

# For Readers' Attention

We ask readers to be mindful of the following when reading this document:

**1**

This is the consultation document for the first BSAP of Hong Kong. This BSAP would guide the conservation of local biodiversity and support the sustainable development of Hong Kong in the next five years.

**2**

In formulating the BSAP, we are seeking maximum contribution and participation from all stakeholders.

**3**

We shall seek consensus on the major areas of action wherever possible. We shall carefully select and focus on priority areas, while being mindful of contingent issues and other areas of concern.

**4**

We shall base the BSAP on sound science and feasible practices. When developing the strategy and actions, the local context and the prevalent circumstances of the society will be taken into account, and all relevant stakeholders will be invited to help develop a practical and prioritised plan.

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The Hong Kong's first BSAP outlined in Chapter 3 of this document is proposed by the Government taking into account the views received so far and the local circumstances. The content therein is prepared for facilitating this consultation, and should not be construed as final, as they are subject to modifications and revisions by the Government after taking into account the views received, the prevalent circumstances in Hong Kong as well as any further deliberation within the Government.

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The major areas of action proposed represent the suggested strategic direction for enhancing biodiversity conservation and supporting sustainable development in Hong Kong in the next five years. Specific actions under each area of action will be developed. In developing the specific actions, the Government will further consider proposals arising from the consultation and public engagement activities together with the ideas raised by the BSAP Steering Committee, Working Groups and Focus Groups.