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COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD

Proposed Designation of the Country Park Enclave of Tai Long Sai Wan as Part of Sai Kung East Country Park

1. Purpose

This paper aims to seek Members' views on the proposal to incorporate the country park enclave of Tai Long Sai Wan (Sai Wan) into the Sai Kung East Country Park (SKECP).

2. Background

- Sai Wan is an enclave of the SKECP. It is situated on the eastern coast of the Sai Kung peninsula. The SKECP was designated in 1978, covering an area of 4,477 hectares (ha). Back then, there was a small population engaging in agricultural activities on land in Sai Wan. Together with some Government land in the vicinity of the private land to provide buffer areas, an area of about 16.55 hectares had not been included in the boundary of the SKECP. The enclave is separated into two parcels of land, namely, northern and southern parcels, entirely encircled by the SKECP.
- In June 2010, excavation works were detected on both private land and Government land in the northern parcel of the Sai Wan enclave, arousing significant public concerns on the protection of country park enclaves in Hong Kong. The incident was discussed by the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs and Panel on Development at a joint meeting held in July 2010 and the Country and Marine Parks Board (CMPB) in August 2010. The Government agreed that there was an urgent need to enhance protection of country park enclaves against incompatible uses which may adversely affect the overall beauty and integrity of our country parks. The 2010 Policy Address also pointed out that the Sai Wan incident had highlighted the need to take prompt action to regulate land use in the vicinity of country parks to forestall human damage. To meet conservation and social development needs, the Government would either include the country park enclaves into country parks, or determine their proper uses through statutory planning.
- 2.3 The Town Planning Board (TPB) published the Draft Tai Long Sai Wan Development Permission Area (DPA) Plan under section 5 of the Town Planning Ordinance on 6 August 2010. The whole enclave of Sai Wan was designated as "Unspecified Use" on the

draft DPA Plan. According to the draft DPA Plan, except those uses or developments which are always permitted as stipulated in the Notes to the DPA Plan or "existing use", a planning permission from the TPB should be obtained for any use or development within the "Unspecified Use" area. In accordance with the Town Planning Ordinance, the DPA Plan is only effective for a period of three years after its publication.

3. Assessment of Suitability of Sai Wan for Country Park Designation

- 3.1 We have conducted a comprehensive review of the established principles and criteria for designating new country parks or extending existing country parks, which had given rise to country park enclaves. The revised set of principles and criteria was endorsed by the CMPB at the meeting in May 2011. Among other things, conservation value, landscape and aesthetic value, and recreation potential are the three main themes of the intrinsic criteria in assessing the suitability of a site for country park designation. Other factors including size, proximity to existing country parks, land status and existing land use are those criteria in demarcating a boundary of a country park. The mere existence of private land will not be taken as a determining factor for exclusion from the boundary of a country park. Instead, the use and function of a site will be assessed to determine its suitability for country park designation if it is compatible with the country park setting.
- 3.2 Sai Wan comprises mainly agricultural land and scattered village houses. It is endowed with rich natural resources and landscape components, including a natural and unpolluted beach, well-established woodland around the hillsides of the enclave, two natural streams flowing from the SKECP and embracing the enclave and with nice mangroves established at the lower stream courses. The combination of these natural and landscape components form an outstanding scenic quality in Sai Wan. It is also ranked as number one in a public campaign "Hong Kong Best Ten Scenic Sites" organized by the Friends of the Country Parks in 2006. Sai Wan is only accessible via walking trails or by boat. The popular MacLehose Trail passes through the enclave and there are a few shops selling foods and drinks to hikers passing by. It is a popular spot for country parks visitors who usually stop there for a rest or enjoy the natural environment of the Sai Wan before proceeding to other parts of the SKECP.
- 3.3 Though not outstanding in ecological value, the site has a high landscape and aesthetic value which complements the overall naturalness and the landscape beauty of the surrounding SKECP. In addition, the natural beauty of the site has high recreation potential for developing into a venue for hiking, camping and nature appreciation. The enclave is considered as an integral part of the landscape of the SKECP. Designation of Sai Wan as part of the SKECP would improve the management of the area, enhance the overall conservation

and landscape value of the area, and increase its enjoyment and amenities. Detailed assessment of the suitability of Sai Wan for country park designation in accordance with the revised set of principles and criteria is in the **Annex**.

During the public inspection of the draft Tai Long Sai Wan DPA Plan under the Town Planning Ordinance in August 2010, a total of 350 representations were received by the TPB. Among those representations received, about 300 of them supported the general planning intention of the area which aims at the protection and conservation of the area against incompatible uses. Furthermore, some representations asked for designating the whole area as part of the country park. It is worth noting that the general public has strong expectation on preserving the environment of Sai Wan against development that may spoil the natural scenic beauty of the area.

4. Villagers' Concern

- 4.1 We are well aware of the strong opposition of some indigenous villagers to the proposal to incorporate their lands into country parks. Heung Yee Kuk (HYK) had written to the Government expressing dissatisfaction of indigenous villagers towards any proposal to include their lands into country parks alleging that this would prejudice their right in developing their lands. During the consultation with HYK on proposed measures for protecting country park enclaves on 21 June 2011, which was attended by representatives from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), Environment Protection Department and Planning Department, HYK members were particularly concerned that when the enclave is incorporated into a country park, their right for small house development would be affected. The Village Representative of Sai Wan expressed his objection when we consulted him on the proposal to incorporate Sai Wan into the SKECP on 29 August 2011. In brief, the villagers' concerns were mainly related to their right for small house development being affected if their private lands within the enclave were incorporated into the SKECP.
- 4.2 An informal meeting with the Sai Kung Rural Committee (SKRC) Chairman and the two Vice Chairmen was held on 26 September 2011. The Chairman and the two Vice Chairmen considered this move as an infringement to the private property rights of the villagers and criticize the Government for sacrificing the development rights of the rural community without proper compensation. A formal consultation meeting with the SKRC has been arranged on 10 October 2011 and it is envisaged that the SKRC including the affected village representative of Sai Wan would express similar views as mentioned above.

