On May 13-15, 2014, Dr. Roz Naylor, the Director of Stanford University’s Center on Food Security and the Environment (FSE), will host a scientific symposium in Beijing, China for invited Western and Chinese scientists to discuss food security and marine fisheries.

Sessions will broadly focus on:

- Connecting the dots between global food security and marine ecosystems
- Aquaculture, feeds, and fisheries
- Coastal fisheries and impacts on marine ecosystems
- Economics of the global marine fish trade
- Critical issues and challenges: implications for the future [e.g. distant-water fisheries, IUU, etc.]

Approximately 30 scientists will attend the symposium at the new Stanford University Center at Peking University. Each session will be co-led by one Chinese and one Western scientist. We believe these sessions will be of interest because the symposium will address the three current priority areas for Chinese marine policy: the management of its own domestic fisheries, the profitability of its fishing industry, and the growth of its aquaculture sector.

Professor Naylor and Dr. Ling Cao will collaborate with symposium participants over two years on a series of peer-reviewed publications addressing symposium topics and develop research proposals to address the scientific needs identified at the symposium.

“Seafood plays a vital role in food security for China and the world, and the demand is growing. As a leading producer and consumer of seafood, China will increasingly depend on marine resources as a critical source of protein and nutrition.”