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Background

The present report details the findings of a visit to southeastern Hainan by members of Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) in Hong Kong and their colleagues, as part of KFBG's South China Biodiversity Conservation Programme. The overall aim of the programme is to minimise the loss of forest biodiversity in the region, and the emphasis in the first phase is on gathering up-to-date information on the distribution and status of fauna and flora.

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Translation of some common Chinese geographical terms

Romanized Chinese (pinyin)	English meaning
Bei	north
Dao	island
Dong	east
Feng shui	the Chinese system of geomancy
Feng, Ding	peak
Gang	harbour
Hai	sea
He, Chuan, Jiang	river
Hu, Chi	lake
Keng, Gu	valley
Kou	outlet
Ling	range
Nan	south
Shan	mountain
Shi	city
Tun	hamlet
Wan	bay
Xi	west
Xi, Yong	stream
Xian	county
Xiang, Cun	village

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Objectives

- The aims of the survey were to collect up-to-date information on the fauna and flora of Tongtieling Forest Area and Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, and to use this to help determine conservation priorities within South China. Emphasis was on groups that have not been extensively studied, including birds, amphibians, reptiles, fish, ants, dragonflies and butterflies. Only one day was spent at Tongtieling and less than one day at Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden; results of the two surveys are combined here due to their close proximity.

Methods

- In the evening of 21 May 1999 a team from Hong Kong (GS, JRF, ML, GTR, LKS, KW), Haikou (FJP, YZD, XY), Guangzhou (XFW, WRJ, XZ), Xinyang (LHJ) and Liuzhou (CM) arrived in Xinglong Tourism City, following rapid biodiversity assessments in Jianling and Shangxi Nature Reserves (Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, 2002a) and Liji Qingpilin Nature Reserve (Fellowes *et al.*, in press) in Wanning City.
- On 22 May, they surveyed the Tongtieling Forest Area and surveyed the Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden on 23 May.
- During fieldwork visual searching for plants, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, ants, butterflies and dragonflies was conducted. Frogs and birds were also identified by their calls. Plant records were made by field observation, with some specimens collected.
- Status of large and medium-sized mammals (excluding Insectivora, Chiroptera and Muridae) at Tongtieling was inferred largely based on interviews with local people, with reference to colour pictures. For purposes of these interviews a list of South China mammals was compiled from various sources including Guangdong Forestry Department and South China Institute of Endangered Animals (1987), Corbet & Hill (1992) and Zhang *et al.* (1997).
- Vascular plant records excluding orchids were made by XFW or WRJ, and edited by NSC. Records of orchids were made or verified by GS. Records of birds were made or verified by LKS, reptiles and amphibians by ML, fish by BC, ants by JRF, dragonflies by KW and GTR, butterflies by GTR and molluscs by CDN or XY.
- Nomenclature in the report is standardised based, unless otherwise stated, on the following references:
 - Flora (Pteridophyta, Gymnospermae and Angiospermae excluding Orchidaceae): Anon. (1959-2001); Anon. (1996-2001); Anon. (2002a, 2002b); The Plant Names Project (2002);
 - Orchids (Angiospermae: Orchidaceae): Chen (1999); Lang (1999); Tsi (1999);
 - Mammals (Mammalia): D.E. Wilson & Cole (2000);
 - Birds (Aves): Inskipp *et al.* (1996);
 - Reptiles and Amphibians (Reptilia and Amphibia): Zhao E.-M. & Adler (1993); Zhao E. *et al.* (2000);
 - Fish (Actinopterygii): Nelson (1994); Wu *et al.* (1999);
 - Ants (Insecta: Hymenoptera: Formicidae): named species according to Bolton (1995); unnamed species with reference numbers according to the collection currently held by KFBG.
 - Dragonflies (Insecta: Odonata): Schorr *et al.* (2001a, 2001b);
 - Butterflies (Insecta: Lepidoptera): Bascombe (1995).

- Information on the global status of species is from IUCN publications, notably IUCN Species Survival Commission (2002). Certain taxa, including orchids, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates, have yet to be properly assessed for global status.
- Protected status in China is based on Hua & Yan (1993) for animals, and State Forestry Administration & Ministry of Agriculture (1999) for plants.

Location and management

- Tongtieling Forest Area is situated in Wanning City, in the Eighth Management District of Xinglong Farm. The area was formerly adjacent to a People's Liberation Army camp and radar station, and consequently the vegetation has been less disturbed than in other areas.
- The region has a tropical monsoon climate. Climatic data for Tongtieling were not available, but at Wanning City, 22.5 km to the northeast, mean monthly temperature ranges from 18°C in January to 28°C in July; annual precipitation is around 2,240 mm (Hainan Bureau of Surveying and Mapping, 1996).
- Tongtieling has a moderately gentle topography, the highest peak being 642 m (Hainan Bureau of Surveying and Mapping, 1996). The present survey covered only lower altitudes between 70 and 130 m.
- Tongtieling is currently not legally protected, but the forest has been preserved largely through the goodwill of the owner of Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden. The Botanic Garden covers 3.5 km², and was established in 1992.

Results

Vegetation

- The original vegetation of Tongtieling would have been tropical seasonal evergreen rainforest. The original forest had been largely destroyed in the past, but in 1999 the area was covered in extensive and natural secondary forest about 10-20 m in height. Patches of remnant mature forest could be seen at higher altitude but they could not be visited in the time available.
- Dominant families in the forest vegetation included Lauraceae, Euphorbiaceae, Moraceae, Sterculiaceae, Annonaceae and Areaceae. At the edge and at lower elevations the forest was more disturbed; here it had been largely transformed to shrubland, about 1-2 m height, and to plantations of rubber tree (*Hevea brasiliensis*). The Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden had been established on degraded land including former rubber plantation, but had been extensively planted with a range of species.

Flora

- The present survey recorded 243 vascular plant species including 22 fern species in 14 families, two gymnosperms in one family, and 219 angiosperms in 65 families at Tongtieling Forest Area. This is a very high figure for a one-day survey. Six orchid species were found (Table 2); all other vascular plants are shown in Table 1.
- Among the flora recorded, several species are of conservation interest:
 - *Vatica mangachapoi* is globally Endangered and under Class II National Protection in China.
 - *Heritiera parvifolia* is globally Vulnerable, Class II Nationally Protected and endemic to Hainan.
 - *Ixonanthes chinensis* is globally Vulnerable.
 - *Cibotium barometz* is under Class II National Protection in China and is listed in CITES Appendix II.

