

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this paper is to provide a comprehensive overview of the environmental protection in the People's republic of China. My paper has two introductory chapters describing the geography of China, China's most pressing environmental problems and basic political concept of environmental protection. The empirical part of my thesis approaches the legal system of the PRC, introduces the most important legal codexes, particularly the section relevant for environment protection. This introduction is then followed by an overview of the most important laws of environmental legislature. The examination reveals that China is taking comprehensive measures in the field of environmental protection in both the political and legal documents, but it is too soon to evaluate the effectiveness of those measures, or rather the effectiveness of their enforcement.

KEY WORDS

People's republic of China 中华人民共和国 *Zhonghua renmin gongheguo*,
environment 环境 *huanjing*, environmental law 环境保护法 *huanjing baohu fa*,
sustainable development 可持续发展 *ke chixu fazhan*, pollution 污染 *wuran*