

**Supplementary materials for manuscript entitled:** Impacts of climate and reclamation on temporal variations in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from different wetlands in China: From 1950 to 2010.

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**Supplementary material S1: Estimate CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from lakes and rivers**

In this paper, we totally followed Chen's method (Chen et al., 2013) to calculate regional CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from lakes and rivers across China. Lakes can be found in five major regions in China: the plains of eastern China, the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, the Mongolia-Xinjiang Plateau, and the Northeast China Plain (Wang and Dou, 1998). The followed equation was used to calculate regional CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from lakes:

$$CH4_{regional} = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k f_{ijk} \times A_{ijk} \times D_{ijk} \quad (S1.1)$$

Where  $i$  is the lake region,  $j$  is the growing season and non-growing season (between the different regions), and  $k$  is the different zones (pelagic zone and/or littoral zone).  $f_{ijk}$  is the seasonal mean CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes under conditions of  $i$ ,  $j$ , and  $k$  (listed in Table S1).  $A_{ijk}$  is the lakes' area, and  $D_{ijk}$  is the duration of the growing and non-growing season or the unfrozen season.  $CH4_{regional}$  is the regional CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from lakes.

The average area-weighted CH<sub>4</sub> flux was calculated as followed:

$$CH4_{flux} = \frac{CH4_{regional}}{\sum_i \sum_j \sum_k A_{ijk}} \quad (S1.2)$$

Uncertainties of the estimation were come from the fraction of the littoral zones of the lakes, which was assumed at 5% to 12% for all lakes in China based on a preliminary estimate (Chen et al., 2009). More details about this method please see Chen et al. (2013).

When used [Eqn. (S1.1)] to calculate regional CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from rivers,  $f_{ijk}$  is assumed to equal to the value in the pelagic zone, since no available data present.

Table S1 Measurements of CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes from lakes in China, from Chen et al. (2013).

| Location                      | Zones                      | CH <sub>4</sub> flux (mg m <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> ) | Sampling season            | References         |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Eastern Plain                 |                            |  |                            |                    |
| Lake Donghu                   | Pelagic zone               | 0.97 ±0.78   | Apr. 2003 to Mar. 2004     | Xing et al., 2005  |
| Lake Taihu                    | Littoral zone <sup>a</sup> | 0.4 ±0.9   | Aug. 2003 to Aug.2004      | Wang et al., 2006  |
|                               | Littoral zone <sup>b</sup> | 10 ±23.0   | Aug. 2003 to Aug.2004      |                    |
|                               | Pelagic zone               | 0.5 ±1.9   | Aug. 2003 to Aug.2004      |                    |
| Lake Boyang                   | Pelagic zone               | 0.82 ±0.22   | Dec. 2004 to Jan.2005      | Chen et al., 2007  |
| Lake Dongting                 | Pelagic zone               | 0.2 ±0.64  | Dec. 2004 to Jan.2005      | Chen et al., 2007  |
| Lake Caohu                    | Pelagic zone               | 0.021 ±0.012   | Dec. 2004 to Jan.2005      | Chen et al., 2007  |
| Lake Nansihu                  | Pelagic zone               | 0.034 ±0.020   | Dec. 2004 to Jan.2005      | Chen et al., 2007  |
| Lake Hongzehu                 | Pelagic zone               | 0.019 ±0.010   | Dec. 2004 to Jan.2005      | Chen et al., 2007  |
| Three Gorges Reservoir Region | Littoral zone              | 6.7 ±13.3  | Jul. to Sep.,2008          | Chen et al., 2009a |
|                               | Pelagic zone               | 0.26 ±0.38   | Jan. to Dec., 2009         | Chen et al., 2011  |
|                               | Littoral zone              | 0.22 ±0.26   | the inundated season       | Yang et al., 2012  |
| Qinghai-Tibet Plateau         |                            |  |                            |                    |
| Lake Huahu                    | Littoral zone              | 15.1   | Jun. to Aug. 2006 and 2007 | Chen et al., 2009b |
| Mongolia-Xinjiang Plateau     |                            |  |                            |                    |
| Lake Wuliangsu                | Littoral zone <sup>b</sup> | 15.28  | Apr. to Oct.2003           | Duan et al., 2005  |
|                               | Littoral zone <sup>c</sup> | 2.16   | Apr. to Oct.2003           |                    |
| Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau        |                            |  |                            |                    |
| Lake Fuxianhu                 | Pelagic zone               | 0.012 ±0.029   | Dec. 2004 to Jan.2005      | Chen et al., 2007  |
| Lake Erhai                    | Pelagic zone               | 0.044 ±0.15  | Dec. 2004 to Jan.2005      | Chen et al., 2007  |
| Lake Dianchi                  | Pelagic zone               | 0.16 ±0.035  | Dec. 2004 to Jan.2005      | Chen et al., 2007  |
| Taiwan Island                 |                            |  |                            |                    |
| 10 lakes on plateau           | Pelagic zone               | 0.07 ±0.06   | NS                         | Wang et al., 1998  |
| 26 lakes on plain             | Pelagic zone               | 0.11 ±0.19   | NS                         | Wang et al., 1998  |

