

Proposed Amendments to an Approved Scheme (Application No. A/YL-MP/344) for Comprehensive Residential Development to Include a Wetland Restoration Area at Lots 50 S.A and 77 in D.D. 101, Wo Shang Wai, Mai Po, Yuen Long

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The purpose of this s.16 application is to propose amendments to the previously approved scheme under application No. A/YL-MP/344, which was approved for a comprehensive residential development, including a Wetland Restoration Area (WRA), with filling and excavation of land. The application site falls within an area zoned "Other Specified Uses" annotated "Comprehensive Development to include Wetland Restoration Area" ("OU(CDWRA)") on the approved Mai Po and Fairview Park Outline Zoning Plan No. S/YL-MP/8 (the "OZP") ("Application Site"). The proposed amendment relates to the approved layout of the residential portion, with no change to the plot ratio and gross floor area. Majority of the basement car parking spaces are relocated to ground level for cost-effectiveness and ease of implementation. No change is proposed to the already completed WRA. This EcolA is prepared in support of the subject s.16 application.

1.2 Key Relevant Amendment under Current Application

- 1.2.1 No changes are proposed at the implemented WRA and at the interface (boundary) between the residential portion and the WRA.
- 1.2.2 Proposed changes in layout of the internal road, landscaping and number of houses (not abutting the WRA) are not anticipated to have any impact on the WRA and the wetlands in the Wetland Conservation Area (WCA), and these are not discussed.
- 1.2.3 Key amendments which might have potential implication to the findings of the approved Ecological Impact Assessment (EcolA) mainly involve those proposed at the houses immediately facing the WRA and the stepped design. These comprise:
 - Detached/semi-detached houses abutting the WRA increase from 2-storey (+16.80mPD) to 3-storey (+21mPD)
 - Relocate basement car parking to ground level
- 1.2.4 Total number of houses has reduced from 789 to 649.

2 Literature Review

2.1 Approved Environmental Impact Assessment Report (AEIAR-120/2008)

2.1.1 The WRA was proposed in AEIAR-120/2008 as mitigation to compensate for the loss of wetland habitats in accordance with "No-net-loss in Wetland" principle under Town Planning Board Guideline 12C (TPB PG-No. 12C). Implementation of the WRA followed the approved Wetland Restoration and Creation Scheme (WRCS). The wetland area was consolidated into a single unit and located immediately adjacent to the Wetland Conservation Area (WCA), which reduced fragmentation of wetland habitat and maximised ecological connectivity with existing wetland habitats in the WCA. The WRA also serves to buffer the WCA from potential impacts created by the residential component of the Project. **Table 1** below summarizes the Total Number of Species and Number of Species of Conservation Importance recorded during the EIA study within the Project Area (including the areas of proposed residential portion and the WRA).

Table 1 Total Number of Species and Number of Species of Conservation Importance recorded within the Project Area

No. of Species / Fauna Group	Mammals	Birds*	Amphibians	Reptiles	Butterflies	Odonates
Number of Species of Conservation Importance	2^	14 (19)	0	0	1	1
Total Number of Species recorded	5	49	5	1#	21	18

^{*} Number in parentheses indicates the number of wetland-dependent or wetland-associated species

Mammals

2.1.2 A total of five mammal species were recorded within the Project Area. One bat species, Japanese Pipistrelle, which is considered to be Very Common (AFCD 2020) in Hong Kong, was recorded during night-time surveys. All bat species are protected in Hong Kong under Cap. 170; however, no bat roosts were present within the Project Area. Four small mammal species were recorded by trapping; Musk Shrew, House Mouse, Ryukyu Mouse and Brown Rat. These are common and widespread in Hong Kong, especially in anthropogenic habitats except for Ryukyu Mouse, which is assessed as Rare (AFCD 2020) due to restricted distribution in Hong Kong but has been recorded nearby from Mai Po Nature Reserve. None of them were considered as species of conservation importance in AEIAR-120/2008, based on the low occurrence and low number of individuals recorded.

Birds

2.1.3 A total of 49 bird species were recorded within the Project Area. Of these, 14 species are of conservation importance: Black-crowned Night Heron (0.2 mean per survey; 4 = maximum number recorded), Chinese Pond Heron (1.3; 4), Eastern Cattle Egret (1.3; 14), Grey Heron (0.1; 2), Great Egret (Y = species recorded outside the transect surveys), Little Egret (5.5; 48), Great Cormorant (0.5; 5), Black Kite (1.2; 5), Little Ringed Plover (0.1; 1), Oriental Pratincole (Y), Pacific Swift (Y), Zitting Cisticola (0.1; 1), Red-billed Starling (0.9; 15) and White-shouldered Starling (0.1; 2). Black-crowned Night Heron, Chinese Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Great Egret and Little Egret are common in Hong Kong, with winter, migrant and breeding populations (HKBWS 2021). Grey Heron is common mainly in the Deep Bay area, with highest numbers in winter. Great Cormorant is an abundant winter visitor, mainly in the Deep Bay area. Black Kite is common and widespread in Hong Kong, with increased numbers in winter. Little Ringed Plover is common and present all year in lowland areas near water. Oriental Pratincole is a passage migrant, common in spring and uncommon in autumn, to lowland areas of New Territories. Pacific Swift is uncommon spring passage migrant and summer visitor. Zitting Cisticola is common passage migrant and winter visitor to grassy and reed/marsh areas. Red-billed Starling is an abundant winter visitor to open-country areas, mainly in the northwest New Territories. White-shouldered

[#] Considered to be escaped individual

[^] Not considered as species of conservation importance in AEIAR-120/2008

Starling is a locally common passage migrant and breeding species, and uncommon winter visitor to open-country and village edge habitats mainly in the northwest New Territories.

Herpetofauna

- 2.1.4 Five amphibian species were recorded within the Project Area; Asian Common Toad, Ornate Pigmy Frog, Paddy Frog, Günther's Frog and Brown Tree Frog. All are common and widespread in Hong Kong. None are species of conservation importance.
- 2.1.5 One reptile was recorded within the Project Area, Chinese Striped Terrapin which is not considered to be native to Hong Kong and was therefore considered to be an escape.

Butterflies

2.1.6 A total of 21 butterfly species were recorded within the Project Area. All are Common in Hong Kong (AFCD 2020), except Common Jay, Yellow Orange Tip and Danaid Egg-fly which are Uncommon. Only Danaid Egg-fly is of Local Concern (Fellowes et al. 2002).

Odonates

2.1.7 A total of 18 odonate species were recorded within the Project Area. All are common and widespread species in Hong Kong (AFCD 2020). Only Scarlet Basker is of Local Concern (Fellowes et al. 2002).

2.2 Recent 12-months EM&A Reports (December 2023 – November 2024) – Ecology

2.2.1 Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Ltd. ("MMHK") has been commissioned to conduct Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) for both pre-construction and construction phases of the Proposed Comprehensive Development. A summary of EM&A requirements for ecology is presented in **Table 2** below.

Table 2 Total Number of Species and Number of Species of Conservation Importance recorded within the Project Area

Parameters	Locations	Frequencies
Birds	Within the Project Area and Assessment Area of 500m	Weekly
Dragonflies & Butterflies	Within the Project Area and Assessment Area of 500m	Once per month (Mar, Sep-Nov); Twice per month (Apr-Aug)
Herpetofauna	Within the Project Area and Assessment Area of 500m	Daytime: Once per month (Apr-Nov); Night-time: Once per month (Mar-Aug)
Water quality of WRA	WRA	In situ: Monthly Laboratory Testing: Every six months (end of wet season and end of dry season)
Site Inspection	Within the Project Area and Assessment Area of 500m	Weekly

2.2.2 The EM&A monitoring findings indicated that the WRA, has induced ecological gain within the Project Area). The total number of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies and odonates species and those of conservation importance recorded within Assessment Area (excluding Application Site) and WRA, for the 12 months between December 2023 to November 2024 are summarised in Table 3 and Table 4 respectively below. Comparing Table 4 with Table 1, all fauna group have been recorded increase in total number of species and species of conservation importance, utilising the WRA; except mammal, which is less detectable due to the low occurrence and the trapping conducted in EIA study is not required for the EM&A monitoring. Comparing Table 4 with Table 3, higher number of species in herpetofauna, butterflies and odonates have been recorded within the WRA managed for wildlife, than the fishpond areas.

Table 3 Total Number of Species and Number of Species of Conservation Importance recorded within Assessment Area (excluding WRA) between December 2023 – November 2024

Fauna Group	Species of Conservation Importance	Total no. of species recorded
Mammals	1	1
Birds*	31 (40)	80
Amphibians	0	3
Reptiles	0	2
Butterflies	1	14
Odonates	0	18

^{*} Number in parentheses indicates the number of species of conservation importance and/or wetland-dependent.

Table 4 Total Number of Species and Number of Species of Conservation Importance recorded within WRA between December 2023 – November 2024

Fauna Group	Species of Conservation Importance	Total no. of species recorded		
Mammals	3	4		
Birds*	28 (36)	75		
Amphibians	1	7		
Reptiles	3	6		
Butterflies	3	26		
Odonates	1	31		

^{*} Number in parentheses indicates the number of species of conservation importance and/or wetland-dependent.

Mammals

- 2.2.3 Only one mammal species was recorded within Assessment Area (excluding WRA), Japanese Pipistrelle, which is protected under Cap.170 in Hong Kong.
- 2.2.4 A total of four mammal species were recorded within the WRA, including Short-nosed Fruit Bat, Japanese Pipistrelle, Eurasian Wild Pig and Leopard Cat (scats). All bat species in Hong Kong are protected under Cap.170. Scats of Leopard Cat were recorded in Dec-Jan 2023 and Nov 2024.

Birds

- 2.2.5 A total of 80 bird species were recorded within Assessment Area (excluding WRA). Of these, 31 species are of conservation importance. Species of conservation importance recorded are listed in **Table 5** below.
- 2.2.6 A total of 75 bird species were recorded within the WRA. Of these, 28 species are of conservation importance. Species of conservation importance recorded are listed in **Table 5** below.
- 2.2.7 Comprehensive species lists are presented in **Appendix A**.

