

[China reports highest sea level in 30 years](#)

A report released Wednesday by China's State Oceanic Administration warned that sea levels monitored last year reached the highest level since 1980.

The average sea level along the Chinese coast in 2016 was 38 mm higher than that of 2015 and 82 mm higher than the average level between 1993 and 2011, the report said.

Over the period from 1980 to 2016, sea level readings at China's coastal regions rose at an average rate of 3.2 mm per year, according to the report.

The report ascribed this situation to influences of climate change as well as El Nino and La Nina events.

Sun Shuxian, vice director of the administration warned that higher sea level may result in aggravated risks of storm tides, floods, coastal erosion, salt tides and seawater encroachment.

Another report released by the administration on Wednesday stated that the marine environment in waters under China's jurisdiction was "basically stable" in 2016.

However, it also noted some "outstanding problems" such as offshore pollution, an unhealthy marine ecosystem and environmental risks such as reoccurrence of red tides.

[China pledges crackdown on IPR violations, counterfeits](#)

China's cabinet, the State Council, has recently issued a guideline on intensifying crackdown on counterfeiting and Intellectual Property Right (IPR) infringements.

Fighting counterfeiting and IPR violations will help ensure implementation of China's IPR strategy, protect market order and improve the business environment, the guideline says.

The document requires a better market supervision system and demands improvements to the law, regulations and standards with appropriate information technology utilized in supervision.

The document mandates cooperation among regions and government agencies,

along with international collaboration, to handle problems in production, circulation and sales.

E-commerce platforms must strengthen scrutiny of business operators.

[Jeremy Corbyn statement on today's attack in Westminster](#)

Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party,

commenting on today's attack in Westminster, said:

"Today's horrific attack in Westminster has shocked the whole country. All our thoughts are with the victims of this outrage, their loved ones, families and friends.

"Those victims include civilians and police officers, Londoners and visitors, subjected to a brutal and indiscriminate assault.

"Our thanks and gratitude go to the police and emergency services who responded so bravely, and to those – including the MP Tobias Ellwood – who went to the aid of the injured and dying.

"This was not only an attack on innocent people. It was also an attack on our democracy.

"But I know that Londoners and people across the country will stand together in defence of our values and diversity."

[Statement from Caroline Lucas on the Westminster attack](#)



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Caroline Lucas, the co-leader of the Green Party, has responded to Wednesday's attack in Westminster.

She said:

“Our thoughts go out to all those affected by today’s attacks and we send deep thanks to the public servants who responded so quickly, bravely, and with care to treat the injured and minimise the number of casualties. We pay tribute to the lives that were so sadly lost and in particular to the police officer who died in the line of duty – we are truly in his debt.

“The response to such a heinous attack must be to strengthen our democracy, and refuse to give in to those who would harm it.”

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[Latest figures from Bus Passenger Survey show Government plans will not put passengers first – Daniel Zeichner](#)

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Zeichner MP, Labour’s Shadow Transport Minister, commenting on the publication of the Transport Focus Bus Passenger Survey figures for Autumn 2016, said:

“These results show once again that compared to national operators, municipal bus companies provide some of the best bus services in the country. The Government’s plans to ban local authorities from forming their own bus companies in the future clearly flies in the face of all the evidence.

“This year’s survey also suggests that congestion is becoming an increasing problem for bus users. With traffic projected to grow, this problem is only going to become worse. We really need to see local authorities and bus companies using the tools available in the Bus Services Bill to address congestion, and clean up our air.”