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Water! The world's major grain-producing area chanting thirsty

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August 22, the 21th 'World Water Week' forum opened in Stockholm, Sweden, United Nations Environment Programme released a new special report The report mentioned that in the North China Plain, the Indian Punjab and the western United States and other some of the world's major grain producing areas, groundwater levels are declining. To this end, the report recommends the way through the protection of ecosystems to improve water and food security.

The report, <<By the ecosystem approach to achieve water and food security>> report by the United Nations Environment Programme, the **International Water Management Institute** and other international organizations, 19 of 50 authors compiled together to complete the report said, there are 1.6 billion people living in water shortage areas. Under the present circumstances, this number will soon grow to 20 million people.

It is estimated that by 2050, world population will reach 9 billion. The face of growing demand for food, it is imperative that significantly improve the level of global food production, but in this context, countries in general face a major challenge that agricultural water stress, including livestock, drinking water, crop irrigation, fish farming water, etc(<http://www.f-paper.com/>). The report mentions that in the North China Plain, India, Punjab and the western United States and some other world's major grain producing areas, the local groundwater level is rapidly declining water consumption has reached or over the limit.

Climate change alters rainfall patterns and intensity, which also increased the shortage of water resources, thereby affecting crop yields by 2050, global demand for crop production than the shortage of 25% only in Africa, to the end of this century food production will be reduced by 15% -30% reported that people always focus on higher yields and more extensive use of land, which will have catastrophic consequences. 'If we continue to use the current agricultural production, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems will inevitably shore reduced or completely destroyed. '

Interestingly, the report specifically for wetland value set of a price it is estimated that wetlands share of the global economic value of \$ 70 billion, 52.5 billion of value 'produced' Africa, 371 million 'produced' in Asia. Report said: 'the value of natural resources into a 'fixed prices', farmers and consumers may better understand the importance of environmental protection(News News <http://www.f-paper.com/>).' The report also countries through crop diversification initiatives, in the fields planting trees, improving rainwater harvesting and other simple easy ways to continuously enhance the ecosystems, water resources and food security co-ordinated management.

The report notes that policy makers should be farmland, fisheries and other agricultural areas as 'agro-ecological system.' It is not only a source of food, also plays water purification, flood and other ecological role in regulating the report through from China, Guatemala, Jordan and other countries that the agricultural community case studies to enhance the modernization of agro-ecosystems management and maintenance, land degradation, soil erosion, fertilizer pollution, biodiversity loss and other problems began to get better. In addition, rice farmers can also fish farming, organic fertilizer, the development of green agricultural products and other ecological way out of poverty.

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