<sup>a</sup> Bare littoral zone; <sup>b</sup>Emergent plant zone; <sup>c</sup>Submerged plant zone; NS, not specified.

## Supplementary material S2: Model description, modification and validation

### S2.1 Modification to CH4MOD<sub>wetland</sub>

In CH4MOD<sub>wetland</sub>, the environmental factors that influence CH<sub>4</sub> production and emission in natural wetlands include soil temperature, soil texture and soil redox potential. Previous studies (Atkinson and Hall, 1976; King and Wiebe, 1978; Bartlett et al., 1985; 1987; Magenheimer et al., 1996) indicate that methane emissions from various coastal salt marshes in the temperate zones vary with salinity. In order to provide the capability of simulating methane emissions from coastal wetland, we adopted the relationship between salinity and methane fluxes according to Poffenbarger et al. (2011).

$$f(s) = 10^{a \times s} \quad (\text{S2.1})$$

where  $f(s)$  represents the effect of salinity on CH<sub>4</sub> production.  $s$  is the salinity (psu, practical salinity unit).  $a$  is an empirical constant.

### S2.2 Description of TOPMODEL for simulating water table depth

Following previous research (Bohn et al., 2007; Kleinen et al., 2012; Lu and Zhuang et al., 2012; Zhu et al., 2013), this study is based on the topographic wetness index (TWI)  $ki = \ln(\alpha_i / \tan \beta_i)$  to represent the spatially distributed water table depth for a 1 km sub-grid within a grid of 0.5 °, where  $\alpha_i$  is the upslope contributing area above point  $i$ ,  $\tan \beta_i$  is the local surface slope at that point. The central equation of TOPMODEL is

$$zi = z - m \times (ki - \lambda) \quad (\text{S2.2})$$

where  $zi$  is the local water table depth in a 1 km pixel,  $z$  is the average water table depth in the 0.5 ° grid,  $m$  is the scaling parameter,  $ki$  is the local topographic wetness index (TWI) in the 1 km pixel,  $\lambda$  is the average of  $ki$  over the 0.5 ° grid cell. The value of  $z$  is calculated by the soil moisture content in a 0.5 ° grid cell. More details about calculating the average water table depth please see the previous study (Letts, et al., 2000; Lu and Zhuang et al., 2012). For the scaling parameter  $m$ , Kleinen et al. (2012) described it as the capability of transmissivity with depth. In previous study (Bohn et al., 2007), this parameter was calibrated using the observed water table depth. In this study, we used the observed water table depth at SJ, REG, WLS and LRD (Table S2) to calibrate the scaling parameter  $m$  at each site. When extrapolating to large regions, the value of  $m$  at SJ, REG, and WLS (Table S3) were assigned to Region I, Region II and Region III, respectively. In Region IV, we used the parameters for WLS because

of the similar wetland types (Table S2). The value for REG (Table S3) were allocated to Region V because this wetland is located at the edge of this region. The value for the coastal wetland parameters were assigned based on LRD (Table S3).

