Youjiang

Map of River

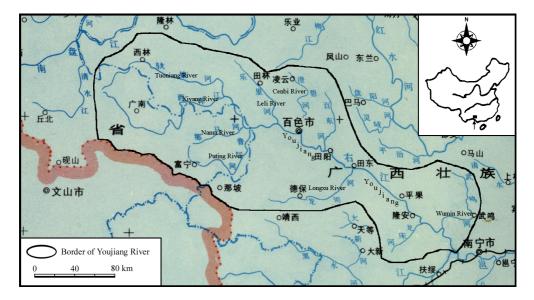


Table of Basic Data

Name(s): Youjiang		Serial No.: China-8					
Location: Guangxi Province, Southern China	N 22°50' ~ 24°25'	E 104°45' ~ 108°30'					
Area: 40 900 km ²	Length of the main stream: 7	718 km					
Origin: Jiulongshan (1 819 m)	Highest point: Jiulongshan 1	819(m)					
Outlet: Yujiang	Lowest point: River mouth 70	(m)					
Main geological features: Carbonate rock, Clasti	ic rock						
Main tributaries: Putinghe (2 400 km ²), Cengbih Lelihe (1 410 km ²)	e (2 149 km ²), Longxuhe (2 140	km ²), Wuminhe (4 131 km ²),					
Main lakes: None							
Main reservoirs: Cenbihe (1 $130 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$), Xian	$nu (122.6 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3)$						
Mean annual precipitation: 1200 mm (1960~19	85) (basin average)						
Mean annual runoff: 279 m ³ /s at Baise (21 930 k	rm ²) (1960~1995)						
Population: 3 724 500 (1990) Main cities: Baise, Tianlin, Longan, Tianyang							
Land use: Forest (27.3 %), Rice paddy (4.3 %), Other agriculture (14.7 %), Water surface (2.8 %), Urban (50.6 %) (1989)							

1. General Description

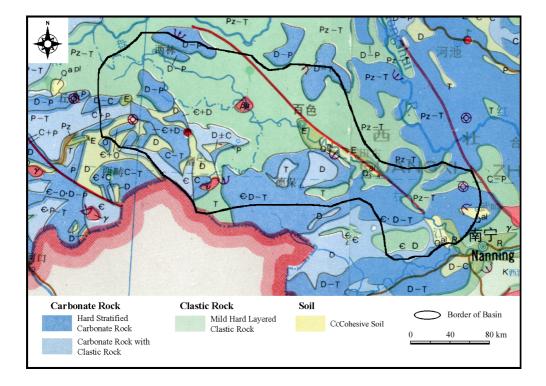
Youjiang is located in the western part of Guangxi Autonomous Region. The river which originates from Jiulongshan (1 819 m) is 718 km long and drains an area of 40 900 km². It is the upper stream of Yujiang, a tributary of Xijiang in the Pearl River basin. The mean annual precipitation for the catchment is 1 200 mm, and the mean annual discharge at Baise station (21 930 km²) is 279 m³/s (1976~1995). The river basin belongs to the subtropical region with warm and humid weather and is suitable for cultivation. The river passes through low areas should be low areas. Therefore, the water level is considerably lower than the land elevation. The main crop in the valley area along the main stream is rice.

Two large reservoirs, named Chengbihe and Xianhu, were completed in Chengbi River and Wumin River for hydropower, water supply, flood control and irrigation. The Baise Prefecture is one of the developing areas in China. The problems related to water are flood control and hydropower development in the upper stream. Although the water availability (6 060 m³ per capita) in Youjiang is 2.5 times the national average, the effective irrigation area in the lower stream is very limited due to lack of projects.

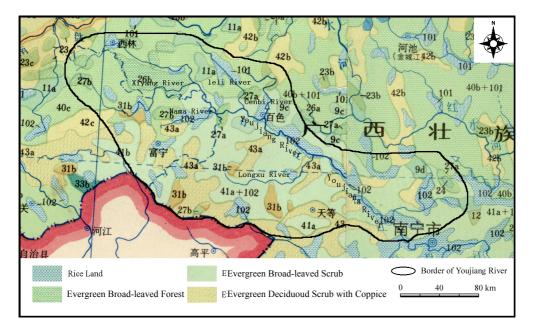
The population of the catchment was 3 124 500 in 1980.

