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1 Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to seek Members' agreement that:

- (a) the draft Po Toi Islands Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/I-PTI/C (Appendix I) and its Notes (Appendix II) are suitable for consultation with the Islands District Council (IsDC) and Lamma Island (South) Rural Committee (RC); and
- (b) the Explanatory Statement (ES) (**Appendix III**) is an expression of the planning intention and objectives of the Town Planning Board (the Board) for the various land use zonings of the draft OZP and is suitable for consultation with IsDC and RC together with the draft OZP.

2 <u>Background</u>

- 2.1 On 20 February 2012, under the power delegated by the Chief Executive (CE), the Secretary for Development (SDEV) directed the Board, under section 3(1)(b) of the Ordinance, to prepare a Development Permission Area (DPA) Plan for Po Toi Islands (the Area).
- 2.2 On 2 March 2012, the draft Po Toi Islands DPA Plan No. DPA/I-PTI/1 was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Town Planning Ordinance (the Ordinance). During the plan exhibition period, a total of 173 valid representations were received. When the representations were published, 725 comments were received. After giving consideration to the representations and comments on 28 September 2012, the Board noted the supportive views of the representations and decided not to amend the draft DPA Plan to meet the representations.
- 2.3 On 12 March 2013, the CE in Council (CE in C) approved the draft Po Toi Islands DPA Plan, which was subsequently renumbered as DPA/I-PTI/2. On 22 March 2013, the approved Po Toi Islands DPA Plan No. DPA/I-PTI/2 was exhibited for public inspection under section 9(5) of the Ordinance.
- 2.4 Pursuant to section 20(5) of the Ordinance, the Po Toi Islands DPA Plan is effective for a period of three years until 2 March 2015. As such, an OZP has to be prepared to replace the DPA Plan in order to maintain statutory planning control over the Area upon expiry of the DPA Plan.

2.5 On 21 November 2014, under the power delegated by CE, SDEV directed the Board, under section 3(1)(a) of the Ordinance, to prepare an OZP to cover the Area.

3 <u>Strategic Planning Context</u>

- 3.1 The Area (about 550ha) comprises a group of islands located at the southern-most of Hong Kong, which include mainly Po Toi (about 369ha), Mat Chau (about 3ha), Beaufort Island (about 120ha), Sung Kong (about 48ha) and Waglan Island (about 10ha). The Area generally has a hilly terrain and is covered by rocky outcrops and vegetations including mangroves, woodland vegetation including large mature trees and shrubland with tree clumps (**Plan 1**). Some developments/structures are found at Po Toi and Waglan Island. Mat Chau, Beaufort Island and Sung Kong are virtually uninhabited.
- 3.2 The Area has a rural and natural setting with scientific importance and conservation value which are unique in Hong Kong. Within the Area, the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation (DAFC) considers that a major part of Po Toi has high ecological value worthy of conservation. Po Toi is an important re-fuelling stop for migratory birds, and hosts one of the few natural population of Romer's Tree Frog (*Liuixalus romeri*, 盧氏小樹 蛙) in Hong Kong. In addition, most of the streams on Po Toi are largely natural and unpolluted. They should be preserved from the nature conservation point of view.
- 3.3 In view of the natural attributes, ecological diversity and landscape qualities, the Area was highlighted as Significant Land Conservation Areas and recommended for conservation in Territorial Development Strategy Review (TDSR) (1998) (**Plan 4**). The surrounding water bodies were also recognised as Significant Marine Conservation Areas in TDSR. Such strategy was reaffirmed in the South West New Territories Development Strategy Review (2001). Due consideration should be given to its conservation value when development at or near this area is proposed.
- 3.4 The planning framework for the Area is to protect the natural scenic character of the Area from the uncontrolled developments and avoid disturbances to areas with high ecological, landscape and geological values. Details of the land use considerations are contained in the Planning Report on Po Toi Islands at **Appendix IV**. Some major issues in relation to the proposed zonings are stated in the following paragraphs.

4 <u>Issues Arising from Consideration of the DPA Plan</u>

- 4.1 During the consideration of the representations to the draft DPA Plan on 28 September 2012, the following proposals from major groups were put forward for the Board's consideration (**Plan 5**):
 - (a) the Lamma Island (South) Rural Committee (RC) and villagers

suggested that the "Village Type Development" ("V") zone should be enlarged to the southwest of the existing village clusters at Tai Wan to accommodate the Small House demand of villagers in Po Toi and south Lamma Island;

- (b) the private lot owners near Kwan Kee Store at southwest Po Toi and some individuals suggested to rezone the land to "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") use to permit memorial garden and/or columbarium developments; and
- (c) the green/concern groups and some individuals suggested to designate conservation zonings on Po Toi, e.g. "Conservation Area" ("CA"), "Coastal Protection Area" ("CPA") and "Site of Special Scientific Interest" ("SSSI") and ultimately designate Po Toi as Country Park (CP) to reflect its scientific, ecological and recreational values.
- 4.2 On 28 September 2012, the Board decided not to uphold the representations nor propose amendment to the DPA Plan. The Board also noted the suggestions of green/concern groups on conservation zonings. It was agreed that detailed studies and analysis would be conducted to determine the appropriate land use zonings of the concerned area in the preparation of the OZP stage.

