

# BSAP: Charting a sustainable future for Hong Kong

Public Forum on Hong Kong's First Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP)

The University of Hong Kong: KK Leung Building LG109

19 March, 2016 (Saturday): 2-6pm

Free Entry; Event conducted in English



## PROGRAMME

14:00-14:30	<b>Introduction;</b> Objectives and history	
14:30-15:00	<b>Why Hong Kong needs a BSAP</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explanation of the challenge: Development versus conservation (macro view)</li> <li>- Hong Kong's biodiversity (marine/terrestrial)</li> <li>- BSAP process, over-arching Legal Focus Group Actions and administrative improvements</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Lau, WWF-Hong Kong</li> <li>- Ruy Barretto - legal</li> </ul>
	<b>Conservation challenges and opportunities – Getting it right</b>	
15:00-15:30	<b>Hong Kong's Land</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of main terrestrial challenges</li> <li>- Recommended actions by the Terrestrial Habitat Focus Group</li> <li>- Building on the positive and filling the gaps</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul Zimmerman, Designing Hong Kong</li> <li>- Michael Lau, WWF-Hong Kong</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00	<b>BREAK</b>	
16:00-16.30	<b>Hong Kong's waters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of main challenges to our marine environment</li> <li>- Recommended key actions by the Marine Focus Group</li> <li>- Building on the positive and filling the gaps</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andy Cornish, WWF-International</li> <li>- Samantha Lee, WWF-HK</li> </ul>
16:30-17:00	<b>Hong Kong's species</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of main challenges to our species</li> <li>- Recommendations for actions by taxon (mammals, fishes, birds, etc.)Building on the positive and filling the gaps</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yvonne Sadovy, HKU</li> <li>- Yu Yat Tung, HKBWS</li> <li>- Gary Ades, KFBG</li> </ul>
17:00-17.30	<b>Renewable natural resources; use and trade in and by Hong Kong</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of main challenges</li> <li>- Recommended key actions by Sustainable Use of Resources and Mainstreaming Focus Group</li> <li>- Building on the positive and filling the gaps</li> <li>- Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sophie LeClue - ADMCF</li> <li>- Allen To, WWF-HK</li> </ul>
17:30-18:00	<b>Summary and the way forwards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul Zimmerman, Designing Hong Kong</li> </ul>

## ORGANISERS:



## BACKGROUND

This BSAP Public forum is intended to provide background to the BSAP process and recommendations, and will cover the major issues arising during that process. The forum should facilitate informed feedback to the Consultation document (deadline 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – see below).

The Environment Bureau and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of HKSAR Government have developed a Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD\*). In preparing the BSAP for Hong Kong, the existing condition of biodiversity and practices for its conservation in Hong Kong were identified. Additional needed work and data gaps were also identified for compliance with the CBD and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in light of local needs, issues and priorities. The Consultation document was developed through a participatory process in the form of a series of public engagement events, working and focus groups comprised of relevant experts in the community and in government.

See Working and Focus Groups (FG) – [https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\\_bsap/bsap\\_wg\\_fg/bsap\\_wg\\_fg.html](https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_bsap/bsap_wg_fg/bsap_wg_fg.html)

FG proposals – [https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\\_bsap/bsap\\_sc/files/Specific\\_Proposals\\_from\\_Focus\\_Groups.pdf](https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_bsap/bsap_sc/files/Specific_Proposals_from_Focus_Groups.pdf)

The public is invited to submit views on the BSAP Consultation Document via email: [bsap@afcd.gov.hk](mailto:bsap@afcd.gov.hk)

## CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:

[http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\\_bsap/bsap\\_consultation/bsap\\_consultation\\_index.html](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_bsap/bsap_consultation/bsap_consultation_index.html)

\*Convention on Biological Diversity and relevant targets: The CBD is an international treaty on the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits deriving from the use of genetic resources. The Convention is overarching in that it emphasises the importance of biological diversity to human well-being, and embraces a wide range of issues including climate change, protection of traditional knowledge, gender mainstreaming, food security, human health, provision of clean air and water, local livelihoods, economic development and poverty alleviation, etc. Opened for signature in 1992, the Convention now has 194 Contracting Parties. The People's Republic of China joined the Convention in 1993. The Convention was extended to Hong Kong on 9 May 2011.

[https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\\_bsap/bsap\\_intro/bsap\\_intro.html#SPandABT](https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_bsap/bsap_intro/bsap_intro.html#SPandABT)

The CBD has 20 explicit targets, known as the Aichi Targets: <https://www.cbd.int/sp/targets/>