2. Geographical Information

2.1. Geological Map



2.2. Land Use Map



2.3. Characteristics of the River and the Main Tributaries

No.	Name of river	Length [km] Catchment area [km ²]	Highest peak [m] Lowest point [m]	Cities Population (1990)	Land use [%] (1985)
1	Youjiang (Main River)	718 40 900	Jiulongshan1819 -	Baise, Longan 1 239 000	
2	Putinghe (Tributary)	135 2 400	Liushaoshan 1 500 -	-	
3	Cenbihe (Tributary)	121 2 149	Cenwangshan 2062 -	Lingyun 167 397	F (27.3) L (2.8)
4	Longxuhe (Tributary)	130 2 140	Xinlishan 4500 -	Jinxi 495 800	P (4.3) OA (14.7)
5	Wuminhe (Tributary)	198 4 131	Mt. Mashan 500 -	Wumin 524 000	U (50.6)
6	Lelihe (Tributary)	130 1 410	Nanshemeng 1000 -	Tianlin 118 300	

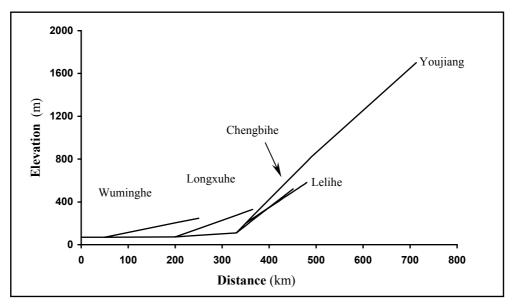
F: Forest

L: Lake, River, Marsh

P: Paddy Field

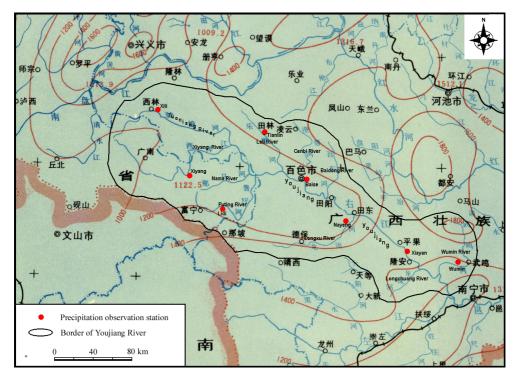
OA: Other agricultural field (vegetable field, grass field)

2.4. Longitudinal Profiles



3. Climatological Information

3.1. Annual Isohyetal Map and Observation Stations



No.	Station	Elevation [m]	Location	Observation period	Mean annual precipitation ¹⁾ [mm]	Mean annual evaporation ¹⁾ [mm]	Observation items ²⁾
12	Xilin	691	N 24°29' E 105°05'	1965 ~ present	1 101.5	1 397.2	P(TB),E
15	Guangnan	1 250	N 24°02' E 105°02'	1953 ~ present	1 061.7	1668.5	P(TB),E
20	Wacun	232	N 23°11' E 105°57'	1955 ~ present	1182.0	1 205.4	P(TB)
41	Baise	173	N 23°54' E 116°36'	1946 ~ present	1114.9	1686.5	P(TB),E
49	Tiandong	111	N 23°27' E 107°07'	1954 ~ present	1171.7	1901.8	P(TB)
61	Xiayan	95	N 23°17' E 107°39'	1957 ~ present	1373.4	1 300.6	P(TB),E
73	Wumin	110	N 23°10' E 108°15'	1954 ~ present	1170.3	1297.9	P(TB),E

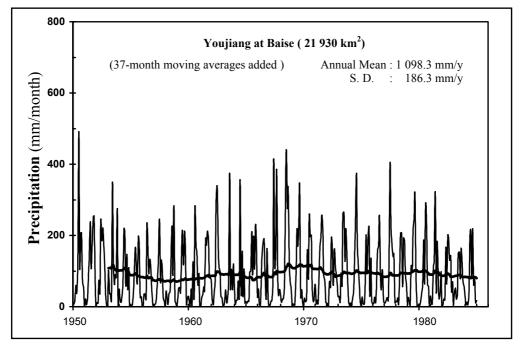
List of Meteorological Observation Stations 3.2.

