

Taiwan to promote plant-based food follows new climate bill

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Taiwan has approved a climate bill to promote low-carbon diets which mandate the countrywide promotion of low-carbon diets, with specific reference made to plant-based foods.

The bill says that the Council of Agriculture must promote waste reduction and low-carbon diets, with the latter category including plant-based and locally-produced foods. According to article 42, all levels of government should promote these foods, and mandate support for civil society organisations working towards low-carbon diets.

The legislation makes Taiwan one of only a small number of regions to reference plant-based foods in their climate laws. The government's target of net zero emissions by 2050 has also been made legally binding, with government agencies required to implement plans to reduce emissions.