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Late Pleistocene glaciation of the Hulifang Massif of Gongwang mountains in Yunnan Province

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Late Pleistocene glaciation was restricted to only a few high mountains in eastern China. The Gongwang mountains cons titute one of the typical places once glaciated. Geomorphic mapping of the area and the TL dating provides evidence f or at least four distinct glaciations. YJT-I glacial advance occurred about 100 ka BP and two TL absolute ages (101, 1 00 ± 7780 a BP; 104,000 \pm 8300 a BP) indicate this advance happened during the Penultimale Glaciation. The early stag e glacial advance (YJT-II advance) during the last glaciation occurred about 40,920 \pm 3400 a BP. The last glacial maxi mum advance (YJT-III advance) about 18-25 ka BP, which sustained by two TL ages (18,230 \pm 1420 a BP; 25,420 \pm 2110 a BP). The Penultimale and the early stage glaciations were more extensive and the last glacial maximum (LGM) and the I ate-glacial period (YJT-IV advance, 10 ka BP) were progressively less extensive. Correlated with the other mountains in eastern China, these glacial advances in the Gongwang mountains just like the advances in the western part such a s Diancang mountains, Yulong mountains of Yunnan Province and the glacier series are more complete than the adjacent mid-latitude regions such as Taibai mountain and Taiwan mountains and are roughly representative of climate changes d uring the last glacial cycle in Yunnan Province.

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