- The tree *Chieniodendron hainanense* is endemic to Hainan and southern Guangxi, and is rare and restricted to natural forest.
- Fifteen other species recorded (*Kopsia hainanensis*, *Aristolochia fulvicoma*, *Vernonia chunii*, *Diospyros howii*, *Croton howii*, *Drypetes hainanensis* var. *longistipitata*, *Castanopsis hainanensis*, *Stauntonia oligophylla*, *Ardisia densilepidotula*, *Decaspermum albociliatum*, *Dalbergia hainanensis*, *Reevesia longipetiolata*, *Camellia amplexifolia*, *Gordonia hainanensis*, and *Calamus egregius*) are Hainan endemics, while another three (*Chieniodendron hainanense*, *Polyalthia lauui* and *Actephila merrilliana*) have very restricted global ranges.
- Among the orchids, the record of *Cryptostylis arachnites* was the first from Hainan. Three of the six orchids are primitive species. All are listed in CITES Appendix II.

Table 1. Vascular plants of Tongtieling Forest Area recorded in the present survey. Not including orchids (see Table 2). Species which are Nationally Protected (Class I or II) (State Forestry Administration & Ministry of Agriculture, 1999), globally Threatened or Lower Risk (Near-threatened) (IUCN Species Survival Commission, 2002) or narrowly distributed are indicated.

Family	Species	Remarks
PTERIDOPHYTA		
Aspleniaceae	<i>Asplenium prolongatum</i> Hook.	
Athyriaceae	<i>Callipteris esculenta</i> (Retz.) J.Sm.	
Blechnaceae	<i>Blechnum orientale</i> L.	
Bolbitidaceae	<i>Bolbitis subcordata</i> (Copel.) Ching <i>Egenolfia appendiculata</i> (Willd.) J.Sm.	
Dicksoniaceae	<i>Cibotium barometz</i> (L.) J. Sm.	Protected II
Gleicheniaceae	<i>Dicranopteris linearis</i> (Burm. f.) Underw.	
Lindsaeaceae	<i>Lindsaea orbiculata</i> (Lam.) Mett. ex Kuhn	
Lygodiaceae	<i>Lygodium flexuosum</i> (L.) Sw. <i>Lygodium japonicum</i> (Thunb.) Sw. <i>Lygodium scandens</i> (L.) Sw.	
Osmundaceae	<i>Osmunda vachellii</i> Hook.	
Polypodiaceae	<i>Lemmaphyllum microphyllum</i> C. Presl	
Pteridaceae	<i>Pteris dispar</i> Kunze <i>Pteris ensiformis</i> Burm. f. <i>Pteris semipinnata</i> L.	
Selaginellaceae	<i>Selaginella doederleinii</i> Hieron <i>Selaginella uncinata</i> (Desv.) Spring	
Stenochlaenaceae	<i>Stenochlaena palustris</i> (Burm.f.) Bedd.	
Thelypteridaceae	<i>Cyclosorus aridus</i> (D.Don) Ching <i>Pronephrium simplex</i> (Hook.) Holttum <i>Pronephrium triphyllum</i> (Sw.) Holttum	
GYMNOSPERMAE		
Gnetaceae	<i>Gnetum montanum</i> Markgr. <i>Gnetum parvifolium</i> (Warb.) Chun	
ANGIOSPERMAE		
Dicotyledonae		
Actinidiaceae	<i>Saurauia tristyla</i> DC.	
Amaranthaceae	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i> L. <i>Amaranthus spinosus</i> L. <i>Amaranthus viridis</i> L. <i>Celosia argentea</i> L. <i>Cyathula prostrata</i> (L.) Blume <i>Gomphrena celosioides</i> Mart.	
Annonaceae	<i>Alphonsea monogyne</i> Merr. & Chun <i>Artabotrys hongkongensis</i> Hance <i>Dasymaschalon rostratum</i> Merr. & Chun <i>Dasymaschalon trichophorum</i> Merr. <i>Desmos chinensis</i> Lour.	

Family	Species	Remarks
	<i>Goniothalamus chinensis</i> Merr. & Chun	
	<i>Goniothalamus howii</i> Merr. & Chun	
	<i>Mezzettiopsis creaghii</i> Ridl.	
	<i>Miliusa chunii</i> W. T. Wang	
	<i>Chieniodendron hainanense</i> (Merr.) Tsiang & P. T. Li	endemic to Hainan & S. Guangxi
	<i>Polyalthia cerasoides</i> (Roxb.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Bedd.	
	<i>Polyalthia obliqua</i> J. D. Hooker & Thomson	
	<i>Polyalthia lauii</i> Merr.	endemic to Hainan & Vietnam
	<i>Polyalthia plagioneura</i> Diels	
	<i>Uvaria boniana</i> Finet & Gagnep.	
	<i>Uvaria calamistrata</i> Hance	
	<i>Uvaria grandiflora</i> Roxb.	
	<i>Uvaria microcarpa</i> Champ. ex Benth.	
Apocynaceae	<i>Alyxia odorata</i> Wall. ex G. Don	
	<i>Kopsia hainanensis</i> Tsiang	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Melodinus suaveolens</i> Champ. ex Benth.	
Araliaceae	<i>Aralia decaisneana</i> Hance	
Aristolochiaceae	<i>Aristolochia fulvicoma</i> Merr. & Chun	endemic to Hainan
Asteraceae	<i>Siegesbeckia orientalis</i> L.	
	<i>Vernonia chunii</i> C. C. Chang	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Vernonia cinerea</i> (L.) Less.	pantropical weed
	<i>Vernonia cumingiana</i> Benth.	
	<i>Vernonia patula</i> (Dryand.) Merr.	
	<i>Xanthium sibiricum</i> Patr. ex Widder	
	<i>Youngia japonica</i> (L.) DC.	
Bignoniaceae	<i>Radermachera frondosa</i> Chun & F.C. How	
	<i>Radermachera hainanensis</i> Merr.	
Caesalpiniaceae	<i>Caesalpinia crista</i> L.	
Capparaceae	<i>Capparis cantoniensis</i> Lour.	
	<i>Stixis suaveolens</i> (Roxb.) Pierre	
Celastraceae	<i>Euonymus laxiflorus</i> Champ. ex Benth.	
	<i>Euonymus nitidus</i> Benth.	
Clusiaceae	<i>Hypericum japonicum</i> Thunb. ex Murray	
Combretaceae	<i>Combretum oliviforme</i> A.C. Chao	
	<i>Combretum punctatum</i> Blume subsp. <i>squamosum</i> (Roxb. ex G. Don) Exell	
	<i>Quisqualis indica</i> L.	
Dipterocarpaceae	<i>Vatica mangachapoi</i> Blanco.	Protected II, Endangered
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera burmannii</i> Vahl	
Ebenaceae	<i>Diospyros diversilimba</i> Merr. & Chun	
	<i>Diospyros eriantha</i> Champ. ex Benth.	
	<i>Diospyros howii</i> Merr. & Chun	endemic to Hainan
Elaeocarpaceae	<i>Elaeocarpus sylvestris</i> (Lour.) Poir.	
Erythroxylaceae	<i>Erythroxylum sinense</i> Y. C. Wu	
Escalloniaceae	<i>Itea macrophylla</i> Wall. ex Roxb.	
	<i>Polyosma cambodiana</i> Gagnep.	
Euphorbiaceae	<i>Actephila merrilliana</i> Chun	endemic to Hainan & S. Guangxi
	<i>Alchornea rugosa</i> (Lour.) Müll. Arg.	
	<i>Alchornea trewioides</i> (Benth.) Müll. Arg.	
	<i>Antidesma montanum</i> Blume	
	<i>Aporosa dioica</i> (Roxb.) Müll. Arg.	
	<i>Baccaurea ramiflora</i> Lour.	
	<i>Bischofia javanica</i> Blume	
	<i>Blachia pentzii</i> (Müll. Arg.) Benth.	
	<i>Breynia fruticosa</i> (L.) Hook. f.	
	<i>Bridelia insulana</i> Hance	
	<i>Bridelia stipularis</i> (L.) Blume	
	<i>Bridelia tomentosa</i> Blume	

