

Appendix C: Post-trip Assignment China

Global Environmental Sustainability:
A Field Study in China
Biology 497C
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2011 CHANCE POST-TRIP QUESTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

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Post-trip Questions: Please answer the following questions in complete sentences, being as thorough as possible.

- a) *What was your best experience while in China ? What was your least favorite?*
- b) *In general, from the areas you visited, what were your impression(s) of China's environment (natural habitats) and biodiversity?*
- c) *What was the most significant thing that you learned about water as a natural resource and the need for its global sustainability throughout your trip in China?*
- d) *How have human activities impacted the hydrological cycle and water supply of China? (Be specific.) If so, from what you have learned while in the field and through your assigned readings, are there any solutions?*

*Please [watch the Academy Award nominee video, The Warriors of Qiugang: A Chinese Village Fights Back](#), for Best Documentary Short Subject, co-produced by *Yale Environment 360* with filmmakers Ruby. Yang and Thomas Lennon. Anhui province sits directly below Jiangsu province.

[\(http://e360.yale.edu/feature/the_warriors_of_qiugang_a_chinese_village_fights_back/2358/\)](http://e360.yale.edu/feature/the_warriors_of_qiugang_a_chinese_village_fights_back/2358/)

- e) *Please reflect on the development you witnessed in China as it relates to urbanization and industrialization in the areas you visited. In your opinion, is it sustainable? What more could be done?*
- f) *What problems concerning conservation biology in general on a global scale did you uncover during CHANCE China course? And are there solutions?*
- g) *Marine conservationist Charles Saylan believes the U.S. educational system is failing to create responsible citizens who consider themselves stewards of the environment. Please [read an intriguing interview](#) about environmental education.*

[\(http://e360.yale.edu/feature/green_failure_whats_wrong_with_environmental_education/2407/\)](http://e360.yale.edu/feature/green_failure_whats_wrong_with_environmental_education/2407/)

*What habits, if any, are **you** likely to change in order to lead a more sustainable lifestyle as a result of your experience in China?*

- h) *What were your expectations for this field experience? And, were they fulfilled?*