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Dear Dr. Balazs:

Thank you for your artical of IMPACT OF OCEAN DEBRIS ON MARINE TURTLES. The following is about my work during these years.

The marine turtle conservation has been carried out in China. Marine turtles have been classified as protected animals. The First Session of the Marine Turtle Conservation Meeting was held at Huidong County, Guangdong Province, in September, 1985, attended by the representatives of China Ministry of Farming, Animal Husbandry and Fishery, China Ministry of Construction and Environmental Protection for City and County, China Scientific and Technical Committee, Institute of Zoology Academia Sinica of China, China Wild Animal Conservation Association and the departments concerned of Guangdong Province. During the meeting Guangdong T.V. station made a T.V. film about turtle's egg-laying, hatching and breeding in the port of Huidong County.

Hsisha Islands is the major area in China for the marine turtle egg-laying. But the marine turtles egg-laying can also be found every year in the port of Huidong County. In order to protect the marine turtle resource, a marine turtle natural hatching area has been set up at the Huidong County and two marine turtle conservation areas are being planned to build in the suburbs of Sanya City and along the coast of Lingshui County of Hainan Island. After artificial breeding there, the marine turtles will be tagged and returned to sea. A South China Sea marine turtle observation team will be organized by the Ministry of Farming, animal Husbandry and Fishery. This team will complete its observation mission from 1986 to 1987. I has been got to act as an adviser for the team and I am going to do the marine turtle observation together with the team.

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The Beijing Science and Education Film Studio will shoot a film about the South China Sea Marine turtle. I has been got to act as an adviser for the film. The film will be made in 1987.

Sincerely Yours,

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