After acquiring the local water table depth ( $z_i$ ) for each 1 km pixel, we used an approach of (Zhu et al., 2013). The water table depth  $z_{wet}$  of wetland in a  $0.5^\circ$  grid cell is calculated as

$$z_{wet} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{i=n} z_i}{n} \quad (S2.3)$$

where  $n$  is the number of 1 km wetland pixels within each  $0.5^\circ$  grid cell, and the value of  $n$  is derived from the GLWD-3 data set, within each grid cell.

### S2.3 Model validation

Two simulations were made to test the model performance at the site scale and the grid scale. To begin with, we used the site-specific measurements of air temperature, soil temperature, water table depth, aboveground net primary productivity (ANPP) and the observed plant phenology to drive CH4MOD<sub>wetland</sub> to simulate site-specific daily CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes at each site (Table S2). We compared these daily simulated CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes with the measurements. Fig S1 (a, b, d, e, g, i and k) and Fig S2a shows the comparisons of the seasonal variations and the monthly amount between the modeled and observed CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes.

Moreover, in order to test the performance of the integrated model framework (CH4MOD<sub>wetland</sub>/TEM/TOPMODEL) (Fig. 1) at the grid level, we also compared the observed monthly CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes in the wetland sites (Table S2) and the simulated monthly CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes at the  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$  grid. We used the gridded data of climate, soil and vegetation to drive the integrated model framework (Fig. 1) on a monthly step. Field measurements in the wetland show that there are large uncertainties in the ANPP, standing water depth and the plant phenology. For example, in the Sanjiang Plain, the range of ANPP ranges from 422 to 530 g m<sup>-2</sup> (Hao, 2006; Li et al., 2012); The average standing water depth during the growing season ranges from 1 to 10 cm (Song et al., 2007); The mature period of the plant ranges from mid-July to mid-August (Hao, 2006). We made 8 sensitivity experiments with differing ANPP, standing water depth and the plant mature period. The range of input ANPP, standing water depth and the plant mature period are from the observed data at each wetland sites (Table S3). Variations of half the range in ANPP, standing water depth and the plant mature period on the basis input data were used as the maximum and minimum

values of the input. Error bars in Fig. S1 (c, f, h, j, l) and Fig. S2b are determined by the sensitivity experiments.

Table S2 Site description

| Site name                | Location                                | Wetland type    | Plant speices                       | Experiment period | References                         |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sanjiang Plain (SJ)      | 47 35' N,133 31'E                       | marsh           | <i>Carex</i> and<br><i>Deyeuxia</i> | 2003-2005         | Hao (2006);<br>Song et al., (2007) |
| Ruoergai Plateau (REG)   | 32 47'N,102 32'E                        | peatland        | <i>Carex</i>                        | 2001              | Ding et al., (2004)                |
| Haibei alpine marsh (HB) | 37 29'N,101 12'E                        | marsh           | <i>Carex</i>                        | 2002              | Hirota et al., (2004)              |
| Zhalong wetland (ZL)     | 46 52'N -47 32'N,<br>123 47'E- 124 37'E | floodplain      | <i>Phragmites</i>                   | 2009              | Huang et al., (2011)               |
| Wuliangsu lake (WLS)     | 40 47' -41 03' N,<br>108 43'-108 57' E  | floodplain      | <i>Phragmites</i>                   | 2003              | Duan et al., (2005)                |
| Liao river delta (LRD)   | 40 40'-41 25'N,<br>121 35'- 122 55'E    | coastal wetland | <i>Phragmites</i>                   | 1997              | Huang et al., (2005)               |
| Chonging island (CMI)    | 31 00' -31 30' N,<br>121 00' -122 00' E | coastal wetland | <i>Scirpus</i>                      | 2004              | Yang et al., (2007)                |

