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#### **Background**

The present report details the findings of visits to South Jiangxi 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 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, Gou valley, stream

Kou outlet Ling range Nan south Ping flat mountain Shan Shi city Tun hamlet Wan bay Xi west Xi, Yong stream Xian county Xiang, Cun village

# Report of Rapid Biodiversity Assessments at Jiulianshan Nature Reserve, South Jiangxi, China, 2000, 2001 and 2003

#### **Objectives**

• The aims of the 2000 survey were to collect up-to-date information on the fauna and flora of Jiulianshan Nature Reserve, and to use this to help determine conservation priorities within South China. The 2001 visit was part of a species-specific survey for White-eared Night Heron *Gorsachius magnificus*, after confirming its presence at nearby Chebaling National Nature Reserve in Guangdong (Fellowes *et al.*, 2001). The 2003 survey was to initiate a collaborative mammal study with the reserve management.

#### Methods

- On 18-20 August 2000 a team of biologists from Hong Kong (BH, BC, JRF, ML, LKS, NSC, GTR, CW), Xinyang (LHJ), Guangxi (ZSY, HJH) and Guangzhou (XZ, DHJ, CZY, CBH) conducted a rapid biodiversity survey at Jiulianshan Nature Reserve.
- On 24-26 July 2001 a team of biologists from Hong Kong (BC, LKS, SS), France (OP) and Guangdong (HSL) visited Jiulianshan Nature Reserve as part of the 2001 survey for White-eared Night Heron *Gorsachius magnificus* (to be reported elsewhere).
- On 8-10 January 2003 a team of biologists from Hong Kong (BC, LKS, NSC), plus two volunteers Miss Karin Chan and Miss Vicky Yeung, visited Jiulianshan Nature Reserve for a camera trapping survey.
- During fieldwork visual searching for plants, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, ants, butterflies and dragonflies were 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 Jiulianshan was inferred largely based on Dai *et al.* (2002) and interviews with reserve staff, 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 Y. *et al.* (1997). Additional information was obtained from the preliminary results of the camera-trapping survey.
- Vascular plant records were made by CBH, CZY, and NSC, and edited by NSC, except for orchids, for which records were verified and edited by Ms. Gloria Siu of Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden. Mammal records were made by LKS, BC, ML, JRF, or BH. Records of birds were made or verified by LKS, CW or ML, reptiles and amphibians by ML or BC, fish by BC, DHJ and CXL, dragonflies by KW or GTR and butterflies by GTR. Ant records have yet to be processed, and will be published elsewhere.
- Nomenclature in the report is standardised based, unless otherwise stated, on the following references:
  - Flora (Pteridophyta, Gymnospermae and Angiospermae): Anon. (1959-2001); Anon. (1996-2001); Anon. (2002a, 2002b); The Plant Names Project (2002);
  - Mammals (Mammalia): 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);
  - 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 (2002). Certain taxa, including orchids, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates, have yet to be properly assessed for global status. National conservation status of orchids is based on Wang *et al.* (in press).
- 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**

- Jiulianshan Nature Reserve is in the southernmost part of Longnan County, South Jiangxi, bordering Lianping County of Guangdong, at 24°29′18"-24°38′55"N by 114°22′50"-114°31′32"E (Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002). The original nature reserve was about 42 km² in size (MacKinnon *et al.*, 1996; Zhang W., 1998), with two core areas, at Xiagongtang and Daqiutian, separated by buffer zone (as referred to above). In 2002 it was enlarged to 134 km² including a core area of 43 km² (32% of total reserve area, from Huangniushi in the south to Shanghualu in the north), a buffer zone of 14 km² (11%, immediately fringing the core) and an experimental zone of 77 km² (57%) (Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002).
- The nature reserve has a mountainous landscape with altitude range from 280 to 1,434 m at the summit of Huangniushi. The geology is dominated by granite, sand stone and sandy shale (Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002).
- The nature reserve has a reported forest cover of 95%, reaching 98% in the core areas (Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002).
- The reserve has 15 villages and 245 families with 975 inhabitants, with an annual income of 1,329 yuan per head. The level of the economy is significantly lower than surrounding townships in Lianping, Longnan and Quannan Counties (Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002).
- Jiulianshan has a subtropical climate. The mean monthly temperature ranges from 6.8°C in January to 24.4°C in July, with a mean annual precipitation of 2,156 mm, which occurs mainly in the wet season from February to September. October to November is the dry season (Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002). Rivers drain northward to the Tao Jiang, and on to the Gan Jiang, which drains into Poyang Lake of the Yangtze (Chang Jiang) system.
- The Xiagongtang forest segment at Jiulianshan was first protected in 1975, and by 1981 it was designated a provincial nature reserve to protect its subtropical evergreen broadleaf forests (MacKinnon *et al.*, 1996; Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002). It is classified as a Forest Ecosystem nature reserve at the provincial level (Zhang W., 1998). In 2002, the reserve had 47 staff, including seven management staff, 28 technicians and 12 workers (Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002).
- In 2001 the reserve management authority submitted a proposal to upgrade Jiulianshan to national-level nature reserve (Liu X.Z. *et al.*, 2002). This has been approved by the Provincial Government and at the time of writing is awaiting approval from the State Council.

#### Results

#### Vegetation

- In the 1980s the major vegetation types at Jiulianshan were reported to include subtropical evergreen broadleaf forest, low hill coniferous forest, bamboo forest, montane dwarf forest and montane grassland (Ye and Chen S.F., 2002).
- The present surveys included the core areas at Xiagongtang and at Daqiutian, and the buffer and experimental zones of Diaqiutian near Lengshuikeng. Extensive mature secondary forest up to 30 m in height with trees up to 100 cm dbh could be found, up to 1,200 m on the slope of Huangniushi. This forest was dominated largely by Castanopsis carlesii, C. fabri, C. lamontii, Liquidambar formosana, Engelhardtia roxburghiana and C. eyrei below high altitude. Above that, the dominant species gradually become Schima superba, Michelia maudiae, Michelia foveolata and Quercus serrata var. brevipetiolata. Here the forest was up to 15 m tall with trees up to 60 cm dbh. At higher altitude the vegetation became montane dwarf forest about 2-3 m in height, dominated by Rhododendron simiarum, Cyclobalanopsis glauca, Michelia maudiae and Vaccinium bracteatum. Montane grassland dominated by Poaceae could be found on or near the summit.
- The core area at Daqiutian had a more degraded landscape, with vegetation at lower altitudes largely transformed to agricultural fields and plantations of *Phyllostachys heterocycla* cv. *Pubescens*, *Cunninghamia lanceolata* (China Fir) and *Vernicia* spp. There were also patches of plantation of *Camptotheca acuminata*. Fragmented but apparently connected mature secondary forest, up to 30 m tall was seen at a distance, but not surveyed.
- The experimental and buffer zones of Daqiutian core area near Lengshuikeng also had a fragmented

forested hillside landscape, with small patches of abandoned farmland and plantation in between. The hillside forest was mature secondary forest up to 30 m tall and dominated by *Castanopsis carlesii*, *C. fargesii*, *Michelia chapensis*, *Schima superba*, *Engelhardtia roxburghiana* and *Liquidambar formosana*.