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	<i>Claoxylon hainanense</i> Pax & K. Hoffm.	
	<i>Claoxylon indicum</i> (Reinw. ex Bl.) Hassk.	
	<i>Cleistanthus sumatranus</i> (Miq.) Müll. Arg.	
	<i>Croton cascarilloides</i> Raeusch.	
	<i>Croton howii</i> Merr. & Chun ex Y.T. Chang	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Croton laevigatus</i> Vahl	
	<i>Dimorphocalyx poilanei</i> Gagnep.	
	<i>Drypetes hainanensis</i> Merr.	
	<i>Drypetes hainanensis</i> Merr. var. <i>longistipitata</i> P.T. Li	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Endospermum chinense</i> Benth.	
	<i>Glochidion coccineum</i> (Buch.-Ham.) Müll. Arg.	
	<i>Glochidion hirsutum</i> (Roxb.) Voigt	
	<i>Glochidion lanceolarium</i> (Roxb.) Voigt	
	<i>Glochidion philippicum</i> (Cav.) C.B. Rob.	
	<i>Mallotus anomalus</i> Merr. et Chun	
	<i>Mallotus apelta</i> (Lour.) Müll. Arg.	
	<i>Sapium discolor</i> (Champ. ex Benth.) Müll. Arg.	
Fagaceae	<i>Castanopsis fissa</i> (Champ. ex Benth.) Rehder et E. H. Wilson	
	<i>Castanopsis hainanensis</i> Merr.	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Castanopsis jucunda</i> Hance	
Flacourtiaceae	<i>Casearia aequilateralis</i> Merr.	
	<i>Scolopia buxifolia</i> Gagnep.	
	<i>Scolopia chinensis</i> (Lour.) Clos	
	<i>Scolopia saeva</i> (Hance) Hance	
Hamamelidaceae	<i>Liquidambar formosana</i> Hance	
Ixonanthaceae	<i>Ixonanthes chinensis</i> Champ.	Vulnerable
Lardizabalaceae	<i>Stauntonia chinensis</i> DC.	
	<i>Stauntonia oligophylla</i> Merr. & Chun	endemic to Hainan
Lauraceae	<i>Cassytha filiformis</i> L.	
	<i>Cryptocarya concinna</i> Hance	
	<i>Cryptocarya densiflora</i> Blume	
	<i>Litsea monopetala</i> (Roxb. ex Baker) Pers.	
	<i>Phoebe tavoyana</i> (Meisn.) Hook. f.	
Lecythidaceae	<i>Barringtonia racemosa</i> (DC.) Spreng.	
Loganiaceae	<i>Strychnos angustiflora</i> Benth.	
Loranthaceae	<i>Helixanthera parasitica</i> Lour.	
Lythraceae	<i>Rotala densiflora</i> (Roth) Koehne	
Malpighiaceae	<i>Hiptage benghalensis</i> (L.) Kurz	
Malvaceae	<i>Malvastrum coromandelium</i> (L.) Garcke	pan-tropical weed
	<i>Sida acuta</i> Burm. f.	pan-tropical weed
	<i>Sida chinensis</i> Retz.	
	<i>Sida cordata</i> (Burm. f.) Bors. Waalk.	
	<i>Sida cordifolia</i> L.	pan-tropical weed
	<i>Sida rhombifolia</i> L.	pan-tropical weed
	<i>Urena lobata</i> L.	pan-tropical weed
	<i>Urena procumbens</i> L.	
Melastomataceae	<i>Melastoma candidum</i> D. Don	
	<i>Melastoma sanguineum</i> Sims	
	<i>Memecylon ligustrifolium</i> Champ. ex Benth.	
	<i>Memecylon nigrescens</i> Hook. & Arn.	
Menispermaceae	<i>Hypserpa nitida</i> Miers	
Molluginaceae	<i>Glinus oppositifolius</i> (L.) Aug. DC.	
	<i>Mollugo pentaphylla</i> L.	
Moraceae	<i>Ficus altissima</i> Blume	
	<i>Ficus auriculata</i> Lour.	
	<i>Ficus fistulosa</i> Reinw. ex Blume	
	<i>Ficus hirta</i> Vahl	
	<i>Ficus hispida</i> L. f.	
	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i> L. f.	
	<i>Ficus nervosa</i> B. Heyne ex Roth.	

