

STUDY OF THE COMPOSITION, VALUE, AND OVERALL PROTECTION OF THE CULTURAL ROUTES IN THE HAN RIVER BASIN AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF POPULATION MIGRATION

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1 ABSTRACT

Due to its unique geographical location, the Han River Basin has historically been an important corridor for north-south population migration. In this paper, cultural routes in the Han River Basin are used as a research setting for a thorough study of selected post roads, water systems, trade routes, and other routes that play a role in population migration. The formation and evolutionary mechanisms of the cultural routes are analyzed, their heritage value is investigated, and ideas about heritage protection in general and protection of basin sites in particular are proposed. The study uses literature collection, map reading, data statistics, and other historical research methods to comb through the many migration routes left by population flows throughout history and the large number of heritage sites that resulted. Migration activities are summarized in four historical stages, based on differing motivations for population migration, and combined with the results of superimposing derivative routes on surrounding heritage sites to analyze their spatial distribution characteristics and element compositions. The heritage sites along the cultural routes fuse the characteristics and cultural attributes of different areas. There were inherent inheritance and succession relationships between heritage sites of different periods, indicating that population migration had a persistent, significant effect on the exchange and development of areas within the Han River Basin. The preliminary investigation into the composition, value, and protection of the cultural routes in the Han River Basin was undertaken with a view to promoting the organic development of the cultural heritage of the Han River Basin under the mastery of history and the guidance of culture.

1.1 Keywords

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