1. Record Nr. UNINA9910716623003321 Autore Campbell Caitlin Titolo China's "core interests' and the East China Sea / / by Caitlin Campbell [and three others] Pubbl/distr/stampa [Washington, D.C.]:,: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, , 2013 1 online resource (7 pages) Descrizione fisica U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission staff research Collana backgrounder Soggetti Diplomatic relations International law Senkaku Islands International status China Foreign relations Japan Japan Foreign relations China China Japan Pacific Ocean Senkaku Islands Inglese Lingua di pubblicazione **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia "May 10, 2013." Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Sommario/riassunto Amid growing tensions between China and Japan over the disputed Senkaku Islands (Diaoyu in Chinese) in the East China Sea, recent Japanese press reports claimed China officially designated the islands a 'core interest.' These reports cite a statement made by a Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson at a daily press conference on April 26, 2013. According to Tokyo Kyodo News Service (Kyodo), the spokesperson said: "The Diaoyu [Senkaku] Islands are about

sovereignty and territorial integrity. Of course, it's China's core interest." If China has indeed elevated the Senkaku Islands to a core interest, then this could represent a significant shift in China's policy and rhetoric on the dispute. However, close examination of China's historical use of the 'core interest' formulation and its carefully crafted statements during and following the April 26 press conference suggest the Chinese government has not changed its approach to the Senkaku Islands dispute.