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Drafting a Conservation Blueprint lays out for the first time in book form a step-by-step planning process for conserving the biological diversity of entire regions. In an engaging and accessible style, the author explains how to develop a regional conservation plan and offers experience-based guidance that brings together relevant information from the fields of ecology, conservation biology, planning, and policy. Individual chapters outline and discuss the main steps of the planning process, including:

- ? an overview of the planning framework
- ? selecting conservation targets and setting goals
- ? assessing existing conservation areas and filling information gaps
- ? assessing population viability and ecological integrity
- ? selecting and designing a portfolio of conservation areas
- ? assessing threats and setting priorities

A concluding section offers advice on turning conservation plans into action, along with specific examples from around the world.

The book brings together a wide range of information about conservation planning that is grounded in both a strong scientific foundation and in the realities of implementation.

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