#### Flora

- The present surveys recorded 389 vascular plant species including 62 fern species in 27 families, three gymnosperms in three families, and 324 angiosperms in 92 families (Table 1). This is a fairly high number given the three days of botanical fieldwork. Many of the species recorded at Daqiutian, however, were weedy species typical of human-disturbed areas. Earlier surveys had recorded 1,479 vascular plant species in 231 families (Yao *et al.*, 2002).
- Two taxa (*Manglietia fordiana* var. *kwangtungensis* and *Ainsliaea ramosa*) were recorded from Jiangxi for the first time. The latter species had been recorded from the nearby Lianping County of Guangdong (Vol. 79 of Anon. (1959-2001)); only a few individuals were seen at Lengshuikeng. The fern *Ctenitopsis sinii* has only recently been recorded from Jiangxi (Chen Y.-j. *et al.*, 2002).
- Among the flora recorded in the present surveys, there are several plant species of conservation importance:
  - Bretschneidera sinensis is considered globally Endangered and is under Class I National Protection in China. It was found at Xiagongtang in the present surveys.
  - Taxus wallichiana var. mairei is under Class I National Protection. A single tree was found in the forest at Xiagongtang. We were told by wardens that a large population could be found deeper inside the forest at higher altitude. The species has a widely scattered distribution and is locally rare where it occurs.
  - Toona ciliata var. pubescens and Eurycorymbus cavaleriei are under Class II National Protection. The latter is also considered Near-threatened globally. Both were locally common in the mature forest at Xiagongtang. They are widespread in South China but are restricted to forest habitat.
  - Gymnosphaera hancockii belongs to the treefern family of which all members are under Class II
    National Protection. It was locally abundant in the mature forest at Xiagongtang. This species has a
    wide distribution in South China but is usually restricted to well-preserved mature forest.
  - *Cibotium barometz* is under Class II National Protection but is both widespread in South China and is abundant in degraded shrubland and forest margins.
  - Cinnamomum camphora is Class II Protected nationally, although the trees seen were all planted individuals next to villages.
  - *Michelia odora* is considered Near-threatened globally. Two small trees and one larger population with more than 20 plants were found at Xiagongtang and Daqiutian respectively.
  - Manglietia fordiana var. kwangtungensis is known only from Guangdong, Guangxi and (now) Jiangxi.

**Table 1.** Vascular plants of Jiulianshan Nature Reserve recorded in the present surveys (2000 & 2003). Species which are nationally Protected (Class I or II) (State Forestry Administration & Ministry of Agriculture, 1999), globally Threatened or Lower Risk (Near-threatened) (IUCN, 2002) or globally restricted are indicated.

Family	Scientific name	Remarks
PTERIDOPHYTA		
Adiantaceae	Adiantum flabellulatum L.	
Aspidiaceae	Ctenitis rhodolepis (C.B. Clarke) Ching	
	Ctenitopsis sinii (Ching) Ching	new Jiangxi record
Aspleniaceae	Asplenium normale D. Don	-
	Asplenium prolongatum Hook.	
	Asplenium wrightii Eaton ex Hook.	
Athyriaceae	Allantodia metteniana (Miq.) Ching	
	Allantodia virescens (Kunze) Ching	
	Diplazium crassiusculum Ching	
	Diplazium subsinuatum (Wall. ex Hook. & Grev.) Tagawa	
Blechnaceae	Blechnum orientale L.	
	Chieniopteris harlandii (Hook.) Ching	
	Woodwardia japonica (L.f.) Sm.	
	Woodwardia prolifera Hook. & Arn.	
	Woodwardia orientalis Sw.	

Family Scientific name Remarks

Cyatheaceae Gymnosphaera hancockii (Copel.) Ching Protected II Dennstaedtiaceae

Microlepia hookeriana (Wall. ex Hook.) C. Presl. Microlepia marginata (Houtt.) C. Chr.

Dicksoniaceae Cibotium barometz (L.) J. Sm.

Protected II Arachniodes chinensis (Rosenst.) Ching Dryopteridaceae

Dryopteris championii (Benth.) C. Chr. Dryopteris chinensis (Baker) Koidz. Dryopteris setosa (Thunb.) Akasawa

Equisetum ramosissimum Desf. Equisetaceae Gleicheniaceae Dicranopteris pedata (Houtt.) Nakaike

Diplopterygium chinensis (Rosenst.) DeVol

Coniogramme japonica (Thunb.) Diels Hemonnitidaceae Hymenophyllum barbatum (Bosch) Baker Hymenophyllaceae

Stenoloma chusanum (L.) Ching Lindsaeaceae Palhinhaea cernua (L.) Franco & Vasc. Lycopodiaceae Lygodiaceae Lygodium japonicum (Thunb.) Sw. Marattiaceae Angiopteris fokiensis Hieron. Nephrolepidaceae Nephrolepis auriculata (L.) Trimea Osmunda banksiifolia (C. Presl) Kuhn Osmundaceae

Osmunda japonica Thunb. Osmunda vachellii Hook.

Plagiogyriaceae Plagiogyria distinctissima Ching

Plagiogyria dunnii Copel.

Colysis elliptica (Thunb.) Ching Polypodiaceae

Colysis elliptica (Thunb.) Ching var. pothifolia Ching

Colysis hemitoma (Hance) Ching Lemmaphyllum microphyllum C. Presl Lepisorus thunbergianus (Kaulf.) Ching Lepisorus tosaensis (Makino) H. Itô Microsorium buergerianum (Miq.) Ching Microsorium fortunei (T. Moore) Ching Neolepisorus ovatus (Wall. ex Bedd.) Ching Polypodioides amoena (Wall.ex Mett.) Ching Polypodiastrum mengtzeense (H. Christ) Ching

Pyrrosia lingua (Thunb.) Farw Histiopteris incisa (Thunb.) J. Sm.

Pteris insignis Mett. ex Kuhn Pteris multifida Poir.

Pteris semipinnata L. Pteris vittata L.

Pteridiaceae Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn var. latiusculum (Desv.)

Underw. ex A. Heller

Selaginellaceae Selaginella doederleinii Hieron Sinopteridaceae Onychium japonicum (Thunb.) Kunze

Cyclosorus acuminatus (Houtt.) Nakai ex H. Itô Thelypteridaceae

Dictyocline wilfordii (Hook.) J. Sm.