5. Control of Land in Country Parks

- Incorporation of the enclave into the SKECP would involve statutory procedures under the Country Parks Ordinance (CPO) that require replacing the approved map of the SKECP. Subject to the views of the CMPB and any other opinions collected through further consultations, the Country and Marine Parks Authority (Authority) may seek the direction of the Chief Executive in Council for replacement of the approved map of the SKECP by a new map with a view to incorporating the country park enclave of Sai Wan into the SKECP.
- A new draft map of the SKECP will be prepared for public inspection for a period of 60 days. Any person aggrieved by the draft map may send a written statement of objection to the Secretary of the CMPB during the inspection period. The CMPB will meet for the hearing of the objection, and decide to reject the objection in whole or in part; or direct the Authority to make amendments to the draft map to meet such objection in whole or in part. After the objection hearing, the Authority shall submit the draft map together with a schedule of objections and representations to the Chief Executive in Council for approval.
- 5.3 Under section 10 of the CPO, after the publication of the draft map, no new development shall be carried out within the area of the proposed country park shown in the draft map without the prior approval of the Authority. The Authority will consider each application for the new development from the perspectives of nature conservation, landscape and visual impact, and impact to country park users or facilities, and may seek advice of the CMPB if necessary.
- After the approval of the draft map, according to section 16 of the CPO, notwithstanding any Ordinance or the terms of any lease or agreement for a lease, in any case where the Authority is of the opinion that any use or proposed use of any leased land by the occupier within a country park would substantially reduce the enjoyment and amenities of the country park as such, he may request the Land Authority to issue a notice either requiring the occupier to discontinue or modify the use, or prohibiting the occupier from proceeding with the proposed use or requiring the occupier to modify the proposed use. Under section 17 of the CPO, the occupier may send to the Land Authority and the Secretary of the CMPB an objection to the notice, and attend the meeting of the CMPB at which the objection is to be heard. The CMPB may reject the objection, uphold the objection, or direct the Land Authority to amend the notice. Any objector aggrieved by the CMPB's decision may appeal by way of petition to the Chief Executive.

6 Compensation

Where the Authority refuses approval under section 10 of CPO for the carrying out

of new development on any land proposed for designation as a country park; or the occupier of land within a country park discontinues or modifies the use or ceases to proceed with or modifies the proposed use of that land in accordance with a notice given to him by Land Authority under section 16 of CPO, and such new development or use is permitted by or under the terms of any lease or agreement for a lease under which the land is held, the owner of the land and the person owning a compensatable interest in the land shall have the right to claim compensation from the Government to the extent of the loss, damage or cost suffered or incurred by him in accordance with and as assessed under the provisions of the CPO.

6.2 However, the CPO provides that no compensation shall be paid to the owner of, or to any person interested in, any land because it is situated within or is affected by a country park.

7. Management Agreement Scheme

A Management Agreement (MA) Scheme under the New Nature Conservation Policy was launched in 2004 for enhancing the conservation value of 12 priority sites identified with high ecological importance. Under the MA Scheme, funding support would be granted to enable competent non-profit making organizations to enter into management agreement with the landowners of the 12 priority sites. It provides the landowners with financial incentives in exchange for management rights over their land or their cooperation in enhancing conservation of the sites concerned. Since the MA Scheme has proven to be successful, the Administration has recently extended the scope of the MA scheme to cover private land in country park enclaves and in country parks, i.e. includes the enclave of Sai Wan. Therefore, the landowners in Sai Wan can be incentivized to undertake conservation activities, such as enrichment planting of trees and/or plants attractive to wildlife, ecologically friendly paddy field farming, etc. It would be conducive to enhancing the overall conservation and scenic values of Sai Wan and the SKECP.

8. Advice sought

8.1 Members are invited to offer views on the suitability assessment of Sai Wan for country park designation and the proposal to incorporate the enclave into the SKECP.

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Assessment of the Suitability to Designate the Country Park Enclave in Tai Long Sai Wan as Part of a Country Park

1. The Site

Tai Long Sai Wan (Sai Wan) is an enclave of the Sai Kung East Country Park (SKECP). It is situated on the eastern coast of the Sai Kung peninsula. It is separated into two parcels, namely northern parcel and southern parcel, and has a total area of about 16.55 hectares (ha). The boundary of the site is shown in **Figure 1**.

2. Assessment Principles and Criteria

2.1 The assessment of suitability of the subject site for designation as a country park has followed the revised principles and criteria endorsed by the Country and Marine Parks Board in May 2011. Conservation value, landscape and aesthetic value, and recreation potential are the three main themes of the intrinsic criteria in assessing the suitability of a site for country park designation. Other factors, including size, proximity to existing country parks, land status and existing land use are used in demarcating a boundary of a country park.

3. Intrinsic Criteria

3.1 Conservation value

General Description

- 3.1.1 Apart from the built-up village area which includes mainly village houses, shelters, etc, the site consists of habitats including lowland woodland, shrubland, mangroves, active or abandoned agricultural land, shrubby grassland and turfed area. A habitat map of the site is shown in **Figure 2**. A list of recorded flora and fauna species with their conservation status is in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.1.2 Lowland woodland habitat is mainly around the hillside of the two parcels. Dominant tree species include *Rhaphiolepis indica* (石斑木), *Sterculia lanceolata* (假 蘋婆) and *Gordonia axillaris* (大頭茶). Some exotic tree species such as *Firmiana simplex* (梧桐) and *Acacia confusa* (台灣相思) are found at the edge of the woodland near the village. Five species of conservation importance are identified within the

woodland, including *Podocarpus macrophyllus* (羅漢松), *Pavetta hongkongensis* (香 港大沙葉), *Euonymus kwangtungensis* (長葉衛予), *Enkianthus quinqueflorus* (吊鐘) and *Cibotium barometz* (金毛狗).