Table 5 List of bird species of conservation importance recorded between December 2023 – November 2024

Species	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Assessment Area (excluding WRA)	WRA
Northern Shoveler	RC	✓	
Tufted Duck	LC	✓	
Greater Coucal	CSMPS(II)	✓	✓
Little Grebe	LC	✓	✓
Black-winged Stilt	RC	✓	✓
Little Ringed Plover	(LC)	✓	
Greater Painted-snipe	LC		✓
Pintail/Swinhoe's Snipe	LC for Swinhoe's Snipe		✓
Marsh Sandpiper	RC	✓	
Wood Sandpiper	LC	✓	✓

Species	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Assessment Area (excluding WRA)	WRA
Spotted Redshank	RC	✓	
Common Greenshank	RC		✓
Great Cormorant	PRC	✓	✓
Yellow Bittern	(LC)	✓	✓
Black-crowned Night Heron	(LC)	✓	✓
Chinese Pond Heron	PRC (RC)	✓	✓
Eastern Cattle Egret	(LC)	✓	✓
Grey Heron	PRC	✓	✓
Purple Heron	RC		✓
Great Egret	PRC (RC)	✓	✓
Intermediate Egret	RC	✓	✓
Little Egret	PRC (RC)	✓	✓
Black-winged Kite	LC; CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	✓	✓
Crested Goshawk	CITES(II); CSMPS(II); Cap.586	✓	✓
Besra	CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	✓	✓
Eastern Marsh Harrier	LC; CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586		✓
Black Kite	(RC); CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	✓	✓
Eastern Buzzard	CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	✓	✓
White-throated Kingfisher	(LC); CSMPS(II)	✓	✓
Pied Kingfisher	(LC)	✓	✓
Common Kestrel	CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586		✓
Peregrine Falcon	(LC); CSMPS(II); CITES(I); Cap.586	✓	
Long-tailed Shrike	LC	✓	
Collared Crow	LC; IUCN(VU)	✓	✓
Red-billed Starling	GC	✓	
White-cheeked Starling	PRC	✓	
White-shouldered Starling	(LC)	✓	
Siberian Rubythroat	CSMPS(II)		✓

- 1. Wetland-dependent species in bold.
- Conservation status refers to Fellowes et al. (2002), IUCN (2020), RLCV (2016), CITES (2020), CSMPS (CSIS, 2019), Cap. 170
 and Cap. 586
 - a. Conservation status by Fellowes *et al.* (2002): LC = Local Concern; PRC = Potential Regional Concern; RC = Regional Concern; PGC = Potential Global Concern; GC = Global Concern. Letters in parentheses indicate assessment is on the basis of restrictedness in breeding and/or roosting sites rather than in general occurrence.
 - b. Conservation status by IUCN (2020): VU = Vulnerable; EN = Endangered
 - c. Conservation status by Red List of China's Vertebrates (Jiang et al. 2016): NT = Near Threatened; EN = Endangered
 - d. Protection status by CITES (2020): I = Listed in CITES Appendix I; II = Listed in CITES Appendix II
 - e. Protection status by CSMPS (CSIS, 2019): II = Class II Protected Species in China
 - f. All wild birds in Hong Kong are protected under Cap. 170 Wild Animals Protection Ordinance
 - g. Cap. 586 = Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance

Herpetofauna

- 2.2.8 A total of 3 amphibian species and 2 reptile species were recorded within the Assessment Area (excluding WRA). None of these are species of conservation importance.
- 2.2.9 A total of 7 amphibian species and 6 reptile species were recorded within the WRA. Of these, 1 amphibian species and 3 reptile species are of conservation importance. Chinese Bullfrog is of Potential Regional Concern (Fellowes *et al.* 2002). Four-clawed Gecko is considered of Vulnerable (Jiang *et al.* 2016). Common Rat Snake and Many-banded Krait are considered of Endangered and Vulnerable (Jiang *et al.* 2016) respectively.
- 2.2.10 Comprehensive species lists are presented in **Appendix A**.

Butterflies

- 2.2.11 A total of 18 butterfly species were recorded within the Assessment Area (excluding WRA). None of these are species of conservation importance.
- 2.2.12 A total of 31 butterfly species were recorded within the WRA. Of these, 2 species are of conservation importance. Common Awl is of Local Concern (Fellowes *et al.* 2002) and Rare in Hong Kong (Pun 2024). Paintbrush Swift is considered as Rare in Hong Kong (Pun 2024).
- 2.2.13 Comprehensive species lists are presented in **Appendix A**.

Odonates

- 2.2.14 A total of 14 odonate species were recorded within the Assessment Area (excluding WRA). One species of conservation importance was recorded, Coastal Glider, which is of Local Concern (Fellowes *et al.* 2002).
- 2.2.15 A total of 26 odonate species were recorded within the WRA. Three species of conservation importance were recorded, Blue Sprite, Ruby Darter and Scarlet Basker, which are of Local Concern (Fellowes *et al.* 2002).
- 2.2.16 Comprehensive species lists are presented in **Appendix A**.

2.3 Recent 12-months bi-annual EM&A Reports (November 2023 – April 2024 and May 2024 – October 2024) – Ecology

- 2.3.1 Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Ltd. ("MMHK") has been commissioned undertake the Environmental Team (ET) services to carry out Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) for both pre-construction and construction phases of the Proposed Comprehensive Development. According to the EP Condition 4.6, the EM&A results on ecological aspects during the construction phase should be reported to the EIA Subcommittee of the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE), EPD and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) on a biannual basis.
- 2.3.2 The two bi-annual EM&A reports documented surveys and management conducted in the Survey Area and WRA from 1 November 2023 to 30 April 2024 and from 1 May 2024 to 31 October 2024 respectively, which were based on ecological surveys and advice on management undertaken and provided by the appointed Non-Government Organisation (Eco-Institute) during the reporting periods.
- 2.3.3 The total number of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies and odonates species and those bird species of conservation importance recorded within Assessment Area (excluding Application Site) and WRA, for the 12 months between November 2023 to October 2024 are summarised in **Table 6** and **Table 7** respectively below.

Table 6 Total Number of Species and Number of Species of Conservation Importance recorded within Assessment Area (excluding WRA) and WRA between November 2023 – April 2024

Fauna Group	Total no. of species* recorded in	Total no. of species* recorded in
	Assessment Area (excluding WRA)	WRA
Mammals	1	4 (3)
Birds	<mark>68 (35)</mark>	<mark>69 (28)</mark>
Amphibians	2	3
Reptiles	1	<mark>2</mark>
Butterflies	9	<mark>21 (1)</mark>
Odonates	<mark>10</mark>	<mark>18</mark>

^{*} Number in parentheses indicates the number of species of conservation importance and/or wetland-dependent.

Table 7 Total Number of Species and Number of Species of Conservation Importance recorded within Assessment Area (excluding WRA) and WRA between May 2024 – October 2024

Fauna Group	Total no. of species* recorded in	Total no. of species* recorded in
	Assessment Area (excluding WRA)	WRA
Mammals	<u>1</u>	<mark>1 (1)</mark>
Birds	<mark>58 (28)</mark>	<mark>57 (27)</mark>
Amphibians	3	<mark>7</mark>
Reptiles	2	<mark>6</mark>
Butterflies	<mark>16</mark>	<mark>26</mark>
Odonates	<mark>13</mark>	<mark>26 (3)</mark>

^{*} Number in parentheses indicates the number of species of conservation importance and/or wetland-dependent.

3 Survey Findings

3.1.1 To provide an update regarding the distribution of ardeid flightlines over the Assessment Area, wet season flightline surveys were conducted monthly between April 2024 and October 2024, dry season flightline surveys were conducted monthly between November 2024 and March 2025. The surveys started half an hour before sunrise to cover the period of maximum activity and lasted for 120 minutes. During the surveys, the species, number of individuals, direction of flightline, relative height above ground (this was measured relative to a 10m tall noise barrier on site, with height recorded in 10m increments such that 1x = 10m, 2x = 20m etc.) and time of observation were recorded.

Wet Season Flightline Survey

- 3.1.2 Across the seven surveys in the wet season, a total of 1041 individuals of six species (Chinese Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Great Egret, Little Egret and Great Cormorant) were recorded within a total of 14 survey hours. These were subsequently ascribed to individual flightlines over or near the Application Site. The flight paths that were used by very small proportion of the birds were not considered to be significant and were excluded from further analysis.
- 3.1.3 9 flightlines were identified from the analysis (see **Figure 1**). Only one flightline (Flightline No. 5) was defined as major flightline (defined here as being used by over 15% of total individuals). The other 8 flightlines were defined as minor flightlines. Flightline No.5, located to the west of the Application Site, had the highest usage with 400 individual birds (38.42% of total individuals).

Table 8 Summary of wet season flightline data showing number of birds using individual flightlines

Flightline	Total no.	Mean no. of birds	0/	Mean	no. of bi	rds by sp	ecies per	survey h	our#
No.	of Birds	per survey hour	%	СРН	CE	GH	GE	LE	GC
1	155	11.07	14.89	2.36	0.29	0.07	2.71	5.64	
2	123	8.79	11.82	2.50	0.21	0.07	0.14	5.50	0.36
3	105	7.50	10.09	0.64	0.29	0.07	0.57	2.21	3.71
4	63	4.50	6.05	0.29			0.07	0.57	3.57
5*	400	28.57	38.42			0.07	3.36	0.07	25.07
6	65	4.64	6.24	0.36			1.93	1.86	0.50
7	34	2.43	3.27	0.07		0.07	0.64	1.36	0.29
8	19	1.36	1.83	0.57			0.71	0.07	
9	77	5.5	7.40	0.79		0.07	0.14	0.93	3.57
Grand Total	1041	74.36	100%	7.57	0.79	0.43	10.29	18.21	37.07

- (1) * Indicates the major flightlines.
- (2) # CPH = Chinese Pond Heron; CE = Eastern Cattle Egret; GH = Grey Heron; GE = Great Egret; LE = Little Egret; GC = Great Cormorant.

Table 9 Summary of wet season flightline data showing number and percentage of birds using individual flightlines in each height category

	Relative Height							
	0 – 1X	≥1-2X	≥2-3X	≥3-4X	≥4-5X	≥5-6X	Grand	Overall %
Flightline No.		Total	(Flightline usage)					
	0-10m	≥10-20m	≥20-30m	≥30-40m	≥40-50m	≥50-60m		uougo,
1		71	65	13	6		155	14.89%
2		65	34	17	7		123	11.82%
3		16	36	47	3	3	105	10.09%
4		1	3	54	5		63	6.05%
5*		14	295	91			400	38.42%
6		30	32	3			65	6.24%
7		14	12	5	1	2	34	3.27%
8		7	2	10			19	1.83%

	Relative Height							
FU obstice a Ne	0 – 1X	≥1-2X	≥2-3X	≥3-4X	≥4-5X	≥5-6X	Grand	Overall %
Flightline No.	Approximate Height							(Flightline usage)
	0-10m	≥10-20m	≥20-30m	≥30-40m	≥40-50m	≥50-60m		
9		7	68	1	1		77	7.40%
Grand Total		225	547	241	10	23	1041	100.00%
Overall % (Height)	0.00%	21.61%	52.55%	23.15%	2.21%	0.48%	100.00%	N/A

- (1) * indicates the major flightlines.
- (2) Relative Height 1X = 10m temporary noise barrier along the perimeter of Application Site.
- 3.1.4 Major flightline comprised birds travelled across wetland habitats adjacent to but outside the Application Site. Flightline No.3 was the only minor flightline across the residential portion of the Application Site (see **Figure 1**). Only approximately 1 bird individual was recorded per survey hour utilizing the Flightline No. 3 at height of 20m or below. The number of potentially impacted individuals are anticipated to be insignificant as the surveys have been conducted during the peak activity of the day.

