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THE ATTITUDE OF PORT ORGANIZATIONS TOWARDS CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGIES

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Abstract: Climate change poses a serious risk to human activities. As important nodes along global supply chains, ports are highly vulnerable to the impacts posed by climate change, such as sea-level rise and storm surge. Without appropriate adaptation planning and measures, it can pose substantial consequences to the global economy. Thus, there is an urgent need for a better understanding of the attitude of port organizations to climate adaptation strategies which is, hitherto, under-studied. Understanding such, focusing on Chinese ports, the study investigates the attitude of stakeholders in port organizations towards climate adaptation planning and strategies. First, it provides an overview on the literature of climate adaptation, including planning and strategies. After then, based on the information collected from a survey and various in-depth, semi-structured interviews, it investigates the attitude of port organizations in China toward climate adaptation strategies. The findings indicate that port organizations, due to various reasons, do not believe that existing climate adaptation strategies can reduce the vulnerability posed by climate change. Based on such, the reasons that shape such a general attitude are further investigated and discussed.

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