

## **Environmental change and Cultural Adaptation: a case study of a Bai fishing village in Erhai Lake**

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**Abstract:** Based on field work at a natural fishing village on Shuanglang town, Dali city, this paper explores and analyzes contemporary ecological changes in the Bai ethnic community and interaction between the way of livelihood of fishermen and cultural adaptation, as well as the improved understanding of relationships between humans, their environment and culture.

Changes in the ecological environment caused changes in some cultural elements. An ethnic-adaptive framework addressing the natural ecology is created through adaptation of the culture to the ecological environment. Such architecture covers daily habits, ways of living, conventions and religious beliefs, and a conscious protection of the environment within the ethnic group. It presents the eco-ethic wisdom of a minority ethnicity's way of living and objectively plays the role of environment protection.