Dry Season Flightline Survey

- 3.1.5 Across the three surveys in the dry season, a total of 1359 individuals of six species (Black-faced Spoonbill, Chinese Pond Heron, Grey Heron, Great Egret, Little Egret and Great Cormorant) were recorded within a total of 6 survey hours. These were subsequently ascribed to individual flightlines over or near the Application Site. The flight paths that were used by very small proportion of the birds were not considered to be significant and were excluded from further analysis.
- 3.1.6 7 flightlines were identified from the analysis (see **Figure 2**). Two flightlines (Flightline No. 1 and 4) were defined as major flightlines (defined here as being used by over 15% of total individuals). The other 5 flightlines were defined as minor flightlines. Flightline No.4 located to the north of the Application Site, had the highest usage with 728 individual birds (53.69% of total individuals).

Table 10 Summary of dry season flightline data showing number of birds using individual flightlines

Flightline No.	Total no. of Birds	Mean no. of birds per survey hour	%	Mean no. of birds by species per survey hour #					
NO.	Biras	survey nour		BFS	СРН	GH	GE	LE	GC
1*	219	36.50	16.15	0.50		0.33	3.00	0.33	32.33
2	111	18.50	8.19					0.33	18.17
3	56	9.33	4.13					0.50	8.83
4*	728	121.33	53.69	0.50		0.33	10.33	12.67	97.50
5	21	3.50	1.55				0.17	2.17	1.17
6	85	14.17	6.27				1.17	0.33	12.67
7	136	22.67	10.03	2.67	0.50	0.33	0.67	2.50	16.00
Grand Total	1359	96.86	100%	3.67	0.50	1.00	15.33	18.83	186.67

- (1) * Indicates the major flightlines.
- (2) # BFS = Black-faced Spoonbill; CPH = Chinese Pond Heron; GH = Grey Heron; GE = Great Egret; LE = Little Egret; GC = Great Cormorant.

Table 11 Summary of dry season flightline data showing number and percentage of birds using individual flightlines in each height category

Filedalles No.		Relative Height							
	0 – 1X	≥1-2X	≥2-3X	≥3-4X	≥4-5X	≥5-6X	Grand	Overall %	
Flightline No.		Approximate Height					Total	(Flightline usage)	
	0-	≥10-	≥20-	≥30-	≥40-	≥50-			
	10m	20m	30m	40m	50m	60m			
1*		73	141	5			219	16.15	

			Relative	e Height					
Flightling No.	0 – 1X	≥1-2X	≥2-3X	≥3-4X	≥4-5X	≥5-6X	Grand	Overall %	
Flightline No.		Approximate Height						(Flightline usage)	
0- 10n		≥10- 20m	≥20- 30m	≥30- 40m	≥40- 50m	≥50- 60m			
2			1	84	26		111	8.19	
3		14	5	37			56	4.13	
4*		177	534	17			728	53.69	
5		9	12				21	1.55	
6		56	23	6			85	6.27	
7		83	53				136	10.03	
Grand Total		412	769	149	26		1356	100.00	
Overall % (Height)	0.00%	30.38%	56.71%	10.99%	1.92%	0.00%	100.00%	N/A	

- (1) * indicates the major flightline.
- (2) Relative Height 1X = 10m temporary noise barrier along the perimeter of Application Site.
- 3.1.7 Major flightlines comprised birds travelled across wetland habitats adjacent to but outside the Application Site. Flightline No. 2 was the only minor flightline across the residential portion of the Application Site (see **Figure 2**). None of the individuals utilizing the Flightline No. 2 was recorded at height of 20m or below. The number of potentially impacted individuals are anticipated to be insignificant as the surveys have been conducted during the peak activity of the day.

4 POTENTIAL ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS

4.1.1 The proposed changes to the project involve only the residential portion of the Project Area. However, since the WRA is designed as a mitigation measure for three target bird species, increased disturbance to the WRA which renders the site less suitable for these species could have a significant adverse impact to the WRA. Therefore, any proposed changes at the interface or to predicted disturbance levels with the WRA are evaluated.

4.2 Potential Direct Impact to the WRA

4.2.1 Since there are no changes proposed to the WRA or at the boundary between the residential area and WRA, no additional direct impact to the ecological function and area of the WRA is anticipated.

4.3 Potential Direct Impact to Fauna Species of Conservation Importance

- 4.3.1 Since no changes are proposed to the WRA, no additional impact is anticipated to the fauna species of conservation importance within the WRA.
- 4.3.2 The WRA has also been implemented as buffer area between the residential development and the WCA; no additional direct impact is anticipated to the fauna species of conservation importance in the WCA and proposed SPS WCP.

4.4 Potential Indirect Impact to the WRA

- 4.4.1 An increase in building height may result in higher visibility of human activities at the boundary and within the WRA. According to the approved EcolA, all of the three target bird species are considered to be species which are prone to human disturbance. Potential indirect impact to the WRA might result from human activities at the residential area of the site are primarily noise and visual disturbance.
- 4.4.2 Based on literature review and ecological surveys, there is no significant ecological light-sensitive receiver within the WRA and fishponds to the north abutting the Application Site, i.e. significant population of fireflies and ardeid night roosts. Leopard Cat is primarily nocturnal but also active in daytime. Only scats have been recorded within the WRA. WRA has provided suitable habitat and foraging opportunities for this mammal species. Its occurrence is more likely prone to the presence of human or feral dogs. Light/glare impact to this species is not anticipated. Blackcrowned Night Heron is widely distributed in Hong Kong, with numerous records of foraging in urban setting. Light/glare impact to this species is not anticipated. Greater Painted-snipe is primarily crepuscular and nocturnal while hides in dense vegetation during daytime. Light/glare impact to this species is not anticipated due to their preference on microhabitats, i.e. dense aquatic vegetation. Many-banded Krait is nocturnal species often found near water sources. This species primarily eats other snakes but also consume rodents and frogs. WRA has provided suitable habitat and foraging opportunities for this reptile species. Light/glare impact to this species is not anticipated as they are moving at ground level or in water, where will be entirely screened by the vegetation. For most of the amphibians and reptiles (herpetofauna) being nocturnal, is due to effect of temperature and humidity on their anatomy, instead of light. As no lighting will be directly shining towards the wetland or onto these fauna individuals, no potential impact is anticipated. Unlike commercial centres, the proposed residential buildings will not have extensive exterior lighting or reflective coverings. For a single light source straightly pointing at the target area, light intensity decreases as the square of the distance increases. If a light source has an intensity of 100 lux at a distance of 1 meter, then at a distance of 2 meters, the intensity would be 25 lux (100 / 22 = 25). For a living room generally need 150 lux, from ceiling to floor around 3m in height; from a 30m distance, the light intensity is already less than 1 lux. All measures in the approved EIA are retained. Night-time light disturbance will be minimised by limiting the amount of lighting in the construction site, and by situating this away from the WCA

fishponds and proposed SPS WCP. The lighting units will be directional and hooded where appropriate to minimize unnecessary light spill. Therefore, light impact to the WRA is anticipated to be insignificant.

- 4.4.3 The total number of residential units abutting the WRA remains unchanged as 37 in the revised MLP. Increased from 2-storey houses in the approved S16 scheme (A/YL-MP/344), to 3-storey detached/semi-detached houses are proposed in this location. All measures to screen the WRA from the residential proportion of the project included in the approved EIA are retained. Orientation of these 3-storeys abutting the WRA, is designed such that all will face towards the residential area, eliminating the need for public access next to the WRA. As human activity will be greatest at the front of the buildings, the potential sources of impacts to waterbirds (including noise and night-time lighting) will be concentrated away from the WRA and impacts to waterbirds will be minimised.
- As stated in the submission of planning application No. A/YL-MP/344 (approved in February 2024), according to the approved Wetland Restoration and Creation Scheme (WRCS), a 2m high solid wall with buffer tree/shrub planting on the WRA-side, will delineate the WRA and the residential area. In the approved S16 scheme, the buffer planting between the residential portion and the WRA, will be 2.5m within the WRA and 2.5m within the residential portion. This will provide screening effect, avoiding disturbance to the WRA, as well as the WCA fishponds and proposed SPS WCP to the north. To further minimize the potential disturbance, the buffer planting of tall trees/shrubs within the residential portion is proposed to increase from 2.5m to 5m in width.
- 4.4.5 With the implementation of proposed mitigation measures above, no significant adverse ecological impacts are anticipated due to the proposed amendments.

Table 12 Potential Indirect Impact to WRA

Criteria	WRA					
Habitat Quality	Moderate to High man-made wetland					
Species	From 12-months EM&A monitoring reports,					
	Total no. of species recorded (no. of Species of Conservation Importance)					
	Birds: 75 (28)					
	Amphibians: 7 (1)					
	Reptiles: 6 (3)					
	Butterflies: 26 (3)					
	Odonates: 31 (1)					
Size/Abundance	4.74ha, approximately one fourth of the Application Site.					
Duration	Construction phase disturbance would be temporary, operational phase would be permanent but minor.					
Reversibility	Would be largely reversed during the operational phase as most of the source of noise disturbance will be removed.					
Magnitude	The magnitude would be large during construction.					
	Operational impacts would be of lower magnitude.					
Overall Impact Severity	In absence of mitigation measures:					
	Impacts to WRA of Moderate to High Severity during construction of the residential area. However, as in approved EIA report, the WRA itself is the buffer between the WCA and the construction works of residential area.					
	During operation impacts would be Low to Moderate Severity because of lower magnitude and smaller area of impact.					

4.5 Potential Indirect Impact to Fauna Species of Conservation Importance

4.5.1 Since no changes are proposed to the WRA, no additional disturbance impact is anticipated to the fauna species of conservation importance in the WCA and proposed SPS WCP.

A 3m site hoarding has been placed and will be maintained during construction phase between the WRA and the construction works for residential areas so that a visual barrier is maintained between the construction work and wetland habitats, and hence avoiding direct impacts on the WRA. Other methods to reduce sources of disturbance will be employed, including good site practice within the construction site, selection of quiet equipment to minimise noise disturbance, minimisation of night-time lighting and location of lighting away from the wetlands, and prevention of feral dogs from accessing the construction site. Implementation of the ecological mitigation measures stated, will continue to be checked as part of the EM&A procedures during the construction period. No additional disturbance impact is anticipated to the fauna species of conservation importance in the WRA.

4.6 Potential Impact to Bird Flightline

- 4.6.1 During the wet season flightline surveys (**Table 6**, **Table 7** & **Figure 1**), approximately 8 bird individuals per survey hour were recorded flying above the Application Site (flightline no. 3). The number of bird individuals utilising this flightline is very minor when compared to the Deep Bay population. Approximately one 1 bird individual per survey hour was recorded flying across the Application Site at 20m or below.
- 4.6.2 During the dry season flightline surveys (**Table 8**, **Table 9** & **Figure 2**), approximately 18 bird individuals (mainly Great Cormorant) per survey hour were recorded flying above the Application Site (flightline no.2). None of the individuals utilizing the Flightline No. 2 was recorded at height of 20m or below. Impedance of flightlines is therefore not expected.
- 4.6.3 Therefore, potential impacts to flightlines as a whole are not considered to be significant.

