

China's Green Revolution: EV Surge, Tighter Air Standards, and Biodiversity H

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1. In April 2026, what percentage of new vehicle sales in China were New Energy Vehicles (NEVs), surpassing internal combustion engine vehicles for the first time?

- A) 51.4%
- B) 61.4%**
- C) 41.4%
- D) 71.4%

2. China recently announced a major overhaul of its national air quality standards. Which pollutants will have stricter limits under these new regulations?

- A) Carbon Monoxide, Ozone, Lead, and Volatile Organic Compounds
- B) Particulate Matter (PM2.5 and PM10), Sulfur Dioxide, and Nitrogen Dioxide**
- C) Methane, Nitrous Oxide, Ammonia, and Formaldehyde
- D) Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, and Styrene

3. As of May 2026, China is leading in the global clean energy race. What percentage of clean energy manufacturing investments announced from 2019 through 2025 did Chinese firms account for?

- A) 35%
- B) 45%
- C) 55%**
- D) 65%

4. A new study proposed central China as a global biodiversity hotspot. How many endemic plant species does this region boast, exceeding the threshold for such designation?

- A) 1,024
- B) 1,524
- C) 2,024**
- D) 2,524

5. In March 2026, China's 15th Five-Year Plan was adopted. What is a central climate target for reducing carbon intensity by 2030 compared to 2025 levels?

- A) 15%
- B) 17%**
- C) 19%
- D) 21%

6. Which three Chinese cities were recognized by a United Nations advisory board in March 2026 for their efforts in reducing waste and advancing the circular economy?

- A) Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen
- B) Hangzhou, Sanya, and Suzhou**
- C) Guangzhou, Chengdu, and Chongqing
- D) Wuhan, Xi'an, and Nanjing

7. What significant environmental law, consolidating existing statutes and addressing emerging pollutants like PFAS and microplastics, was adopted by China in March 2026 and will come into effect in August?

- A) The Environmental Protection Act
- B) The Ecological and Environmental Code**
- C) The Clean Air and Water Act
- D) The National Biodiversity Strategy

8. China has launched a campaign to combat plastic pollution. What was the deadline set for postal and express outlets nationwide to stop using non-degradable plastic packaging bags, plastic tape, and single-use plastic woven bags?

- A) End of 2022
- B) End of 2025**
- C) End of 2027
- D) End of 2030

9. According to a May 2026 report, what percentage of the world's new offshore wind turbines is China installing?

- A) Approximately 50%
- B) Approximately 60%
- C) Approximately 75%**
- D) Approximately 85%

10. In April 2026, China's automobile exports reached a significant milestone. How many units were exported, solidifying China's position as the world's largest automotive exporter?

- A) 5.1 million
- B) 6.1 million
- C) 7.1 million**
- D) 8.1 million