

Tiger Leaping Gorge Dam



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China's State Development and Reform Commission has in the past considered the proposed Tiger Leaping Gorge Dam a priority for hydropower development. One of a series of 8 dams planned on the middle portion of the [Jinsha River](#) (Upper Yangtze) by the Yunnan Hydropower Development Co. Ltd., the dam would have a capacity of 2.8 megawatts and a height of 276 meters. If built, it would flood the spectacular and much visited Tiger Leaping Gorge and forcibly displace 100,000 mostly Naxi minority farmers from their lands. The South China Morning Post [reported in December 2007](#) that the project had been scrapped "following a rare public outcry" and that instead, a different dam would be built 200 kilometers upstream in a predominantly Tibetan region. Activists in China believe, however, the project may still be under development.

MORE INFORMATION:

[Yunnan Scraps Tiger Leaping Gorge Dam, South China Morning Post](#)

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[Hutiaoxia Petition](#) - Petition calls for protection of Tiger Leaping Gorge and 3 Parallel Rivers World Heritage area and for careful approach to development, September 2004.

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