Pronephrium aspera (C. Presl) W. C. Shieh & J. L. Tsai

Vittariaceae Vittaria flexuosa Fée

**GYMNOSPERMAE** 

Pteridaceae

Pinaceae Pinus massoniana Lamb.

Taxaceae Taxus wallichiana Zucc. var. mairei (Lemée & H. Lév.) L.K. Protected I

Fu & Nan Li

Taxodiaceae Cunninghamia lanceolata (Lamb.) Hook. planted

**ANGIOSPERMAE** Dicotyledonae

Acanthaceae Justicia procumbens L. Acer cinnamomifolium Havata Aceraceae

Acer fabri Hance Actinidiaceae Actinidia callosa Lindl.

Actinidia latifolia (Gardner & Champ.) Merr.

Alangiaceae Alangium kurzii Craib

Achyranthes bidentata Blume Amaranthaceae

Familia	Calantifia nama	Damanka
Family	Scientific name	Remarks
Anacardiaceae	Choerospondias axillaris (Roxb.) B.L. Burtt & A.W. Hill	
	Rhus chinensis Mill.	
	Toxicodendron succedaneum (L.) Kuntze.	
Annonaceae	Artabotrys hongkongensis Hance	
	Fissistigma oldhamii ( Hemsl. ) Merr.	
Apiaceae	Angelica decursiva (Miq.) Franch. & Sav.	
	Centella asiatica (L.) Urb.	
	Cryptotaenia japonića Hassk.	
	Hydrocotyle nepalensis Hook.	
Apocynaceae	Trachelospermum jasminoides (Lindl.) Lem.	
Aquifoliaceae	Ilex championii Loes.	
Aquilollaceae	llex dasyphylla Merr.	
	llex ficoidea Hemsl.	
	Ilex pubescens Hook. & Arn.	
	Ilex rotunda Thunb.	
	Ilex viridis Champ. ex Benth.	
Araliaceae	Acanthopanax evodiifolius Franch. var. gracilis W.W. Sm.	
	Aralia decaisneana Hance	
	Dendropanax dentigerus (Harms ex Diels) Merr.	
	Eleutherococcus trifoliatus (L.) S.Y. Hu	
	Hedera nepalensis K. Koch var. sinensis (Tobler) Rehder	
	Schefflera delavayi (Franch.) Harms	
	Schefflera minutistellata Merr. ex H.L. Li	
Aristolochiaceae	Asarum wulingense C.F. Liang	
Asclepiadaceae	Cynanchum auriculatum Royle ex Wight	
Asciepiadaceae	Pentasacme caudatum Wall. ex Wight	
Astoropoo		introduced from transcal
Asteraceae	Ageratum conyzoides L.	introduced from tropical
	A	America
	Ainsliaea ramosa Hemsl.	new Jiangxi record
	Aster ageratoides Turcz.	
	Cirsium japonicum Fisch. ex DC.	
	Conyza canadensis (L.) Cronquist	introduced from North America
	Crassocephalum crepidioides (Benth.) S. Moore	introduced from Africa
	Elephantopus scaber L.	
	Kalimeris indica (L.) Sch. Bip.	
	Wedelia wallichii Less.	
Begoniaceae	Begonia palmata D. Don	
Brassicaceae	Rorippa indica (L.) Hiern	
Bretschneideraceae	Bretschneidera sinensis Hemsl.	Endangered, Protected I
	Bauhinia championii (Benth.) Benth.	Endangered, Protected i
Caesalpiniaceae		
	Caesalpinia decapetala (Roth) Alston	
	Gleditsia fera (Lour.) Merr.	
Campanulaceae	Codonopsis lanceolata (Siebold & Zucc.) Trautv.	
	Lobelia melliana E. Wimm.	
	Pratia nummularia (Lam.) A. Br. & Aschers.	
Caprifoliaceae	Viburnum fordiae Hance	
Celastraceae	Celastrus hindsii Benth.	
	Euonymus centidens H. Lév.	
	Euonymus laxiflorus Champ. ex Benth.	
Chloranthaceae	Chloranthus henryi Hemsl.	
O'llorantilaceae	Sarcandra glabra (Thunb.) Nakai	
Clethraceae	Clethra cavaleriei H. Lév.	
Clusiaceae		
	Garcinia multiflora Champ. ex Benth.	
Convolvulaceae	Cuscuta japonica Choisy	
	Ipomoea batatas (L.) Lam.	
Cornaceae	Dendrobenthamia angustata (Chun) W.P. Fang	
	Dendrobenthamia hongkongensis (Hemsl.) Hutch.	
Cucurbitaceae	Gynostemma pentaphylla (Thunb.) Makino	
Daphniphyllaceae	Daphniphyllum calycinum Benth	
	Daphniphyllum oldhami (Hemsl.) Rosenth.	
Ebenaceae	Diospyros japonica Siebold & Zucc.	
	Diospyros kaki Thunb.	planted
	Diospyros morrisiana Hance ex. Walpers	• • • • • • •
Elaeocarpaceae	Elaeocarpus decipiens Hemsl.	
Liacocarpaccac	Elaeocarpus japonicus Siebold & Zucc.	
	Elaeocarpus sylvestris (Lour.) Poir.	