Family	Species	Remarks
	<i>Ficus oligodon</i> Miq.	
	<i>Ficus pandurata</i> Hance	
	<i>Ficus pumila</i> L.	
Myrsinaceae	<i>Ardisia densilepidotula</i> Merr.	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Ardisia faberi</i> Hemsl.	
	<i>Ardisia humilis</i> Vahl	
	<i>Ardisia obtusa</i> Mez	
	<i>Ardisia quinquegona</i> Blume	
Myrtaceae	<i>Baeckea frutescens</i> L.	
	<i>Decaspermum albociliatum</i> Merr. & L. M. Perry	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Decaspermum gracilentum</i> (Hance) Merr. & L.M. Perry	
	<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosa</i> (Aiton) Hassk.	
	<i>Syzygium hancei</i> Merr. & L. M. Perry	
	<i>Syzygium odoratum</i> (Lour.) DC.	
Oxalidaceae	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> L.	
	<i>Oxalis corymbosa</i> DC.	
Papilionaceae	<i>Abrus mollis</i> Hance	
	<i>Abrus precatorius</i> L.	
	<i>Dalbergia benthami</i> Prain	
	<i>Dalbergia hainanensis</i> Merr. & Chun	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Dalbergia hancei</i> Benth.	
Pentaphylacaceae	<i>Pentaphylax euryoides</i> Gardner & Champ.	
Piperaceae	<i>Peperomia blanda</i> (Jacq.) Kunth	
	<i>Piper hancei</i> Maxim.	
	<i>Piper sarmentosum</i> Roxb.	
Polygalaceae	<i>Xanthophyllum hainanense</i> Hu	
Polygonaceae	<i>Polygonum barbatum</i> L.	
	<i>Polygonum chinense</i> L.	
	<i>Polygonum perfoliatum</i> L.	
	<i>Polygonum plebeium</i> R. Br.	
Portulacaceae	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.	
Proteaceae	<i>Helicia cochinchinensis</i> Lour.	
Rosaceae	<i>Photinia benthamiana</i> Hance	
	<i>Pygeum topengii</i> Merr.	
	<i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i> (L.) Lindl.	
Rubiaceae	<i>Antirhea chinensis</i> (Champ. ex Benth.) F.B. Forbes & Hemsl.	
	<i>Morinda cochinchinensis</i> DC.	
	<i>Pavetta hongkongensis</i> Brem.	
Rutaceae	<i>Acronychia oligophlebia</i> Merr.	
Sabiaceae	<i>Sabia limoniacea</i> Wall. ex Hook. f. & Thomson	
Scrophulariaceae	<i>Scoparia dulcis</i> L.	weed from tropical America introduced
Solanaceae	<i>Datura metel</i> L.	
	<i>Solanum lasiocarpum</i> Dunal	
	<i>Solanum macaonensis</i> Dunal	
	<i>Solanum undatum</i> Lam.	
Sterculiaceae	<i>Byttneria aspera</i> Colebr. ex Wall.	
	<i>Helicteres angustifolia</i> L.	
	<i>Heritiera parvifolia</i> Merr.	Protected II, Vulnerable, endemic to Hainan
	<i>Kleinhovia hospita</i> L.	
	<i>Pterospermum heterophyllum</i> Hance	
	<i>Reevesia longipetiolata</i> Merr. et Chun	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Reevesia thyrsoidea</i> Lindl	
	<i>Sterculia hainanensis</i> Merr. et Chun	
	<i>Sterculia lanceolata</i> Cav.	
	<i>Waltheria indica</i> L.	
Theaceae	<i>Adinandra hainanensis</i> Hayata	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Camellia amplexifolia</i> Merr. & Chun	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Gordonia hainanensis</i> H.T. Chang	endemic to Hainan
Tiliaceae	<i>Corchorus aestuans</i> L.	

Family	Species	Remarks
	<i>Microcos paniculata</i> L.	
	<i>Triumfetta cana</i> Blume	
	<i>Triumfetta rhomboidea</i> Jacq.	
Ulmaceae	<i>Trema cannabina</i> Lour.	
Verbenaceae	<i>Callicarpa candicans</i> (Burm. f.) Hochr.	
	<i>Callicarpa longifolia</i> Lam.	
	<i>Callicarpa nudiflora</i> Hook. & Arn.	
	<i>Clerodendrum hainanensis</i> Hand.-Mazz.	
Violaceae	<i>Viola diffusa</i> Ging.	
Vitaceae	<i>Cayratia corniculata</i> (Benth.) Gagnep.	
Monocotyledonae		
Araceae	<i>Acorus gramineus</i> Sol.	
Areaceae	<i>Calamus egregius</i> Burret	endemic to Hainan
	<i>Calamus faberi</i> Becc.	
	<i>Calamus rhabdocladus</i> Burret	
	<i>Calamus tetradactylus</i> Hance	
Cyperaceae	<i>Carex cryptostachys</i> Brongn.	
Liliaceae	<i>Smilax corbularia</i> Kunth	
	<i>Smilax glabra</i> Roxb.	
	<i>Smilax macrocarpa</i> Blume	
Poaceae	<i>Arundinella anomala</i> Steud.	
	<i>Axonopus compressus</i> (Sw.) P. Beauv.	
	<i>Panicum brevifolium</i> L.	
	<i>Panicum incommutatum</i> Trin.	
	<i>Panicum notatum</i> Retz	
	<i>Panicum repens</i> L.	

Table 2. Orchids recorded in Yabatian and Tongtieling Forest area, Wanning, Hainan on 22 May 1999.

Species	Habitat	Remarks
<i>Apostasia odorata</i> Bl.	on forest floor with rich humus (130–160 m)	terrestrial, primitive orchid
<i>Cryptostylis arachnites</i> (Blume) Hassk.	on forest floor (150 m)	terrestrial, new genus record for Hainan
<i>Gastrochilus</i> sp.	on tree trunk near base (150 m)	epiphytic
<i>Neuwiedia singapureana</i> (Baker) Rolfe	on forest floor with rich humus (130–160 m)	terrestrial, primitive orchid
<i>Pholidota chinensis</i> Lindl.	on tree trunk (550 m)	epiphytic
<i>Tropidia curculigoides</i> Lindl.	on bamboo floor with rich humus (400–410 m)	terrestrial, primitive orchid

Mammals

- A Red-hipped Squirrel, *Dremomys pyrrhomerus*, was seen by the guides in the forest at Tongtieling at dusk.
- A Maritime Striped Squirrel, *Tamiops maritimus*, was seen by the botanists in the forest at Tongtieling.
- A number of species were reported to occur at Tongtieling by Mr He, a former hunter. Status of mammals is inferred (Table 3) based on the observations of Mr He and on past distribution records (Liu & Liu, 1976; Hsu & Wu, 1981; Xu *et al.*, 1983; Zhang *et al.*, 1997).
- Hoof prints of a large deer were seen on the forest floor by XFW and WRJ at Tongtieling. They might have belonged to either Sambar *Cervus unicolor* or Eld's Deer *Cervus eldii*. Mr He reported the presence of Eld's Deer (with tracks about 6 cm in length).
- Mr He had reportedly in the past shot animals that matched the description of Binturong *Arctictis binturong*. Binturong has never been recorded from Hainan, and is here considered doubtful, but occurs in Vietnam and Yunnan.

- There are no firm records of Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* and Spotted Linsang *Prionodon pardicolor* from Hainan (Zhang *et al.*, 1997); reports of these are therefore considered doubtful.

Table 3. The status of mammals (excluding Erinaceidae, Talpidae, Soricidae, Muridae and Chiroptera) at Tongtieling Forest Area, Hainan, based on past records (Zhang *et al.*, 1997) and on an interview with a guide of the Forest Area. “X” = Xinglong; “+” = rare, “++” = quite common, “+++” = abundant. Sequence follows D.E. Wilson & Cole (2000).

