

CNN News Highlights — Hong Kong Wildlife

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At the end of this _____, it's estimated up to 33 million _____ will be lost as a result of _____. That is more than the size of the U.S. State of New Mexico.

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Translation

每個夜晚，香港的標誌性天際線在自己的秀中扮演主角。在地球上最密集的地方之一，一場激光和鋼鐵的奇觀。不到 **20** 公里遠的地方，另一幕幕布揭開，揭示了在黑暗中常被遺忘的自然世界。我們在城門郊野公園。白天，這是一個非常受遠足者歡迎的地區。但到了晚上，那就是動物出沒的時候。

你希望我們今晚能找到什麼？我希望能找到一些蛇和其他水生動物。

領導我們夜間的野生動物觀察之旅，是香港的英國教育家兼攝影師勞倫斯·希爾頓。在夜的黑暗中，希爾頓拍攝了鳥類的照片，比如這個疑惑的領角鴉，昆蟲像是阿特拉斯蛾，還有像這個白唇林蛙的蛇。

我最喜歡的是蛇和蜘蛛。不過，我嘗試拍攝任何我能用我的相機捕捉到的東西。

希爾頓說，他在遇到動物時拍攝它們，對它們或環境的影響最小。

它會出來的。沒關係。所以，我們正前往溪流。是的，我們是。一邊尋找蛇。

在水牛休息的時候，我們遇到了在嬉戲的疣蝾螈。哦，對，就在那裡，兩個。

一隻獵人蜘蛛展示了它神秘的美，而一隻猴子從上面觀看。需要耐心和對每一個生物，無論大小，的熱情。

注意你的腳步。

在黑暗中跋涉並不容易。你必須注意你的腳。並且始終保持雙眼睜開。

我們有相對原始的溪流，這對香港來說相當罕見。此外，它遠離文明，野生動物可以在我們的干擾下生活得不太多。

香港擁有驚人的野生動物品種，許多生物僅在夜間出現。大約 **40%** 的領土是受保護的公園土地。但在這裡和世界各地，偷獵和城市化正在摧毀安全的庇護所。

自 **1970** 年代以來，我們平均失去了近 **70%** 的野生動物種群。這本身就告訴我們，在全球範圍內保護地球方面做得不太好。

到本世紀末，預計將因城市發展而失去多達 **3300** 萬公頃的自然棲息地。這比美國新墨西哥州的面積還要大。

勞倫斯說，他的使命是通過攝影推廣保護。

我們有很多追蹤者訪問這個區域，害怕蛇和未知的事物。這使人們做出愚蠢的事情。希望有一天在未來，每個人都能享受大自然。

接近午夜，我們發現了一條罕見的佛頂狼蛇——無毒、夜行性，並且在香港極為罕見。見證了一個全球大都市後院的自然豐富性。



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Answers

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