- 3.1.3 True mangrove species including Kandelia obovata (秋茄樹), Aegiceras corniculatum (蠟燭果), Excoecaria agallocha (海漆), Bruguiera gymnorrhiza (木欖) and some associate mangrove plant species such as Hibiscus tiliaceus (黃槿) and Cerbera manghas (海杧果) are found along the stream at the southern parcel. Similar to other mangrove habitats elsewhere in Hong Kong, various crustacean species, gastropods, crabs and mudskippers can be found in Sai Wan. Besides mangroves, there is a large group of Casuarina equisetifolia (木麻黄) at the stream bank adjacent to the Sai Wan village. It is believed that such trees were planted for protection of the village.
- 3.1.4 For other habitats such as abandoned agricultural field, shrubland, shrubby grassland and turfed area, etc, only common and widespread species are found. Most areas of these habitats had been disturbed by human activities to different extent. No species of conservation importance was identified in these habitats.

Assessment

3.1.5 The conservation value of an area is determined by the following criteria: species diversity, degree of naturalness, rarity, fragility, representativeness, position in an ecological or geographical unit, intrinsic appeal, historical records, and potential value. Detailed assessment on the conservation value of the site is shown in **Table 1** below:

Table 1

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Criteria	Assessment
Species diversity	Species diversity is high in woodland area, but low to
	medium in other habitats. There are a total of 10
	species of birds, 25 species of butterflies, 9 species of
	dragonflies, 14 species of freshwater fish, 5 species of
	amphibians and 1 species of wild mammal recorded in
	the site. The representativeness of each taxa group in
	Hong Kong is: 2% for birds, 10% for butterflies, 8%
	for dragonflies, 8% for freshwater fish, 21% for
	amphibians and 2% for mammal. The overall
	biodiversity is unlikely remarkable.

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Degree of naturalness	Woodland, shrubland and mangrove habitats are			
	considered with high degree of naturalness. Other			
	habitats are either artificially created or had been			
	disturbed by human activities in different extent.			
	These habitats are only considered as low to medium			
	degree of naturalness.			
Rarity	5 flora species and 4 fauna species are considered as			
	conservation important species. They include:			
	● Pavetta hongkongensis 香港大沙葉 and			
	Enkianthus quinqueflorus 吊鐘 - protected			
	species of Cap. 96;			
	• Cibotium barometz 金毛狗 - scheduled plant of			
	Cap. 586 : 1;			
	● Euonymus kwangtungensis 長葉衛矛 - listed in			
	"Rare and precious plants in Hong Kong, AFCD";			
	● Podocarpus macrophyllus 羅漢松 - a plant under			
	threat of illegal digging due to its high market			
	value;			
	● Emerald Dove 綠翅金鳩 - listed as "Vulnerable"			
	in China Red Data Book Status;			
	• Crested Goshawk 鳳頭鷹 - listed as "Rare" in			
	China Red Data Book Status and listed in			
	Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and			
	Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586);			
	● Courtesan 芒蛺蝶 - "Rare" in the baseline			
,	surveys conducted by AFCD; and			
	• Predaceous chub 異鱲 - "Vulnerable" in China			
	Red Data Book Status but a widespread species in			
	Hong Kong. Among the 9 species of conservation concerns, only			
	Euonymus kwangtungensis 長葉衛矛 and Courtesan			
	芒蛺蝶 are considered as "rare" in Hong Kong.			
,	Species rarity is not high.			
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Fragility	Artificially created or highly disturbed habitats with			
	high fragility, i.e. active or abandoned agricultural			
	land, turfed area are generally more vulnerable to			
	change. Woodland and mangrove habitats are			
	comparatively more complex in species composition			
	with relatively low fragility.			

Representativeness	All habitats are considered typical in their type in terms		
	of species composition and community structure.		
Position in an ecological	The woodland within the site is part of the whole		
or geographical unit	woodland habitat which extends from the site to the		
	hilly area of the SKECP.		
Potential value	It is unlikely that the conservation value of the site will		
•	be substantially increased through active management		
	or natural processes. The potential value of the site is		
	only considered as medium.		
Intrinsic appeal	Woodland and shurbland habitats have high intrinsic		
	appeal. Turfed area and agricultural land, either		
	abandoned or active, are artificially created habitats		
	which have low intrinsic appeal. Some parts of the		
	mangrove habitat are adjacent to a footpath; it is likely		
	that the habitat has been disturbed by human activities		
	to a certain extent.		
Historical records	Sai Wan is one of the listed sites of archeological		
	interest in Hong Kong. Further investigation is		
	required to ascertain its archaeological potential or		
	degree of significance. Historical records related to		
	natural history or ecosystem of the site is very limited.		

Conclusion

3.1.6 According to the assessment, the biodiversity and species rarity of the site is not considered of high value. Besides woodland, shrubland and mangrove habitats, most of the areas have been disturbed by human activities to a certain extent and with low degree of naturalness, high fragility and low intrinsic appeal. All habitats are considered typical in their type in terms of species composition and community structure, but only with low to medium potential value. Since there is only very limited historical information about the ecosystem of the site, the conservation value of the site in the past could not be traced. Although the woodland and mangrove habitats are considered with high conservation value, the overall conservation value of the site is not considered remarkable.

3.2 <u>Landscape and Aesthetic value</u>

General Description

3.2.1 The site is a piece of lowland which is surrounded by a chain of massive

and spectacular mountains in the north, west and south, and Sai Wan beach in the east. Most of the area in the northern parcel is fenced, turfed and planted with ornamental shrubs and trees. Two artificial ponds were constructed inside the fenced area. At the back of the fenced area is a piece of nice natural woodland with canopy interlocking. A few village houses of one to two storeys are located at the foothill. Outside the fenced area is shrubby grassland of natural regenerated herbaceous plants and shrubs which extends to the sandy beach of the SKECP.

- 3.2.2 Comparing with the northern parcel, there are relatively more village houses in the southern parcel. Most of these village houses are situated close to the Sai Wan beach. Some of them are vacant and some are in dilapidated conditions. The ground floor of a few village houses has been changed to a "eating place" or "café". Behind the village houses are abandoned agricultural land and woodland which stretches up to the hilly area of the SKECP. Some mangroves and riparian plants grow along a natural stream at the southern parcel. Before the stream entering to the sea, it is blocked by loose sand and with stream water impounded to form a small "lake". The small "lake", mangroves and riparian plants constitute a beautiful streamside landscape.
- 3.2.3 Surrounding the enclave are some outstanding landscape features. They include the well-known Sai Wan beach which is characterized by white sand and clear blue water; a famous natural stream course and its natural pools named "Sze Dip Tam"; well-established lowland woodland at the hillside, etc. The combination of these natural and landscape components forms outstanding scenic quality of Tai Long Sai Wan which was ranked the best scenic site of Hong Kong by the public. Viewing from hiking trails in higher attitudes, the site and the surrounding area is indistinguishable. Furthermore, the site complements and contributes to the natural beauty of the surrounding SKECP. Scenery and landscape features of the site are shown in **Appendix 2**.

Assessment

3.2.4 The landscape and aesthetic value of an area is qualitatively assessed by the following criteria: degree of naturalness, scenic quality, integrity, completeness, uniqueness of the topography, presence of distinctive and representative features of visual interest, effect of urban development and presence of eyesores. Assessment of landscape and aesthetic value of the site is shown in **Table 2** below:

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Criteria	Assessment		
Degree of naturalness	Woodland and mangrove habitats are considered with		
	high degree of naturalness. Other habitats are either		
	artificially created or had been disturbed by human		
	activities to different extent. These habitats are only		
	considered low to medium degree of naturalness.		
Scenic quality	The site and its surrounding SKECP have outstanding		
	scenic quality with very good composition and		
	combination of landscape components such as streams,		
	woodland, agricultural land and natural beach. Sai Wan		
	is ranked as the top of the Hong Kong Best Ten Scenic		
	Sites in 2006.		
Integrity, completeness,	The site forms an integral part of landscapes of the		
uniqueness of the	SKECP and complements the overall naturalness and the		
topography	landscape beauty of the surrounding SKECP.		
Presence of distinctive	A lot of distinctive and representative features of visual		
and representative	interest are located within or adjacent to the site, such as		
features of visual	the well-known Sai Wan beach, a famous pool named		
interest	"Sze Dip Tam", a nice mangrove and riparian plants		
	adjacent to a "lake" formed by stream water impounded		
	by loose sand, etc.		
Effect of urban	A few village houses with their ground floor turned into		
development and	a "eating place". The site is provided with some basic		
presence of eyesores	infrastructures, such as electricity, water supply, toilet		
	facilities, etc. Since there is no direct vehicular access		
	to the site, thus restricting the development of the site,		
	the site maintains countryside setting and the overall		
	effect of urban development is limited. Rubbish		
	problems are identified in some locations.		

Conclusion

3.2.5 The site forms an integral part of landscapes of the SKECP and complements the overall naturalness and landscape beauty of the surrounding SKECP. Together with the adjacent area of SKECP, the site is well recognized by the public of their outstanding scenic beauty. It has high degree of naturalness in the woodland and mangrove habitat with lots of distinctive and representative features of visual interest in or adjacent to the site. The effect of urbanization to the site is limited. The

countryside setting of the village could generally be maintained. Although some rubbish problems are identified, it is believed that the problems can be rectified under active country parks management. The overall landscape and aesthetic value of the site is considered outstanding.

3.3 Recreation Potential

General description

- 3.3.1 Surrounding the site is SKECP which was designated in 1978 and covers 4,477 hectares of eastern uplands and coasts of Sai Kung Peninsula. Each year, about 2 million visitors visit the SKECP for various kinds of outdoor activities. The site, including its surrounding country park area, has already been a popular area for country parks visitors. It is observed that most visitors visit the site through the MacLehose Trail starting from Pak Tam Chung or by boat. Most hikers from the MacLehose Trail usually stop at the site for rest before continuing their trip to other parts of the SKECP, while some spend their leisure time to enjoy the nice Sai Wan beach adjacent to the site. To cater for the needs of visitors, toilet facilities in the site had been upgraded and some village houses had been turned into "eating place" for selling foods and drinks.
- 3.3.2 Since the site is currently not within the SKECP, there are only a few country park facilities on the site, mainly signage. There are lots of country park facilities including a camp site, hiking trails, notice boards, distance poles, directional signs, provided outside the site in SKECP.

Assessment

3.3.3 The recreation potential of an area for country parks is qualitatively assessed by the following criteria: attractiveness and comfort, compatibility of existing recreation activities, range of potential user groups, accessibility, carrying capacity and complement to surrounding recreation sites. Assessment of recreation potential of the site is shown in **Table 3** below:

Table 3

Criteria	Assessment
Attractiveness and comfort	The site is highly attractive with well-known
	landscape features which provide comfortable
	environment for outdoor activities.
Compatibility of existing	Existing recreation activities within the site are

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recreation activities	mainly hiking, swimming and nature appreciation.			
	These kinds of recreation activities are considered			
	compatible with country park objectives.			
Range of potential user	The site is used to be a popular outdoor site for the			
groups	general public and is not limited to be used by local			
	villagers or specific interest groups. There is a wide			
	range of potential user groups.			
Accessibility	The site is accessible through the popular MacLehose			
	Trail or by boat.			
Carrying capacity	The current setting of the site is sufficient to			
	accommodate the existing amount and type of			
:	recreation uses. With careful planning and			
	management, the site could accommodate more			
	visitors and more activities without compromising			
	the physical environment and visitors' experience.			
Relation with surrounding	Hikers pass through the site via the MacLehose Trail			
recreation sites	to other parts of the SKECP. There are a number of			
	country parks facilities provided along the			
	MacLehose Trail and adjacent to the site to cater for			
	hikers' needs. Inclusion of the site into the SKECP			
	would make the recreation facilities provided along			
	the trail more complete and consistent.			

