

# **Cheung Sheung**

## **1. General Information**

### **1.1. Location and boundaries**

Cheung Sheung is located in Sai Kung, approximately 6 km from Sai Kung Town Centre. The area is completely surrounded by the Sai Kung West Country Park.

### **1.2. Site description**

The site comprises a mix of village, woodland, freshwater marsh, stream and abandoned agricultural field. It is surrounded by series of ridges and spurs. The northern part of the area is Shek Uk Shan of 481 m and the south slopes face Wa Mei Shan which is 391 m. The upland area of Cheung Sheung reaches over 280 m and lies closely to Au Mun.

The major ecological interest of the site is the freshwater habitats there, including the marshes and streams.

#### **1.2.1. Land status / tenure**

- Government land = 11.1 ha
- Private land = 4.4 ha

#### **1.2.2. Existing land use**

- Abandoned agricultural field and village houses.

#### **1.2.3. Existing statutory plan coverage**

The area is not covered by any statutory town plan.

## 2. Evaluation

Assessment Criteria (Weighting)	Comments	Score	Weighted score
1. Naturalness (15%)	● The site is ecologically important because of the freshwater wetland (stream / marsh) there, which is man-made.	1	0.15
2. Habitat diversity (15%)	● The site comprises two major habitat types, i.e. freshwater wetland (stream / marsh) and woodland.	2	0.30
3. Non-recreatability (10%)	● The ecologically important freshwater wetland, which is abandoned agricultural land and man-made, and is considered easy to be recreated.	1	0.10
4. Species diversity & richness (30%)	● Supports moderate diversity (20% < diversity ≤ 50%) of dragonflies – 23 species (21%).	2	0.60
5. Species rarity / endemism (30%)	● Supports the endemic Hong Kong Paradise Fish <i>Macropodus hongkongensis</i> .	2	0.60
Total:			1.75