Table S3 Site-specific parameters and model inputs of CH4MOD<sub>wetland</sub> and TOPMODEL

| Parameters and inputs          | Description  | Value   |  |                    |                    |  |                   |                    | Unit                               |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                |  | SJ  | REG  | HB                 | ZL                 | WLS  | LRD               | CMI                |                                    |
| VI <sup>*</sup>                | Vegetation index   | 2.4 <sup>a)1</sup> ,<br>2.8 <sup>b)1</sup>        | 2.4 <sup>1</sup>                           | 2.4 <sup>1</sup>   | 1 <sup>1</sup>     | 1 <sup>1</sup>                               | 1 <sup>1</sup>    | 1 <sup>1</sup>     | dimensionless                      |
| ANPP <sup>^</sup>              | Above-ground net primary productivity                                    | 485 <sup>a)2</sup> , 450 <sup>b)2</sup>           | 340 <sup>c)3</sup> ,<br>290 <sup>d)3</sup> | 380 <sup>4</sup>   | 1200 <sup>5</sup>  | 1860 <sup>e)6</sup> ,<br>2520 <sup>f)6</sup> | 1200 <sup>5</sup> | 692 <sup>7</sup>   | g m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> |
| f <sub>root</sub> <sup>*</sup> | Proportion of below-ground to the total production                       | 0.6 <sup>a)8</sup> , 0.5 <sup>b)8</sup>           | 0.6 <sup>c)d)9</sup>                       | 0.5 <sup>9</sup>   | 0.5 <sup>9</sup>   | 0.5 <sup>9</sup>                             | 0.5 <sup>9</sup>  | 0.5 <sup>9</sup>   | dimensionless                      |
| P <sub>ox</sub> <sup>*</sup>   | The fraction of CH <sub>4</sub> oxidized during plant mediated transport | 0.5 <sup>1</sup>                                  | 0.5 <sup>1</sup>                           | 0.5 <sup>1</sup>   | 0.9 <sup>1</sup>   | 0.9 <sup>1</sup>                             | 0.9 <sup>1</sup>  | 0.9 <sup>1</sup>   | dimensionless                      |
| T <sub>veg</sub> <sup>*</sup>  | The fraction of plant mediated transport was available                   | 1 <sup>14</sup>                                   | 1 <sup>14</sup>                            | 1 <sup>14</sup>    | 1 <sup>14</sup>    | 1 <sup>14</sup>                              | 1 <sup>14</sup>   | 1 <sup>14</sup>    | dimensionless                      |
| SAND <sup>^</sup>              | Soil sand fraction   | 56.0 <sup>a)10,11</sup> , 47.0 <sup>b)10,11</sup> | 66.0 <sup>10,11</sup>                      | 80 <sup>12</sup>   | 47 <sup>12</sup>   | 80 <sup>12</sup>                             | 30 <sup>12</sup>  | 65 <sup>12</sup>   | %                                  |
| SOM <sup>^</sup>               | Concentration of soil organic matter                                     | 70 <sup>a)10,11</sup> , 246 <sup>b)10,11</sup>    | 520 <sup>10,11</sup>                       | 146 <sup>13</sup>  | 222 <sup>13</sup>  | 133 <sup>13</sup>                            | 103 <sup>13</sup> | 212 <sup>13</sup>  | g kg <sup>-1</sup>                 |
| ρ <sup>^</sup>                 | Soil bulk density  | 1.00 <sup>a)10,11</sup> , 0.74 <sup>b)10,11</sup> | 0.75 <sup>10,11</sup>                      | 1.73 <sup>13</sup> | 1.40 <sup>13</sup> | 1.52 <sup>13</sup>                           | 0.9 <sup>13</sup> | 1.55 <sup>13</sup> | g cm <sup>-3</sup>                 |
| m <sup>*</sup>                 | Scaling parameter in TOPMODEL  | 1.0 <sup>1</sup>                                  | 0.8 <sup>1</sup>                           | 0.8 <sup>1</sup>   | 1.0 <sup>1</sup>   | 0.8 <sup>1</sup>                             | 1.6 <sup>1</sup>  | 1.6 <sup>1</sup>   | dimensionless                      |

a) For *Carex lasiocarpa* site; b) For *Deyeuxia angustifolia* site; c) For *Carex meyeriana* site; d) For *Carex muliensis* site; e) For *Phragmites australis* site1; f) For *Phragmites australis* site2; <sup>\*</sup> Defined as model parameters; <sup>^</sup> Defined as model inputs.

