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Foreword

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1 Scope

GB/T 43624-2023 is the Chinese vocabulary of wetlands. China passed its Wetland Protection Law in 2022, which made a legal category out of a word that ecologists, hydrologists, foresters and land administrators had each been using differently: whether a rice paddy, a reservoir margin or a seasonally flooded meadow is a wetland now determines what may be built on it. The standard defines the general concepts, the terms for wetland organisms, the terms of wetland protection and management, and the terms of wetland ecological restoration, giving each with its definition and English equivalent so that the law, the inventories and the international reporting under the Ramsar Convention rest on the same language. It took effect on 28 December 2023.

This document defines the general concept of wetlands, wetland organisms, wetland ecological restoration, wetland protection and management, wetland survey, monitoring and evaluation, etc: the term: This document applies to wetland protection, management and related scientific research, teaching, production and other fields:

2 Normative reference documents

This document has no normative references:

3 General concepts

3:1 wetland wetland Natural or artificial, perennial or seasonal water accumulation areas and waters with significant ecological functions, including water depths not exceeding 6m of sea area, except paddy fields and artificial waters and tidal flats used for breeding: 3:

2 The process of grading wetlands according to their ecological location, area, and importance in maintaining ecological functions and biodiversity:

Note: Divided into important wetlands and general wetlands: 3:

3 The process of merging or subdividing wetlands based on a certain aspect of their characteristics:

Note: According to their origin, they are divided into natural wetlands and artificial wetlands:

3:4 natural wetland naturalwetland Wetlands formed in natural environment: 3:5 small wetland smallwetland An independent wetland with an area of less than 8hm²: 3:6 human-madewetland Wetlands built by humans to utilize certain wetland functions or uses, or artificial maintenance and operation resulting from the transformation of natural wetlands row of wetlands:

Note: Including wetlands such as reservoir water surfaces, pond water surfaces, ditches and other wetlands formed by water accumulation caused by certain development activities:

3:7 mangrove forest mangroveforest Land along the coast where mangrove plants grow:

Note: Includes mangrove nursery: