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Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Implementation

Background Note

PURPOSE

This paper provides background information to the “Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Implementation” (*ACE Paper 15/2023*) for discussion at the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) meeting on 4 September 2023.

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. It was agreed that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) would report the progress of BSAP implementation to the ACE on an annual basis, and consult the ACE on strategic issues related to BSAP implementation with wider implication when necessary.

3. The last progress report on the implementation of BSAP was presented to the ACE on 10 May 2021. Members provided valuable suggestions with regard to measuring effectiveness, enhancing conservation measures, engaging stakeholders, promoting public awareness and sustaining community involvement in the next BSAP. In the upcoming meeting, the Environment and Ecology Bureau and AFCD would brief Members of the implementation of the BSAP 2016-2021, the key outcomes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and seek Members’ views on the review of the BSAP to prepare for the next phase.

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

Relevant ACE Meeting	Topic	Relevant paper/ minutes
213 th ACE Meeting on 14 March 2016	Public Consultation on the BSAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 4/2016 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
221 st ACE Meeting on 13 March 2017	Hong Kong BSAP 2016-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 4/2017 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
Information paper issued in June 2017	Roles and Involvement of the ACE in the Implementation of the BSAP 2016-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 16/2017
25 th NCSC Meeting on 22 September 2017	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
229 th ACE Meeting on 5 February 2018	Progress of Implementation of Hong Kong BSAP 2016-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 1/2018 ● ACE Paper 2/2018 (Background Note) ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
28 th NCSC Meeting on 16 July 2018	“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
235 th ACE Meeting on 4 March 2019	Progress of Implementation of Hong Kong BSAP 2016-2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 3/2019 ● ACE Paper 4/2019 (Background Note) ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
240 th ACE Meeting on 11 May 2020	Hong Kong BSAP 2016-2021 Progress of Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 4/2020 ● ACE Paper 5/2020 (Background Note) ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
246 th ACE Meeting on 10 May 2021	Hong Kong BSAP 2016-2021 Progress of Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 9/2021 ● ACE Paper 10/2021 (Background Note) ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting

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