

Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
33 Key Actions Recommended by the BSAP Steering Committee
(Grouped under four Action Areas)

Item No.	Key Action	ABT ¹ (s)	Proposed Priority
<i>Action Area 1: Enhancing Ecological Capacity and Continuity</i>			
1	<u>Conservation of Ecologically Important Habitats</u> Further study and enhance the practice on the identification, assessment, protection, restoration and management of ecologically important habitats.	ABTs 5, 15	Medium
2	<u>Conservation of the Ramsar Site</u> Enhance the conservation and management of the Mai Po Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site.	ABTs 5, 14	High
3	<u>Conservation of Ecologically Important Sites on Private Land</u> Develop innovative methods to enhance the conservation of ecologically important sites on private land.	ABTs 3, 5	High
4	<u>Pollution Control</u> Control pollution and reduce its impacts on biodiversity.	ABT 8	Medium
5	<u>Sustainable Fisheries</u> Designate Fisheries Protection Areas to protect important fish spawning and nursery grounds, as well as effectively and sustainably manage fisheries resources.	ABT 6, 11	High
6	<u>Species Protection</u> Ensure proper protection of flora and fauna, in particular threatened species, through enforcing legislation related to species protection.	ABT 12	High
7	<u>Species Conservation and Action Plans</u> Formulate and implement conservation measures and action plans, including both in-situ and ex-situ conservation, for species of conservation concern, in particular highly threatened and important species.	ABTs 6, 12	High

¹ ABT stands for Aichi Biodiversity Target

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8	<u>Habitat Protection</u> Maintain and enhance the Protected Area System (PAS), and extend it where possible, to cover ecologically important habitats currently outside the PAS.	ABTs 5, 10, 11, 14, 15	High
9	<u>Biodiversity Management Plans</u> Prepare and implement biodiversity management plans for country parks, special areas, marine parks and marine reserve to enhance biodiversity conservation in these protected areas.	ABT 11	High
10	<u>Conservation of Natural Streams and Rivers</u> Protect and conserve natural streams and rivers and their riparian zones.	ABT 5, 11	High
11	<u>Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Connectivity</u> Establish and maintain wildlife corridors to promote habitat connectivity.	ABTs 5, 11	Medium
12	<u>Genetically Modified Organisms</u> Control the environmental release of genetically modified organisms.	ABT 13	Medium
13	<u>River Channels and River Improvement</u> Identify opportunities for habitat enhancement at existing river channels, and provide ecologically friendly measures for new river improvement works.	ABT 15	High
14	<u>Native Species for Planting</u> Use more native species for afforestation and enrichment planting in urban areas, countryside and country parks to enhance biodiversity.	ABTs 7, 15	Medium
15	<u>Ecosystems and Their Services</u> Safeguard and restore important ecosystems to ensure that the ecosystem services they provide are maintained.	ABT 14	Medium
Action Area 2: Incorporating Biodiversity Consideration in Plan-making and Decision-making Processes			
16	<u>Biodiversity Mainstreaming</u> Continue to enhance the consideration and appraisal of strategic environmental and sustainability issues in major planning and sectoral studies to facilitate integration and coordination of biodiversity considerations at an early stage of formulation of plans or programmes.	ABT 2	High
17	<u>Impact Assessment</u> Continue to enhance the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process to better address significant impacts	ABT 5	High

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	on biodiversity through subjecting designated projects to the EIA process.		
18	<u>Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan</u> Adopt, finance, implement and monitor the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Hong Kong.	ABTs 17, 20	High
Action Area 3: Gathering and Developing Biodiversity Knowledge			
19	<u>Natural Habitat Loss</u> Develop practical methods for assessing, reporting and reducing natural habitat loss.	ABT 5	High
20	<u>Habitat Classification and Monitoring</u> Develop a standardised classification of habitat types to monitor the status and trends of habitats.	ABTs 5, 19	Medium
21	<u>Invasive Alien Species</u> Study the impacts of invasive alien species in Hong Kong, and implement monitoring, management and control plans for priority invasive alien species identified.	ABT 9	High
22	<u>Research on Fisheries</u> Conduct research on fisheries resources and fishing activities to inform sustainable fisheries management.	ABTs 6, 7, 19	Medium
23	<u>Species Assessment</u> Assess the conservation status of species in Hong Kong to guide conservation actions.	ABT 12	High
24	<u>Biodiversity Surveys</u> Conduct long-term territory-wide biodiversity surveys and monitoring to guide conservation actions.	ABTs 12, 19	Medium
25	<u>Marine Hotspot Map</u> Develop a marine hotspot map to guide conservation actions.	ABT 11	High
26	<u>Research on Information Gaps</u> Conduct additional research on information gaps identified, in particular in relation to ecosystem services and keystone/functionally important species.	ABT 19	Medium
27	<u>Biodiversity Information Hub and Information Sharing</u> Establish a publicly accessible biodiversity information hub to improve information sharing.	ABTs 1, 19	High
28	<u>Traditional Knowledge</u> Study, stock take and consider the adaptive use of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of	ABT 18	High

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	indigenous and local communities relevant to conservation and sustainable use of the biodiversity in Hong Kong through engaging the indigenous and local communities.		
<i>Action Area 4: Promoting the Concept and Awareness of Biodiversity Among Stakeholders and the Public</i>			
29	<u>Biodiversity Awareness</u> Promote the awareness of biodiversity, in particular with the use of social media and through partnering with the wider non-governmental organisation, business and other sectors.	ABT 1	High
30	<u>Biodiversity in Education</u> Incorporate the concept of biodiversity into education curriculum and provide capacity building for teachers on biodiversity.	ABT 1	Medium
31	<u>Sustainable Use and Consumption</u> Promote the sustainable use and consumption of natural resources, and engage stakeholders to assess and reduce Hong Kong's ecological footprint.	ABT 1, 4, 6	High
32	<u>Sustainable Agriculture</u> Promote sustainable agriculture in Hong Kong through encouraging environmental and biodiversity friendly agricultural practices and providing support to farmers.	ABTs 3, 7	Medium
33	<u>Natural History Museum</u> Explore the possibility of setting up a privately-run natural history museum in Hong Kong.	ABTs 1, 19	High