

Chapter 33 Unlocking the Potential of the Maritime Economy

We will promote coordinated land and maritime development based on the principle of harmony between humanity and the ocean and pursue mutually beneficial cooperation in the maritime sector. We will coordinate efforts to protect marine ecosystems, develop the marine economy, and safeguard China's maritime rights and interests to accelerate the building of China into a country strong in maritime development.

Section 1 Building a Modern System of Maritime Industries

We will make breakthroughs in core technologies in key areas such as marine projects, marine resources, and the marine environment. We will cultivate and build up industries for marine engineering equipment and marine biological medicine, scale up the use of desalinated seawater and ocean energy, and advance the development of marine culture and tourism. We will optimize the layout of eco-friendly offshore aquaculture farming, build marine ranches, and develop sustainable high seas fishing. We will build demonstration zones for high-quality marine economic development and clusters of maritime industries with distinct features, and comprehensively boost the development of the three marine economic circles in China's north, east, and south. Relying on coastal economic belts, we will deepen cooperation with neighboring countries on maritime issues.

Section 2

Ensuring a Sustainable Marine Ecological Environment

We will explore the establishment of a comprehensive and coordinated governance system for coastal areas, river basins, and sea areas. We will strictly control land reclamation from the sea and strengthen efforts to manage coastlines comprehensively and protect coastal wetlands. We will expand the scope of total emissions control to prevent more pollutants from entering the sea and ensure the cross-section water quality of rivers that enter the sea. We will work faster to promote comprehensive environmental governance in key sea areas and set up a joint-action mechanism for preventing and controlling pollution in river basins, estuaries, and offshore areas, and advance the initiatives to protect and develop beautiful bays. We will prevent major environmental risks such as marine oil spills and hazardous chemical leaks and improve our ability to respond to marine natural disasters and environmental emergencies. We will refine the coastline protection system and the compensation system for the use of sea areas and uninhabited islands, and explore a system for setting coastal construction setback lines and a system for compensating for ecological damage in the marine environment. We will ensure that the natural shoreline does not fall below 35%.

Section 3

Participating Extensively in Global Marine Governance

We will develop blue partnerships with other countries, participate extensively in the formulation and implementation of global marine governance mechanisms and related rules, and promote the building of a just and equitable international maritime order and a maritime community with a shared future. We will deepen pragmatic cooperation with coastal

countries in fields such as marine environment monitoring and protection, scientific research, and maritime search and rescue, and strengthen the investigation and evaluation of deep-sea strategic resources and biodiversity. We will engage in practical cooperation with other countries on Arctic affairs such as the building of a Silk Road on Ice. We will improve our ability to participate in protection and development initiatives in the Antarctic. With an increased focus on situational research and analysis, risk prevention, and legal principles, we will promote maritime judicial development and resolutely safeguard China's maritime rights and interests. The formulation of a basic maritime law will be accelerated in an orderly way.