Scientific name	English name	Past records from Wanning	Mr. He	Probable status
<i>Hylomys hainanensis</i>	Hainan Gymnure	-	+	insecure
<i>Tupaia belangeri</i>	Northern Tree Shrew	-	+++	present
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus Monkey	-	+++	present
<i>Nomascus</i> (cf. <i>nasutus</i>) sp. (recorded as <i>Hylobates concolor</i>)	Eastern Crested Gibbon	✓ (“probably extirpated”)	-	extirpated
<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Red Fox	-	+++	doubtful
<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>	Leopard Cat	-	+++	present
<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>	Clouded Leopard	-	+++	present
<i>Herpestes javanica</i>	Javan Mongoose	✓	-	insecure or extirpated
<i>Lutra lutra</i>	Eurasian Otter	-	+	insecure
<i>Martes flavigula</i>	Yellow-throated Marten	✓ (X)	+	insecure
<i>Melogale moschata</i>	Chinese Ferret-badger	✓	+++	present
<i>Mustela kathiah</i>	Yellow-bellied Weasel	-	++	present
<i>Ursus thibetanus</i>	Asiatic Black Bear	✓	+	insecure
<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	Binturong	-	+	doubtful
<i>Paguma larvata</i>	Masked Palm Civet	-	+++	present
<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	Asian Palm Civet	✓	+++	present
<i>Prionodon pardicolor</i>	Spotted Linsang	-	+++	doubtful
<i>Viverra zibetha</i>	Large Indian Civet	✓	+++	present
<i>Viverricula indica</i>	Small Indian Civet	✓	+++	present
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Wild Boar	-	+++	present
<i>Cervus eldii</i>	Eld’s Deer	✓, X	+	insecure
<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	Sambar	✓	-	insecure
<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	Indian Muntjac	✓	+++	present
<i>Manis pentadactyla</i>	Chinese Pangolin	✓	++	insecure
<i>Dremomys pyrrhomerus</i>	Red-hipped Squirrel	-	+++	present
<i>Callosciurus erythraeus</i>	Pallas’s Squirrel	✓	+++	present
<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>	Black Giant Squirrel	✓	-	extirpated
<i>Tamiops maritimus</i>	Maritime Striped Squirrel	-	+++	present
<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>	Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	-	+	insecure
<i>Rattus tanezumi</i> (recorded as <i>R. flavipectus</i>)	Tanezumi Rat	✓	(not asked)	unknown
<i>Rattus turkestanicus</i> (recorded as <i>R. rattoides</i>)	Turkestan Rat	✓	(not asked)	unknown
<i>Rhizomys sinensis</i>	Chinese Bamboo Rat	-	+++	present
<i>Hystrix brachyura</i>	Malayan Porcupine	-	+++	present
<i>Atherurus macrourus</i>	Asiatic Brush-tailed Porcupine	✓	+++	present
<i>Lepus hainanus</i>	Hainan Hare	-	+++	present

- Some of the species suspected to occur are of particular conservation importance:
 - Hainan Gymnure is listed as globally Endangered.
 - Clouded Leopard and Eld’s Deer are globally Vulnerable, and Class I Protected in China. Eld’s Deer has previously been recorded from Xinglong (Zhang *et al.*, 1997).
 - Asiatic Black Bear *Ursus thibetanus* and Hainan Hare *Lepus hainanus* are globally Vulnerable, and Class II Protected in China.
 - Chinese Pangolin *Manis pentadactyla* is globally Near-threatened, and Class II Protected in China.

– Yellow-throated Marten, Eurasian Otter, Large Indian Civet, Small Indian Civet, Spotted Linsang and Golden Flying Squirrel are also Class II Protected nationally. Xinglong is one of the very few known localities in Hainan for Yellow-throated Marten *Martes flavigula* (Zhang *et al.*, 1997), but it was also reported from Shangxi Nature Reserve (Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, 2002a).

Birds

- Thirty-two species of birds were recorded at Tongtieling, and thirteen at Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, during this survey (Table 4).
- The most frequently encountered species at Tongtieling were Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus* and Light-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus sinensis*. The most frequently encountered species at Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden were Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus parvus*, Light-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus sinensis* and Japanese White-eye *Zosterops japonicus*.
- The guide Mr He reported the presence of Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus*, Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera* and Hainan Peacock Pheasant *Polyplectron katsumatae* at Tongtieling, as well as Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* which was confirmed during this survey.

Table 4. Birds recorded in Tongtieling Forest Area and Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden. Sequence follows Clements (2000).

Scientific name	English name
<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Black Kite
<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	Crested Goshawk
<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Red Junglefowl
<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Spotted Dove
<i>Hierococcyx sparveriioides</i>	Large Hawk Cuckoo
<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	Indian Cuckoo
<i>Surmiculus lugubris</i>	Drongo Cuckoo
<i>Megalaima virens</i>	Great Barbet
<i>Apus affinis</i>	House Swift
<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>	Asian Palm Swift
<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Common Kingfisher
<i>Megalaima oorti</i>	Black-browed Barbet
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow
<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	Scarlet Minivet
<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>	Grey-chinned Minivet
<i>Pycnonotus sinensis</i>	Light-vented Bulbul
<i>Hemixos castanonotus</i>	Chestnut Bulbul
<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	Black Bulbul
<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	Yellow-bellied Prinia
<i>Cyornis hainanus</i>	Hainan Blue Flycatcher
<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Oriental Magpie Robin
<i>Garrulax maesi</i>	Grey Laughingthrush
<i>Garrulax chinensis</i>	Black-throated Laughingthrush
<i>Pomatorhinus hypoleucos</i>	Large Scimitar Babbler
<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>	Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler
<i>Stachyris ruficeps</i>	Rufous-capped Babbler
<i>Alcippe morrisonia</i>	Grey-cheeked Fulvetta
<i>Yuhina zantholeuca</i>	White-bellied Yuhina
<i>Nectarinia jugularis</i>	Olive-backed Sunbird
<i>Aethopyga christinae</i>	Fork-tailed Sunbird
<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>	Japanese White-eye
<i>Lanius schach</i>	Long-tailed Shrike
<i>Lonchura striata</i>	White-rumped Munia

- Black Kite *Milvus migrans*, Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* and Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* are Class II Protected species of China.

Reptiles and Amphibians

- A total of 11 species of amphibian, seven species of lizard and three species of snakes were recorded (Table 5).
- The most frequently encountered species at Tongtieling were *Occidozyga martensii*, *Rana taipehensis* and *Hemidactylus frenatus*. At Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, *Mabuya multifasciata* was most often seen.
- The identity of the small skink that resembles *Scincella rupicola* from Southeast Asia but with a scaly eye-lid is still being studied. This constitutes a new record for Hainan.
- The guides and a local villager also reported the presence of *Python molurus*, *Varanus salvator*, and *Pyxidea mouhotii* at Tongtieling.

