

Ramsar Site

Assessment Criteria (Weighting)	Comments	Score	Weighted Score
1. Naturalness (15%)	● The major habitats of the site, i.e. the mangrove and mudflat, are largely natural. However, the fish pond and <i>Gei Wai</i> are man-made features.	2	0.30
2. Habitat diversity (15%)	● The site comprises four major habitat types, mudflat, mangrove stand, <i>Gei Wai</i> / reed beds, and fish pond.	3	0.45
3. Non-recreatability (10%)	● The combination of the large mudflat area, mangrove stands, fish ponds and <i>Gei Wais</i> is unique in Hong Kong. Given its complex habitat types and ecological functions, it is unlikely that the entire Ramsar Site could be recreated.	3	0.30
4. Species diversity & richness (30%)	● Supports high diversity (>50%) of bird species – about 300 bird species (>60%) and moderate diversity (20%<diversity≤50%) of three taxa groups : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 16 mammal species (31%) ■ 9 amphibian species (39%) ■ 35 dragonfly species (32%) 	3	0.90
5. Species rarity/ endemism (30%)	● Supports the extremely rare Black-faced Spoonbill <i>Platalea minor</i> .	3	0.90
		Total:	2.85

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