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OPINION

[China's environment: An economic death sentence](#) (Fortune, 07/28/2014) For a long time, environmental activists, economists, and China scholars have warned about the coming environmental disaster in China. Such a catastrophe finally appeared in the most dramatic form in mid-January, when a thick layer of poisonous pollutants smothered much of northern China and made air in Beijing hazardous to breathe.

[How will China deal with growing anger over pollution?](#) (Aljazeera, 08/01/2014) In Hong Kong, where pollution is so bad that the government frequently advises the elderly and very young to stay indoors, there is a bittersweet joke about why millions of visitors come from the Chinese mainland to visit. Ah, say the wags, they come to enjoy the environment.

[Is It America's Job to Save China's Environment?](#) (NASDAQ, 08/05/2014) China has a major air pollution problem on its hands. Its air is essentially filled with the ash that comes from burning coal to generate power and make steel. Chinese citizens are tired of the filthy air they breathe and want the Chinese government to do something about it.

[Economic arguments to act on climate change: Your Say](#) (USA Today, 08/07/2014) Using Chinese inaction as an excuse for ignoring global warming is a mistake, a USA TODAY editorial argued, because China has begun addressing its environmental problems. Comments from Facebook are edited for clarity and grammar: Everyone is always saying the United States should lead by example.

[China's economic explosion is ravaging its coastal ecosystems](#) (The Conversation, 08/08/2014) The speed and scale of China's rapid economic growth has led to widespread degradation of its densely inhabited coastlines, according to an analysis of 60 years of social, economic and environmental data.

[Rose Niu: Conservation on the Tipping Point](#) (Policy Innovations, 08/15/2014) I am sitting with Rose Niu in a Sichuan restaurant in Beijing, discussing China's environmental challenges over a spicy meal. Originally from Yunnan province, Niu is chief conservation officer of the Paulson Institute at the University of Chicago, an

ambitious new "think and do" tank founded by Hank Paulson, the 74th secretary of the United States Treasury, and former chief executive of Goldman Sachs.

RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY

[Environmental policy evolves, but wildlife still lack protection](#) (China Economic Review, 08/07/2014) When changes to China's environmental law saw the light of day last year the resulting din was so loud it was felt even in the National People's Congress.

[Sales of shark fin in China drop by up to 70%](#) (The Guardians, 08/07/2014) A popular dish at weddings and banquets in China, shark fin soup is increasingly off the menu due to a government frugality drive and awareness campaigns and by conservationists, according to a new report.

[Illegal coal mine encroaching on nature reserve in north-west China](#) (The Guardians, 08/07/2014) A Chinese coal company has been operating illegal open-pit mines in alpine meadows on the far-western Qinghai plateau, potentially endangering one of the country's largest rivers, a new investigation has found.

[City advisers blast runway environmental report as 'wishful thinking'](#) (South China Morning Post, 08/11/2014) Government advisers yesterday expressed scepticism over the Airport Authority's environmental report on its proposed third runway, saying it was full of highly speculative assumptions and "wishful thinking".

[China's GDP growth has steep coastal costs](#) (Environmental Research, 08/13/2014) A new study by a team of Chinese and American conservation biologists quantifies the serious consequences of China's recent economic growth on its coastal ecosystems. By several measures, 1978 was the beginning of a hugely successful surge in the nation's ability to produce economic value, but that surge brought accelerated degradation in the vitality of its coastal ecosystems.

[Across China: NW China city's air pollution transformation](#) (Xinhua, 08/14/2014) Once one of China's most polluted cities, the northwest city of Lanzhou has rid itself of heavy air pollution and become a model for pollution control over the past two years.

[Tibet's glaciers at their warmest in 2,000 years: report](#) (Reuters, 08/14/2014) The Tibetan plateau, whose glaciers supply water to hundreds of millions of people in Asia, were warmer over the past 50 years than at any stage in the past two millennia, a Chinese newspaper said, citing an academic report.

[China's environmental woes inspire art](#) (Guardian, 08/15/2014) A dilapidated wooden fishing boat laden down with animals who are just skin and bone, a sort of dystopian Noah's ark trying to escape the end of the earth and an empty city devoid of human life that has been overtaken by nature.

CORPORATE SECTOR

[Zinc Oxide Industry Analysis for 2014 - 2019 in Global and China Markets](#) (PR Newswire, 08/12/2014) This is a professional and depth research report on Global and China Zinc Oxide industry. The report firstly introduced Zinc Oxide basic information included Zinc Oxide definition classification application industry chain structure industry overview; international market analysis China domestic market and Global market analysis Macroeconomic environment and economic situation analysis and influence Zinc Oxide industry policy and plan Zinc Oxide product specification manufacturing process product cost structure etc.

[China BioPharmaceutical Industry - Cutting-Edge Analysis of Multinational and Chinese Pharma Companies, Industry Trends, Environment, Regulation, Market Drivers, Restraints, Opportunities & Challenges](#) (PR Newswire, 08/13/2014) The report on Pharmaceutical Industry in China provides you with a detailed investigation of the market size, segmentation, key players, SWOT analysis, influential Government policies, and business and economic environments.

[South Korea carbon market to go ahead as planned -MOE spokeswoman](#) (Reuters, 08/14/2014) South Korea decided on Thursday that its carbon trading market will go ahead as planned on Jan. 1 of next year, despite the finance minister's calls last month for it to be delayed. South Korea's scheme - the government's key policy to meet its targets of cutting greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 to 30 percent below business-as-usual levels - will be the world's second biggest carbon market when it launches.

[WTO Dismisses China's Environmental Defense For Limiting Exports Of Rare Earth Elements](#) (International Business Times, 08/15/2014) The World Trade Organization (WTO) slapped down China's restriction on rare earth element exports as a phony environmental ruse that actually gives the nation's domestic industries an unfair price advantage.

GOVERNMENT

[China Opens Tibet Forum with Focus on Development](#) (Women of China, 08/12/2014) Jointly sponsored by the Information Office of China's State Council and the regional government of Tibet, the forum seeks to gather opportunities and suggestions for Tibet's future. The protection of Tibetan culture and environment will also be highlighted.

[China urges public to walk, ride bikes to help cut smog](#) (The Malaysian Insider, 08/13/2014) China has issued a "behavioural standards" guide to combat pollution and reduce environmental damage, urging people to do everything from walking and riding bicycles to buying goods with less packaging.