

The International Conference on Marine Environment and Biodiversity Conservation in the South China Sea

Declaration

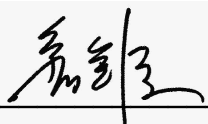
The participants of the conference emphasize the crucial importance of conserving the marine environment and biodiversity in the South China Sea, and emphasize its significance to the sustainable development of the region. Due to its abundance of marine habitat and associated biodiversity, and its strong economic significance to the surrounding countries, the South China Sea is particularly sensitive to global climate change and human resource exploitation. Based on the conclusive scientific consensus on the need for a reversal of the dramatic environmental changes observed in the South China Sea, the conference urges all surrounding and interested countries, to cooperate in a positive and rational spirit, and take firm action towards the preservation of the marine environment. Only through such international collaboration will we succeed in protecting the marine environment and conserving the biodiversity in the South China Sea, crucial to the mutual prosperity and long-term welfare of all nations. Equally important, the success of such a regional effort will serve as a powerful example for the rest of the world on how to make concrete steps towards the preservation of our blue planet for the generations to come.

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南海海洋環境及生物多樣性保育國際研討會

宣言

我們理解到南海海洋環境與生物多樣性保育對於地球永續發展的重要性。值此全球環境劇烈變遷之際，我們呼籲全世界國家，尤其是南海周邊國家，應共同努力，採取積極理性的態度促進更多對話與共識，付出具體行動，保育南海海洋環境生態及生物多樣性，追求各國的資源永續以及長程福祉，讓我們的子孫世代代擁有這個美好的藍色星球。

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