

Lantau Conservation Fund

Education & Engagement Projects

Project Number	EE-2024-03
Recipient Organisation	Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) Corporation
Project Title	Fostering affection for Lantau's rarest plants: a sourcebook for the ecology, horticulture & conservation of a selection of locally threatened tree, shrub, climber and herb species of ornamental potential
Project Description*	Hong Kong's native flora of more than 2300 vascular plant species constitutes a rich natural heritage that reflects the territory's diverse geography and location at the margin of the Asian tropics. However, many of these species are rare, being confined to extremely small, fragmented populations. Lantau, with its rugged terrain and expansive protected areas, is an ark for Hong Kong's threatened plants: for a few dozen species, the island represents a final stronghold. This project will bring the beauty and wonder of a selection of Lantau's rare and threatened plants to the attention of landscapers, urban planners, land managers, students and the general public through the production of a high-quality sourcebook that details each species' ecology and horticultural needs in a succinct, richly illustrated format. Images will be used to highlight the species' ornamental potential, with text and graphics conveying important information for planting, management and ecological value. School presentations, guided tours, workshops, social media coverage and an

	exhibition will buttress the education and engagement impact. By mainstreaming ecological and horticultural know-how in this way, we can challenge the tired, damaging reliance on exotic species, nurturing exciting new connections between Lantau's changing environment, its people and its plants.
Project Period	24 months
Approved Grant	\$1,669,200

*The project description is provided by the project proponent