Family Scientific name Remarks Sloanea sinensis (Hance) Hemsl. Ericaceae Gaultheria leucocarpa Blume var. crenulata (Kurz) T.Z. Hsu Lyonia ovalifolia (Wall.) Drude Rhododendron championiae Hook. f. Rhododendron fortunei Lindl. Rhododendron mariae Hance Rhododendron moulmainense Hook. f. Rhododendron ovatum (Lindl.) Planch. ex Maxim. Rhododendron simiarum Hance Vaccinium bracteatum Thunb. Vaccinium trichocladum Merr. & F.P. Metcalf Erythroxylaceae Erythroxylum sinense Y. C. Wu Itea chinensis Hook. & Arn Escalloniaceae Euphorbiaceae Alchornea trewioides (Benth.) Müll. Arg. Antidesma japonicum Siebold & Zucc. Bischofia polycarpa (H. Lév.) Airy Shaw Glochidion puberum (L.) Hutch. Mallotus apelta (Lour.) Müll. Arg. Mallotus paniculatus (Lam.) Müll. Arg. Sapium discolor (Champ. ex Benth.) Müll. Arg. Vernicia fordii (Hemsl.) Airy Shaw planted Vernicia montana I our. planted Fagaceae Castanea mollissima Blume cultivated Castanopsis carlesii (Hemsl.) Hayata Castanopsis eyrei (Champ. ex Benth.) Tutcher Castanopsis fabri Hance Castanopsis fargesii Franch. Castanopsis fissa (Champ. ex Benth.) Rehder & E. H. Wilson Castanopsis fordii Hance Castanopsis hystrix Mig. Castanopsis Iamontii Hance Castanopsis tibetana Hance Cyclobalanopsis fleuryi (Hickel & A. Camus) Chun ex Q. F. Zheng Cyclobalanopsis glauca (Thunb.) Oerst. Cyclobalanopsis myrsinifolia (Blume) Oerst. Fagus lucida Rehder & E.H. Wilson Lithocarpus fenestratus (Roxb.) Rehder Lithocarpus chrysocomus Chun & Tsiang Lithocarpus hancei (Benth.) Rehder Lithocarpus litseifolius (Hance) Chun Lithocarpus uvariifolius (Hance) Rehder Quercus serrata Thunb. var. brevipetiolata (A. DC.) Nakai Flacourtiaceae Idesia polycarpa Maxim. Altingia chinensis (Champ. ex Benth.) Oliv. ex Hance Hamamelidaceae Eustigma oblongifolium Gardner & Champ. Exbucklandia tonkinensis (Lecomte) Steenis Liquidambar formosana Hance Loropetalum chinense (R. Br.) Oliv. Hydrangeaceae Hydrangea paniculata Siebold Pileostegia tomentella Hand.-Mazz. Juglandaceae Engelhardtia fenzelii Merr. Engelhardtia roxburghiana Wall. Pterocarya stenoptera C. DC. Anisomeles indica (L.) Kuntze Lamiaceae Isodon lophanthoides (Buch.-Ham. ex D. Don) H. Hara Stauntonia obovatifoliola Hayata ssp. urophylla Lardizabalaceae (Hand.-Mazz.) H.N. Qin Stauntonia chinensis DC. Cinnamomum austrosinense H.T. Chang Lauraceae Cinnamomum burmanni (Nees & T. Nees) Blume Cinnamomum camphora (L.) J. Presl. Protected II, planted Cinnamomum porrectum (Roxb.) Kosterm. Lindera aggregata (Sims) Kosterm. Lindera communis Hemsl.

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Verbenaceae Callicarpa kochiana Makino

Clerodendrum cyrtophyllum Turcz. Paraphlomis javanica (Blume) Prain

Viola diffusa Ging. Violaceae

Ampelopsis cantoniensis (Hook, & Arn.) Planch. Vitaceae

Ampelopsis grossedentata (Hand.-Mazz.) W.T. Wang

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Acorus gramineus Sol. Araceae

Arisaema heterophyllum Blume

Trachycarpus fortunei (Hook.) H. Wendl. Areaceae

Commelina communis L. Commelinaceae Floscopa scandens Lour.

Murdannia nudiflora (L.) Brenan

Pollia japonica Thunb.

Cyperaceae Carex baccans Nees

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Fimbristylis dichotoma (L.) Vahl

Kyllinga brevifolia Rottb.

Rhynchospora rubra (Lour.) Makino Scleria terrestris (L.) Fassett

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Dianella ensifolia (L.) DC. Hemerocallis citrina Baroni

Paris polyphylla Sm. var. chinensis (Franch.) H. Hara

Polygonatum cyrtonema Hua

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Smilax lanceifolia Roxb.

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Calanthe graciliflora Hayata Cymbidium floribundum Lindl. Habenaria rhodocheila Hance Alopecurus aequalis Sobol.

Arthraxon hispidus (Thunb.) Makino

Arundinella anomala Steud.

Capillipedium assimile (Steud. ex Zoll.) A. Camus

Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers. Echinochloa colonum (L.) Link. Eleusine indica (L.) Gaertn.

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Zingiberaceae Alpinia pumila Hook. f.

Alpinia japonica (Thunb.) Miq.

Globba racemosa Sm.

Zingiber mioga (Thunb.) Roscoe

#### Mammals

- Maritime Striped Squirrel *Tamiops maritimus* were commonly seen or heard during the three surveys.
- A skeleton of Wild Boar Sus scrofa was shown to the team by WSB on 19 August 2000.
- A fairly fresh pangolin burrow was seen near Egongkeng on 20 August 2000.
- Two Chinese Hare *Lepus sinensis* were seen on 24 July 2001.
- In early 2003 (up to mid-March), Chinese Ferret-badger *Melogale moschata*, Yellow-bellied Weasel *Mustela kathiah*, Wild Boar *Sus scrofa* and Red-hipped Squirrel *Dremomys pyrrhomerus* were photographed by camera traps.
- A number of rat species (probably belonging to the genera *Niviventer* and *Rattus*) were also photographed but they could not be positively identified.
- In 2003, a location at Xiagongtang had many signs of mammals, including numerous droppings and tracks from muntjac *Muntiacus* sp(p)., digging and tracks of Wild Boar, and feeding signs on the trees *Alniphyllum fortunei* and *Camptotheca acuminata*, on which the bark was believed to have been stripped by Sambar *Cervus unicolor*.
- The status of mammals was inferred (Table 2) based on various information sources including interviews with reserve staff (especially WSB), Dai *et al.* (2002) and preliminary results from the camera-trap survey.

**Table 2.** The inferred status of mammals at Jiulianshan Nature Reserve, based on an interview with reserve employee WSB ("+" = rare, "++" = quite common, "+++" = abundant, "n" = not asked), Dai *et al.* (2002) and

preliminary infrared camera trap results. Sequence follows Wilson & Cole (2000).

Scientific name	English name	Dai et al.	WSB	Camera	Probable
		(2002)		traps (2003)	status
Erinaceus amurensis	Amur Hedgehog	++	n		present
(recorded as E. europaeus)					
Suncus murinus	Asian House Shrew	+++	n		present
Mogera insularis	Insular Mole	++	n		present
Rhinolophus affinis	Intermediate Horseshoe Bat	++	n		present
Rhinolophus cornutus	Little Japanese Horseshoe Bat	++	n		present
Rhinolophus rouxii	Rufous Horseshoe Bat	++	n		present
Myotis ricketti	Rickett's Big-footed Bat	++	n		present
Nyctalus noctula	Noctule	++	n		present
Pipistrellus javanicus	Javan Pipistrelle	++	n		present
Pipistrellus pipistrellus	Common Pipistrelle	+++	n		present
Canis lupus	Wolf	+			extirpated
Cuon alpinus	Dhole	++	seen in mid-90s		insecure
Nyctereutes procyonoides	Raccoon Dog	++	+		insecure
Vulpes vulpes	Red Fox	++			Insecure or
					extirpated
Catopuma temminckii	Asiatic Golden Cat	++			Insecure or
					extirpated
Prionailurus bengalensis	Leopard Cat	+++	+		present
Neofelis nebulosa	Clouded Leopard	++	+		present
Panthera pardus	Leopard	+			Insecure or
,	•				extirpated
Panthera tigris	Tiger	+			extirpated
Herpestes urva	Crab-eating Mongoose	+++			insecure
Lutra lutra	Eurasian Otter	+	+		insecure
Arctonyx collaris	Hog Badger	++	++		present
Meles meles	Eurasian Badger	++			Insecure or
	•				extirpated
Melogale moschata	Chinese Ferret-badger	+++	+++	✓	present
	ū				(confirmed)
Martes flavigula	Yellow-throated Marten	++	+		insecure
Mustela kathiah	Yellow-bellied Weasel	++	++	✓	present
					(confirmed)
Mustela sibirica	Siberian Weasel	+++	++		present
Viverra zibetha	Large Indian Civet	+	+		insecure
Paguma larvata	Masked Palm Civet	+++	++		present
Prionodon pardicolor	Spotted Linsang	++	++		present
Viverricula indica	Small Indian Civet	++	+++		present
Sus scrofa	Wild Boar	+++	+++	✓	present

