

## **Country and Marine Parks Board**

### **Preparation of Draft Map of the Proposed South Lantau Marine Park**

#### **1. Purpose**

1.1 This paper aims to seek Members' views on the draft map of the proposed South Lantau Marine Park in accordance with Section 7(4) of the Marine Parks Ordinance (the Ordinance).

#### **2. Background**

2.1 In the Country and Marine Parks Board (CMPB) meeting on 24 November 2017 (Working Paper WP/CMPB/12/2017), members considered that combining the proposed compensatory marine park for the Integrated Waste Management Facilities Phase 1 project with the adjacent proposed Soko Islands Marine Park to form a single marine park of about 2 067 hectare would be synergistic for better protection of the Chinese White Dolphin, the Finless Porpoise and other marine life within the proposed marine park and its adjacent waters. The combination could also streamline the designation process and enhance efficiency for better management of the marine resources there. The CMPB supported the combination proposal.

#### **3. Latest Development**

3.1 In September 2020, the Chief Executive in Council has directed, in accordance with section 7(1) of the Ordinance, the Country and Marine Parks Authority (the Authority) to prepare a draft map showing the combined proposed marine park in South Lantau waters.

#### **4. Naming of the Proposed Marine Park**

4.1 For the purpose of preparing the draft map, it is proposed to name the proposed marine park as "South Lantau Marine Park" (SLMP).

## **5. The Draft Map**

5.1 The draft map of the proposed SLMP, together with the explanatory statement which shall be part of the map, and the supplementary information, have been prepared at the **Annex** for members' comments. The boundary as shown in the draft map is the same as that presented in the CMPB meeting in November 2017.

5.2 Subject to members' comments, the draft map of the proposed SLMP along with the explanatory statement and the supplementary information will be made available for public inspection in accordance with Section 8 of the Ordinance.

## **6. Management**

6.1 The proposed SLMP will be managed similar to other existing marine parks in Hong Kong. Activities such as boating (within the 10 knots vessel speed restriction as stipulated in the Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation, Cap. 476A) and dolphin watching will be allowed. Education tours and eco-tourism activities will be developed for the proposed SLMP.

6.2 Under the new fisheries management strategy in marine parks<sup>1</sup>, commercial fishing by local fishing vessels registered under the Fisheries Protection Ordinance, Cap. 171, will be allowed to continue in the proposed SLMP through the marine park fishing permit system.

6.3 A core area of about 145 hectares will be established, in which fishing would be prohibited for further protection of marine resources and implementation of fisheries enhancement measures including artificial reef deployment and fish restocking programmes.

6.4 The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department will also implement other suitable management and regulatory measures at the proposed SLMP including law enforcement to combat illegal fishing activities, maintenance of marine park facilities, provision of visitor services, collection of marine refuse, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> AFCD has conducted a review of fisheries management measures in marine parks with a view to identifying suitable management and enhancement measures. The new fisheries management strategy in marine parks came into effect on 1 April 2020. Under the new strategy, commercial fishing will be banned in the Hoi Ha Wan, Yan Chau Tong, Tung Ping Chau, and Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau marine parks; and be allowed to continue in other marine parks.