Table 5. Amphibians and reptiles of Tongtieling Forest Area and Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden. Sequence follows Zhao E.-M. & Adler (1993).

Species	Habitat
AMPHIBIA	
<i>Bufo melanostictus</i>	plantation forest
<i>Amolops torrentis</i>	forest stream
<i>Occidozyga martensii</i>	paddy field
<i>Rana guentheri</i>	paddy field
<i>Rana limnocharis</i>	abandoned field
	forest
<i>Rana taipehensis</i>	paddy field
	stream/paddy field
<i>Philautus ocellatus</i>	forest/bamboo
	forest
<i>Philautus odontotarsus</i>	forest
<i>Polypedates megacephalus</i>	paddy field
<i>Kaloula pulchra hainanensis</i>	parkland/garden
<i>Microhyla butleri</i>	forest
REPTILIA	
<i>Goniurosaurus hainanensis</i>	forest/bamboo
<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	agriculture field/plantation village parkland/garden
<i>Calotes versicolor</i>	forest edge village parkland/garden
<i>Ateuchosaurus chinensis</i>	plantation edge
<i>Mabuya multifasciata</i>	parkland/garden forest edge
<i>Scincella</i> (cf. <i>rupicola</i>) sp.	forest
<i>Tropidophorus hainanus</i>	forest
<i>Dendrelaphis pictus</i>	forest edge forest
<i>Enhydris chinensis</i>	stream
<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	stream in plantation

- Some species are of particular conservation importance:
 - *Amolops torrentis* and *Goniurosaurus hainanensis* are endemic to Hainan.
 - *Kaloula pulchra hainanensis* is a subspecies restricted to Hainan and coastal southwestern Guangdong.
- The presence of several forest specialists (*Philautus ocellatus*, *Goniurosaurus hainanensis*, *Scincella* sp. and *Tropidophorus hainanus*) at Tongtieling indicated the forest there is still intact.

Fish

- Four species of freshwater fish were recorded from the small streams in the Tongteling area; an additional three species were reported to be present but specimens have not been examined by specialists (Table 6).
- The most frequently encountered species was *Gambusia affinis*, an invasive alien species.

Table 6. Freshwater fish recorded from Tongteling, 22 May 1999. (“✓” = present, “#” = unconfirmed report, “*” = nomenclature follows Pan, 1991)

Species	
<i>Nicholsicypris normalis</i>	#
<i>Capoeta semifasciolata</i>	✓
<i>Cobitis sinensis</i>	✓
<i>Misgurnus anguillicaudatus</i>	✓
<i>Gambusia affinis</i> *	✓
<i>Macropodus opercularis</i>	#
<i>Channa gachua</i>	#

Ants

- Forty-four ant species were recorded at Tongteling and the Botanic Garden (Table 7).
- The most frequently encountered species at Tongteling were *Diacamma* sp. 1, *Odontoponera* sp. 1, *Prenolepis* sp. 1, *Anoplolepis gracilipes*, *Aphaenogaster* sp. 1, *Crematogaster* sp. 8, *Gnamptogenys binghami* and *Pheidole plagiaria*.

Table 7. Ant species recorded at Tongteling Forest Area and Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, May 1999. * Species with a strong forest association.

Species	Habitat
<i>Aenictus (aratus group)</i> sp. 5	broadleaf & bamboo forest, 490-510m
<i>Anoplolepis gracilipes</i>	low forest, shrubland, grassland, 20-140m
<i>Aphaenogaster (cf. beccarii)</i> sp. 1 *	closed broadleaf forest, 90-550m
<i>Aphaenogaster (cf. exasperata)</i> sp. 2 *	closed 10m broadleaf, 140m
<i>Camponotus (cf. aethiops vitiosus)</i> sp. 21	(missing data)
<i>Camponotus nicobarensis</i>	open shrubland, 120m
<i>Camponotus rufoglaucus</i>	open vegetation, 20-170m
<i>Camponotus (nr. vitreus praerufus)</i> sp. 32	open Casuarina plantation, 20m
<i>Cataulacus granulatus</i>	open shrubland, 120m
<i>Crematogaster (cf. ebenina)</i> sp. 19	open Casuarina plantation, 20m
<i>Crematogaster (cf. travancorensis)</i> sp. 2	shrubland, 110-240m
<i>Crematogaster (cf. laboriosa)</i> sp. 3	closed broadleaf/bamboo, 400-560m
<i>Crematogaster (cf. dohrni)</i> sp. 8	low forest, 20-140m
<i>Diacamma (nr. rugosum)</i> sp. 1	forest, shrubland, 20-500m
<i>Dolichoderus</i> sp. A	open palm/ grassland, 110m
<i>Gnamptogenys binghami</i> *	low broadleaf & bamboo forest, 280-460m
<i>Harpegnathos venator</i>	streamside, 40m
<i>Kartidris (cf. galos)</i> sp. 1 *	low forest, 40-420m
<i>Leptogenys (cf. kraepelini)</i> sp. 7 *	low closed broadleaf forest, 120m
<i>Leptogenys</i> sp. 17	low closed broadleaf forest, 120m
<i>Leptogenys</i> sp. 23	(missing data)
<i>Monomorium (cf. latinodoides)</i> sp. 10	open rubber plantation/ grassland, 190m
<i>Monomorium</i> sp. 13	building, 30m
<i>Myrmecina</i> sp. 1 *	20m closed broadleaf & bamboo, 560m
<i>Odontoponera (cf. denticulata)</i> sp. 1	forest, shrubland, 30-270m
<i>Oecophylla smaragdina</i>	closed bamboo shrubland, 60m
<i>Pachycondyla (javana group)</i> sp. 1 *	broadleaf & bamboo forest, 300-560m
<i>Pachycondyla (cf. luteipes)</i> sp. 2 *	open bamboo & broadleaf shrubland, 140m
<i>Paratrechina longicornis</i>	open plantation, 20m
<i>Paratrechina (nr. indica)</i> sp. 9 *	forest, near building, 30-440m

Species	Habitat
<i>Pheidole plagiaria</i>	forest, 40-330m
<i>Pheidole</i> (cf. <i>noda</i>) sp. 1	open bamboo & broadleaf shrubland, 140m
<i>Pheidole</i> sp. 11	low closed broadleaf forest, 80-110m
<i>Pheidole</i> (cf. <i>tsailuni</i>) sp. 7 *	20m closed broadleaf & bamboo, 560m
<i>Pheidole</i> (<i>rinae</i> group) sp. 9	forest, shrubland, 110-140m
<i>Polyrhachis tyrannica</i>	forest, shrubland, grassland, 120-130m
<i>Prenolepis</i> (cf. <i>emmae</i>) sp. 1 *	forest, 120-560m
<i>Prenolepis magnocula</i> *	forest, 500-560m
<i>Pristomyrmex pungens</i>	low closed broadleaf & banana, 540m
<i>Tapinoma</i> sp. 1	bamboo shrubland, plantation, 20-230m
<i>Technomyrmex albipes</i>	low broadleaf & bamboo forest, 420m
<i>Tetramorium nipponense</i> *	low closed broadleaf & banana, 540m
<i>Tetraoponera attenuata</i>	open rubber plantation/ grassland, 200m
<i>Vollenhovia</i> (cf. <i>emeryi</i>) sp. 1 *	closed 10m broadleaf, 130m

- *Leptogenys* sp. 23 has been found only from Xinglong.
- The percentage of forest-dependent species was about 34% at Tongtieling, indicating the moderately low integrity of the habitats surveyed. No forest-dependent species were found at the Botanic Garden.
- *Anoplolepis gracilipes*, an invasive species from Africa, was widespread outside the closed-canopy forest. *Paratrechina longicornis*, another African exotic, was found only in plantation.