Evaporation measured with Φ 20 cm evaporation vessel 1) Period for the mean is from 1956 to 1979 2) P: Precipitation; E: Evaporation; TB: Tipping bucket with recording chart

Observation item	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual	Period for the mean
Temperature [°C]	13.3	15.3	19.5	23.8	26.8	27.9	28.6	27.8	26.3	22.9	18.6	14.9	22.1	1951~1980
Precipitation [mm]	18.7	16.6	29.1	64.7	168.4	197.1	183.1	198.3	108.8	80.6	33.8	15.7	1 114.9	1951~1980
Evaporation [mm]	75.9	90.5	141.8	183.5	203.1	178.4	194.7	169.5	156.6	125.9	91.4	75.3	1 686.5	1952~1980
Solar radiation [MJ/m ² /day] *	8.15	7.88	8.24	11.1	15.3	15.6	17.0	16.0	16.1	13.7	11.3	9.08	12.5	1961~1985
Duration of sunshine [hr]	97.1	95.6	128.9	161.4	183	117.3	215.8	211.7	203.6	164.3	142.0	125.9	1906.6	1952~1980

Monthly Climate Data at Baise station 3.3.

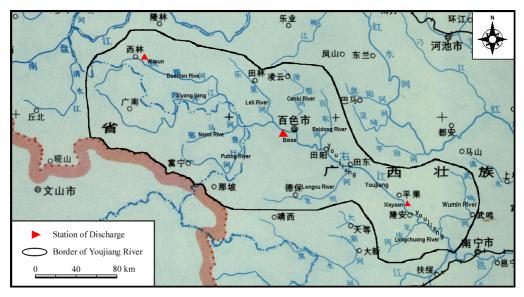
*Observed at Nanning.



3.4. Long-term Variation of Monthly Precipitation

4. Hydrological Information

4.1. Map of Streamflow Observation Stations



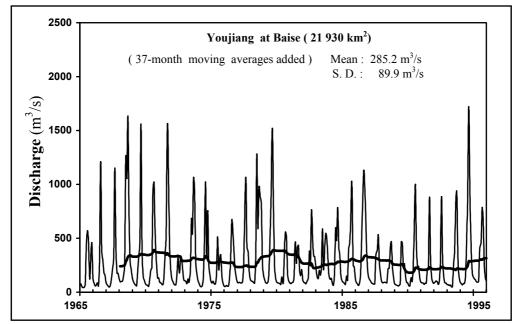
No.	Station	Location	Catchment area (A) [km ²]	Observation period	Observation items (frequency)	
4	Wacun	N 24°11' E 105°57'	11 580	1958 ~ present	H2,Q	
5	Baise	N 23°53' E 106°34'	21 930	1937~ present	H2,Q	
7	Xiayan	N 23°17' E 107°37'	32 570	1957 ~ present	H2,Q	

4.2. List of Hydrological Observation Stations

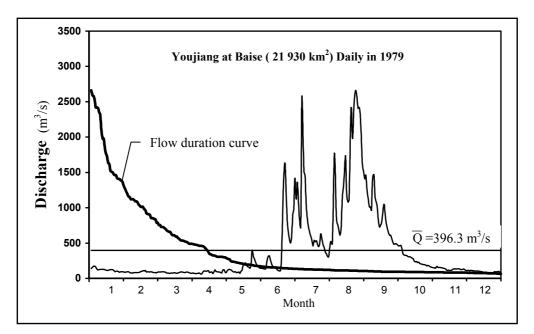
No.	Q ¹⁾ [m ³ /s]	Q max ²⁾ [m ³ /s]	\overline{Q} max ³⁾ [m ³ /s]	$\overline{Q} \min^{4)}$ [m ³ /s]	\overline{Q} / A [m ³ /s/100km ²]	Qmax / A [m ³ /s/100km ²]	Period of statistics
4	133	4270	1970	13.1	1.15	36.9	1959 ~ 1985
5	282	8400	3150	38.0	1.29	38.3	1937 ~ 1985
7	451	5920	3740	63.3	1.39	18.2	1957 ~ 1985

H2: water level by manual; Q: discharge1) Mean annual discharge2) Maximum discharge3) Mean maximum discharge4) Mean minimum discharge

Long-term Variation of Monthly Discharge Series 4.3.