4.7 Potential Bird Collision Impact with Buildings

- 4.7.1 With reference to the revised MLP, the increase in building height from 2-storey to 3-storey, is similar to the existing residential areas, i.e. Royal Springs and Palm Springs.
- 4.7.2 The mitigation measures to avoid bird collisions (i.e. visually unobtrusive and non-reflective building materials etc.) in the approved EcoIA apply here. Therefore, the potential impact of bird collision with any buildings is not anticipated.

4.8 Potential Impact to the WCA and SPS WCP

- 4.8.1 No change is proposed to the design or operation of the WRA with reference to the Wetland Restoration Plan (WPR) in the approved EIA. Access will only be required to facilitate monitoring and management. Monitoring activities will be undertaken at an appropriate time of the day to minimize the disturbance to bird activity. Routine management works (e.g. grass-cutting) will be conducted on a monthly basis to avoid the need for large scale and/or intensive vegetation management. The WRA will be secured to prevent unauthorised human access and exclude dogs from the site as far as possible. The WRA will continue to function as a buffer between the residential development and the fishponds in the WCA.
- The mitigation measures to avoid night-time lighting and glare in the approved EcolA apply here. The proposed residential houses will not have extensive exterior lighting or glass or reflective coverings. Night-time light disturbance will be minimised by limiting the amount of lighting in the construction site, and by situating this away from the WCA fishponds. The lighting units will be directional and hooded where appropriate to minimize unnecessary light spill. Human activities and traffic will be restricted within the residential portion, and would be entirely screened off by the buffer planting (which has now been increased from 2.5m to 5m within the residential portion) and perimeter wall. Hence, no additional impact is predicted to the wetland habitats in the WCA and proposed SPS WCP.
- 4.8.3 The proposed SPS WCP within the 500m AA, have already been assessed, as these wetland habitats are all in the WCA. The first phase of SPS WCP is suggested to start with fishponds in

the northern part, which is close to Lok Ma Chau, approximately 2km from this Project Site. The Government expects to commence the construction works of the first phase in 2026/2027 the earliest for completion in 2031. The current scheme in the subject planning application is expected to be completed by 2028. Cumulative impacts from construction works of SPS WCP and construction of this Project, are therefore not anticipated. During operation, the disturbance impact is anticipated to be minimal while the wildlife utilisation is expected to increase with enhancement in habitat quality.

4.9 Residual Impacts

4.9.1 **Table 13** summarized the details of potential impacts of the development without mitigation, proposed mitigation measures to reduce the significance of those impacts (where required) and significance of impact after those mitigation measures have been instigated, including the extract from the approved EIA report and this assessment.

Table 13 Summary of Potential Ecological Impacts before and after adoption of Mitigation Measures

Description of Potential Impact	Significance of Impact without Mitigation	Approved Mitigation Measures	Significance of Impact after Adoption of Mitigation Measures	Additional Potential Impact	Additional mitigation measures proposed under current Application, for any additional potential impact(s)	Residual Impact					
Direct Loss of Habitats in Ap	Direct Loss of Habitats in Application Site										
Loss of Grassland Habitats	Loss of habitat of Low Significance due to low value of habitat and low abundance of species of conservation importance.	No mitigation required because impacts of low significance but design of WRA includes 0.33 ha of grassland habitats on bunds which will provide habitat for grassland species.	Impact of Low Significance.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.					
Loss of Seasonal Marsh and Freshwater Marsh/Reedbed	Impacts to habitat of Low to Moderate Significance due to small size, ephemeral nature and high fragmentation of habitat. Impacts to species utilising the habitat of Low to Moderate Significance, mostly due to impacts to moderately diverse dragonfly fauna.	Loss of wetland habitats to be compensated by provision of 4.74 ha of wetland in the WRA (total area of seasonal marsh and freshwater marsh/reedbed currently 4.69 ha). This will include 1.12 ha of reedbed to compensate for reedbed loss on site, as well as a variety of other habitats (open water, short grass, trees and shrubs).	Loss of wetland area fully compensated, therefore No Significant Impact from wetland loss. No Significant Impacts to species using seasonal marsh and freshwater marsh/reedbed. Temporary wetland loss during construction of WRA of Low Significance but unavoidable and temporary. Management of WRA for wildlife presents opportunity to enhance value of Application Site for wildlife by habitat improvement, especially through provision of mature reedbed habitat.	The compensatory wetland has been implemented. No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.					

Description of Potential Impact	Significance of Impact without Mitigation	Approved Mitigation Measures	Significance of Impact after Adoption of Mitigation Measures	Additional Potential Impact	Additional mitigation measures proposed under current Application, for any additional potential impact(s)	Residual Impact
Loss of Drainage Channels/ Ditches	Impacts of Low Significance due to low existing value of the ditches on site, and minimal impact to riparian trees used by roosting waterbirds.	Any loss of habitats for dragonflies and other fauna will be mitigated by provision of wetland habitats in WRA.	Impacts of Low Significance. Wetland habitat to be provided in WRA.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Direct Impacts to Species o	f Conservation Importance					
Impacts to Vegetation	No Significant Impact because no species of conservation importance present in the Application Site.	No mitigation required because no significant impacts predicted.	No Significant Impact.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts to Mammals	No Significant Impact because no species of conservation importance present in the Application Site.	No mitigation required because no significant impacts predicted.	No Significant Impact.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts to Roosting Waterbirds	Impacts to waterbirds roosting at the northern edge of the Application Site of Low Significance due to small numbers of birds present and existence of other suitable roosting sites.	Trees and tall shrubs included in design for WRA to provide roosting sites for waterbirds.	No Residual Impact because loss of trees fully compensated by tree planting in WRA.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts to Foraging Ardeids	Impacts from loss of foraging habitat of Low to Moderate Significance due to the relatively small number of individuals involved, the suboptimal quality of the habitat and the presence of other suitable foraging locations nearby.	Habitat suitable for foraging ardeids will be compensated in WRA.	No net loss of habitat, therefore No Residual Impact during operation phase. Unavoidable Low Impact during construction phase but this will be temporary, restricted to the first year of construction.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.

Description of Potential Impact	Significance of Impact without Mitigation	Approved Mitigation Measures	Significance of Impact after Adoption of Mitigation Measures	Additional Potential Impact	Additional mitigation measures proposed under current Application, for any additional potential impact(s)	Residual Impact
Impacts to Other Bird Species	Impacts to other bird species of conservation importance (Black Kite, Oriental Pratincole, Little Ringed Plover, Pacific Swift, Zitting Cisticola, Red-billed Starling and White-shouldered Starling) of Low Significance because the Application Site does not provide habitat for locally-important populations of any of these species.	Impacts to these species considered to be of Low Significance due to low numbers of individuals present, therefore further mitigation measures not required. Design of the WRA will, however, provide habitat for these species which will compensate for habitat loss on site.	Impacts of Low Significance during construction of the WRA but No Significant Impacts to these bird species after construction completed.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts to Herpetofauna	No Significant Impact because no species of conservation importance present in the Application Site.	None required but WRA will compensate for any habitat loss.	No Significant Impact.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts to Scarlet Basker	Impacts of Low Significance because of very small numbers present in Application Site and current status of the species in Hong Kong.	Mitigation not required because impacts of Low Significance, but design of WRP should provide suitable habitat to compensate for any habitat loss.	Residual impacts of Very Low Significance.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts to Danaid Egg-fly	No Significant Impact because no evidence that the species breeds within the Application Site.	Mitigation not required but inclusion of larval food plant (Portulaca oleracea) in landscape planting will enhance value of Application Site for the species.	No Significant Impact, planting of larval food plant may provide net ecological benefit.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.

Description of Potential Impact	Significance of Impact without Mitigation	Approved Mitigation Measures	Significance of Impact after Adoption of Mitigation Measures	Additional Potential Impact	Additional mitigation measures proposed under current Application, for any additional potential impact(s)	Residual Impact
Disturbance Impacts to Adjacent Fishponds	Impacts of disturbance to waterbirds in nearby fishponds of Moderate to High Significance due to the importance of these ponds to waterbirds and their proximity to the northern edge of the Application Site.	Site layout designed to prevent human disturbance at northern boundary and greatest human impacts furthest from wetlands. No public access to WRA and rest of Application Site to be screened from fishponds by landscape planting.	Operation phase impacts outside Application Site of Very Low Significance because presence of WRA will distance human activity from fishpond areas. Operation phase disturbance impacts to WRA of Low Significance.	Insignificant potentially additional impact due to the increase in building height from 2-storey to 3-storey.	The completed WRA will continue to be the buffer as approved.	No adverse impact
		Barriers during construction phase to block noise and visual disturbance to fishponds. Timing of work in WRA during wet season at the start of construction period; after completion WRA will provide buffer from rest of construction work.	Impacts during construction of WRA of Low Significance but temporary. Other construction phase impacts of Very Low Significance.		Remains valid.	
Indirect Impacts to Off-site Drainage Channels	Impacts from pollution of watercourses downstream of the Application Site are considered to be of Moderate Significance. Changes in surface runoff of Low Significance because magnitude small in comparison to existing flow in the channel.	Good site practice during construction phase to avoid pollution of watercourses. Connection to trunk sewer during Operation phase to prevent discharge into watercourses and Deep Bay.	Pollution risks during construction and operation phase avoided, therefore No Significant Impact. Changes in surface runoff of Low Significance because magnitude small in comparison to existing flow in the channel.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Indirect Impacts to Other Habitats in Assessment Area	No Significant Impacts to other habitats because these are small and/or show no ecological linkage to the Application Site.	No mitigation measures necessary.	No Significant Impacts.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.

Description of Potential Impact	Significance of Impact without Mitigation	Approved Mitigation Measures	Significance of Impact after Adoption of Mitigation Measures	Additional Potential Impact	Additional mitigation measures proposed under current Application, for any additional potential impact(s)	Residual Impact
Pollution Impacts to Watercourses and Deep Bay	Impacts to watercourses downstream of the Application Site are considered to be of Moderate Significance. Pollution impacts to Deep Bay generally of Low Significance due to the small size of the Application Site relative to the size of the bay, but serious pollution events (especially chemical pollution) into the bay would be of Moderate to High Significance.	Good site practice during construction phase to avoid pollution of watercourses and Deep Bay. Connection to trunk sewer during Operation phase to prevent discharge into watercourses and Deep Bay.	Pollution risks during construction and operation phase avoided, therefore No Significant Impact.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts from Habitat Fragmentation	No Significant Impacts because Application Site is on the edge of the wetland ecosystem and does not form a link between other habitats in the area.	Wetland habitats present in Application Site will be incorporated into single WRA, integrated with wetland habitats outside Application Site.	No Significant Impacts outside Application Site.	No additional impact,	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Cumulative Impacts of Wetland Loss	Overall impacts would be of High Significance if Deep Bay ecosystem was compromised. Contribution from the Application Site would be of Low Significance.	Loss of 4.69 ha of wetland habitats in Application Site mitigated by provision of 4.74 ha of wetland in WRA.	Loss of wetland habitat fully compensated, so No Residual Impact. Potentially a small net ecological gain due to protection of wetland habitats in WRA.	No additional impact.	Remains valid. Documented ecological gain, based on the monitoring results of implemented WRA from EM&A reports, comparing with the baseline in EIA.	No adverse impact.
Indirect Impacts to Species of	of Conservation Importance					
Indirect Impacts to Vegetation	No impacts to species of conservation importance because none present in Assessment Area. Impacts of Low Significance to other vegetation during construction phase due to dust deposition.	Measures to control dust emissions during construction phase.	Impacts to vegetation outside Application Site of Very Low Significance.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.

