-2020).
- Successfully operationalized regional implementation coordination mechanism of YSLME Commission and its six subsidiary bodies, and facilitated participation of over 40 national and local governments, academic institutions, business associations and NGOs in the project in delivering project results.
- Coordinated the development and adoption of the YSLME transboundary diagnostic analysis (TDA) report 2020, the preparation of YSLME Strategic Action Programme (2021-2030), and edited the terminal report *Yellow YSLME Story on Management and Governance for the Restoration and Protection of the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem*.
- Organized and co-edited 8 articles in the special topic of Dynamics of Ecosystems and Anthropogenic Drivers in the Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem in *Acta Oceanologica Sinica* Vol 41, Number 6, 2022

Head of Partnerships and Strategic Planning, Partnership for Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA). 2011-2016. Manila, Philippines

- A key member in delivering PEMSEA services to 11 Country Partners, PEMSEA Network of Local Governments for the Sustainable Coastal Development (PNLG) and PEMSEA Network of Learning Centers (PNLC) in support of SDS-SEA implementation.
- A major influence in the planning and formulation of SDS-SEA 2015-2020, the Da Nang Compact, and the regional review of SDS-SEA Implementation (2003-2015).
- Initiated China-PEMSEA Sustainable Coastal Management Cooperation Center to scale up integrated coastal management in China and across the East Asian region.
- Served as Chair of Contract Committee of PEMSEA, and now a member of Ethics Committee.

Programme Manager, UNDP China Office, UNDP. 2006-2011. Beijing

- Oversight of programming and result-based management of USD50 million biodiversity portfolio for improved management of coasts, wetlands, agrobiodiversity, water resources and land use funded by the GEF, EU, private sector and development aid agencies.
- Advised political, social, economic and environmental trends of host government.
- Played major support in establishing and operationalizing the Xiamen World Ocean Week as an annual global ocean policy dialogue platform since 2008.
- Served as Secretary of China UN Theme Group on Climate and Environment, 2010
- Served as Chair of Staff Council (2008-2010).

Team Leader of Water Cluster, Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, the Ministry of Environmental Protection, PR China, 2004-2006. Beijing

- Oversight of implementation of World Bank/GEF Hai River Basin Integrated Water and Environment Management Project.
- A key member in formulating EU-China River Basin Management Programme (EUR 15 million) and EU-China Biodiversity Programme (EUR 30 million).

Biodiversity Specialist, China GEF Office, 2002-2003, Beijing

- Provided technical support to GEF OFP on replenishment, programmatic approach, impact evaluation and guidance to the GEF as the CBD financial mechanism.

Deputy Chief, Office of Endangered Species Scientific Commission, Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, 1988-2002. Beijing

- Supported non-detriment review of CITES species with significant trade.
- Facilitated dialogues between wildlife trade and conservation communities on scientific and sustainable use aspects of trade in concerned CITES Appendix-listed species.
- Served as secretary of Biodiversity Working Group of China Council for International Cooperation in Environment and Development (CCICED).
- Participated in negotiations in COPs and delivered trainings in effective compliance.

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIPS

1998 - 2001	Master of Law, Law School of Peking University, Beijing, China
1984 - 1988	Bachelor of Art, English Literature, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China
1999 - 2000	Six-month fellowship in Center for Environmental Legal Studies of Pace Law School, New York