Scientific name	English name	Dai e <i>t al</i> . (2002)	WSB	Camera traps (2003)	
Cervus unicolor	Sambar	+	++		(confirmed) present (confirmed)
Elaphodus cephalophus	Tufted Deer		+		insecure or extirpated
Hydrophotes inermis	Water Deer	+			insecure or extirpated
Muntiacus muntjak	Indian Muntjac	+	?		insecure or extirpated
Muntiacus reevesi	Reeves's Muntjac	+++	++		present
Naemorhedus sumatraensis			+		insecure
Manis pentadactyla	Chinese Pangolin	+++	+		present
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Callosciurus erythraeus	Pallas's Squirrel	++			insecure
Tamiops maritimus (recorded		+++	+++		present
as T. swinhoei)					(confirmed)
Dremomys pyrrhomerus	Red-hipped Squirrel			✓	present
	The state of the s				(confirmed)
Dremomys rufigenis	Red-cheeked Squirrel	+			ùnknown
Bandicota indica	Greater Bandicoot Rat	+++	n		present
Berylmys bowersi (as Rattus bowersi)	Bower's White-toothed Rat	++	n		present
Leopoldamys edwardsi (as Rattus edwardsi)	Edward's Long-tailed Giant Rat	++	n		present
Mus musculus	House Mouse	+++	n		present
Niviventer confucianus	Chinese White-bellied Rat	+++	n		present
Niviventer coxingi (as Rattus coxingi)	Coxing's White-bellied Rat	++	n		present
Niviventer fulvescens	Chestnut White-bellied Rat	++	n		present
Rattus Iosea	Lesser Ricefield Rat	+++	n		present
Rattus nitidus	Himalayan Field Rat	+++	n		present
Rattus norvegicus	Brown Rat	+++	n		present
Rattus tanezumi (as R.	Tanezumi Rat	+++	n		present
flavipectus)					•
Rhizomys pruinosus	Hoary Bamboo Rat	++	+		insecure
Rhizomys sinensis	Chinese Bamboo Rat	+			Insecure or
					extirpated
Hystrix brachyura	Malayan Porcupine	++	+		insecure
Lepus sinensis	Chinese Hare	+++	+++		present (confirmed)

- Some of the species reported are of particular conservation importance:
  - Clouded Leopard *Neofelis nebulosa* is Vulnerable globally and Class I Protected nationally;
  - Dhole Cuon alpinus and Asiatic Golden Cat Catopuma temminckii are Vulnerable globally and Class II Protected nationally;
  - Malayan Porcupine *Hystrix brachyura* is Vulnerable globally;
  - Chinese Pangolin *Manis pentadactyla* is at Lower Risk (Near-threatened) globally and Class II Protected nationally;
  - Little Japanese Horseshoe Bat *Rhinolophus cornutus* and Rickett's Big-footed Bat *Myotis ricketti* are at Lower Risk (Near-threatened) globally;
  - Yellow-throated Marten *Martes flavigula*, Spotted Linsang *Prionodon pardicolor*, Small Indian Civet *Viverricula indica* and Sambar *Cervus unicolor* are Class II Protected nationally.
- The reported mammal fauna at Jiulianshan was quite rich, but primates and flying squirrels seemed to be absent even in the mature forests.

#### Birds

- Forty-six bird species were recorded at Jiulianshan in the three surveys (Table 3).
- Among the most frequently encountered species on all three visits were Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*, Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae*, Grey-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe morrisonia*, Chestnut Bulbul *Hemixos castanonotus* and Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*.

• In late January 2003 a dead adult of the globally Enganered White-eared Night Heron Gorsachius magnificus was found in the Daqiutian area (TPR, in litt., February 2003). Photographs were taken of the dead bird.

Table 3. Birds recorded at Jiulianshan Nature Reserve, August 2000, July 2001 and January 2003. Sequence

follows Clements (2000).	
Scientific name	English name
Butorides striatus	Little Heron
Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night Heron
Aviceda leuphotes	Black Baza
Spilornis cheela	Crested Serpent Eagle
Bambusicola thoracica	Chinese Bamboo Partridge
Lophura nycthemera	Silver Pheasant
Centropus sinensis	Greater Coucal
Otus spilocephalus	Mountain Scops Owl
Ketupa zeylonensis	Brown Fish Owl
Glaucidium brodiei	Collared Owlet
Apus pacificus	Fork-tailed Swift
Harpactes erythrocephalus	Red-headed Trogon
Alcedo hercules	Blyth's Kingfisher
Alcedo atthis	Common Kingfisher
Merops viridis	Blue-throated Bee-eater
Eurystomus orientalis	Dollarbird
Megalaima virens	Great Barbet
Megalaima oorti	Black-browed Barbet
Dendrocopos major	Great Spotted Woodpecker
Picus canus	Grey-headed Woodpecker
Celeus brachyurus	Rufous Woodpecker
Blythipicus pyrrhotis	Bay Woodpecker
Pericrocotus flammeus	Scarlet Minivet
Pericrocotus solaris	Grey-chinned Minivet
Spizixos semitorques	Collared Finchbill
Hemixos castanonotus	Chestnut Bulbul
Hypsipetes mcclellandii	Mountain Bulbul
Cinclus pallasii	Brown Dipper
Rhyacornis fuliginosus	Plumbeous Water Redstart
Prinia atrogularis	Hill Prinia
Turdus pallidus	Pale Thrush
Enicurus schistaceus	Slaty-backed Forktail
Culicicapa ceylonensis	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher
Garrulax pectoralis	Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush
Pomatorhinus ruficollis	Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler
Alcippe morrisonia	Grey-cheeked Fulvetta
Yuhina castaniceps	Striated Yuhina
Aethopyga christinae	Fork-tailed Sunbird
Dicaeum ignipectus	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker
Lanius schach	Long-tailed Shrike
Dicrurus aeneus	Bronzed Drongo
Dicrurus hottentottus	Spangled Drongo
Urocissa erythrorhyncha	Red-billed Blue Magpie
Dendrocitta formosae	Grey Treepie