Description of Potential Impact	Significance of Impact without Mitigation	Approved Mitigation Measures	Significance of Impact after Adoption of Mitigation Measures	Additional Potential Impact	Additional mitigation measures proposed under current Application, for any additional potential impact(s)	Residual Impact
Indirect Impacts to Mammals	No Significant Impact because no species of conservation importance recorded in Assessment Area, and low-density mammal populations present.	No mitigation necessary.	No Significant Impacts.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Disturbance to Waterbirds of Conservation Importance	Construction-phase disturbance of Moderate to High Significance due to the importance of fishponds to waterbirds and their proximity to the northern edge of the Application Site. Post-construction disturbance impacts of Moderate Significance if human activity is present close to fishpond areas.	Site layout designed to prevent human disturbance at northern boundary and greatest human impacts furthest from wetlands. No public access to WRA and rest of the Application Site to be screened from fishponds by landscape planting. Removal of current potential disturbance from container storage adjacent to fishponds.	Operation phase impacts outside Application Site of Very Low Significance because presence of WRA will distance human activity from fishpond areas. Operation phase disturbance impacts to WRA of Low Significance. Impacts during construction of WRA of Low Significance but temporary. Other construction phase impacts of Low Significance.	Insignificant potentially additional impact due to the increase in building height from 2-storey to 3-storey.	Remains valid. The completed WRA will continue to be the buffer as approved. Proposed increase the buffer planting within residential portion from 2.5m to 5m for further screening effect.	No adverse impact.
		Barriers during construction phase to block noise and visual disturbance to fishponds. Timing of work in WRA during wet season at the start of construction period; after completion WRA will provide buffer from rest of construction work.		No additional potential impact.	Remains valid. The completed WRA will continue to be the buffer as approved.	No adverse impact

Description of Potential Impact	Significance of Impact without Mitigation	Approved Mitigation Measures	Significance of Impact after Adoption of Mitigation Measures	Additional Potential Impact	Additional mitigation measures proposed under current Application, for any additional potential impact(s)	Residual Impact
Impacts to Mai Po Village Egretry	Impacts to Mai Po Village egretry of Low to Moderate Significance. Flight paths would be impacted by development in the north of the Application Site, in which case impacts would be of Low to Moderate Significance. Noise disturbance at egretry during construction considered to be of Low Significance.	Loss of wetland foraging habitat to be compensated by provision of equal area of suitable habitat in WRA. Impacts to flight paths to be minimised by location of residential area on southern side of Application Site and by MLP design involving building heights of 2.5/3 storeys and 4 storeys. Noise disturbance to be minimised by adoption of appropriate site management techniques.	No Significant Impact from loss of habitat in operation phase, but unavoidable Low Impact during construction of WRA. Low Impact to flight paths. Very Low Impact to egretry due to noise disturbance during construction phase.	No additional potential impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts to Other Egretries	Impacts of Not Significant at the Mai Po Lung egretry, as there is no evidence that these birds forage in the Application Site or fly over to reach other foraging sites. No Significant Impact from noise disturbance.	Loss of wetland foraging habitat to be compensated by provision of equal area of suitable habitat in WRA.	No Impacts to Mai Po Lung egretry. Impacts to Tam Kon Chau due to habitat loss of Low Significance during construction of WRA, but No Net Impact during operation phase.	No additional potential impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
	Impacts to Tam Kon Chau Egretry of Low Significance because some birds may forage within the Application Site and a few birds fly low over the north of the Application Site. Noise disturbance considered to be of Low Significance.	Impacts to flight paths to be minimised by location of residential area on southern side of Application Site and by MLP design involving building heights of 2.5/3 storeys and 4 storeys. Noise disturbance to be minimised by adoption of appropriate site management techniques.	Low Impact to flight paths from Tam Kon Chau. Very Low Impact to Tam Kon Chau due to noise disturbance during construction phase.	Tam Kon Chau Egretry has been abandoned since 2008.	N/A	N/A

Description of Potential Impact	Significance of Impact without Mitigation	Approved Mitigation Measures	Significance of Impact after Adoption of Mitigation Measures	Additional Potential Impact	Additional mitigation measures proposed under current Application, for any additional potential impact(s)	Residual Impact
Impacts to Bird Flight Paths	Impacts of Low Significance for development in the south of the Application Site. Impacts of Moderate Significance in the northern or northwestern part of the Application Site, particularly along Flight paths 1, 2, 4 and 5.	Layout of the Application Site will restrict residential development to southern part of Application Site, with tallest buildings closest to existing residential estates. Building heights will be 2.5/3 storeys and 4 storeys and will therefore not be significantly higher than in surrounding residential estates.	Operation phase impacts of Very Low Significance because location and height of buildings will not obstruct existing flight paths.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Impacts to Other Fauna	Only species of conservation importance recorded were Scarlet Basker and Danaid Egg-fly, with only single individuals recorded of each. Overall No Significant Impact to herpetofauna, dragonflies, butterflies or aquatic invertebrates.	No mitigation measures required.	No Significant Impacts.	No additional impact.	Remains valid.	No adverse impact.
Direct Impact to WRA	N/A	N/A	N/A	No additional impact.	N/A	No adverse impact.
Indirect Impact to WRA	N/A	N/A	N/A	Insignificant potentially additional impact due to the increase in building height from 2-storey to 3-storey.	The completed WRA will continue to be the buffer as approved. Proposed increase the buffer planting within residential portion from 2.5m to 5m for further screening effect.	No adverse impact.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1.1 Since the proposed amendments relate only to the layout of residential development and design of house units, no major ecological impact is expected to the implemented WRA and wetland habitats in the WCA and the proposed SPS WCP. The changes in the proposed scheme are only on the residential portion. Those 2-storey houses abutting the WRA in the approved S16 scheme (A/YL-MP/344), are proposed to increase to 3-storey detached/semi-detached houses. The basement car parking in the approved S16 scheme, is proposed to be relocated at ground level. The buffer planting between the implemented WRA and the residential area will be completed prior to the operational phase of the Project.
- 5.1.2 No additional impact is anticipated due to the relocation of basement car parking space to ground level.
- 5.1.3 No major flightlines in latest surveys is over the residential portion of the proposed development. Only one minor flightline is recorded over the residential portion. No impedance of flightline is expected. No additional flightline impact is predicted as the increase in building height is minimal.

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Appendix

Appendix A

Fauna Species recorded in EM&A reports between December 2023 – November 2024

All survey findings summarised in Appendix A are retrieved from EM&A reports by Mott MacDonald Hong Kong Ltd.

Table A1 Mammal Species Recorded within Survey Area (excluding WRA)

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Japanese Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus abraums	Cap. 170	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
No. of species of conserva	ation importance		1
Total no. of species record	ded		1

Notes:

- 1. Conservation and protection status refers to Fellowes et al. (2002), IUCN (2024), Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016), CSIS (2019), CITES (2024), Cap. 170 and Cap. 586.
 - a. Cap. 170 = Wild Animals Protection Ordinance.
- 2. Distribution and rarity follow the data of HKBIH (AFCD, 2024).

Table A2 Mammal Species Recorded within WRA

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Short-nosed Fruit Bat	Cynopterus sphinx	RLCV (NT); Cap. 170	Very widely distributed in urban and countryside areas throughout Hong Kong.	
Japanese Pipistrelle Pipistrellus abraums Cap. 170		Cap. 170	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.	
Leopard Cat	Prionailurus bengalensis	RLCV (VU); CSMPS (I); CITES (II); Cap. 170; Cap. 586	Widely distributed in countryside areas throughout Hong Kong, except for Lantau Island.	
Eurasian Wild Pig	Sus scrofa	-	Very widely distributed in countryside areas throughout Hong Kong.	
No. of species of conservation importance			3	
Total no. of species record	ded		4	

- 1. Conservation and protection status refers to Fellowes et al. (2002), IUCN (2024), Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016), CSIS (2019), CITES (2024), Cap. 170 and Cap. 586.
 - a. Conservation status by Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016): NT = Near-threatened; VU = Vulnerable.
 - b. Protection status by CITES (2024): II = Listed in Appendix II of CITES.
 - c. Protection status by CSMPS (CSIS, 2019): I = Class I Protected Species in China.
 - d. Cap. 170 = Wild Animals Protection Ordinance.
 - e. Cap. 586 = Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance.
- 2. Distribution and rarity follow the data of HKBIH (AFCD, 2024).

