

(a) Conservation purpose

The following two conservation principles form the basis of Ramsar Site management:

- *biological conservation through the maintenance and enhancement of species richness, particularly of birds; and
- *wise use of the wetland resources.

(b) Management goals

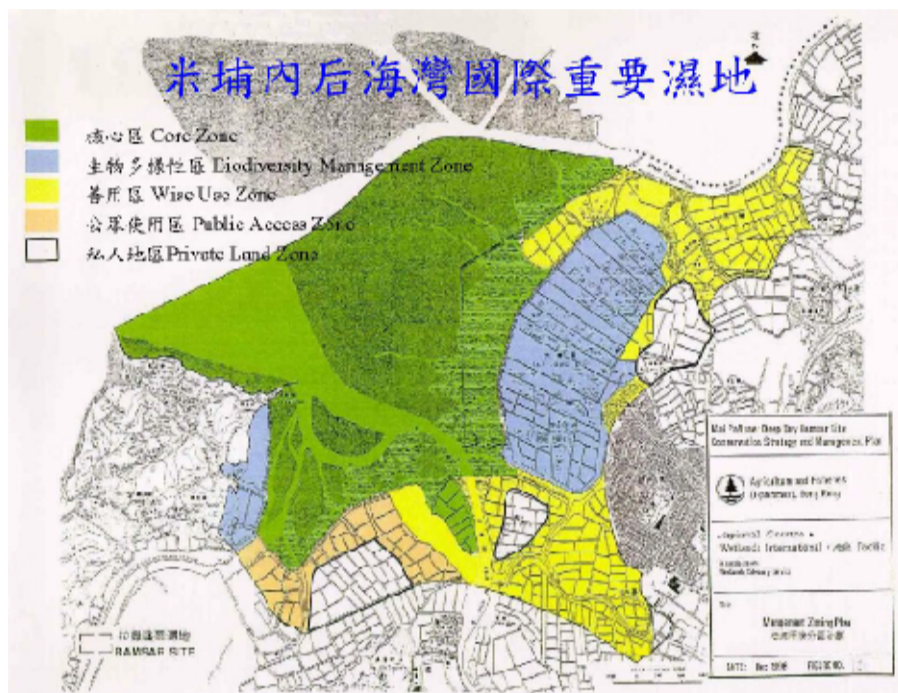
- *to meet Ramsar Convention obligations;
- *to maintain and enhance the Ramsar criteria values of the Ramsar Site;
- *to maintain or increase biodiversity values of the site at all scale;
- *to realize the full potential of the site for education and raising public awareness with respect to wetland values; and
- *to advance the regional and international obligations undertaken by and opportunities afforded to Hong Kong as a consequence of its participation in the Ramsar Convention (link to <http://iucn.org/themes/ramsar/>) and the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (i.e. the Bonn Convention) (link to <http://www.wcmc.org.uk/cms/>)

(c) Administration

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department is the administrative agency of the Ramsar Site and the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation is the Ramsar Management Authority. The Director is advised by the Wetland Advisory Committee (link to the corresponding homepage) which is made up of government and non-government members who are supported by specialist Scientific and Management Sub-committees.

(d) Management Zoning

The Ramsar Site is delineated into five management zones with their respective purposes as follows -



Management Zoning

Main Purpose

Core Zone

To provide an undisturbed reference area where the biological interest of the Ramsar Site is concentrated.



Biodiversity Management Zone To be managed for biodiversity conservation and a refuge for waterfowl.



Public Access Zone

To enable people to have unrestricted but managed access to a part of the Ramsar Site for public education, raising public awareness and quiet recreation relevant to these values.



Wise Use Zone

To allow ecologically sustainable use of wetland and other natural resources to be carried out in a way compatible with the Ramsar Site's management goals.



Private Land Zone

To recognize the land status. It is intended to obtain and maintain the co-operation of the owners concerned to conduct their management in an ecologically sustainable manner consistent with the purposes of the surrounding or adjacent management zones.