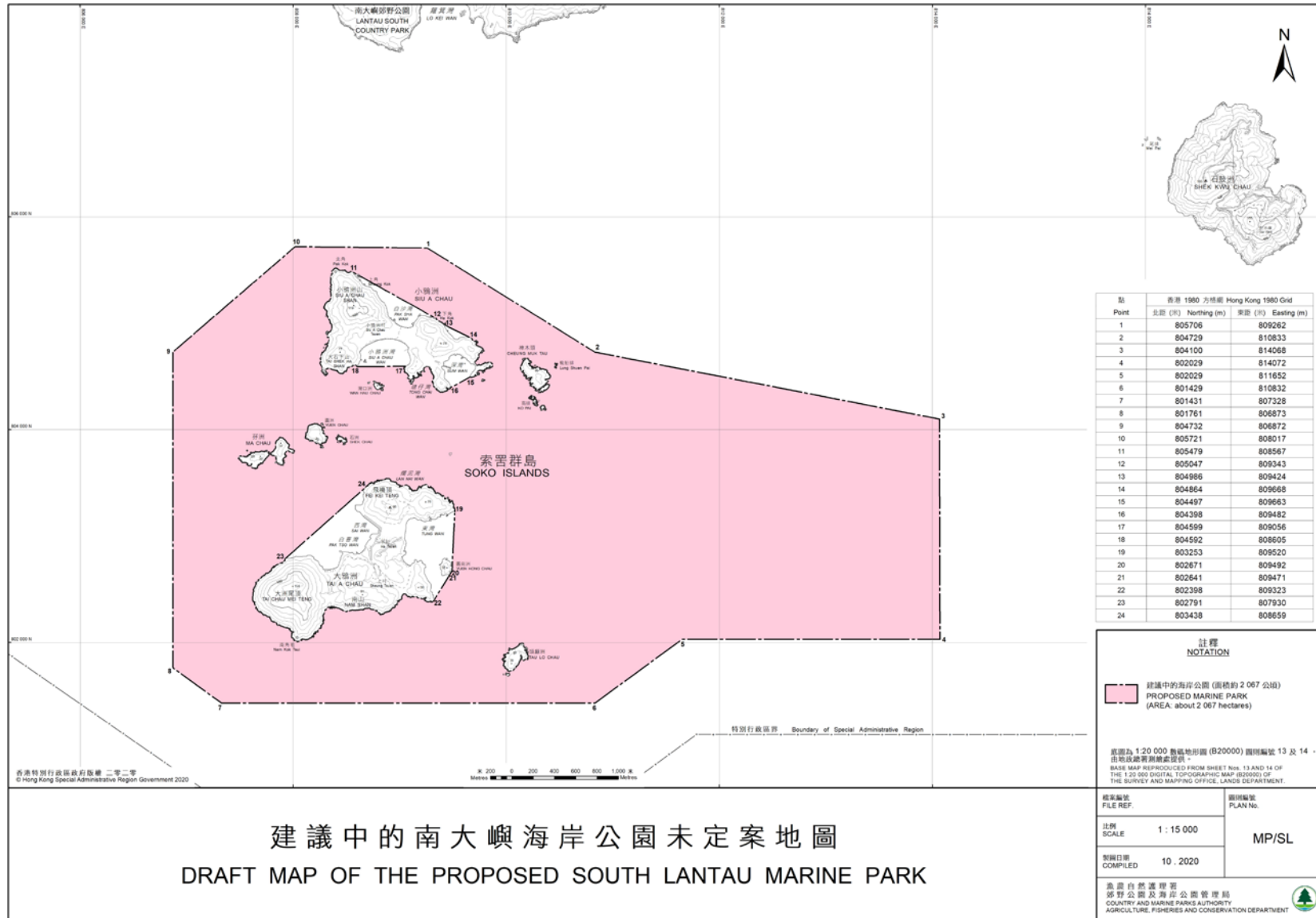
## **7. Way Forward**

7.1 Subject to Members' comments, the Authority shall make arrangement for public inspection of the draft map and the supplementary information in accordance with Section 8 of the Ordinance. If the Authority receives any written statement of objection to the draft map during the inspection period, he may submit his representations concerning such objections to CMPB for conducting a hearing of the objection. The Authority would then submit the draft map together with the objections and representations and, where applicable, the amendments made with a view to meeting such objections to the Chief Executive in Council for approval. If everything goes smoothly, we aim at completing the statutory procedures for designating the proposed SLMP by 2022.

## **8. Advice sought**

8.1 Members are invited to comment on the draft map of the proposed SLMP and the supplementary information and take note of the way forward for the designation of the proposed SLMP.

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DRAFT MAP OF THE PROPOSED SOUTH LANTAU MARINE PARK

## **Draft Map of the Proposed South Lantau Marine Park Explanatory Statement**

### Authority

1. This statement forms part of the draft map of the proposed South Lantau Marine Park (“the proposed Marine Park”) prepared by the Country and Marine Parks Authority (“the Authority”).

### Location and Boundary

2. The proposed Marine Park is located in the South Lantau waters of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and covers a sea area of about 2 067 hectares.

3. The proposed Marine Park includes coastal area below the high water mark except four inner bay areas of Siu A Chau and two inner bay areas of Tai A Chau as shown on the draft map. The seaward boundary of the proposed Marine Park is shown on the draft map. The landward boundary will be demarcated with reference to the high water mark along the coastline of Soko Islands.