Table A3 Bird Species Recorded within Survey Area (excluding WRA)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	RC	Abundant winter visitor to the intertidal areas of Deep Bay typically present October to April.
Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula	LC	Abundant winter visitor.
House Swift	Apus nipalensis	-	Locally abundant resident and passage migrant, mainly in spring. Much lower numbers now occur on migration compared with the 1980s and 1990s.
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	CSMPS(II)	Widespread and common resident typically present in mangroves and shrub dominated closed and open-canopy habitats, usually in lowland areas.
Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus	-	Very common resident, with increased numbers in autumn suggesting the presence of passage migrants.
Large Hawk-cuckoo	Hierococcyx sparverioides	-	Common summer visitor.
Indian Cuckoo	Cuculus Micropterus	-	Breeding summer visitor, which is locally common but less widespread than in the past.
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	-	A locally common breeding resident in the northwest New Territories with scattered records elsewhere. First recorded in 1999 and placed on Category IIB in 2007, it is slowly increasing in numbers and range.
Red Turtle Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica	-	A common passage migrant, especially in autumn, and scarce winter visitor, mainly to the Deep Bay area, with occasional summer records. Numbers appear to have increased in recent years and summer records have become more frequent, but there is no evidence that breeding has occurred.
Spotted Dove	Spilopelia chinensis	-	Common and conspicuous resident in all anthropogenic habitats.
Eastern Water Rail	Rallus indicus	-	Scarce winter visitor to freshwater or brackish marsh.
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	-	Scarce to uncommon winter visitor, scarce at other times, in vegetated wetland habitats of the northern New Territories, though appears to be in decline due to urbanisation and more intensive management of commercial fishponds.
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	-	Common resident in a variety of freshwater and brackish wetland habitats, though numbers are declining probably due to urbanisation of the New Territories.
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	LC	Common in open freshwater wetlands in the northwest New Territories, though declining in marginal areas probably due to increased human disturbance and draining of wetlands.
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus Himantopus	RC	Common to abundant in freshwater marsh, brackish Gei Wai and commercial fishponds. Has increased greatly since winter 2005/06 and small numbers now breed in most years.
Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius	(LC)	Present all year. Primarily an autumn passage migrant and winter visitor to fresh and brackish water wetlands but breeds in small numbers in ephemeral freshwater wetland habitat.
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to vegetated freshwater wetlands, most numerous in autumn.
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	-	Scarce passage migrant, slightly more numerous in spring, and rare summer visitor; much declined. Occurs in vegetated freshwater wetlands.
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	-	Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor, rare in summer; occurs in a wide variety of freshwater wetlands.
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis	RC	Scarce passage migrant, slightly more numerous in spring, and rare summer visitor; much declined. Occurs in vegetated freshwater wetlands.
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	LC	Common migrant and winter visitor to freshwater wetlands, with some evidence of a decline in numbers.
Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus	RC	Scarce passage migrant, slightly more numerous in spring, and rare summer visitor; much declined. Occurs in vegetated freshwater wetlands.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	-	Common passage migrant, scarce in winter; occurs mainly in fishpond and freshwater wetland areas, but also in inshore and occasionally, offshore waters.	
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus	-	Passage migrant, common in spring and scarce in autumn; mostly seen over fishponds or freshwater marsh in the Deep Bay area but also occasionally in coastal waters. Numbers have possibly declined since the 1990s.	
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	PRC	Abundant winter visitor to Deep Bay area and both inshore and offshore waters.	
Yellow Bittern	Ixobrychus sinensis	(LC)	Common summer visitor and passage migrant to wetland areas primarily in the Deep Bay area, scarce in winter. Numbers of breeding birds and passage migrants have substantially decreased.	
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	(LC)	Abundant passage migrant and winter visitor and uncommon breeding species. Occurs in variety of wetland habitats throughout Hong Kong.	
Chinese Pond Heron	Ardeola bacchus	PRC (RC)	Common at a variety of freshwater and brackish wetlands across Hong Kong throughout the year; both migratory and resident populations occur.	
Eastern Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	(LC)	Present all year in vegetated fresh and brackish water wetland areas; highest numbers in the wet season, after breeding and during autumn migration.	
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	PRC	Abundant winter visitor; scarce in summer. Has bred. Frequents wetlands throughout Hong Kong but concentrated in Deep Bay area.	
Great Egret	Ardea alba	PRC (RC)	Present all year in larger and more open brackish and freshwater wetlands. Most numerous in late autumn and least in April. Migrants pass through mainly in autumn, and a large breeding population has established in Deep Bay in recent years.	
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia	RC	Common on passage but scarce at other times of year mainly in freshwater wetland areas. Appears to have increased in numbers over past 60 years.	
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	PRC (RC)	Present all year in a wide variety of fresh and non-freshwater wetland habitats. An influx of birds occurs in the winter months.	
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	LC; CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Common passage migrant in autumn, scarce at other times; occurs in open country habitats mainly in the northwest New Territories.	
Crester Goshawk	Accipiter trivirgatus	CITES(II); CSMPS(II); Cap.586	Common resident in forest areas, but also hunts in open country.	
Besra	Accipiter virgatus	CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Present all year. Numbers highest in autumn when passage migrants occur in diverse wooded areas and lowest in summer when it breeds in closed-canopy shrubland.	
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	(RC); CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Present all year throughout Hong Kong, numbers lowest in summer and highest during autumn migration.	
Eastern Buzzard	Buteo japonicus	CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Common autumn passage migrant and winter visitor, scarce in spring. Occurs in widespread areas of Hong Kong in most non-urban habitats.	
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	(LC); CSMPS(II)	Present all year with numbers highest in the second half. Much declined, particularly in the breeding season. Occurs mainly in Deep Bay wetlands in the winter, but in mixed shrubland and farmland habitats in the breeding season.	
Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	-	Common in autumn and winter, scarce in spring and summer; frequents a wide variety of lowland, largely freshwater wetlands, though also forages at the coast. The migrant population is probably much declined.	
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	(LC)	Locally uncommon resident, mainly in freshwater and brackish wetland. In decline.	

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	(LC); CSMPS(II); CITES(I); Cap.586	Present all year, with the resident subspecies peregrinator breeding and birds from northerly breeding populations present in winter.
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	LC	Formerly a widespread and fairly common breeding species with occasional winter records. Last proven to breed in 2003 and now a scarce passage migrant and rare winter visitor.
Black-naped Oriole	Oriolus chinensis	-	Occurs year-round in open broadleaf woodland or forest-edge areas, most abundant during autumn passage.
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus	-	Common summer visitor, larger numbers on passage especially autumn, and regular in winter in low numbers. Occurs in open country areas with scattered trees or artificial perches.
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	-	Common breeding resident in open-canopy shrubland and open-country with sufficient perches and nest sites.
Azure-winged Magpie	Cyanopica cyanus	-	Locally common breeding resident in the Deep Bay area centred around Mai Po.
Collared Crow	Corvus torquatus	LC; IUCN(VU)	Locally common resident.
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	-	Largely resident, occurs throughout Hong Kong.
Japanese Tit	Parus minor	-	Abundant resident in diverse wooded and lightly-wooded habitats.
Chinese Bulbul	Pycnonotus sinensis	-	Abundant resident in nearly all habitats; HK's most widespread bird. Also occurs as a passage migrant and winter visitor.
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	-	Abundant or common resident in nearly all habitats; Hong Kong's second most widespread bird.
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	-	Widespread and common.
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus proregulus	-	Uncommon to common winter visitor and passage migrant to wooded areas.
Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fusccatus	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to open country areas with shrubs.
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris	-	Common resident in grassland, reed marsh and rank or herbaceous vegetation, and thus highest densities occur in the northwest New Territories.
Plain Prinia	Prinia inornate	-	Locally common resident in grassy habitat mainly in the northwest New Territories.
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	-	Common widespread resident in diverse habitats of forest, shrubby grassland and landscaped urban areas.
Swinhoe's White-eye	Zosterops simplex	-	Widespread abundant resident.
Masked Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus perspicllatus	-	A common resident of anthropogenic and disturbed habitats throughout Hong Kong.
Crested Myna	Acridotheres cristatellus	-	Abundant and widespread resident in diverse lowland habitats.
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	-	Locally common resident population considered to derive from ex-captive birds.
Red-billed Starling	Spodiopsar sericeus	GC	Abundant winter visitor to open country areas though the range appears to be reducing. A few breeding records in village houses and an urban park.
White-cheeked Starling	Spodiopsar cineraceus	PRC	Locally common but declining winter visitor, with recent breeding records.
Black-collared Starling	Gracupica nigricollis	-	Common, widespread resident of lowland open-country , village and urban habitats.
White-shouldered Starling	Sturnia sinensis	(LC)	Locally common passage migrant and breeding species and an uncommon winter visitor to open country habitat mainly in the northwest New Territories.
Chinese Blackbird	Turdus mandarinus	-	Common migrant and winter visitor, scarce but increasing breeding species in northwest New Territories.
Grey-backed Thrush	Turdus hortulorum	-	Common winter visitor and uncommon passage migrant to diverse wooded areas.
Oriental Magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis	-	Abundant, widespread resident over a wide range of habitats.
Red-throated Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to open country or lightly-wooded habitats.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Daurian Redstart	Phoenicurus auroreus	-	Common winter visitor to lightly wooded areas.	
Amur Stonechat	Saxicola stejnegeri	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to open country areas.	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	-	An abundant resident, commensal with humans and found in all lowland anthropogenic habitats, especially in active farmland, around fishponds and in city parks.	
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulate	-	Locally common resident in open country grassland, farmland, wetland and waste ground. Largely restricted to the lowland northern New Territories.	
White-rumped Munia	Lonchura striata	-	Common in lightly wooded urban fringe and village edge habitats, largely resident but aggregations occur in seeding grassland and rice fields.	
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla tschutschensis	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor.	
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor	
Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni	-	Common winter visitor and passage migrant to wooded, semi-wooded and open-country habitats with wooded areas nearby.	
Little Bunting	Emberiza pusilla	-	Uncommon from November to April with weak passage in autumn and spring.	
Black-faced Bunting Emberiza spodocephala -		-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to a diverse range of vegetated often damp open-country areas. Generally, the commonest and most widespread bunting in Hong Kong. Numbers have declined however, especially in spring.	
No. of species of conservation importance			31	
No. of species of conservation importance and/or wetland-dependent Total no. of species recorded			40	
			80	

- 1. Conservation and protection status refers to Fellowes et al. (2002), IUCN (2024), Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016), CSIS (2019), CITES (2024), Cap. 170 and Cap. 586.
 - a. Conservation status by Fellowes *et al.* (2002): GC = Global Concern; LC = Local Concern; PRC = Potential Regional Concern; RC = Regional Concern. Letters in parentheses indicate that the assessment is on the basis of restrictedness in breeding and/or roosting sites rather than in general occurrence.
 - b. Conservation status by IUCN (2024): VU = Vulnerable.
 - c. Protection status by CITES (2024): I = Listed in Appendix I of CITES; II = Listed in Appendix II of CITES.
 - d. Protection status by CSMPS (CSIS, 2019): II = Class II Protected Species in China.
 - e. Cap. 586 = Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance.
- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows the data of the latest version of The Avifauna of Hong Kong (HKBWS, 2024).
- 3. Species considered as of wetland-dependent in this study are indicated in bold type.

Table A4 Bird Species Recorded within WRA

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Savanna Nightjar	Caprimulgus affinis	-	Locally common resident in grassland and open country, with some seasonal movements.	
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	CSMPS(II)	Widespread and common resident typically present in mangroves and shrub dominated closed and open-canopy habitats, usually in lowland areas.	
Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus	-	Very common resident, with increased numbers in autumn suggesting the presence of passage migrants.	
Plaintive Cuckoo	Cacomantis merulinus	-	Locally fairly common summer visitor, scarce passage migrant and winter visitor, with some individuals likely to be resident. Occurs in lowland rural areas of mixed habitats, often in agricultural areas.	
Large Hawk- cuckoo	Hierococcyx sparverioides	-	Common summer visitor	
Indian Cuckoo	Cuculus Micropterus	-	Breeding summer visitor, which is locally common but less widespread than in the past.	
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	-	A locally common breeding resident in the northwest New Territories with scattered records elsewhere. First recorded in 1999 and placed on Category IIB in 2007, it is slowly increasing in numbers and range.	
Red Turtle Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica	-	A common passage migrant, especially in autumn, and scarce winter visitor, mainly to the Deep Bay area, with occasional summer records. Numbers appear to have increased in recent years and summer records have become more frequent, but there is no evidence that breeding has occurred.	
Spotted Dove	otted Dove Spilopelia chinensis -		Common and conspicuous resident in all anthropogenic habitats.	
Common Gallinula		Scarce to uncommon winter visitor, scarce at other times, in vegetated wetland habitats of the northern New Territories, though appears to be in decline due to urbanisation and more intensive management of commercial fishponds.		
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	-	Common resident in a variety of freshwater and brackish wetland habitats, though numbers are declining probably due to urbanisation of the New Territories.	
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	LC	Common in open freshwater wetlands in the northwest New Territories, though declining in marginal areas probably due to increased human disturbance and draining of wetlands.	
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus RC Common to abundant in freshwater		Common to abundant in freshwater marsh, brackish Gei Wai and commercial fishponds. Has increased greatly since winter 2005/06 and small numbers now breed in most years.	
Greater Painted- snipe	Painted- Rostratula benghalensis LC Present all year in areas of freshwater marsh and wet ag higher due to presence of migrants from the north.		Present all year in areas of freshwater marsh and wet agriculture; numbers in winter are higher due to presence of migrants from the north.	
Pintail/Swinhoe's Snipe	Gallinago stenura / megala	LC for Swinhoe's Snipe	-	
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to vegetated freshwater wetlands, most numerous in autumn.	