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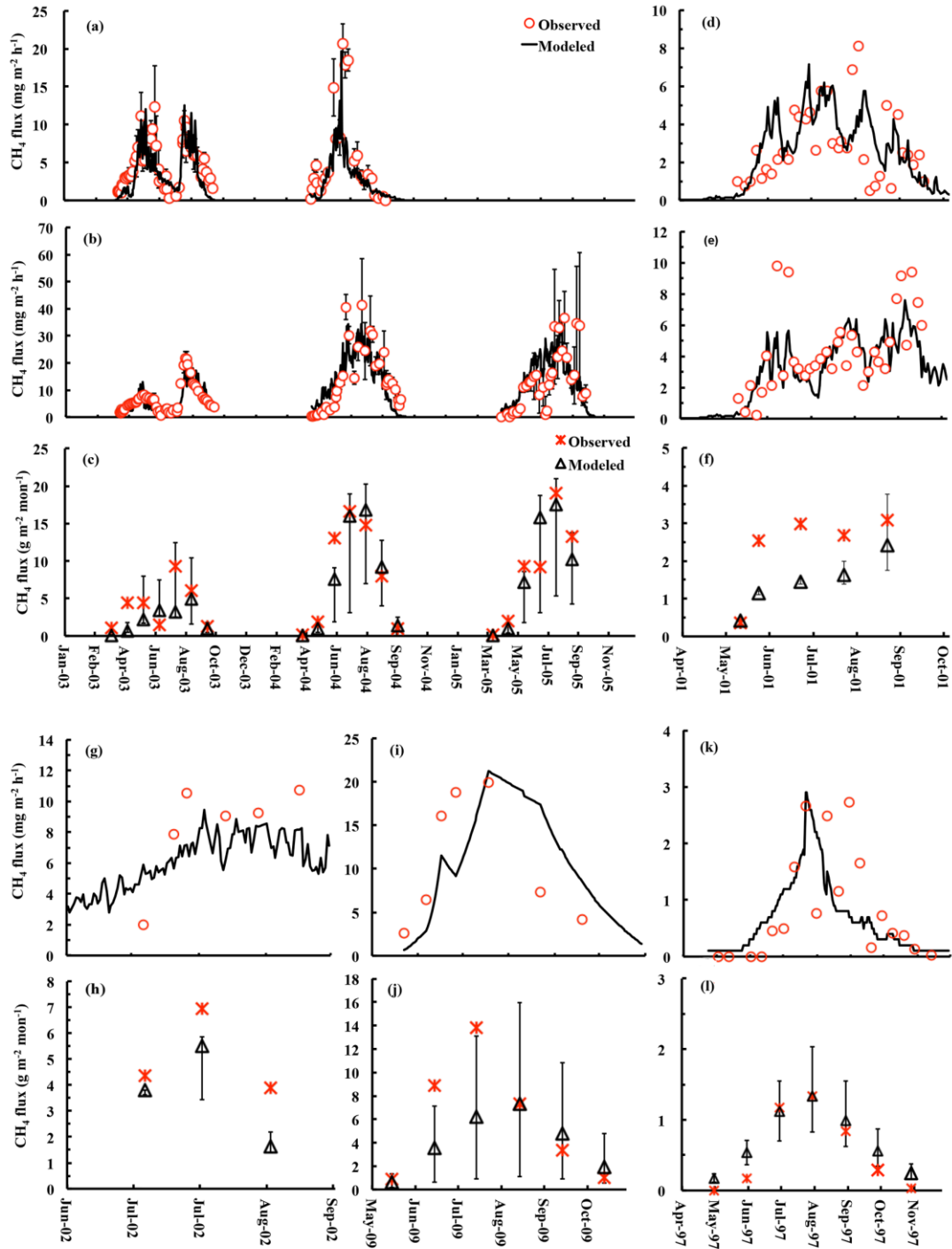


