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Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021 Progress of Implementation

Background Note

PURPOSE

This paper provides background information to the “Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021 - Progress of Implementation” (*ACE Paper 9/2021*) prepared by the Environment Bureau (ENB) and Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) for discussion at the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) meeting on 10 May 2021.

BACKGROUND

2. In December 2016, the Government launched the first city-level Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (BSAP) for Hong Kong that outlined the strategy and actions to be taken in the next five years for conserving local biodiversity and supporting sustainable development. Members were briefed at the ACE meeting held on 13 March 2017 on the key components of the BSAP and the role that the Nature Conservation Sub-committee (NCSC) of the ACE could play in the implementation of BSAP. As agreed at the ACE meeting, an information paper (*ACE Paper 16/2017*) was issued by ENB and AFCD in June 2017 to provide supplementary information on the roles and involvement of the ACE and NCSC on the implementation of the BSAP. It was also agreed that AFCD would report the progress of BSAP implementation to the ACE on an annual basis, and consult ACE on strategic issues related to the BSAP implementation with wider implication when necessary.

3. The last progress report on the implementation of BSAP was presented to the ACE on 11 May 2020. Members provided valuable suggestions with regard to building and sharing of knowledge, promoting public awareness, engaging stakeholders and sustaining community involvement in the next BSAP. Members' views and feedback were conveyed to the relevant Government bureaux and departments vide the Inter-departmental Working Group on BSAP for follow-up actions as appropriate.

4. For Members' easy reference, a table setting out the relevant papers and minutes of ACE and NCSC meetings is appended below –

Discussions	Relevant documents
The 213 th ACE Meeting on 14 March 2016 to discuss the paper on “Public Consultation on the Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 4/2016 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
The 221 st ACE Meeting held on 13 March 2017 to discuss the paper on “Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 4/2017 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
Information paper issued in June 2017 in respect of the Roles and Involvement of the ACE in the Implementation of the BSAP 2016-21.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 16/2017
The 25 th NCSC Meeting held on 22 September 2017 to discuss the papers on “Framework for Supporting Biodiversity Research and Studies” and “Community Involvement Programmes” of the BSAP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE-NC Paper 1/2017 ● ACE-NC Paper 2/2017 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
The 229 th ACE Meeting held on 5 February 2018 to discuss the paper on “Progress of Implementation of Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 1/2018 ● ACE Paper 2/2018 (Background Note) ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
The 28 th NCSC Meeting held on 16 July 2018 to discuss the papers on “Compilation of Hong Kong List of Threatened Species” and “Baseline Survey on the Level of Knowledge and Attitude towards Biodiversity in Hong Kong”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE-NC Paper 3/2018 ● ACE-NC Paper 4/2018 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting

<p>The 235th ACE Meeting held on 4 March 2019 to discuss the paper on “Progress of Implementation of Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021”.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 3/2019 ● ACE Paper 4/2019 (Background Note) ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
<p>The 240th ACE Meeting held on 11 May 2020 to discuss the paper on “Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021 Progress of Implementation”.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 4/2020 ● ACE Paper 5/2020 (Background Note) ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting

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