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Common Sandpiper			Scarce passage migrant, slightly more numerous in spring, and rare summer visitor; much declined. Occurs in vegetated freshwater wetlands.
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	-	Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor, rare in summer; occurs in a wide variety of freshwater wetlands.
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola	LC	Common migrant and winter visitor to freshwater wetlands, with some evidence of a decline in numbers.
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	RC	Abundant passage migrant and common winter visitor to Deep Bay area, with scattered records elsewhere.
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	-	Common passage migrant, scarce in winter; occurs mainly in fishpond and freshwater wetland areas, but also in inshore and occasionally, offshore waters.
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	PRC	Abundant winter visitor to Deep Bay area and both inshore and offshore waters.
Yellow Bittern	lxobrychus sinensis	(LC)	Common summer visitor and passage migrant to wetland areas primarily in the Deep Bay area, scarce in winter. Numbers of breeding birds and passage migrants have substantially decreased.
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	(LC)	Abundant passage migrant and winter visitor and uncommon breeding species. Occurs in variety of wetland habitats throughout Hong Kong.
Chinese Pond Heron	Ardeola bacchus	PRC (RC)	Common at a variety of freshwater and brackish wetlands across Hong Kong throughout the year; both migratory and resident populations occur.
Eastern Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	(LC)	Present all year in vegetated fresh and brackish water wetland areas; highest numbers in the wet season, after breeding and during autumn migration.
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	PRC	Abundant winter visitor; scarce in summer. Has bred. Frequents wetlands throughout HK but concentrated in Deep Bay area.
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	RC	Present all year in vegetated wetlands almost exclusively in the Deep Bay area. Most numerous during autumn passage. Peak counts have decreased since the early 1980s.
Great Egret	Ardea alba	PRC (RC)	Present all year in larger and more open brackish and freshwater wetlands. Most numerous in late autumn and least in April. Migrants pass through mainly in autumn, and a large breeding population has established in Deep Bay in recent years.
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia	RC	Common on passage but scarce at other times of year mainly in freshwater wetland areas. Appears to have increased in numbers over past 60 years.
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	PRC (RC)	Present all year in a wide variety of fresh and non-freshwater wetland habitats. An influx of birds occurs in the winter months.
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	LC; CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Common passage migrant in autumn, scarce at other times; occurs in open country habitats mainly in the northwest New Territories.
Crester Goshawk	Accipiter trivirgatus	CITES(II); CSMPS(II); Cap.586	Common resident in forest areas, but also hunts in open country.
Besra	Accipiter virgatus	CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Present all year. Numbers highest in autumn when passage migrants occur in diverse wooded areas and lowest in summer when it breeds in closed-canopy shrubland.

Common Name	Name Scientific Conservation & Status Protection Status Status		Status in Hong Kong ²
Eastern Marsh Harrier	Circus spilonotus	LC; CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Common winter visitor and passage migrant, most numerous in autumn. Mainly occurs in Deep Bay area wetlands.
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	(RC); CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Present all year throughout Hong Kong, numbers lowest in summer and highest during autumn migration.
Eastern Buzzard	Buteo japonicus	CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Common autumn passage migrant and winter visitor, scarce in spring. Occurs in widespread areas of Hong Kong in most non-urban habitats.
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	(LC); CSMPS(II)	Present all year with numbers highest in the second half. Much declined, particularly in the breeding season. Occurs mainly in Deep Bay wetlands in the winter, but in mixed shrubland and farmland habitats in the breeding season.
Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	-	Common in autumn and winter, scarce in spring and summer; frequents a wide variety of lowland, largely freshwater wetlands, though also forages at the coast. The migrant population is probably much declined.
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	(LC)	Locally uncommon resident, mainly in freshwater and brackish wetland. In decline.
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	CSMPS(II); CITES(II); Cap.586	Common passage migrant in autumn, uncommon winter visitor, scarce passage migrant in spring and very rare in summer; occurs in open country areas.
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	-	Occurs year-round in open broadleaf woodland or forest-edge areas, most abundant during autumn passage.
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus	-	Common summer visitor, larger numbers on passage especially autumn, and regular in winter in low numbers. Occurs in open country areas with scattered trees or artificial perches.
Black Drongo		-	Common breeding resident in open-canopy shrubland and open-country with sufficient perches and nest sites.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	Urocissa erythroryncha	-	Common resident, particularly in shrubland, forest edge, large parks and the urban fringe.
Collared Crow	Corvus torquatus	LC; IUCN(VU)	Locally common resident.
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	-	Largely resident, occurs throughout Hong Kong.
Japanese Tit	Parus minor	-	Abundant resident in diverse wooded and lightly-wooded habitats.
Chinese Bulbul	Pycnonotus sinensis	-	Abundant resident in nearly all habitats; Hong Kong's most widespread bird. Also occurs as a passage migrant and winter visitor.
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	-	Abundant or common resident in nearly all habitats; Hong Kong's second most widespread bird.
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	-	Widespread and common.
Yellow-browed Warbler	Phylloscopus inornatus	-	Common and widespread winter visitor and passage migrant.
Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fusccatus	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to open country areas with shrubs.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Oriental Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus orientalis	-	Passage migrant, common in autumn, uncommon in spring, and scarce to rare in winter and summer. Mainly occurs in reed marsh and tall grass associated with wetlands.	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	-		Common resident in grassland, reed marsh and rank or herbaceous vegetation, and thus highest densities occur in the northwest New Territories.	
Plain Prinia	Prinia inornate	-	Locally common resident in grassy habitat mainly in the northwest New Territories.	
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	-	Common widespread resident in diverse habitats of forest, shrubby grassland and landscaped urban areas.	
Swinhoe's White- eye	Zosterops simplex	-	Widespread abundant resident.	
Masked Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus perspicllatus	-	A common resident of anthropogenic and disturbed habitats throughout Hong Kong.	
Crested Myna	Acridotheres cristatellus	-	Abundant and widespread resident in diverse lowland habitats.	
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	-	Locally common resident population considered to derive from ex-captive birds.	
Black-collared Starling	Gracupica nigricollis	-	Common, widespread resident of lowland open-country , village and urban habitats.	
Chinese Blackbird	Turdus mandarinus	-	Common migrant and winter visitor, scarce but increasing breeding species in northwest New Territories.	
Grey-backed Thrush	Turdus hortulorum	-	Common winter visitor and uncommon passage migrant to diverse wooded areas.	
Oriental Magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis	-	Abundant, widespread resident over a wide range of habitats.	
Siberian Rubythroat	Calliope calliope	CSMPS(II)	Common winter visitor and passage migrant to open- and closed-canopy shrubland, reed marsh, mangrove edge and open country areas with shrubs.	
Red-throated Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to open country or lightly-wooded habitats.	
Daurian Redstart	Phoenicurus auroreus	-	Common winter visitor to lightly wooded areas.	
Amur Stonechat	Saxicola stejnegeri	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor to open country areas.	
Fork-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga christinae	-	Abundant resident species in diverse wooded habitats.	
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulate	-	Locally common resident in open country grassland, farmland, wetland and waste ground. Largely restricted to the lowland northern New Territories.	
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla tschutschensis	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor.	
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba	-	Common passage migrant and winter visitor	

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong²	
Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni	-	Common winter visitor and passage migrant to wooded, semi-wooded and open-country habitats with wooded areas nearby.	
Little Bunting		-	Uncommon from November to April with weak passage in autumn and spring.	
No. of species of c	No. of species of conservation importance		28	
No. of species of conservation importance and/or wetland-dependent			36	
Total no. of specie	s recorded		75	

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 - a. Conservation status by Fellowes et al. (2002): LC = Local Concern; PRC = Potential Regional Concern; RC = Regional Concern. Letters in parentheses indicate that the assessment is on the basis of restrictedness in breeding and/or roosting sites rather than in general occurrence.
 - b. Conservation status by IUCN (2024): VU = Vulnerable.
 - c. Protection status by CITES (2024): II = Listed in Appendix II of CITES.
 - d. Protection status by CSMPS (CSIS, 2019): II = Class II Protected Species in China.
 - e. Cap. 586 = Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance.
- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows the data of the latest version of The Avifauna of Hong Kong (HKBWS, 2024).
- 3. Species considered as of wetland-dependent in this study are indicated in bold type.

Table A5 Amphibian Species Recorded within Survey Area (excluding WRA)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Asian Common Toad	Duttaphrynus melanostictus	-	Widely distributed in Hong Kong.
Asiatic Painted Frog	Kaloula pulchra	-	Widely distributed in Hong Kong.
Brown Tree Frog	Polypedates megacephalus	-	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
No. of species of conservation	importance	0	
Total no. of species recorded		3	
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- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows the data of HKBIH (AFCD, 2024).

Table A6 Amphibian Species Recorded within WRA

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Asian Common Toad	Duttaphrynus melanostictus	-	Widely distributed in Hong Kong.
Asiatic Painted Frog	Kaloula pulchra	-	Widely distributed in Hong Kong.
Ornate Pigmy Frog	Microhyla fissipes	-	Widely distributed in Hong Kong.
Paddy Frog	Fejervarya multistriata	-	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
Chinese Bullfrog	Hoplobatrachus chinensis	PRC; RLCV (EN); CSMPS (II)	Widely distributed in Hong Kong.
Günther's Frog	Günther's Frog Sylvirana guentheri -		Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
Brown Tree Frog	Polypedates megacephalus	-	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
No. of species of conservation impor	tance	1	
Total no. of species recorded		7	

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 - a. Conservation status by Fellowes et al. (2002): PRC = Potential Regional Concern.
 - b. Conservation status by Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016): EN = Endangered; NT = Near-threatened.
 - c. Protection status by CSMPS (CSIS, 2019): II = Class II Protected Species in China.
- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows the data of HKBIH (AFCD, 2024).

Table A7 Reptile Species Recorded within Survey Area (excluding WRA)

Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Hemidactylus bowringii -		Distributed throughout Hong Kong.	
Checkered Keelback Fowlea flavipunctata -		Widely distributed in streams in the New Territories and Lantau Island.	
tance	0		
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	Hemidactylus bowringii Fowlea flavipunctata	Hemidactylus bowringii - Fowlea flavipunctata -	

- 1. Conservation and protection status refers to Fellowes et al. (2002), IUCN (2024), Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016), CSIS (2019), CITES (2024), Cap. 170 and Cap. 586.
- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows the data of HKBIH (AFCD, 2024).