Conclusion

3.3.4 The site is currently well used by the general public for informal outdoor recreation, such as hiking, camping, nature appreciation and swimming, and such recreation uses are compatible with the country park setting. Together with its surrounding area, there are lots of high quality landscape features which attract visitors to stay for leisure and enjoyment. It is observed that there is still spare carrying capacity to accommodate more visitors. Since the site is remote and accessible only through hiking trails or by boat, it provides an excellent opportunity for people to escape the hustle and bustle of urban life and enjoy the wilderness of quiet countryside. The overall recreation potential of the site is considered highly compatible with country parks. Furthermore, inclusion of the site into the SKECP could make the recreation facilities provided along the trail more complete and consistent.

4. Demarcation Criteria

Size and Proximity to existing country parks

4.1 The total area of the site is only about 16.55 hectares. As it is contiguous to the SKECP, it is easy to extend the existing country parks management services to the site if it is included as part of the SKECP.

Land status and Land use compatibility

Among the 16.55 ha of the site, 4.17 ha is private land which covers about 25% of the total area of the site, and the rest, i.e. 75% of the site is Government land. Land status plan of the site is shown in **Figure 3**. Although about 25% of the total area of the site is private land, it is noted that such private land comprises mainly village houses and agricultural land. The existing human settlement is not extensive and the village setting blends in well with the country park environment. As such, the overall existing land use of the site is considered compatible with country park setting and the site is suitable to be included into the SKECP for protecting the overall scenic beauty and maintaining the integrity of the country park.

5. Recommendation

According to the above assessments, though the site does not have high conservation value, its landscape and aesthetic value is considered outstanding and its recreation potential is highly compatible with the country park setting. It is considered that the site is equipped with sufficient intrinsic value for designation as a country park in principle. Considering the assessment of demarcation criteria, i.e. the size, proximity to existing country park, land status and land use compatibility, it is recommended the site to be incorporated as part of the SKECP.

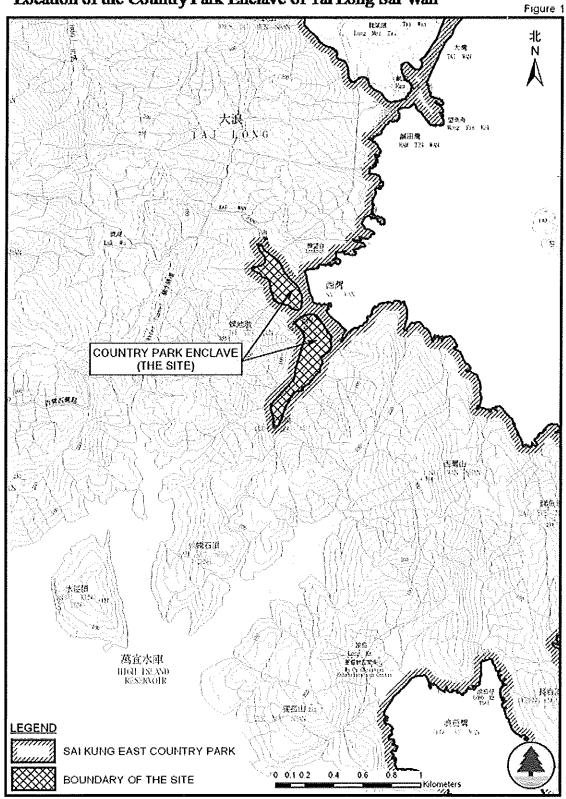
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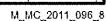
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Tree group (Casuarina equisetifolia)



Flora species recorded in the country park enclave of Tai Long Sai Wan

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Scientific Name	Chinese Name	Family Name	Habitat type	Exotic	conservation
Litsea glutinosa	 潺槁樹	LAURACEAE	A, D, F, S		No Concern
Litsea rotundifolia var. oblongifolia	好個國 豺皮樟	LAURACEAE	A, S		No .
Celtis sinensis	朴樹	ULMACEAE	A, F, G		No .
Casuarina equisetifolia	木麻黄	CASUARINACEAE	A, B, D, G	*	No
Tetracera asiatica	錫葉藤	DILLENIACEAE	A, S		No
Gordonia axillaris	大頭茶	THEACEAE	A, S		No
Pentaphylax euryoides	五列木	PENTAPHYLACACEA	A		No
Cratoxylum cochinchinense	黄牛木	CLUSIACEAE	A, B, D, S		No
Garcinia oblongifolia	嶺南山竹子	CLUSIACEAE	A, B, D		No
Sterculia lanceolata	假蘋婆	STERCULIACEAE	A, B, D		No
Firmiana simplex	梧桐	STERCULIACEAE	A	*	No
Hibiscus tiliaceus	黄槿	MALVACEAE	A, B, F		No
Enkianthus quinqueflorus	吊鐘	ERICACEAE	S		Yes (Note 1)
Aegiceras corniculatum	蠟燭果	MYRSINACEAE	В		No
Rhaphiolepis indica	石斑木	ROSACEAE	A, S		No
Prunus persica	桃	ROSACEAE	Ğ	*	No
Archidendron lucidum	亮葉猴耳環	MIMOSACEAE	A, B, S		No
Acacia confusa	臺灣相思	MIMOSACEAE	A, G	*	No
Caesalpinia crista	華南雲實	CAESALPINIACEAE	A, B		No
Caesalpinia bonduc	刺果蘇木	CAESALPINIACEAE	A, F		No
Melaleuca quinquenervia	白千層	MYRTACEAE	A, D	*	No
Psidium guajava	番石榴	MYRTACEAE	A, G	*	No
Melastoma candidum	野牡丹	MELASTOMATACEAE	A, S		No
Melastoma sanguineum	毛菍	MELASTOMATACEAE	A. S		No
Bruguiera gymnorrhiza	木欖	RHIZOPHORACEAE	В		No
Kandelia obovata	秋茄樹	RHIZOPHORACEAE	В		No
Alangium chinense	八角楓	ALANGIACEAE	A		No
Euonymus kwangtungensis	長葉衛矛	CELASTRACEAE	A		Yes (Note 2)
Ilex asprella	梅葉冬青	AQUIFOLIACEAE	A, B, S		No
Macaranga tanarius	血桐	EUPHORBIACEAE	A, G, S		No
Alchornea trewioides	紅背山麻桿	EUPHORBIACEAE	A, G		No
Mallotus paniculatus	白楸	EUPHORBIACEAE	A, G, S		No
Aporusa dioica	銀柴	EUPHORBIACEAE	A, B, S		No
Excoecaria agallocha	海漆	EUPHORBIACEAE	В		No
Bridelia tomentosa	土蜜樹	EUPHORBIACEAE	A, F		No
Ricinus communis	蓖麻	EUPHORBIACEAE	G		No
Dimocarpus longan	龍眼	SAPINDACEAE	A, G	*	No
Mangifera indica	杧果	ANACARDIACEAE	A, G	*	No
Zanthoxylum avicennae	簕 欓花椒	RUTACEAE	A		No
Clausena lansium		RUTACEAE	G		No
Acronychia pedunculata	- 1,5-1		A		No
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	海杧果		A, B, F, G		No
Ipomoea cairica	五爪金龍	CONVOLVULACEAE	F	*	No
Lantana camara	馬纓丹	VERBENACEAE	A, F	*	No
Vitex rotundifolia	單葉蔓荆	VERBENACEAE	F	*	No
Scaevola taccada	草海桐	GOODENIACEAE	F	1	No
Psychotria asiatica	L	RUBIACEAE	A, B, D, F	1	No
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Pavetta hongkongensis	H (0) (0)		ADS	1	Yes (Note 1)
Morinda parvifolia	PALIF WALL		A, B, S		No
Gardenia jasminoides	梔子	RUBIACEAE	A, S		No

