

China announces water pollution controls (Xinhua Published)

A plan intensifying the government fight against water pollution in China was released Thursday.

The Action Plan for Water Pollution Prevention and Control aims to reduce pollutants, improve drinking water and promote water saving, according to the State Council, China's cabinet.

The aquatic ecosystem has been severely damaged in many parts of China, threatening public health and economic development. Targets for improvements by the end of 2020 include reducing the amount of severely polluted water and containing groundwater contamination.

Specifically, the plan said more than 70 percent of the water in the seven major river valleys, including the Yangtze and Yellow rivers, should be in good condition by 2020. The same target is set for offshore areas.

中国宣布控制水污染（新华社消息）

中国于星期四公布了要求各级政府加强对水污染防治的计划。

国务院表示，预防和控制水污染防治计划的意图是减少污染物，提高饮用水质量并且加强水资源的保护。

中国许多地区的水资源生态系统都遭到了严重的破坏，威胁着公众的健康和经济的发展。2020 年底整治水污染的目标是减少严重受污染水域和受污染地下水数量。

特别指出的是，该计划表示截止 2020 年七大主要江河流域（包括长江和黄河）的 70% 的水质处于良好状态。该目标同样适用于沿海地区。

¹ Source: <http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/917142.shtml>