Dragonflies

- Seventeen species were recorded at Tongtieling, and ten at Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden (Table 8).
- The most frequently encountered species at Tongtieling was *Drepanosticta zhoui*, which was first recorded from Shangxi on the same survey trip (Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, 2002a).
- *Burmargiolestes xinglongensis* is a species new to science. It has been described from a single specimen by Wilson K.D.P. & Reels (2001), and named after the locality.
- The record of *Pseudagrion australasiae* is the first from China.
- The records of *Macromia berlandi*, *Macromia katae*, *Macromia moorei malayana* and *Macromia rapida* are the first from Hainan.

Table 8. Dragonflies recorded at Tongtieling (22 May 1999) and Xinglong (23 May 1999). Sequence follows Schorr et al. (2001a, 2001b).

Species	Notes
<i>Rhinocypha b. biforata</i>	
<i>Euphaea ornata</i>	
<i>Burmargiolestes xinglongensis</i>	new species (Wilson & Reels, 2001)
<i>Pseudolestes mirabilis</i>	Hainan endemic
<i>Cercion calamorum dyeri</i>	
<i>Pseudagrion australasiae</i>	first Chinese record
<i>Pseudagrion r. rubriceps</i>	
<i>Coeliccia scutellum hainanense</i>	Hainan endemic subspecies
<i>Coeliccia cyanomelas</i>	
<i>Drepanosticta zhoui</i>	new species (Wilson & Reels, 2001)
<i>Copera marginipes</i>	
<i>Asiagomphus hainanensis</i>	
<i>Ictinogomphus pertinax</i>	
<i>Paragomphus pardalinus</i>	
<i>Epopthalmia elegans</i>	
<i>Macromia berlandi</i>	
<i>Macromia calliope</i>	
<i>Macromia katae</i>	previously considered a Hong Kong endemic
<i>Macromia rapida</i>	

Species	Notes
<i>Nannophyopsis clara</i>	
<i>Orthetrum prunosum neglectum</i>	
<i>Hydrobasileus croceus</i>	
<i>Urothemis s. signata</i>	
<i>Tramea virginia</i>	
<i>Zygonyx iris insignis</i>	

- Some species at Tongtieling are of particular conservation significance:
 - *Burmargiolestes xinglongensis* is known only from Tongtieling.
 - *Euphaea ornata*, *Pseudolestes mirabilis*, *Coeliccia scutellum hainanense*, *Drepanosticta zhoui* are known only from Hainan.
 - *Macromia katae* and *Zygonyx iris insignis* are known only from Hainan and Hong Kong.
 - *Macromia calliope* is known only from Hainan and Vietnam.
 - *Macromia rapida* is known only from Hainan, Hong Kong and Guangdong
 - *Paragomphus pardalinus* is known only from Hainan, Guangxi and Guangdong.
 - *Macromia berlandi* is known only from Hainan, Guangxi, Hong Kong and Vietnam.
- At Xinglong Botanic Garden the species present were more associated with lentic habitats such as ponds.

Butterflies

- Forty-four species were recorded at Tongtieling, while only 15 were recorded at the Botanic Garden (Table 9).
- Most abundant at Tongtieling was *Zizeeria maha*.

Table 9. Butterflies at Tongtieling Forest Area and Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, 22-23 May 1999. Sequence of families follows Bascombe (1995).

Species	Habitat
<i>Borbo cinnara</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Iambrix salsala</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Mooreana trichoneura</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Potanthus sp.</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Satarupa (cf. gopala) sp.</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Graphium agamemnon</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Graphium sarpedon</i>	garden/plantation
<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Papilio bianor</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Papilio demoleus</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Papilio memnon</i>	scrub/forest
	farmland/stream
<i>Papilio nephelus</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Papilio paris</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Papilio polytes</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Papilio xuthus</i>	garden/plantation
<i>Papilio (Chilasa) clytia</i>	garden/plantation
<i>Papilio (Chilasa) sp.</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Troides sp.</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Appias lyncida</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Delias acalis</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Eurema sp.</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Gandaca harina</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Prioneris sp.</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Jamides alecto</i>	farmland/stream
	scrub/forest

Species	Habitat
<i>Nacaduba kurava</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Zizeeria maha</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Cethosia biblis</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Charaxes bernardus</i>	garden/plantation
<i>Cupha erymanthis</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Discophora sondaica</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Elymnias hypermnestra</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Euthalia phemius</i>	garden/plantation
<i>Faunis eumeus</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Hypolimnas bolina</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Ideopsis similis</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Mycalesis mineus</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Mycalesis zonata</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Neptis hylas</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Parantica aglea</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Phalanta phalanta</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Polyura nepenthes</i>	garden/plantation
<i>Precis (Junonia) almana</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Precis (Junonia) atlites</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Precis (Junonia) lemonias</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Thaumantis diores</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Vagrans egista</i>	farmland/stream
	garden/plantation
<i>Vindula sp.</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Ypthima baldus</i>	farmland/stream
<i>Ypthima motschulskyi</i>	scrub/forest
<i>Ypthima sp.</i>	farmland/stream

- *Gandaca harina* and *Satarupa sp.* (Tongtieling) have not previously been recorded on KFBG surveys.
- The presence of *Thaumantis diores* and *Mooreana trichoneura* at Tongtieling may be considered as indicative of good forest.

Molluscs

- Only three species of snail and two species of slug were recorded (Table 10).

Table 10. Molluscs of Tongtieling Forest Area and Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden.

Species	Habitat
<i>Achatina fulica</i>	plantation
<i>Camaena xanthoderma polyzona</i>	forest
<i>Deroceras agrestis</i>	forest
<i>Kaliella depressa</i>	forest
<i>Macrochlamys cincta</i>	plantation

- *Camaena xanthoderma polyzona*, *Kaliella depressa* and *Deroceras agrestis* are forest species indicating the forest at Tongtieling is quite intact.
- The molluscs at Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, like the exotic *Achatina fulica*, are typical of disturbed habitats.