Flora species recorded in the country park enclave of Tai Long Sai Wan

Scientific Name	Chinese Name	Family Name	Habitat type	Exotic	Species of conservation concern
Viburnum odoratissimum	珊瑚樹	CAPRIFOLIACEAE	A, F, G		No
Wedelia chinensis	蟛蜞菊	ASTERACEAE	F		No
Bidens alba	白花鬼針草	ASTERACEAE	A, B, F, G	*	No .
Mikania micrantha	薇甘菊	ASTERACEAE	A, D, F, S	*	No
Phoenix hanceana	刺葵	ARECACEAE	A, B, D, F, G	-	No
Pandanus tectorius	露兜樹	PANDANACEAE	A, B, F, G		No
Alpinia zerumbet	薑山薑	ZINGIBERACEAE	D, A		No
Crinum asiaticum var. sinicum	文殊蘭	LILIACEAE	D, F		No
Podocarpus macrophyllus	羅漢松	PODOCARPACEAE	A		Yes (Note 4)
Dicranopteris pedata	芒其	GLEICHENIACEAE	A, S		No
Cibotium barometz	金毛狗	DICKSONIACEAE	A		Yes (Note 3)

Remarks:

* Exotic species

Notes:

- 1. Enkianthus quinqueflorus 吊鐘 and Pavetta hongkongensis 香港大沙葉 Protected species of Cap. 96
- 2. Euonymus kwangtungensis 長葉衛矛 plant listed in "Rare and precious plants in Hong Kong, AFCD"
- 3. Cibotium barometz 金毛狗 scheduled plant of Cap. 586:1
- 4. Podocarpus macrophyllus 羅漢松 plant under threat of illegal digging due to its high market value

Habitat type

- A: Woodland
- B: Mangroves
- C: Active agricultural land
- D: Abandoned agricultural land
- E: Turfed area
- F: Shrubby grassland
- G: Village area
- S: Shrubland

Fauna species recorded in the country park enclave of Tai Long Sai Wan

Scientific Name	Common name and chinese name	Fauna group	Species of conservation concern	
Acridotheres cristatellus	Crested Myna 八哥	bird	No	
Orthotomus sutorius	Common Tailorbird 長尾縫葉鶯	bird	No	
Egretta garzetta	Little Egret 小白鷺 bird		No	
Pycnonotus jocosus	Red-whiskered Bulbul 紅耳鵯	bird	No	
Garrulax perspicillatus	Masked Laughingthrush 黑臉噪鶥	bird	No	
Corvus macrorhynchos	Large-billed Crow 大嘴鳥鴉	bird	No	
Prinia flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Prinia 黃腹山鷦鶯	bird	No	
Chalcophaps indica	Emerald Dove 綠翅金鳩	bird	Yes (Note 1)	
Butorides striata	Striated Heron 綠鷺	bird	No	
Accipiter trivirgatus	Crested Goshawk 鳳頭鷹	bird	Yes (Note 1)	
Rana guentheri	Günther's Frog 沼蛙	amphibian	No	
Kaloula pulchra	Asiatic Painted Frog 花狹口蛙	amphibian	No	
Microhyla pulchra	Marbled Pigmy Frog 花姬蛙	amphibian	No	
Fejervarya limnocharis	Paddy Frog 澤蛙	amphibian	No	
Polypedates megacephalus	Brown Tree Frog 斑腿泛樹蛙	amphibian	No	
Curetis dentata	Toothed Sunbeam 尖翅銀灰蝶	butterfly	No	
Remelana jangala	Chocolate Royal 萊灰蝶	butterfly	No	
Euripus nyctelius	Courtesan 芒蛺蝶	butterfly	Yes (Note 2)	
Papilio helenus	Red Helen 玉斑鳳蝶	butterfly	No	
Polytremis lubricans	Contiguous Swift 黃紋孔弄蝶	butterfly	No	
Euploea midamus	Blue-spotted Crow 藍點紫斑蝶	butterfly	No.	
Chilades lajus	Lime Blue 紫灰蝶	butterfly	No	
Spindasis syama	Club Silverline 豆粒銀線灰蝶	butterfly	No	
Zizeeria maha	Pale Grass Blue 酢漿灰碟	butterfly	No	
Ariadne ariadne	Angled Castor 波蛺蝶	butterfly	No	
Cupha erymanthis	Rustic 黃襟蛺蝶	butterfly	No	
Cyrestis thyodamas	Common Mapwing 網絲蛺蝶	butterfly	No	
Hestina assimilis	Red Ring Skirt 黑脈蛱蝶	butterfly	No	
Junonia lemonias	Lemon Pansy 蛇眼蛺蝶	butterfly	No	
Neptis hylas	Common Sailer 中環蛺蝶	butterfly	No	
Catopsilia pomona	Lemon Emigrant 遷粉蝶	butterfly	No	
Catopsilia pyranthe	Mottled Emigrant 梨花遷粉蝶	butterfly	No	
Eurema hecabe	Common Grass Yellow 寬邊黃粉蝶	butterfly	No	
Graphium agamemnon	Tailed Green Jay 統帥青鳳蝶	butterfly	No	
Graphium sarpedon	Common Bluebottle 青鳳蝶	butterfly	No	
Papilio demoleus	Lime Butterfly 達摩鳳蝶	butterfly	No	
Papilio memnon	Great Mormon 美鳳蝶	butterfly	No	
Papilio polytes	Common Mormon 玉帶鳳蝶	butterfly	No	

