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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 12 February 2014. Major issues discussed at the meeting are summarised below.

2. Management Plan of Sai Wan in Sai Kung East Country Park

- 2.1 Members were briefed on the background, intrinsic resources as well as opportunities of Sai Wan, and the objectives, conceptual plan, financial support and the way forward of the management plan.
- 2.2 Members were informed that the objectives of the management plan included three inter-related ones, namely, (1) provision of a safe and pleasant place for compatible recreation activities, (2) biodiversity enhancement and nature conservation, and (3) facilitate ecotourism through engagement of local villagers.
- 2.3 Members agreed that a working group be set up under the Country Parks Committee to further develop and oversee the implementation of the management plan.

3. Proposal to Designate Country Park Enclaves of Fan Kei Tok, Sai Lau Kong and the Site near Nam Shan as Part of Country Parks

3.1 Based on the assessment results on the suitability for designation of the country park enclaves of Fan Kei Tok, Sai Lau Kong and the site near Nam Shan as part of country parks, it was recommended to incorporate Fan Kei Tok and Sai Lau Kong into the Plover Cove Country Park and the site near Nam Shan into the Lantau South Country Park, having regard to their good overall intrinsic value, land status, and being compatible with the surrounding country park areas.

3.2 Members were briefed about the other six country park enclaves, namely Hoi Ha, Pak Lap, Pak Tam Au, So Lo Pun, Tin Fu Tsai and To Kwa Peng, which had been assessed to be not suitable for incorporating into country parks. Members were also informed that these six enclaves had already been protected by statutory plans under the Town Planning Ordinance.

4. Summary of Applications for Development within Country Parks from 1 April to 30 September 2013

4.1 The summary of development proposals within country parks from 1 April to 30 September 2013 was presented at the meeting. Out of the 82 proposals received during the period, there was no objection to 62 proposals while 18 were still under consideration and 2 were withdrawn. The majority of cases were related to utility services works such as electricity, telephone and water supply, path improvement, and slope repair and utility installation.

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

5.1 The Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report on Country Parks for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013 was presented at the meeting.

6. Presentation

6.1 This paper is prepared for members' information.

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