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Hong Kong’s BSAP would touch upon a very wide range of issues. It is relevant to every citizen. Your participation is essential to biodiversity conservation. Your views and suggestions are essential for creating a BSAP that you will participate in.

Chapter 3 sets out the directions proposed to be included in the first BSAP for Hong Kong. This BSAP will be in effect for five years. After the five-year period, we would assess how well it has worked, and then update the BSAP as appropriate for moving forward.

What do you think?

Here are some specific questions to consider:

- 1** How important do you think biodiversity is, in comparison with other concerns facing our society?
- 2** How should we balance the needs of people (for example, adequate housing, job opportunities or food) with the needs of the ecosystem?
- 3** In relation to proposed **Action Area 1** (Conservation):
Conservation measures in Hong Kong have yielded some positive results. With regard to our programme so far launched, what do you think are its strengths? How could it be improved?
- 4** In relation to proposed **Action Area 2** (Mainstreaming):
The Government currently tries to incorporate biodiversity considerations into its plans and policies. Under this BSAP, it would try to encourage other sectors to do the same. Which sectors are more ready to do this? Which sectors need the most support in adopting biodiversity considerations in their work?
- 5** With reference to proposed **Action Area 3** (Knowledge):
We have identified various gaps in our knowledge of biodiversity in Hong Kong. We need to fill them to facilitate stakeholders in making informed decisions. In your opinion, which of these gaps should we focus on in the coming five years?
- 6** With reference to proposed **Action Area 4** (Community Involvement):
The Government and non-governmental organisations have taken a number of initiatives to promote biodiversity and nature conservation. In your opinion, which of these have been most successful? Can you suggest how we could improve them? Do you have other ideas?

Confidentiality

We would want to refer to and attribute views submitted in response to this consultation. However,

- i) **you may request** that we treat all or any part of your submission in confidence;
- ii) if **no such request** is received, we will assume that your responses are not intended to be confidential. In this case, we may refer to contributors' views and names as appropriate.

Submissions

Please send us your views on or before 7 April 2016 either:



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