



Dr. Michael Lau is a renowned herpetologist and conservationist in Hong Kong. He conducted his Ph.D. research on the ecology of Hong Kong amphibians and the conservation of the endemic Romer's Tree Frog. During his time with HKU, he also took part in the Hong Kong Biodiversity Survey. His work experience includes leading the South China forest conservation programme in Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden as well as wetlands and local biodiversity conservation in WWF-Hong Kong. He is now a free-lance consultant and is an adjunct professor in the School of Biological Sciences, HKU.

He played an active role in formulating the Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and sat in the Steering Committee. He had also sat in the Advisory Council on the Environment and Country and Marine Parks Board. He is a member of several Specialist Groups of the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) and helps conduct assessments for the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. He is also a founding member of the Hong Kong Wetlands Conservation Association.

Climate change and biodiversity loss are two serious threats our society faces. Local Ecology is an important component in biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. Michael's rich experience in field conservation projects and ecological study covering natural, rural and urban areas made him an ideal person in teaching this course.

劉惠寧博士是香港著名的兩棲爬行學家和生態保育學者，他的博士研究是關於香港兩棲動物生態及盧氏小樹蛙的保育。他在香港大學時還參與了香港生物多樣性調查。他的工作經驗包括領導嘉道理農場暨植物園的華南森林保育計劃，以及世界自然基金會香港分會的濕地和本地生物多樣性保育，現為自由顧問及香港大學生物科學學院客席教授。

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物種生存委員會數個專家組的成員，並參與受威脅物種的紅色名錄評估。他亦是香港濕地保育協會的創會會員。

氣候變化和生物多樣性喪失是我們社會面臨的兩個嚴重威脅。本地生態學是保育生物多樣性和可持續發展的重要元素。劉博士在野外、鄉郊和城市地區的保育經驗和研究使他成為教授這科的理想人選。