- Some of the species recorded are of particular conservation importance:
  - White-eared Night Heron is globally Endangered and has not previously been recorded from Jiangxi.
  - Black Baza, Crested Serpent Eagle, Silver Pheasant Lophura nycthemera, Greater Coucal Centropus sinensis, Mountain Scops Owl Otus spilocephalus, Brown Fish Owl Ketupa zeylonensis and Collared Owlet Glaucidium brodiei are Class II Protected species in China.
  - Brown Fish Owl has not been encountered during KFBG surveys.
  - Blyth's Kingfisher is Near-threatened globally, and known from only three sites in South China.
- Bird surveys from 1989 to 2000 in Jiulianshan recorded a number of other noteworthy species (Xiao et al., 2002): Mountain Hawk Eagle Spizaetus nipalensis, White-necklaced Partridge Arborophila gingica, Cabot's Tragopan Tragopan caboti, Barred Cuckoo Dove Macropygia unchall, Eurasian Eagle Owl Bubo, Pale-headed Woodpecker Gecinulus grantia, Fairy Pitta Pitta nympha and

Swinhoe's Minivet Pericrocotus cantonensis.

• A number of forest-dependent species, such as Silver Pheasant, Red-headed Trogon, woodpeckers and barbets were present. The occurrence of White-eared Night Heron, Brown Fish Owl, Blyth's Kingfisher, Brown Dipper and Slaty-backed Forktail also indicates that the forest streams are of high integrity.

#### Reptiles and Amphibians

- Twelve species of amphibian (one newt and 11 anurans) and ten species of reptile (four lizards and six snakes) were recorded at Jiulianshan during the surveys (Table 4). Of these *Bufo gargarizans, Rana livida, Sphenomorphus incognitus, Dinodon flavozonatum* and *Oligodon chinensis* appear to be new for the reserve.
- In the reserve museum, specimens of *Amphiesma stolatum, Opisthotropis kuatunensis, Ptyas korros, Sinonatrix percarinata* and *Naja atra* were also present.
- In addition, Dai (2002a, 2002b) recorded Megophrys kuatunensis, Hyla chinensis, Rana adenopleura, Rana guentheri, Rana rugulosa (as R. tigrina rugulosa), Occidozyga lima (as Ooeidozyga lima), Microhyla heymonsi, Microhyla pulchra, Platysternon megacephalum, Chinemys reevesii, Sacalia bealei, Pelodiscus sinensis, Gekko japonicus, Gekko subpalmatus, Acanthosaura lepidogaster, Takydromus septentrionalis, Eumeces elegans, Tropidophorus sinicus, Ramphotyphlops braminus, Xenopeltis hainanensis, Python molurus, Amphiesma craspedogaster, Calamaria septentrionalis, Dinodon rufozonatum, Elaphe carinata, Elaphe taeniura, Enhydris chinensis, Enhydris plumbea, Lycodon ruhstrati, Oligodon formosanus, Pareas chinensis, Ptyas mucosus, Rhabdophis tigrinus, Sinonatrix aequifasciata, Sinonatrix annularis, Zaocys dhumnades, Calliophis macclellandi, Ophiophagus hannah, Deinagkistrodon acutus, Trimeresurus albolabris and Trimeresurus stejnegeri from Jiulianshan.

**Table 4.** Amphibians and reptiles recorded at Jiulianshan Nature Reserve in August 2000, July 2001 and January

2003. Sequence follows Zhao E.-M. & Adler (1993).

Species	Habitat	
AMPHIBIA		
Pachytriton brevipes	forest stream	✓
Bufo gargarizans	forest	✓
Bufo melanostictus	forest	✓
Amolops ricketti	forest stream	✓
Paa spinosa	forest stream	✓, tadpoles
Rana fujianensis	forest edge pool	
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Rana latouchii	forest	✓
	roadside pool	✓
Rana limnocharis	marsh	✓
	shrubland	✓
Rana livida	forest	✓
	stream	✓
Rana schmackeri	forest	✓
	river	✓
Rana versabilis	forest stream	✓
	forest	✓
Polypedates dennysi	forest edge	✓
REPTILIA		
Ateuchosaurus chinensis	forest	✓
Eumeces chinensis	agriculture field	✓
Sphenomorphus incognitus	riparian forest	✓
Sphenomorphus indicus	forest	✓
	forest edge	✓
Cyclophiops major	forest	✓
Dinodon flavozonatum	forest	✓
Oligodon chinensis	forest	$\checkmark$
Xenochrophis piscator	paddy field	$\checkmark$
Bungarus multicinctus	grassland	$\checkmark$
Protobothrops mucrosquamatus	grassland	✓

- *Pachytriton brevipes* is quite rare in South China and it is the first time this species has been recorded in our surveys.
- The rather high diversity of forest and forest stream herpetofauna at Xiagongtang core area indicates it has high integrity.

#### Fish

- Eleven freshwater fish species were recorded from Jiulianshan Nature Reserve. All sampling was done in the Daqiutian River catchment area (Table 5).
- The most frequently encountered species recorded were *Acrossocheilus parallens* at Xiagongtang and *Opsariichthys bidens* at Daqiutian.
- One species in the stream goby genus *Rhinogobius* could not be identified using existing keys for Chinese freshwater fish.
- Previous fish surveys recorded a further 26 species from Jiulianshan (Jiulianshan Nature Reserve Management Office, 1987; Ou et al., 2002): Ctenopharyngodon idellus, Rhodeus lighti (as Pseudoperilampus lighti, nomenclature follows Chen Y. et al., 1998), Onychostoma lini, Hemibarbus labeo, Pseudogobio vaillanti guilinensis, Squalidus argentatus (as Gnathopogon argentatus), Cyprinus carpio, Carassius auratus, Pseudorasbora parva, Gobiobotia tungi, Xenocypris sp., Misgurnus anguillicaudatus, Pseudogastromyzon fasciatus fasciatus (as P. zebroidus), P. changtingensis tungpeiensis, Vanmanenia lineata (as Praeformosania lineata), Pseudobagrus albomarginatus (as Leiocassis albomarginatus, nomenclature follows Pan, 1991), Silurus asotus (as Parasilurus asotus), Glyptothorax fukiensis (as G. fokiensis), Clarias fuscus, Monopterus albus, Mastacembelus armatus, Siniperca undulatus, Micropercops swinhonis (as Hypseleotris swinhonis), Macropodus ocellatus (as M. chinensis), M. opercularis and Channa maculata. Daqiutian area had by far the highest number of these fish species. Identifications of some of the listed species may be problematic.

