

Ramsar Information Sheet

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Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao Wetlands



Designation date 3 February 2020

Site number 2426

Coordinates 34°39'33"N 115°19'20"E

Area 2 303,50 ha

Color codes

Fields back-shaded in light blue relate to data and information required only for RIS updates.

Note that some fields concerning aspects of Part 3, the Ecological Character Description of the RIS (tinted in purple), are not expected to be completed as part of a standard RIS, but are included for completeness so as to provide the requested consistency between the RIS and the format of a 'full' Ecological Character Description, as adopted in Resolution X.15 (2008). If a Contracting Party does have information available that is relevant to these fields (for example from a national format Ecological Character Description) it may, if it wishes to, include information in these additional fields.

1 - Summary

Summary

Located in the south central part of the North China Plain, Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao Wetlands is an inland wetland and aquatic ecosystem dominated with reservoirs and permanent rivers, formed by parts of the old channel left over from the diversion of the Yellow River, the second longest river in China in 1855. Though the Site is now located in the Huaihe River Basin, the water source in the Site mainly comes from the Yellow River in the north and east of Henan Province and remains similar bed joints of the Yellow River. This kind of complex water system changes is typical and unique in the biogeographic region and the Huang-Huai Plain of China. The Site provides an important stopover and wintering place for 20000 to 60000 wintering birds on the East Asia - Australasia migration route, and also excellent habitat for rare birds such as Aythya baeri, Ciconia boyciana, Numenius madagascariensis, Anser erythropus, Grus vipio and Otis tarda, etc. In particular, in January 2017, four individuals of Aythya baeri were monitored for the first time, and by 2019 the maximum value reached 225. In the past three years, the average number of Aythya baeri individuals accounted for 37.4% of the regional population size, which is of international significance in protecting Aythya baeri.

Located in the arid and sandstorm prone area of the North China Plain, Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao Wetlands is an important source of drinking water for Minquan county and Shangqiu City. At the same time, the Site and "Shengan Shelter Forest" together form an important ecological protection barrier in the Huang-Huai Area, which plays an important ecological function in the wind and sand defence, water conservation, runoff regulation, flood control and drainage, and ecological security in the Yellow and Huaihe River Basin.

2 - Data & location

2.1 - Formal data

2.1.1 - Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

Compiler 1

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2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year 2017 To year 2019

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao Wetlands Spanish)

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Boundaries description

The boundary of the Site is the same as that of Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao National Wetland Park. It is located in the south central part of the North China Plain, the west of Shangqiu City, Henan Province, the south side of the Yellow River alluvial fan, west to Mazhuang, east to Wutun dam, north to Xizhangzhuang, and south to Wangzhuang.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does Minquan County, Shangqiu City, Henan Province the site lie? b) What is the nearest town or population Sunliu Town centre?

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other countries?

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the Yes O No (9) territory of another Contracting Party?

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha): 2303.5

Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from 2321.628 GIS boundaries

2.2.5 - Biogeography

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Biogeographic regions						
Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region					
Udvardys Biogeographical Provinces	Evergreen sclerophyllous forests, scrubs or woodlands, Oriental Deciduous Forest Biogeographic Province, Palaearcitc Realm					

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3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

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- ☑ Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities
- ☑ Criterion 4 : Support during critical life cycle stage or in adverse conditions
- ☑ Criterion 5:>20,000 waterbirds

Overall waterbird numbers 61390

Start year 2017

Source of data: Bird Monitoring and analysis Report in the Minquan Yellow River Gudao Wetland National Park

- ☑ Criterion 6 : >1% waterbird population
- 3.2 Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