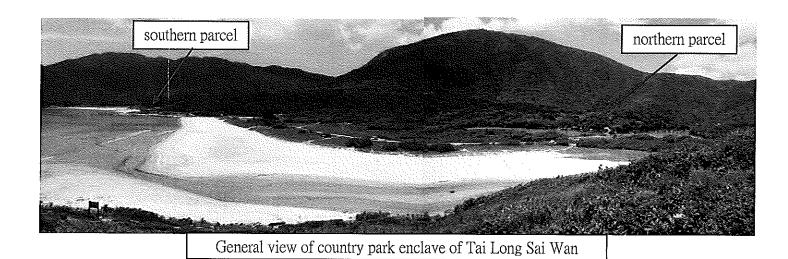
Fauna species recorded in the country park enclave of Tai Long Sai Wan

Scientific Name	Common name and chinese name	Fauna group	Species of conservation concern
Papilio protenor	Spangle 藍鳳蝶	butterfly	No
Parnara guttata	Common Straight Swift 直紋稻弄蝶	butterfly	No
Gynacantha japonica	Blue-spotted Dusk-hawker 日本長尾蜓	dragonfly	No
Orthetrum luzonicum	Marsh Skimmer 呂宋灰蜻	dragonfly	No
Tramea virginia	Saddlebag Glider 華斜痣蜻	dragonfly	No
Neurothemis fulvia	Russet Percher 網脈蜻	dragonfly	No
Neurothemis tullia	Pied Percher 截斑脈蜻	dragonfly	No
Orthetrum chrysis	Red-faced Skimmer 華麗灰蜻	dragonfly	No .
Orthetrum pruinosum	Common Red Skimmer 赤褐灰蜻	dragonfly	No
Crocothemis servilia	Crimson Darter 紅蜻	dragonfly	No
Euphaea decorata	Black-banded Gossamerwing 方帶幽蟌	dragonfly	No
Rhinogobius duospilus	溪吻鰕虎魚	freshwater fish	No
Lutjanus argentimaculatus	Mangrove snapper 紫紅笛鯛	freshwater fish	No
Lutjanus russellii	Russell's snapper 勒氏笛鯛	freshwater fish	No
Liza sp.		freshwater fish	No
Acanthopagrus latus	Yellowfin seabream 黃鰭棘鯛	freshwater fish	No
Periophthalmus modestus	Common mudskipper 彈塗魚	freshwater fish	No
Terapon jarbua	Jarbua terapon 細鱗鯻	freshwater fish	No
Gerres oyena	Common silver-biddy 奧奈銀鱸	freshwater fish	No
Mugilogobius abei	Estuarine goby 阿部鯔鰕虎魚	freshwater fish	No
Pseudogobius javanicus	爪哇擬鰕虎魚	freshwater fish	No
Glossogobius giuris	Fork tongue goby 舌鰕虎魚	freshwater fish	No
Eleotris acanthopoma	Spinecheek Gudgeon 刺蓋塘鱧	freshwater fish	No
Eleotris oxycephala	Sharphead sleeper 尖頭塘鱧	freshwater fish	No
Parazacco spilurus	Predaceous chub 異鱲	freshwater fish	Yes (Note 3)
Pipistrellus abramus	Japanese Pipistrelle 東亞家蝠	mammal	No

Note:

- 1. Emerald Dove 綠翅金鳩 and Crested Goshawk 鳳頭鷹 were recorded in lowland woodland of Sai Wan. Emerald Dove 綠翅金鳩, listed as "Vulnerable" in China Red Data Book Status, is a scarce resident in Hong Kong. Crested Goshawk 鳳頭鷹, listed as "Rare" in China Red Data Book Status and listed in Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586), is an uncommon resident in Hong Kong.
- 2. Courtesan 芒蛺蝶 is assessed as "Rare" in the baseline surveys conducted by AFCD.
- 3. Predaceous chub 異鱲 listed as "Vulnerable" in China Red Data Book Status but widespread in Hong Kong.

