

## World Bank approves loan to support sustainable rice farming in China

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The World Bank has approved a loan of \$255 million to support a program that will reduce methane emissions and improve irrigation and drainage services in rice production in central China's Hunan Province, according to the Xinhua news agency.

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The program, with a total investment of \$1.24 billion financed by the World Bank loan and Chinese government funds, will spend five years developing a sustainable rice production model and creating replicable and scalable knowledge and experiences for China and other rice-growing countries.

Mara Warwick, World Bank Country Director for China, Mongolia, and Korea, said the program will provide innovative solutions to promote climate mitigation in China's agriculture sector.