**Table 5.** Freshwater fish recorded in Daqiutian River, Jiulianshan Nature Reserve, South Jiangxi, August 2000 and <u>July 2001. Sequence of families</u> follows Nelson (1994).

# Species Zacco platypus Opsariichthys bidens Acrossocheilus parallens Onychostoma barbatula Pseudogastromyzon fangi Schistura fasciolata Schistura incerta Pterocryptis sp. Rhinogobius duospilus Rhinogobius sp.

Channa asiatica

- The stream catfish *Pterocryptis* sp., recently described with a paratype assigned from Jiulianshan (Ng & Chan, in prep.), is globally restricted and has so far only been found in scattered localities.
- A river at Daqiutian supported higher fish abundance at the times of our visits. It flows through the Xiagongtang core area where it has a steeper profile and supports lower fish diversity; however *Pterocryptis* sp. was collected at medium altitude.
- The survey findings do not permit detailed comparison with the fish of nearby parts of the Zhujiang catchment. Several of the genera containing species reported by Ou *et al.* (2002), such as *Squalidus*, *Gobiobotia* and *Xenocypris*, have not been recorded during KFBG surveys.

#### **Dragonflies**

- A total of 29 species was recorded during the three-day survey in 2000, of which two (*Vestalis* sp. and *Planaeschna* sp.) remain unidentified.
- In addition, Ding et al. (2002) listed Aeschna ornithocephala, Crocothemis servilia, Pseudothemis zonata, Tramea chinensis, Agrion atratum, Mnais icteroptera and Mnais mneme.

**Table 6.** Dragonflies at Jiulianshan, 18-20 August 2000. Sequence of families follows Schorr *et al.* (2001a, 2001b).

#### Species

Archineura incarnata

Calopteryx melli

Matrona basilaris

Vestalis sp.

Agriocnemis femina

Ceriagrion auranticum ryukyuanum

Ischnura senegalensis

Anisopleura qingyuanensis

Bayadera melanopteryx

Euphaea decorata

Coeliccia cyanomelas

Copera ciliata

Planaeschna sp.

Anisogomphus anderi

Leptogomphus divaricus

Ophiogomphus sinicus

Idionyx carinata

Idionyx claudia

Idionyx victor

Neurothemis fulvia

Orthetrum luzonicum

Orthetrum melania

Orthetrum pruinosum neglectum

Orthetrum sabina

Orthetrum sp.

Palpopleura sexmaculata

Pantala flavescens

Sympetrum eroticum

Trithemis aurora

• *Vestalis* sp. and *Planaeschna* sp., as well as three other calopterygids, three euphaeids, and no less than three species of *Idionyx* are forest-dependent taxa, indicating that forest in the study area was of high integrity.

#### **Butterflies**

- Thirty-eight species were recorded during the three-day survey in 2000 (Table 7), including two (*Euthalia phemius* and *Zizeeria karsandra*) which are possibly new records for Jiangxi (i.e. not recorded from this province by Chou (1994), Bascombe (1995) or Ding *et al.* (2002)). Two more species (*Curetis acuta* and *Apatura (Rohana) parisatis*) appears to be new to the reserve.
- Ding *et al.* (2002) recorded 219 butterfly species from Jiulianshan. Together with our 2000 survey, a total of 223 species are now known from the reserve.

 Table 7.
 Butterflies at Jiulianshan, 18-20 August 2000. Sequence of families follows Bascombe (1995).

#### **Species**

Choaspes benjaminii

Erionota torus

Notocrypta curvifascia

Telicota colon

Graphium sarpedon

Papilio bianor

Papilio helenus

Papilio nephelus

Papilio xuthus

Eurema hecabe

Pieris (Talbotia) naganum

Abisara fylloides

Acytolepis puspa

Curetis acuta

Heliophorus ila

Mahathala ameria

Spindasis lohita

#### Species

Taraka hamada Zizeeria karsandra Apatura (Rohana) parisatis Athyma jina Athyma ranga Athyma selenophora Cethosia biblis Charaxes bernardus Dichorragia nesimachus Euthalia nara Euthalia phemius Hestina assimilis Kallima inachus Lethe confusa Lethe insana? Mandarinia regalis Penthema adelma Polygonia (Kaniska) canace Precis (Junonia) almana Stibochiona nicea Stichophthalma howqua

• Approximately 50% of the species recorded are forest-associated or forest-dependent species, most notably among nymphalids (e.g. *Kallima inachus*, *Mandarinia regalis*, *Penthema adelma*, *Stibochiona nicea* and *Stichophthalma howqua*) and lycaenids (e.g. *Abisara fylloides*, *Mahathala ameria* and *Taraka hamada*). This indicates that good quality forests are still present at Jiulianshan.

#### Summary of flora and fauna

- The extensive mature forest at Xiagongtang was of high quality, comparable to that of the nearby Chebaling National Nature Reserve in Guangdong. The vegetation of the surveyed parts was mainly tall secondary forest in a matrix of young disturbed forest and plantation. The core area at Xiagongtang was covered in mature forest up to 30 m tall and 100 cm dbh. The section of core area at Daqiutian visited in 2000 was more degraded, with fragmented but well-established secondary forest in a matrix of agricultural land and plantation. The present surveys recorded 389 vascular plant species in three days of botanical fieldwork. The recorded flora included eight globally Threatened or nationally Protected species and one other globally restricted species.
- The reported bird fauna is quite rich and includes forest and forest stream species such as the barbets, Red-headed Trogon, White-eared Night Heron, Brown Fish Owl and Blyth's Kingfisher. White-eared Night Heron is globally Endangered and Blyth's Kingfisher is globally Near-threatened.
- Jiulianshan has a rather rich herpetofauna with a number of forest and forest-stream species. The fish fauna sampled was of average diversity and abundance, but a more comprehensive fish survey would surely reveal additional species given the good riparian forest and instream habitat quality, as showed by Ou *et al.* (2002).
- The dragonfly fauna was quite rich with many forest-stream-dependent species. The butterfly fauna was also rather rich in forest-dependent species in general; at Daqiutian species-richness was high, in part because it covered more open habitats where common, sun-loving species are more easily observed.
- Jiulianshan was considered of global biodiversity significance by MacKinnon *et al.* (1996), despite its relatively small size. The present surveys support its national significance.