Fig. S1: Comparison of simulated and observed seasonal  $\text{CH}_4$  variations. SJ: the “site-scale” validation (a, b), the “grid-scale” validation (c); REG: the “site-scale” validation (d, e), the “grid-scale” validation (f); HB: the “site-scale” validation (g), the “grid-scale” validation (h); ZL: the “site-scale” validation (i), the “grid-scale” validation (j); LRD: the “site-scale” validation (k), the “grid-scale” validation (l). Error bars in a and b are the standard errors from 3 sampling replicates. Error bars in c, f, h, j and l are the uncertainties from the heterogeneities of ANPP, standing water depth and the plant mature period in the grid.

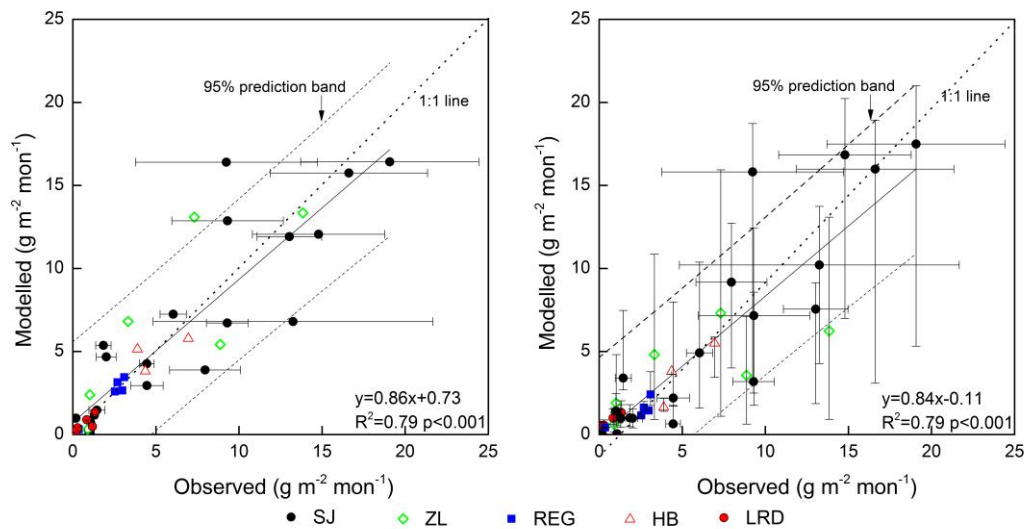


Fig. S2: Observed vs. simulated monthly CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 5 wetland sites. (a) site-scale validation; (b) grid-scale validation. Dashed line is 1:1. The horizontal bars represent standard errors from 3 sampling replicates in SJ. The vertical bars are the uncertainties from the heterogeneities of ANPP, standing water depth and the plant mature period in the grid. For the wetland where two micro-sites locate (SJ and REG), the average observed/simulated values were used to represent the average CH<sub>4</sub> emissions at that site.

### Supplementary material S3: Division of the inland wetlands in China

Chinese inland wetlands are divided to 5 regions (Fig. 2) (Lang and Zu, 1983). They are distributed unevenly and primarily occur in northeastern China (30%) (Region I; Fig. 2) and the Qinghai Tibetan Plateau (50%) (Region II; Fig. 2) (Ding et al., 2004). Marshes (dominated by *Carex*, *Phragmites*, *Cyperus*, *Blymus*, and *Deyeuxia*) and the swamps (dominated by *Alnus* and *Larix*) are widely distributed in the northeast China. Peatlands (dominated by *Carex*, *Pedicularis*, and *Scirpus* species) are the mainly type in Qinghai Tibetan Plateau. In Region III (Fig. 2) (Inner Mongolia and northwestern China) and Region IV (Fig. 2) (North China plain and the Middle-Lower Yangtze Plain), marshes and floodplains dominated by *Phragmites australis* are the important landscape. Peatlands (dominated by *Carex* and *Sphagnum*) and marshes (dominated by *Phragmites australis*) are the main types in Region V (Fig. 2) (southern China).

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