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s still rural
in character and diverse in terms of
flora and fauna. Surprisingly, Hong
Kong has more wild animal and plant
species than Britain. This diversity is
threatened, though, by the uncon-
trolled development of previously
rural areas. This book aims to con-
tribute to the conservation of the
Hong Kong countryside both by
raising awareness of its value and
by providing the scientific basis for
its management. For the international
reader, Hong Kong provides an in-
structive example of the effects of
intense human impact on species-rich
habitats. The book is illustrated by
three full-colour maps and sixty-eight
colour plates.

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