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3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	COI	pecies ntributes under riterion 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est	% occurrence		CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Birds	Birds Sirds												
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser anser	Greylag Goose			Z OC	4050	2017-2019	5.7	LC				Crit 4: Wintering in the Site; Crit 6: 1 % threshold of rubrirostris for E Asia (non-bre) is 710 as of 2012.
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser cygnoides	Swan Goose]					 ✓		Crit 4: Wintering in the Site;
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser erythropus	Lesser White- fronted Goose							W		 ✓		Crit 4: Wintering in the Site;
CHORDATA / AVES	Anser fabalis	Bean Goose			2 00	20183	2017-2019	201.8	LC				Crit 4: Wintering in the Site; Crit 6: 1 % threshold of middendorffi, Yakutia/E Asia is 100 as of 2012.
CHORDATA / AVES		Baer's Pochard			2 00	187	2017-2019	37.4	CR		V		Crit 4: Wintering or resident in the Site; Crit 6: 1 % threshold for C, E, SE & S Asia is 5 as of 2012.
CHORDATA / AVES	Aythya ferina	Common Pochard	2 200						W				Crit 4: Stopover in the Site;
CHORDATA / AVES		Oriental Stork; Oriental White Stork	2200						EN	V	₽	National Protection Class I	Crit 4: Wintering in the Site;
CHORDATA / AVES	Grus vipio	White-naped Crane								V	 ✓	National Protection Class II	Crit 4: Stopover in the Site;
CHORDATA / AVES	Numenius madagascariensis	Far Eastern Curlew; Eastern Curlew	2200						EN		₽		Crit 4: Stopover in the Site;
CHORDATA / AVES	Otis tarda	Great Bustard	2 000						W		 ✓	National Protection Class I	
CHORDATA / AVES	Phalacrocorax carbo	Great Cormorant			2 00	1495	2017-2019	1.5	LC				Crit 4: Wintering or resident in the Site; Crit 6: 1 % threshold of sinensis for E, SE Asia (non-bre) is 1000 as of 2012.
CHORDATA / AVES	Podiceps cristatus	Great Crested Grebe			2 00	577	2017-2019	1.6	LC				Crit 4: Wintering or resident in the Site; Crit 6: 1 % threshold of cristatus for E Asia (non-bre) is 350 as of 2012.
CHORDATA / AVES		Ruddy Shelduck			2 00	3059	2017-2019	4.3	LC				Crit 4: Wintering in the Site; Crit 6: 1 % threshold for E Asia (non-bre) is 710 as of 2012.

¹⁾ Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

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4 - What is the Site like? (Ecological character description)

4.1 - Ecological character

Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao Wetlands is part of the precious wetland resource of the Huaihe River system after the Yellow River changed its course in the North China Plain, with a variety of habitat types and natural landscapes, such as reservoirs, rivers, floodplains, windbreak and sand fixation forests. The wetland rate of the wetland park is up to 98.1% and the Site is an important breeding ground and habitat for water birds in the Huang-Huai Plain.

From the centre to both sides of the Yellow River Gudao, there is a zonal succession process from aquatic ecosystem to terrestrial ecosystem. In the open reservoir area, the Lemna minor, Trapa incisa, Myriophyllum verticillatum, Potamogeton crispus and other plants, which provide habitats for swimming birds such as Aythya baeri, Aix galericulata, Anser fabalis. In shallow water areas such as floodplains, there are emergent plant communities such as Phragmites australis, Typha latifolia and Nelumbo nucifera, which provide habitats and foraging places for wading birds such as Ciconia boyciana, Numenius madagascariensis, Cygnus cygnus and Platalea leucorodia. In the Site, there are a large number of windbreak and sand fixation forests around the embankment, mainly including Populus tomentosa, Salix matsudana and other trees, which provide breeding habitats for Phalacrocorax carbo, Ardea alba and other forest waterfowls as well as summer migratory birds such as Cuculus canorus, Acrocephalus orientalis.

At the same time, as an important part of the Yellow River Gudao, the Site plays an important ecological function. It helps in controlling the wetland shrinkage of the lower Yellow River Gudao, protecting the unique wetland resources of the North China Plain, protecting the water conservation of forest belt, water ecological stability of the Yellow River and Huaihe River, and cultural heritage of the Yellow River.

4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Inland wetlands

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Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
Fresh water > Flowing water >> M Permanent rivers/ streams/ creeks		3	57.5	

Human-made wetlands

Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
1: Aquaculture ponds		2	935.6	
6: Water storage areas/Reservoirs		1	1266.4	

Other non-wetland habitat

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Other non-wetland habitats within the site	Area (ha) if known					
Building land	17					
Other	27					

