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THE 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (COP14) in Switzerland’s Geneva officially passed a draft resolution on building an international ***mangrove*** center in Shenzhen yesterday morning Beijing Time.

The draft resolution called for China and other interested countries to jointly contribute to the establishment of the center, which will focus on protection, restoration and rational use of ***mangroves*** and the coastal ***blue carbon*** ecosystem.

Moreover, interested parties, nongovernmental organizations and social organizations are also encouraged to participate in the building and operation of the center in an open, inclusive and transparent way. At the same time, the center is urged to closely cooperate with ***mangrove*** mechanisms in other parts of the world.

President Xi Jinping proposed the idea to build an international ***mangrove*** center in Shenzhen in his speech via video during the COP14’s opening ceremony Nov. 5.

Shenzhen has vowed to advance the high-quality preparatory work on the center’s establishment and enhance international exchanges and cooperation on ecological protection and governance, according to a city government meeting held Nov. 8.

Lei Guangchun, board chair of Shenzhen ***Mangrove*** Wetlands Conservation Foundation (MCF), told the Shenzhen Special Zone Daily that the building of the ***mangrove*** center is highly significant to conservation, restoration, scientific research and sustainability of ***mangroves*** worldwide.

“***Mangroves*** are a globally endangered wetland ecosystem that plays a key role in global biodiversity, and many species such as birds and fish depend on ***mangroves*** for living. The building of the Shenzhen center shows China’s sense of duty in participating in global governance and promoting wetland protection as a responsible major country,” Lei said.

Chris Rostron, international engagement manager of the U.K.’s leading wetland conservation charity Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, said: “We support China’s proposal to build an international ***mangrove*** center as ***mangroves*** play an important role when it comes to carbon capture and storage as well as reduction.” (Continued on P3)

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