Summary of flora and fauna

- The Tropical Botanic Garden and outer reaches of Tongtieling Forest Area had rather low ecological integrity, due to past deforestation and disturbance. The vegetation on the lower slopes of Tongtieling Forest Area was mainly secondary forest about 10-20 m in height, which had been partly transformed to plantation and shrubland at the edges.
- More mature forest was present higher up at Tongtieling. Altogether 243 vascular plant species were recorded in the present survey, suggesting the flora of Tongtieling is very rich.
- Among the recorded biota were three globally Threatened plant species (*Vatica mangachapoi*, *Heritiera parvifolia* and *Ixonanthes chinensis*), and some insects that have been found nowhere else, including the dragonfly *Burmargiolestes xinglongensis*, one ant (*Leptogenys* sp. 23) and one butterfly (*Satarupa* sp.). Tongtieling also supports a large number of plants and vertebrates with narrow global ranges, including some endemic to Hainan (e.g. *Goniurosaurus hainanensis*).
- Overall Tongtieling Forest Area was of high local biodiversity significance, comparable to other provincial-level nature reserves in the region.

Threats and problems

- Tongtieling is not a protected area and is not managed for conservation. It has been preserved through the goodwill of the conservation-minded owner of Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden. A belt of land at the perimeter of the forest has been acquired so as to save this patch of forest from being cleared.
- Farming continued at Yabatian, and other forms of disturbance, such as hunting and collecting of terrapins, still occurred at the site. Hunting is particularly severe in winter, when many overseas Chinese from Southeast Asia reportedly visit Xinglong and consume large numbers of wild-caught animals.
- The outer and lower parts of the Forest Area had been mostly transformed to rubber tree plantation and much of the forest was secondary.

Opportunities

- Tongtieling has good lowland secondary forests and is of high local significance to biodiversity conservation. If protected from logging and hunting and managed for conservation, it could form an important part of the protected-areas network.
- Population in the forest area has decreased because of the low living standard in the Forest Area. This means the forest will have good chance to recover from previous disturbance. The Area's rich flora will facilitate regeneration of the forest.
- The Tropical Botanic Garden has made an important contribution to conserving valuable habitat. The Director, Mr. Zhang, reported that they were reforesting old rubber plantation. This restoration site adjacent to forest offers a good opportunity to monitor ecosystem recovery.
- Natural regeneration could be accelerated by planting native trees in old plantations which have lost their productivity. Seeds for reforestation could be collected locally.
- Due to its position behind the Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, which has excellent exhibits and facilities for visitors, there is potential to develop an environmental education programme at Tongtieling.

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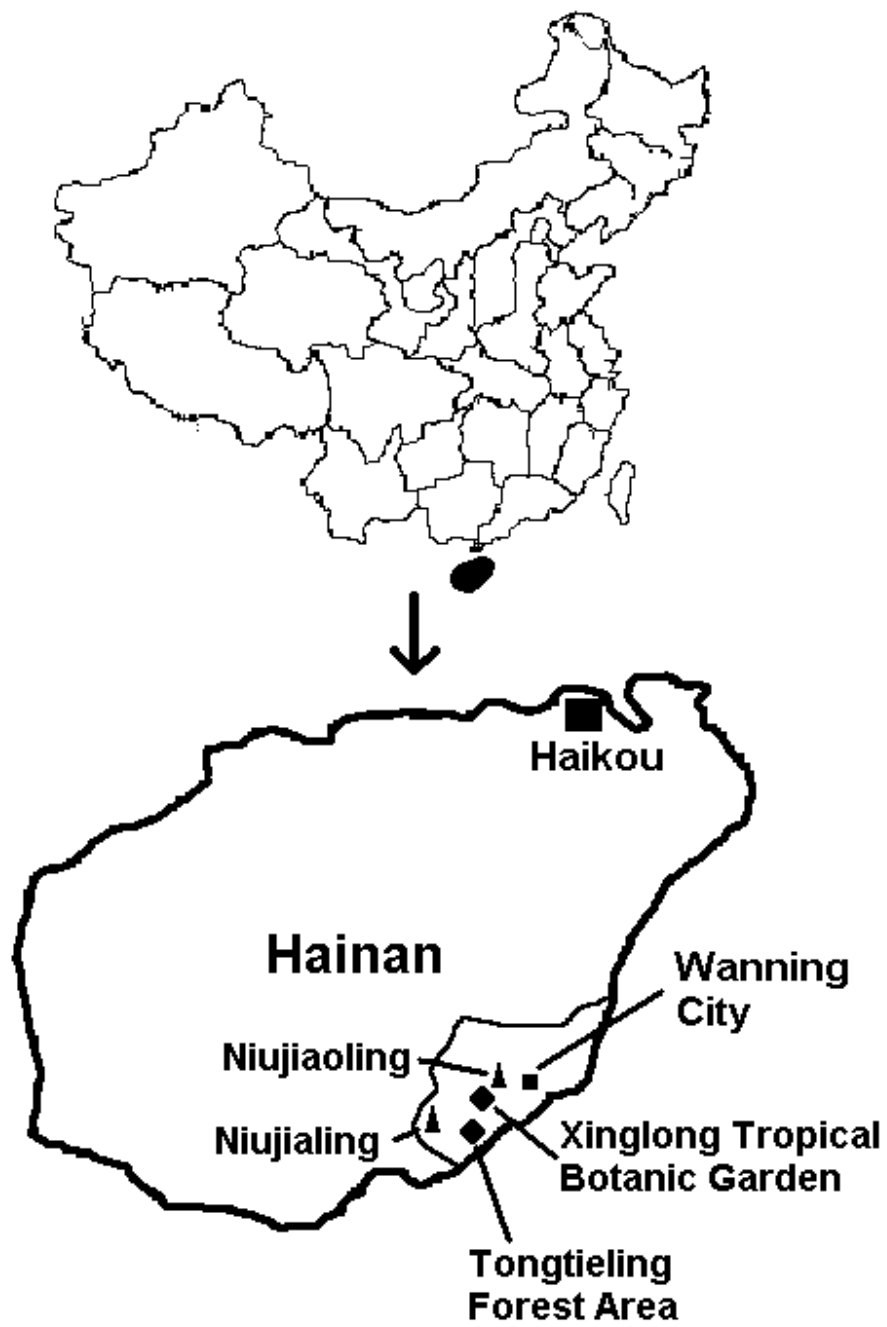


Figure 1. Map showing location of Tongtieling Forest Area and Xinglong Tropical Botanic Garden, Southeast Hainan, China.