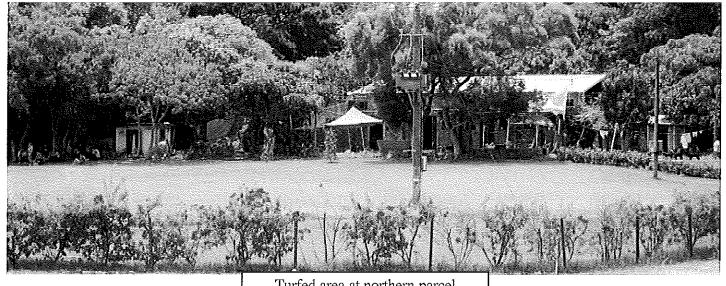
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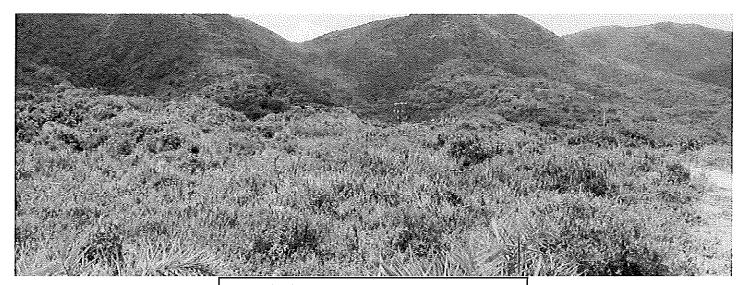


General view of northern parcel

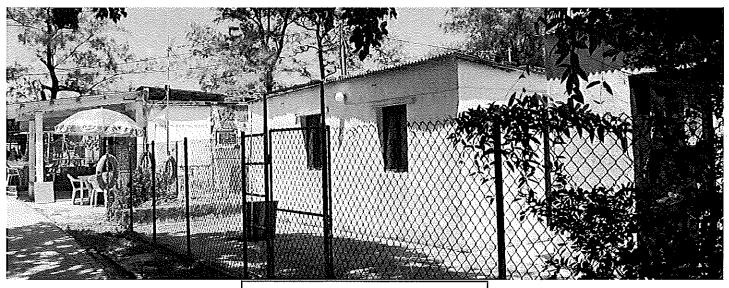
Lowland woodland behind village houses of northern parcel



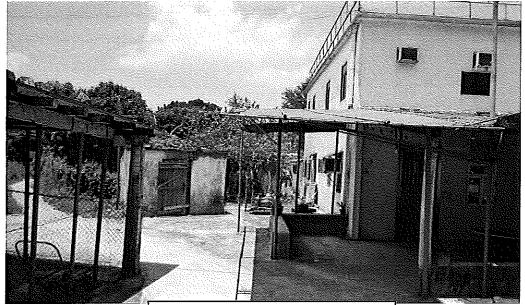
Turfed area at northern parcel



Shrubby grassland at northern parcel



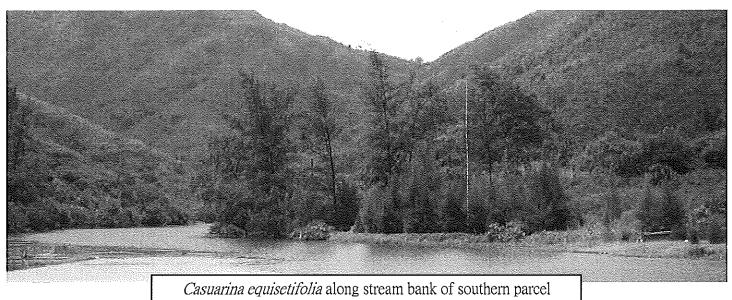
Village houses at southern parcel

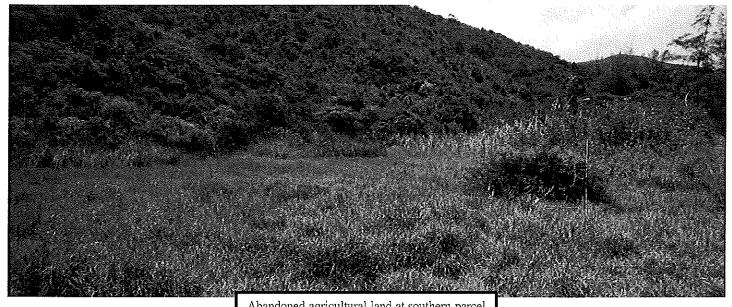


Village houses at southern parcel

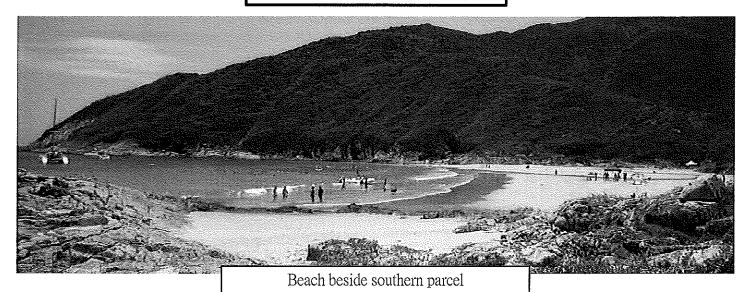


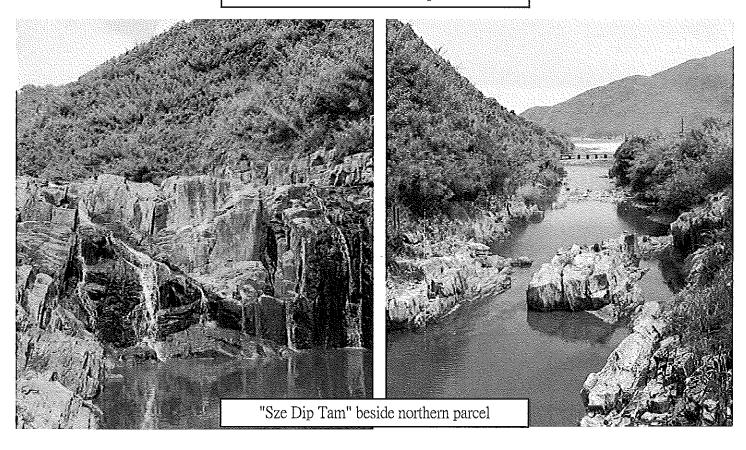
Mangroves at southern parcel





Abandoned agricultural land at southern parcel





Land Status Plan of the Country Park Enclave of Tai Long Sai Wan



