



# **China Rivers Project: Protecting the Upper Yangtze River**

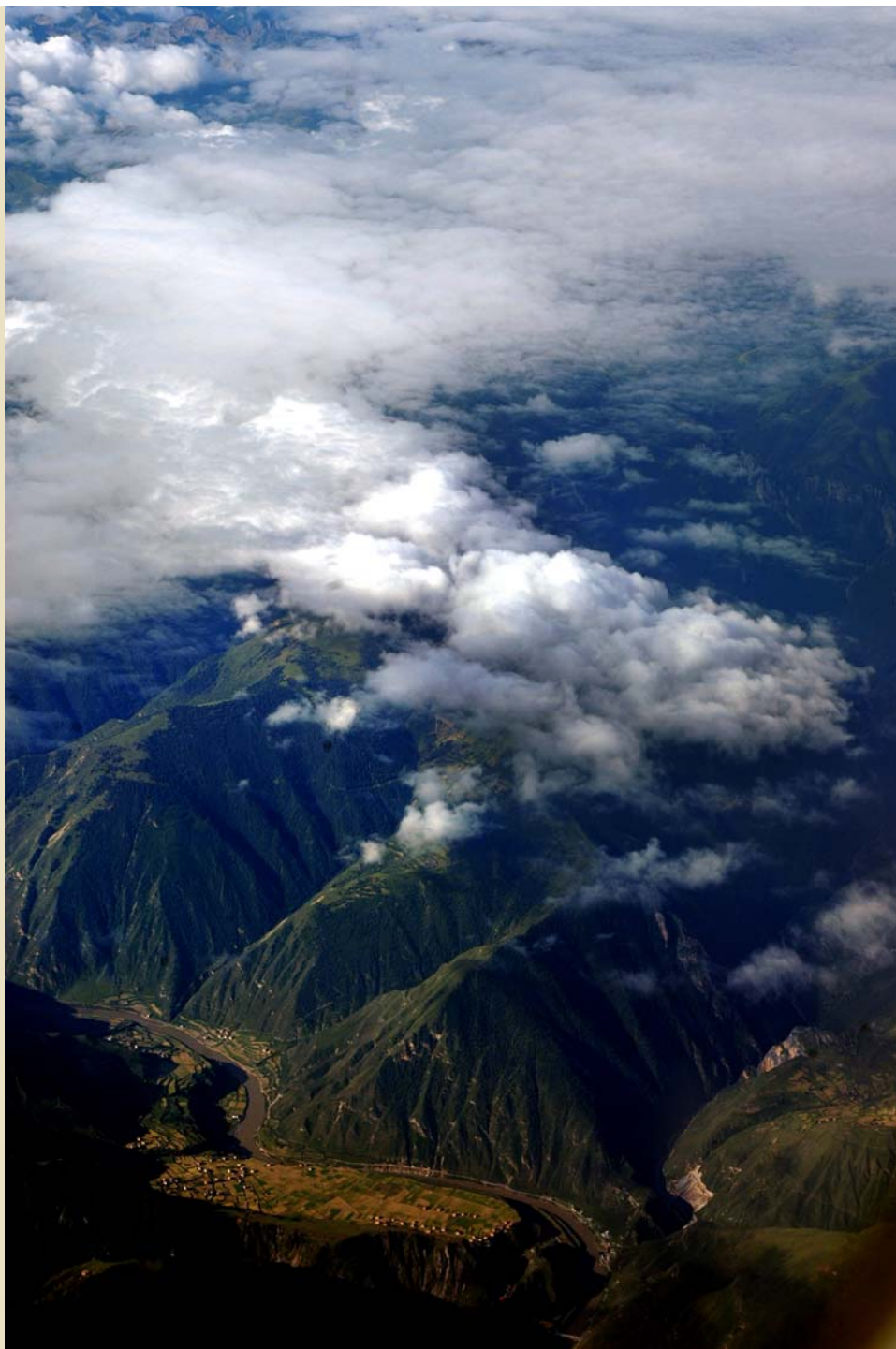
