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Abstract

China's biodiversity conservation provides critical insights into the nature of environmental politics during a state-led national park system reform and a top-down environmental inspection. Based on fieldwork in the Yellow River Basin and Fujian Province from 2019 to 2022, the changes of biodiversity conservation governance, dynamic interactions among stakeholders, the role of inspections in environmental governance, the logic behind policy formulation, implementation, and revision were explored. These studies have found that the Chinese government has systematically improved the governance of protected areas by integrating the fragmented management of protected areas through institutional adjustments, solving local development problems through targeted poverty alleviation, and improving environmental supervision through applying new technology.