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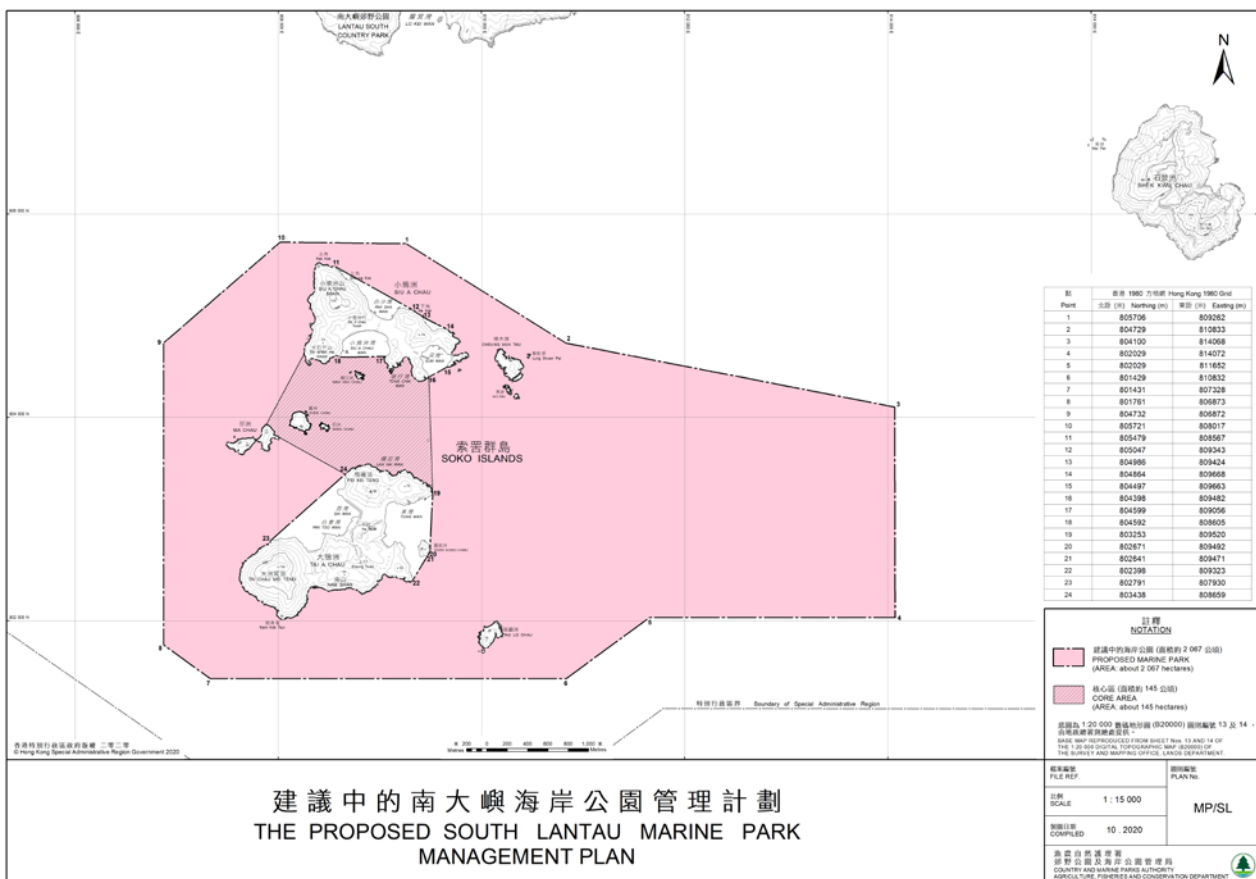
## Draft Map of the Proposed South Lantau Marine Park Supplementary Information

### Ecological Value

1. The waters in and around the proposed South Lantau Marine Park are important habitats for the Chinese White Dolphin, Finless Porpoise and other marine life.

### Core Area

2. As shown on the proposed South Lantau Marine Park Management Plan below, a Core Area of about 145 hectares between Soko Islands will be demarcated for further conservation of marine and fisheries resources there. Fishing activities will not be permitted within the Core Area. For enhancement of marine and fisheries resources in the marine park, artificial reefs will be deployed within the Core Area to provide shelter for marine life. Fish restocking in the form of releasing fish fry or juvenile fish will also be carried out to enhance marine and fisheries resources.



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