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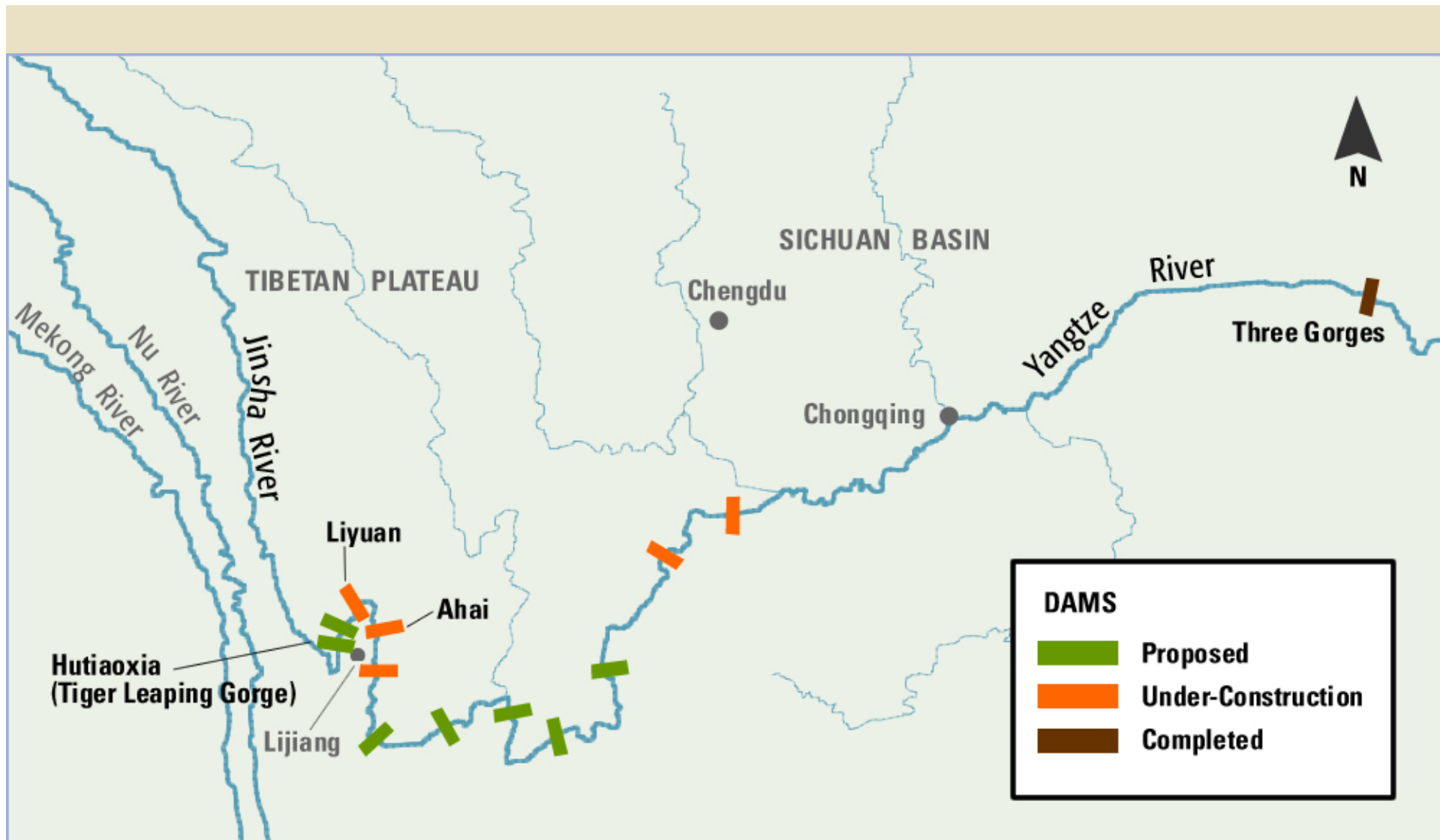


