

Country and Marine Parks Board
Summary Report of the Country Parks Committee

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform members on issues discussed at the Country Parks Committee (CPC) meeting held on 4 August 2011. Major issues discussed at the meeting are summarised below.

2. Proposed Kat Hing Bridge Mountain Bike Trail in Tai Lam Country Park

2.1 Members were briefed on the background of mountain bike trails (MBTs) in country parks, existing MBTs in Tai Lam Country Park, the consultancy study on MBTs in Tai Lam Country Park, and the details of the proposed Kat Hing Bridge Mountain Bike Trail (KHBMBT).

2.2 A member enquired about the priority of the designation of potential MBTs in Tai Lam Country Park. Members were informed that the highest priority was accorded to the KHBMBT in the consultancy study. Constraints (e.g. safety) of other potential trails required these trails to be further examined.

2.3 Members were informed that AFCD would adopt a progressive approach to the designation of new MBTs. AFCD would focus on developing the MBT networks in South Lantau and in Tai Lam Country Park at the time being.

2.4 Members supported the proposed KHBMBT.

3. Proposed Research Study at Three Country Park Plantation Enrichment Sites

3.1 Members were briefed on the proposed research study on country park plantation enrichment work at Chuen Lung (Tai Mo Shan Country Park), Nam Shan (Lantau South Country Park), and Sham Tseng (Tai Lam Country Park).

3.2 A member enquired about the planting of one single tree species in each thinned plot. Members were informed that one of the objectives of the research was to study the growth performance of native tree seedlings in the enrichment plantation sites. In order to obtain statistically robust results from the Study, larger sampling size would be preferable. Planting one single tree species in each thinned plot (10m x 10m) and 3 to 4 species for each site could meet this objective.

3.3 The Chairman suggested that a mixture of native tree species planted in one thinned plot should also be explored in the future studies, apart from one single tree species planted in each thinned plot.

4. Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report on Country Parks

4.1 The Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report on Country Parks for the period from 1 March to 30 June 2011 was presented at the meeting. Among other things, members noted that AFCD planted 595,400 trees in the planting season this year because the weather was drier than last year's planting season. The annual target of planting 700,000 trees would be achieved by July 2011.

5. Presentation

5.1 This paper is prepared for members' information.