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

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4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Common name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATAAVES	Accipiter gentilis	Northern Goshawk				National Protection Class II
CHORDATAAVES	Accipiter nisus	Eurasian Sparrowhawk				National Protection Class II
CHORDATAAVES	Accipiter virgatus	Besra				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Aix galericulata	Mandarin Duck				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Anser albifrons	Greater White-fronted Goose				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Asio otus	Long-eared Owl				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Athene noctua	Little Owl				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Buteo hemilasius	Upland Buzzard				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Buteo japonicus	Eastern Buzzard				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Centropus bengalensis	Lesser Coucal				National Protection Class II
CHORDATAAVES	Ciconia nigra	Black Stork				National Protection Class I
CHORDATA/AVES	Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Circus spilonotus	Eastern Marsh Harrier				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Cygnus columbianus	Tundra Swan				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Falco amurensis	Amur Falcon				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Falco tinnunculus	Eurasian Kestrel;Common Kestrel				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Grus grus	Common Crane				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Haliaeetus albicilla	White-tailed Eagle				National Protection Class I
CHORDATA/AVES	Milvus migrans	Black Kite				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Pandion haliaetus	Western Osprey,Osprey				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Pelecanus crispus	Dalmatian Pelican				National Protection Class II
CHORDATA/AVES	Platalea leucorodia	Eurasian Spoonbill				National Protection Class II

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
C: Moist Mid-Latitude climate with mild winters	Cwa: Humid subtropical (Mld with dry winter, hot summer)

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting

a) Minimum elevation above sea level (in metres)	59	
a) Maximum elevation above sea level (in metres)	66	
	Entire river basin	
	Upper part of river basin ☐	
	Mddle part of river basin ☑	
	Lower part of river basin \square	
	More than one river basin \square	
	Not in river basin	
	Coastal	
Please name the river basin or basins. If the s	ite lies in a sub-basin, please also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please nar	me the sea or ocean.
Huaihe River Basin		

Eutrophic

Mesotrophic

Oligotrophic

Dystrophic

Unknown

4.4.9 - Features of the surrounding area which may affect the Site

Please describe whether, and if so how, the landscape and ecological	
characteristics in the area surrounding the Ramsar Site differ from the	i) broadly similar O ii) significantly different
site itself:	

Surrounding area has greater urbanisation or development \square

Surrounding area has higher human population density \Box

Surrounding area has more intensive agricultural use \Box

Surrounding area has significantly different land cover or habitat types $\ensuremath{\overline{\mathsf{W}}}$

Please describe other ways in which the surrounding area is different:

The surrounding areas of the Site are mainly distributed with different land cover types such as farmland and villages.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Fresh water	Drinking water for humans and/or livestock	Medium
Fresh water	Water for irrigated agriculture	Medium

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	High	
Erosion protection	Soil, sediment and nutrient retention	Medium	
Pollution control and detoxification	Water purification/waste treatment or dilution	High	
Climate regulation	Local climate regulation/buffering of change	High	
Climate regulation	Regulation of greenhouse gases, temperature, precipitation and other climactic processes	Medium	
Hazard reduction	Flood control, flood storage	High	

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Nature observation and nature-based tourism	Medium
Spiritual and inspirational	Aesthetic and sense of place values	Low
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	High
Scientific and educational	Long-term monitoring site	High
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	High

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganizms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High	
Soil formation	Sediment retention	Medium	
Soil formation	Accumulation of organic matter	Medium	
Nutrient cycling	Storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients	High	

Within the site:	10s
Outside the site:	100,000s

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of Yes O No O Unknown (a) ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site?

4.5.2 - Social and cultural values

i) the site provides a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the
application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and \Box
use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland

ii) the site has	exceptional	cultural	traditions	or record	s of former	Г
civilizations that have	influenced	the ecol	ogical cha	racter of t	he wetland	_

iii) the ecological character of the wetland depends on its interaction with local communities or indigenous peoples

iv) relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological character of the wetland

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4.6 - Ecological processes

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5 - How is the Site managed? (Conservation and management)

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

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Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area
National/Federal	□	□
government	(ac.)	(ec.)