# China Rivers Projects' Goals

- advance **permanent river protection** for China's most ecologically, culturally, and historically important rivers.
- **facilitate the enjoyment of rivers** and understanding of the broad value of free flowing rivers in China



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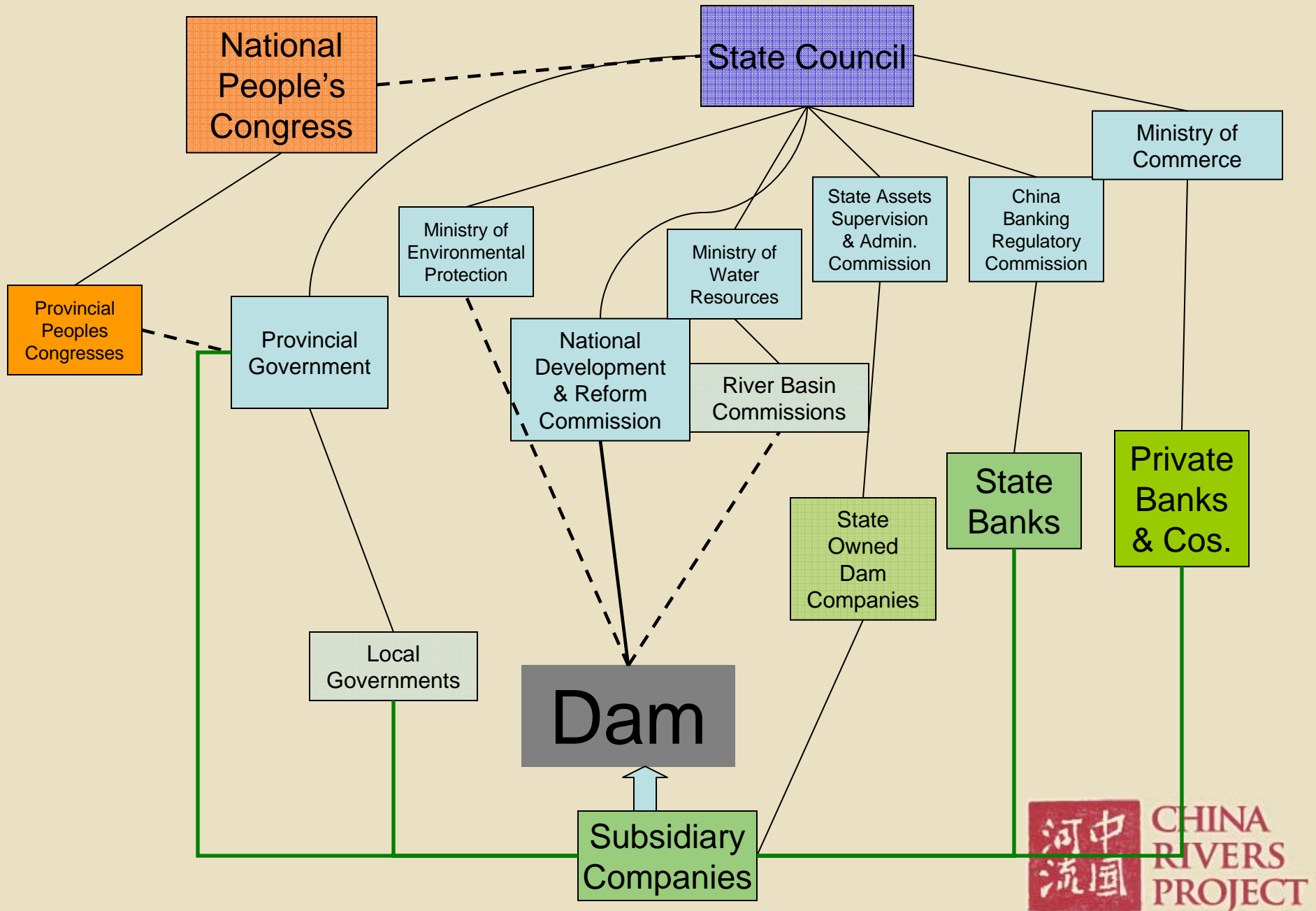