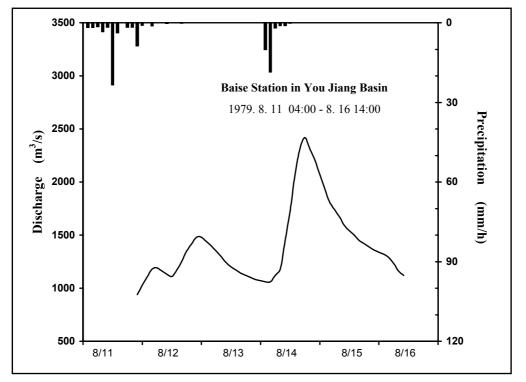
4.4. Annual Pattern of Discharge Series



4.5. Annual Maximum and Minimum Discharges at Baise (21 930 km²)

Year	Max	imum ¹⁾	Minim	um ²⁾	Year	Maxii	num ¹⁾	Minimum ²⁾	
rear	Date	[m ³ /s]	Month	$[m^3/s]$	Tear	Date	$[m^3/s]$	Month	[m ³ /s]
1960	8.29	1 000	5	12.0	1971	8.18	3 4 3 0	4	44.5
1961	8.6	2 970	3	40.5	1972	6.19	1 810	4	52.0
1962	7.3	2 790	4	38.8	1973	8.24	3 920	4	47.8
1963	7.13	1 500	4	18.8	1974	7.13	2 740	3	43.8
1964	8.12	3 560	5	30.0	1975	6.17	1 280	5	35.0
1965	11.3	1 770	5	27.2	1976	7.7	3 410	3	33.2
1966	7.4	4 380	3	31.7	1977	8.5	3 080	5	48.4
1967	8.8	3 290	5	34.4	1978	6.22	4 3 3 0	4	57.0
1968	6.25	5 2 3 0	3	78.2	1979	7.7	3 010	4	54.4
1969	8.13	3 290	5	45.0	1980	8.16	1 380	5	44.3
1970	7.25	3 350	4	42.5					

1), 2) Instantaneous observation by recording chart



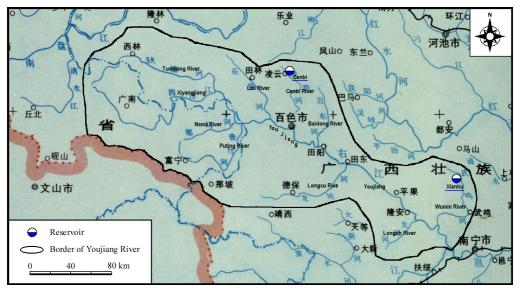
4.6. Hyetographs and Hydrographs of Major Floods

5. Water Resources

5.1. General Description

The Youjiang is the upper stream of Yujiang in the Guangxi Autonomous Region. The river originates from the west and flows towards the east, joins with Zuojiang at Laokou, after which it is called Yujiang. Along the main stream of the river, there are some pumping stations for irrigation purposes. Since surface water is very abundant, there is almost no groundwater withdrawal in the catchment. There are two reservoirs built for hydropower, flood control and irrigation, that are the Chenbihe and Xianhu reservoirs, and were completed in 1966 and 1960 with capacities 1 $130 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ and $123 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ respectively.

The climate in the basin is of subtropical type. The average annual precipitation varies in the range 1 100~1 600 mm. Of an irrigated area of 27 000 ha, some 1 300 ha are effective. One of the main components of floods in Nanning, the capital of the Guangxi, is the flooding in Youjiang. Floods are caused by the subtropical low pressure system in the summer. During the 24 year period from 1957~1980, there were 6 occurrences of floods with discharges greater than 4 500 m³/s at Xiayan station. When it is combined with the crests of Zuojiang, Nanning City is seriously threatened by floods.



5.2. Map of Water Resource Systems

5.3. List of Major Water Resources Facilities

Major Reservoirs

Name of river	Name of dam	Catchment area [km ²]	Gross capacity [10 ⁶ m ³]	Effective capacity [10 ⁶ m ³]	Purpose ¹⁾	Year of completion
Chenbi River	Chenbihe	2 000	1 130	560	P,F,A	1966
Wumin River	Xianhu	342	122.6	57.5	P,F,A	1960

1) F: Flood control; A: Agricultural use; P: Hydro-power

5.4. Major Flood and Drought Experiences

Major Floods at Baise (Catchment area 21 930 km²)

Date	Peak discharge [m ³ /s]	Rainfall [mm] Duration	Meteorological cause	Major damages (Districts affected)
1949.6.29	5 460	400 6.22~6.30	Frontal Rain	Baise, Longan City etc
1968.6.25	5 230	300 6.19~6.30		Nanning City
1976.7.7	3 410	250 7.4~7.14	Frontal Rain	-

6. Socio-cultural Characteristics

In Chinese 'You' means right. ('Zuo' means left). Since the river basin is a part of Guangxi Autonomous Region, Zhuang Minority is the dominant nationality in this area.

Baise, called the Goose City or Phoenix City, is the main city in the upper stream of Youjiang. It was a base of the Youjiang revolution after the Youjiang insurgence.

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