#### Threats and problems

According to Yi (2002) the biggest problem in effective management of Jiulianshan Nature Reserve
concerns forest ownership; the forest belongs to the local forestry bureau and forestry operations are
still ongoing inside the Nature Reserve. There have been constant conflicts between local government,
villagers and the reserve management. Egongkeng village inside the core area at Daiquitian was
reportedly one area of constant conflict. The reserve authorities wished to relocate the village outside

the core area but lacked the necessary funds.

- The core area at Daqiutian was fairly degraded by agricultural activities and the establishment of plantations. Fifteen years ago it reportedly had forest like that at Xiagongtang, but logging and other human disturbance, such as that associated with collection of pine resin, had apparently led to an increase in dominance of the bamboo *Phyllostachys heterocycla* cv. *Pubescens*. The bamboo is of concern as it is highly invasive, and capable of replacing natural forest with a monospecific bamboo stand, with loss of most biodiversity.
- In 2000, logging was seen in the mature secondary forest between Xiagongtang and Xiahu; tall trees over 30 m tall with straight trunks were selectively logged. Loggers said the trees were harvested to make chopping boards.
- In 2001 there were reports of illegal mist-netting along the Daqiutian River at Daqiutian, despite the reserve management's regular efforts to patrol the stream.
- The team also witnessed illegal collection of seeds of *Michelia chapensis* in 2003. A 30 m tree had been felled for collection of seeds which would probably have been sold to nurseries for rearing ornamental plants.
- The downstream section of Daqiutian River near Daqiutian Forest Farm received some raw sewage from households and from the commercial civet farm, and signs of organic pollution (e.g. lowered water clarity and algal bloom) were apparent in the summer of 2001.

#### **Opportunities**

- Reserve officials at Jiulianshan had a very positive attitude toward conservation management. This included an interest in thorough inventory and monitoring of wildlife. To this end in January 2003 KFBG and Jiulianshan Nature Reserve launched a collaborative six-month mammal survey exercise, using ten auto-triggered infrared cameras. In an attempt to resolve conflicts with the Egongkeng villagers, the reserve management asked for help from the KFBG team during the visit in August 2000. Five months later, KFBG funded Dr. Cai Kui of the Yunnan Institute of Geography to conduct a participatory rural appraisal in the Nature Reserve (Lam, 2001). A report was compiled and presented to the reserve management (Cai, 2000).
- To improve the conservation value of the core area at Daqiutian and nearby areas, the management might consider allowing vegetation on the old plantation and abandoned agricultural fields adjacent to the remaining forest to regenerate by natural succession. The adjacent monospecific stands of invasive bamboo should be removed; where it cannot be eliminated it should be regularly harvested to prevent spread. Reforestation with an assemblage of shade-tolerant species may be necessary for heavily degraded sites such as dense plantations of bamboo and China fir. A strategic reforestation scheme to link up patches of secondary forests using mixed native tree flora would speed up the reforestation process.
- Given the importance of the streams to species such as Blyth's Kingfisher and the globally Endangered White-eared Night Heron (Liu Z.Y. and Xiao, 2001; TPR, *in litt.*, February 2003) their integrity should be carefully safeguarded. Disturbance to the stream, such as sewage discharge, fishing and mist-netting, may affect the breeding success of these bird species. Direct discharge of raw sewage should be avoided, and the reserve management might consider a ban on fishing activity in certain zones or at certain periods, to allow recovery of fish stocks and provide undisturbed riparian forest for the rare birds to reproduce and forage. The greatest attention should be paid for potential deterioration of the forested stream valleys in view of its importance for rare stream-associated birds.
- Since the 1980s, Jiulianshan Nature Reserve has attracted many local as well as overseas scientists to conduct forest ecosystem researches, in particular scientists from Japan, with the establishment of a field research station focus on forest ecosystems (Liu X.Z. et al., 2002). There is thus potential for Jiulianshan to become an internationally important field study site for research on the subtropical forest ecosystem and its biota.
- MacKinnon et al. (1996) suggested linking Jiulianshan with reserves in Guangdong to form part of Nan Shan Tiger Conservation Unit. The panoramic view at the summit of Huangniushi in 2001 confirmed suitable habitats are still available in all directions. Such an extension of the protected-areas system could help improve the prospects of wide-ranging wild animals, such as Tiger, but coordinated

habitat conservation management is more important than protection on paper.

• Jiulianshan had basic and clean accommodation at Xiagongtang and Gukeng, and the reserve officials had ambitious plans to develop ecotourism, in particular near the Daqiutian area (Liu X.Z. et al., 2002; Yi, 2002), especially if the reserve was upgraded to national level. While the analysis in Yi (2002) on the tourism resources and potential of Jiulianshan was fair and accurate, some of the proposed tourism plans such as wild animal domestication enclosures, and animal and plant specimen museums, have proven problematic in many reserves the KFBG team has visited in the region. These should be avoided in favour of more progressive educational approaches. Zoning, road and accommodation improvements and tourist attractions would need to be carefully planned and controlled in order to minimise adverse impacts on the present quiet, natural setting. Guidelines for various aspects of ecotourism development are available, e.g. Ceballos-Lascuráin (1996) and China National Committee of Man-and-the-Biosphere (1998).

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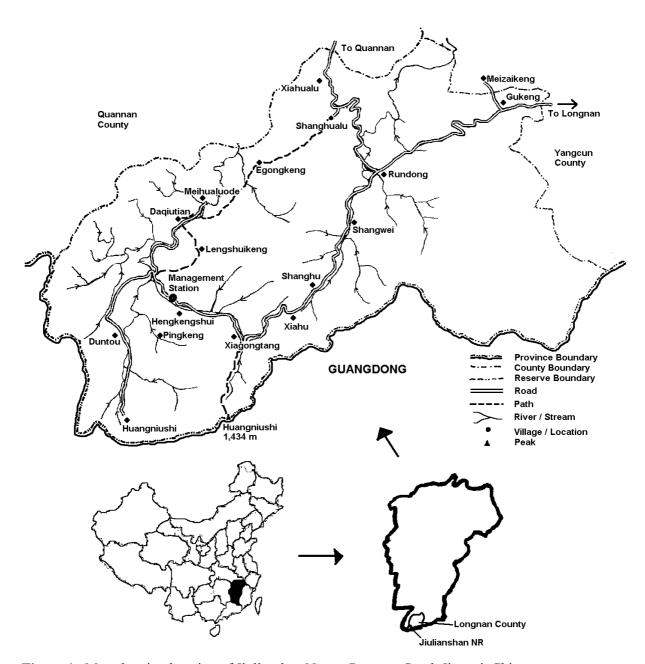


Figure 1. Map showing location of Jiulianshan Nature Reserve, South Jiangxi, China.