# Big Dam Decision Making in China





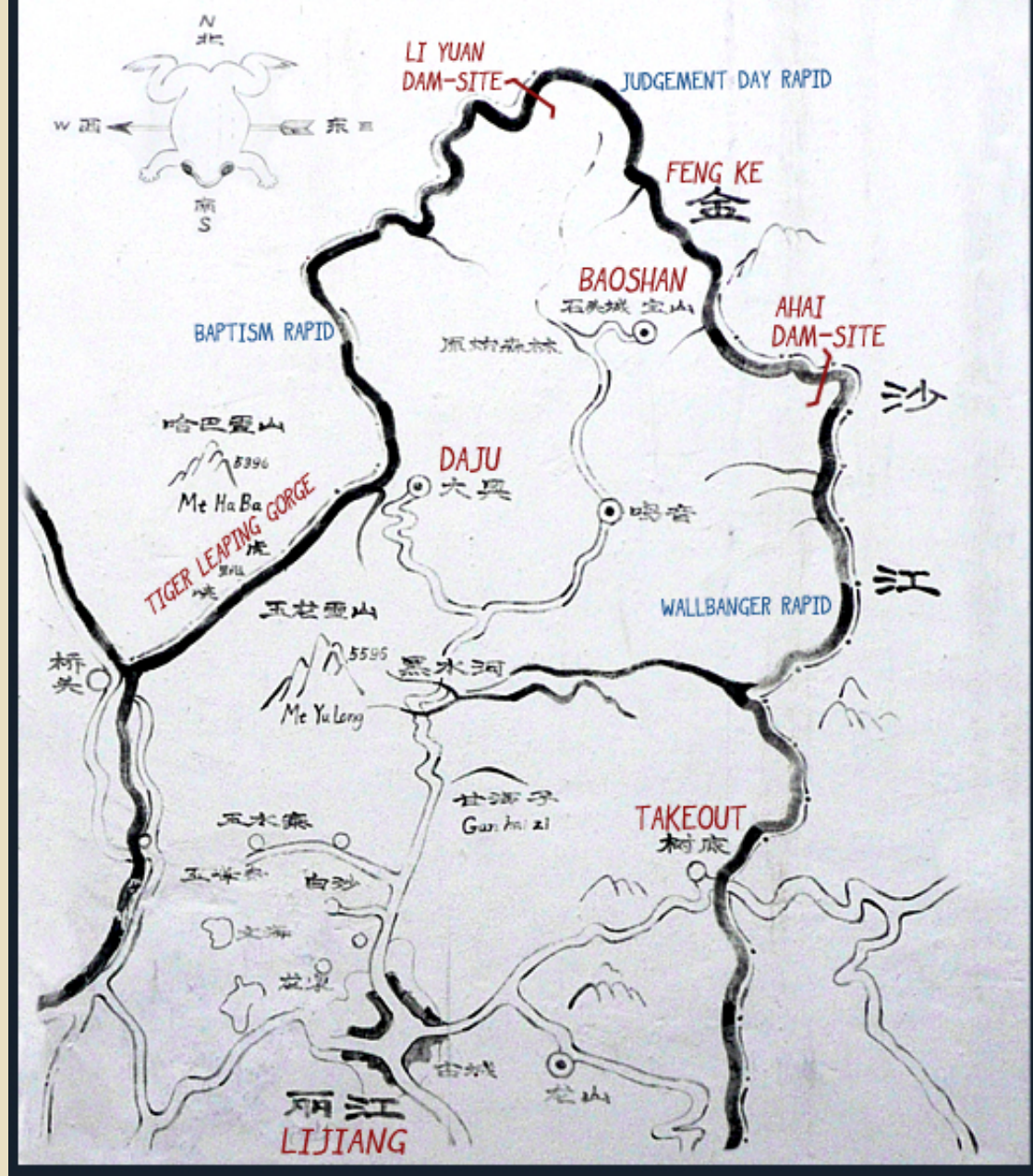


**Great Bend  
of the Yangtze River  
March 22-29, 2009**



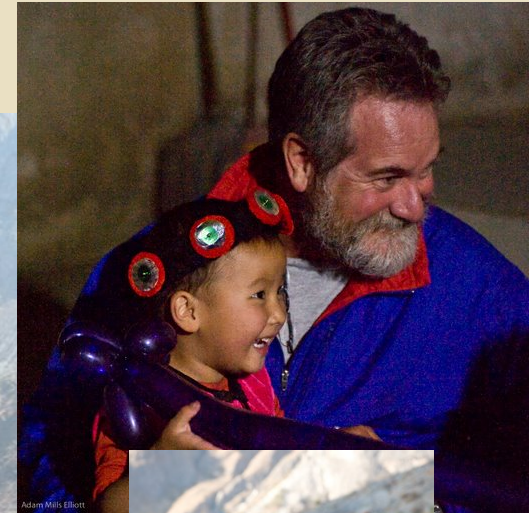
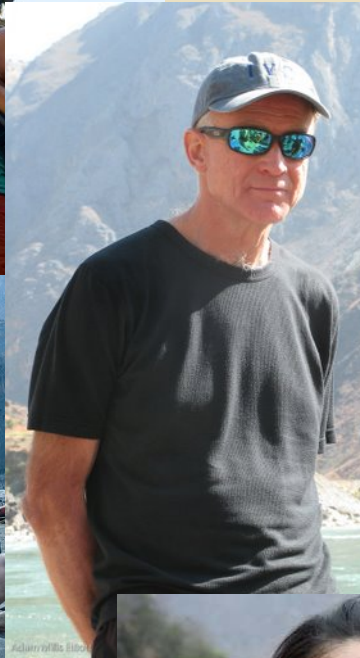


# GREAT BEND OF THE YANGTZE RIVER



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# April 2009 “VIP” Trip

- Coordinated with **Conservation International**
- Included **political figures and high powered entrepreneurs**
- Resulted in a letter **calling to question** the dams on the upper Yangtze

# Research Project: Permanent River Protection Strategies

- How can a permanent river protection system can help China meet its resource protection goals?
- One-year collaboration between CRP, a Colorado law firm, and the UCSB Bren School
- Analysis of benefits and strategies of river protection systems like US WSRA





# **Tibet Rivers Year:**

**June-August, 2009: Tongtian River, Qinghai (2-3 trips)**

**October: Upper Yellow River Second Descent, Gansu**

**Winter 2009-10: Nu River Grand Canyon short trips**

**Spring 2010: upper Nu River**

**Summer 2010: Reting Tsangpo, near Lhasa**



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