5.1.2 - Management authority

agency or organization responsible for	Management Center Minquan Yellow River Gudao National Wetland Park
managing the site:	
Provide the name and/or title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	
or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Jie Li Director
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5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

5.2.1 - Factors (actual or likely) adversely affecting the Site's ecological character

Agriculture and aquaculture

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Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Marine and freshwater aquaculture	Medium impact		A	

Biological resource use

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources	Medium impact	Medium impact	2	

Human intrusions and disturbance

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Recreational and tourism activities	Low impact	Low impact	₽	

Pollution

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	Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
	Household sewage, urban waste water	Low impact	Low impact	A	✓
	Agricultural and forestry effluents	Low impact	Low impact	✓	2

Climate change and severe weather

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Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Droughts	Medium impact	Medium impact	€	✓

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
National Wetland Park	Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao National Wetland Park		whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict	Nature	Reserve	ı

lb Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness

II National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation
III Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
IV Habitat/Species Management Area: protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention
V Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation
M Managed Resource Protected Area: protected area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems

5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

Measures	Status	
Legal protection	Implemented	

Habitat

Measures	Status
Land conversion controls	Implemented
Re-vegetation	Implemented
Hydrology management/restoration	Implemented
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Implemented
Improvement of water quality	Implemented
Catchment management initiatives/controls	Partially implemented

Species

	Measures	Status
	Threatened/rare species management programmes	Implemented

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Management of water abstraction/takes	Implemented
Regulation/management of wastes	Implemented
Livestock management/exclusion (excluding fisheries)	Implemented
Fisheries management/regulation	Partially implemented
Harvest controls/poaching enforcement	Implemented
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented
Research	Implemented

Other

Installation of a protection monitoring network: in the wetland monitoring centre station, science popularization and education area, birdwatching platform, visitor reception centre and ecological conservation area in the park, 25 high-definition cameras have been installed for 24-hour observation and monitoring of tourists and animal and plant resources in the park.

Strengthening of science popularization and education: the Wetland Park publicizes the ecological function and value of Minquan Yellow River Gudao by setting up a science popularization and education exhibition board, building a cultural corridor, holding wetland publicity activities, distributing wetland publicity materials and multimedia reports.

Carry out daily wetland patrol: the Wetland Park employs the surrounding people as wetland patrol personnel, strengthens community co management, improves the awareness of wetland protection of the masses, and steadily promotes the daily wetland patrol work. Through carrying out ecological relocation project for 43 households within the Wetland Park, returning farmland to wetland project for the reclamation area along the river bank, returning pond to wetland project for the river of Yellow River Gudao and the reservoir area, a total of 1500 hectares of wetlands have been restored. The wetland vegetation restoration project was carried out in the whole wetland park, with 213 hectares of Phragmites australi, Typha orientalis and other wetland vegetation restored. Meantime, six artificial bird islands were built in the reservoir area.

5.2.5 - Management planning

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site?

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning Yes O No

processes with another Contracting Party?

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? No, but a plan is being prepared

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Water regime monitoring	Implemented
Water quality	Implemented
Soil quality	Implemented
Plant community	Implemented
Plant species	Implemented
Animal community	Proposed
Animal species (please specify)	Implemented
Birds	Implemented

Air quality monitoring jointly with Environmental Protection Bureau of Minquan county was carried out. The Wetland Park coordinated with Minquan county meteorological bureau to build two meteorological monitoring stations in the park. At the same time, 12 infrared cameras are installed in the wetland conservation area to carry out 24-hour monitoring on animals, plants and birds, which help to grasp the wetland resources.

In 2017, Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao National Wetland Park was awarded the title of "China Baer's Pochard protected area" by China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation, focusing on the development of Baer's Pochard protection projects. In 2018, the wetland park was awarded the "research base of Henan wild bird observation", focusing on bird resource protection projects. In 2018, according to the "Letter of the Department of wildlife protection on the guidance of business information on the application of Henan Minquan Yellow River Gudao National Wetland Park to join the network of East Asia - Australasia migration route reserves", the wetland park started relevant application work to join the East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership.

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

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Udvardy, M.1975. A Classification of the Biogeographical Provinces of the World. IUCN Occasional Paper No. 18.

6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3)

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ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

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iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

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iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

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v. site management plan

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vi. other published literature

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6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Aythya baeri (*Changkan Li,* 31-08-2019)



Aythya baeri (breeding) (Siyu Geng, 18-06-2019)



Otis tarda (Changkan Li, 15-01-2018)



Ciconia boyciana and other waterbirds (Chao Ma, 28-01-



Wetland birds (Chao Ma, 09-03-2019)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

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Date of Designation 2020-02-03