Table A8 Reptile Species Recorded within WRA

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Long-tailed Skink	Eutropis longicaudata	-	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
Four-clawed Gecko	Gehyra mutilata	RLCV (VU)	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
Bowring's Gecko	Hemidactylus bowringii	-	Distributed throughout Hong Kong.
Common Rat Snake	Ptyas mucosus	PRC; RLCV (EN); CITES (II); Cap. 586	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
Many-banded Krait	Bungarus multicinctus	PRC; RLCV (VU); IUCN (VU)	Common and widely distributed in Hong Kong.
Checkered Keelback	Fowlea flavipunctata	-	Widely distributed in streams in the New Territories and Lantau Island.
No. of species of conservation importance			3
Total no. of species recorded			6

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 - a. Conservation status by Fellowes et al. (2002): PRC = Potential Regional Concern.
 - b. Conservation status by IUCN (2024): VU = Vulnerable.
 - c. Conservation status by Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016): EN = Endangered; VU = Vulnerable.
 - d. Protection status by CITES (2024): II = Listed in Appendix II of CITES.
 - e. Cap. 586 = Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance.
- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows the data of HKBIH (AFCD, 2024).

Table A9 Odonate Species Recorded within Survey Area (excluding WRA)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Wandering Midget	Agriocnemis pygmaea	-	Widely distributed in marshes, abandoned paddy fields and weedy pond margins throughout Hong Kong.	
Orange-tailed Sprite	Ceriagrion auranticum	-	Widely distributed in weedy ponds, marshes, abandoned fields or grasslands adjacent to waters.	
Common Bluetail	Ischnura senegalensis	-	Widely distributed in all wetland habitats except fast flowing rivers throughout Hong Kong.	
Common Flangetail	Ictinogomphus pertinax	-	Widely distributed in ponds and still water throughout Hong Kong.	
Asian Pintail	Acisoma panorpoides	-	Widely distributed in marshes and weedy ponds throughout Hong Kong.	
Asian Amberwing	Brachythemis contaminata	-	Widely distributed in weedy ponds and sluggish streams.	
Crimson Darter	Crocothemis servilia	-	Widely distributed in cultivated areas, ponds and marshes throughout the New Territories.	
Coastal Glider	Macrodiplax cora	LC	Frequents marshes and ponds with dense vegetation, especially adjacent to coastal areas.	
Russet Percher	Neurothemis fulvia	-	Found in marshes, cultivated areas, streams, tanks and irrigation feeders, sometimes even found in nearly dried out marshy areas. Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.	
Pied Percher	Neurothemis tullia	-	Favours marshes and abandoned rice paddies. Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.	
Green Skimmer	Orthetrum sabina	-	Widely distributed in all wetland habitats throughout Hong Kong.	
Wandering Glider	Pantala flavescens	-	Widely distributed all over Hong Kong.	
Pied Skimmer	Pseudothemis zonata	-	Widely distributed in woodlands adjacent to reservoirs, sluggish streams, ponds, tanks and marshes throughout Hong Kong.	
Variegated Flutterer	Rhyothemis variegata	-	Widely distributed in marshes, ponds and tanks throughout Hong Kong.	
No. of species of conservation importance			1	
Total no. of species recorded		14		

- 1. Conservation and protection status refers to Fellowes *et al.* (2002), IUCN (2024), Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang *et al.*, 2016), CSIS (2019), CITES (2024), Cap. 170 and Cap. 586.

 a. Conservation status by Fellowes *et al.* (2002): LC = Local Concern.
- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows the data of HKBIH (AFCD, 2024).

Table A10 Odonate Species Recorded within WRA

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Orange-tailed Midget	Agriocnemis femina	-	Widely distributed in disused paddy fields, marshes, ditches and weedy ponds margins.
Wandering Midget	Agriocnemis pygmaea	-	Widely distributed in marshes, abandoned paddy fields and weedy pond margins throughout Hong Kong.
Orange-tailed Sprite	Ceriagrion auranticum	-	Widely distributed in weedy ponds, marshes, abandoned fields or grasslands adjacent to waters.
Common Bluetail	Ischnura senegalensis	-	Widely distributed in all wetland habitats except fast flowing rivers throughout Hong Kong.
Blue Sprite	Pseudagrion microcephalum	LC	Found in lowland streams and ponds; often perches on aquatic plants just above the water surface. Population scattered all over Hong Kong and established in Hong Kong Wetland Park.
Orange-faced Sprite	Pseudagrion rubriceps	-	Widely distributed in ponds and weedy margins of slow flowing streams.
Yellow Featherlegs	Copera marginipes	-	Widely distributed in lowland streams, ditches, and weedy margins of pond throughout Hong Kong.
Pale-spotted Emperor	Anax guttatus	-	Widely distributed in ponds and sluggish streams throughout Hong Kong.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Common Flangetail	Ictinogomphus pertinax	-	Widely distributed in ponds and still water throughout Hong Kong.	
Asian Pintail	Acisoma panorpoides	-	Widely distributed in marshes and weedy ponds throughout Hong Kong.	
Blue Dasher	Brachydiplax chalybea	-	Widely distributed in marshes and weedy ponds throughout Hong Kong	
Asian Amberwing	Brachythemis contaminata	-	Widely distributed in weedy ponds and sluggish streams.	
Crimson Darter	Crocothemis servilia	-	Widely distributed in cultivated areas, ponds and marshes throughout the New Territories.	
Blue Percher	Diplacodes trivialis	-	Widespread, especially in late summer, when it can be found almost everywhere in Hong Kong.	
Forest Chaser	Lyriothemis elegantissima	-	Frequents marshes beside woodlands. Widespread throughout Hong Kong.	
Russet Percher	Neurothemis fulvia	-	Found in marshes, cultivated areas, streams, tanks and irrigation feeders, sometimes even found in nearly dried out marshy areas. Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.	
Pied Percher	Neurothemis tullia	-	Favours marshes and abandoned rice paddies. Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.	
Red-faced Skimmer	Orthetrum chrysis	-	Widely distributed in pools and marshy areas adjacent to flowing streams throughout Hong Kong.	
Green Skimmer	Orthetrum sabina	-	Widely distributed in all wetland habitats throughout Hong Kong.	
Wandering Glider	Pantala flavescens	-	Widely distributed all over Hong Kong.	
Pied Skimmer	Pseudothemis zonata	-	Widely distributed in woodlands adjacent to reservoirs, sluggish streams, ponds, tanks and marshes throughout Hong Kong.	
Ruby Darter	Rhodothemis rufa	LC	Widely distributed in ponds and marshes with dense floating plants.	
Variegated Flutterer	Rhyothemis variegata	-	Widely distributed in marshes, ponds and tanks throughout Hong Kong.	
Evening Skimmer	Tholymis tillarga	-	Widely distributed in marshes, weedy ponds and tanks throughout Hong Kong.	
Saddlebag Glider	Tramea virginia	-	Widely distributed in trees adjacent to ponds and lakes throughout Hong Kong.	
Scarlet Basker	Urothemis signata	LC	Common in areas with abandoned fishponds throughout Hong Kong.	
No. of species of conservation importance			3	
Total no. of species recorded		26		

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- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows the data of HKBIH (AFCD, 2024).

Table A11 Butterfly Species Recorded within Survey Area (excluding WRA)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²	
Common Straight Swift	Parnara guttata	-	Common	
Pale Grass Blue	Zizeeria maha	-	Very Common	
Common Hedge Blue	Acytolepis puspa	-	Common	
Common Evening Brown	Melanitis leda	-	Uncommon	
Dark-brand Bush Brown	Mycalesis mineus	-	Very Common	
Common Palmfly	Elymnias hypermnestra	-	Common	
Blue-spotted Crow	Euploea midamus	-	Very Common	
Rustic	Cupha erymanthis	-	Very Common	
Great Egg-fly	Hypolimnas bolina	-	Very Common	
Common Sailer	Neptis hylas	-	Very Common	
Common Mormon	Papilio polytes	-	Very Common	
Spangle	Papilio protenor	-	Very Common	
Lime Butterfly	Papilio demoleus	-	Uncommon	
Tailed Jay	Graphium agamemnon	-	Common	
Lemon Emigrant	Catopsilia pomona	-	Very Common	
Common Grass Yellow	Eurema hecabe	-	Very Common	
Red-base Jezebel	Delias pasithoe	-	Very Common	
No. of species of conservation impo	rtance		0	
Total no. of species recorded			18	

- 1. Conservation and protection status refers to Fellowes et al. (2002), IUCN (2024), Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016), CSIS (2019), CITES (2024), Cap. 170 and Cap. 586.
- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows Pun (2024).

Table A12 Butterfly Species Recorded within WRA

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Common Awl	Hasora badra	LC	Rare
Chinese Dart	Potanthus confucius	-	Common
Common Straight Swift	Parnara guttata	-	Common
Rare Swift	Parnara ganga	-	Uncommon
Paintbrush Swift	Baoris farri	-	Rare
Silver Streak Blue	Iraota timoleon	-	Uncommon
Tailless Line Blue	Prosotas dubiosa	-	Uncommon
Pale Grass Blue	Zizeeria maha	-	Very Common

Common Name	Scientific Name	Conservation & Protection Status ¹	Status in Hong Kong ²
Lesser Grass Blue	Zizina otis	-	Common
Common Hedge Blue	Acytolepis puspa	-	Common
Common Evening Brown	Melanitis leda	-	Uncommon
Dark Evening Brown	Melanitis phedima	-	Common
Dark-brand Bush Brown	Mycalesis mineus	-	Very Common
Common Palmfly	Elymnias hypermnestra	-	Common
Plain Tiger	Danaus chrysippus	-	Uncommon
Blue-spotted Crow	Euploea midamus	-	Very Common
Great Egg-fly	Hypolimnas bolina	-	Very Common
Common Mapwing	Cyrestis thyodamas	-	Common
Angled Castor	Ariadne ariadne	-	Common
Common Archduke	Lexias pardalis	-	Uncommon
Common Sailer	Neptis hylas	-	Very Common
Common Mormon	Papilio polytes	-	Very Common
Paris Peacock	Papilio paris	-	Very Common
Common Bluebottle	Graphium sarpedon	-	Very Common
Tailed Jay	Graphium agamemnon	-	Common
Lemon Emigrant	Catopsilia pomona	-	Very Common
Common Grass Yellow	Eurema hecabe	-	Very Common
Three-spot Grass Yellow	Eurema blanda	-	Common
Red-base Jezebel	Delias pasithoe	-	Very Common
No. of species of conservation importance		2	
Total no. of species recorded		31	

- 1. Conservation and protection status refers to Fellowes et al. (2002), IUCN (2024), Red List of China's Vertebrates (RLCV) (Jiang et al., 2016), CSIS (2019), CITES (2024), Cap. 170 and Cap. 586.
 - a. Conservation status by Fellowes *et al.* (2002): LC = Local Concern.
- 2. Status in Hong Kong follows Pun (2024).