

China adds three more sites to global list of important Agricultural Heritage Systems

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The newly designated sites include an ancient pear orchard system in Gansu Province in northwest China, a freshwater pearl mussel and fishery system in eastern China's Zhejiang Province, and a white tea cultural system in Fujian Province, also in the east. With these new designations, China's total number of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems has risen to 25 – the most of any country worldwide.

Launched by the FAO, the GIAHS program supports farming communities in preserving traditional agricultural practices, cultural landscapes, biodiversity, and indigenous knowledge systems.

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