5 <u>Object of the Plan</u>

- 5.1 The object of the Plan is to indicate the broad land-use zonings for the Area so that the development and redevelopment within the Area can be put under statutory planning control. It also provides a planning framework for preparing detailed non-statutory plans which form the basis for public works planning and site reservation for various uses.
- 5.2 The draft OZP is to illustrate the broad principles of development and to provide guidance for more detailed planning. It is a small-scale plan and the boundaries between the land use zones may be subject to minor adjustments as detailed planning and development proceed.

6 The Planning Scheme Area (Plans 1 to 3)

- 6.1 The Area covers a total area of about 550ha. It comprises a group of islands located at the southern-most of Hong Kong, which include mainly Po Toi (about 369ha), Mat Chau (about 3ha), Beaufort Island (about 120ha), Sung Kong (about 48ha) and Waglan Island (about10 ha). The boundary of the Area is shown by a heavy broken line on the Plan (**Appendix I**).
- 6.2 Po Toi is the southern-most island in Hong Kong and is the largest among the five islands. It has a hilly terrain and is covered by rocky outcrops and vegetations including mangroves, woodland vegetation including large mature trees and shrubland with tree clumps. It is largely natural in character with scattered rural settlements at Tai Wan and Wan Tsai (**Figure 4b in**

Appendix IV). According to the 2011 Census, the existing population at Po Toi is about 50. In 2011/2012, activities involving vegetation clearance and laying of concrete slabs were found in the southwest Po Toi (**Figure 5g in Appendix IV**).

6.3 Waglan Island is the eastern-most outlying island in the Area. The southern part of the island is covered by rocky outcrops with limited vegetated areas of shrubs and grasses whilst the northern part of the island has a rocky surface (**Figure 5i in Appendix IV**). Mat Chau, Beaufort Island and Sung Kong are isolated islands within the Area. They have a hilly terrain and are covered by rocky outcrops and woodland vegetation including mature trees and shrubland with tree clumps (**Figure 4b in Appendix IV**).

7 <u>Development Proposals Received in the Course of Preparation of the Plan</u>

- 7.1 Since the gazettal of the draft DPA Plan on 2 March 2012, there has been no planning application received in the Area. In the course of preparing the OZP, the following proposals/views have been received (**Plan 6**):
 - (a) proposed campsite development on Po Toi Island submitted by Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong;
 - (b) proposals of local residents for provision of more GIC facilities and infrastructure in Po Toi including, inter alia, public toilet, emergency rescue services (in particular the provision of helicopter landing pad for emergency use), electricity/water supplies and public transport provision;
 - (c) proposed designation of areas at southeast Po Toi and near Tai Tam Wan (Lau Shui Hang) (Plan 7) as SSSI and ultimately as Country Park/Marine Park to preserve its unique natural habitat with high ecological and scientific values submitted by green/concern groups; and
 - (d) proposed extension of the "V" zone to areas at southwest Po Toi and provisions for holiday house development within the private lots at Po Toi upon application to the Board submitted by RC.
- 7.2 Planning Assessments on the above proposals/views are provided in paragraphs 3.5.2 to 3.5.12 in **Appendix IV**.

8 <u>Land Use Planning Considerations (Plan 7)</u>

Conservation of Natural Landscape

8.1 The Area has a rural and natural setting with scientific importance and conservation value which are unique in Hong Kong, particularly at Po Toi. Owing to its geographical position, Po Toi is considered as a crucial re-fuelling stop for migratory birds. More than 300 bird species, such as

Hodgson's Redstart (*Phoenicurus hodgsoni*, 黑喉紅尾鴝), Dark-throated Thrush (*Turdus ruficollis*, 赤頸鶇), Brown Hawk Owl (*Ninox scutulata*, 鷹 鴞), Blue-winged Pitta (*Pitta moluccensis*, 馬來八色鶇) and Oriental Honey Buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhyncus*, 鳳頭蜂鷹) have been recorded. Po Toi is also one of the only four sites in Hong Kong with natural populations of Romer's Tree Frog (*Liuixalus romeri*, 盧氏小樹蛙), an "Endangered" species under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species and has a diverse assemblage of over 60 species of butterflies. Besides, Waglan Island is known to be a breeding site for terns. Some plant species of conservation interest are recorded in Beaufort Island and Po Toi such as *Eulophia flava* (黃花美冠蘭), *Podocarpus macrophyllus* (羅漢松), *Polygala polifolia* (小花遠志) and *Rungia chinensis* (中華孩兒 草).

- 8.2 According to the "Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong" (2005) prepared by the Planning Department (PlanD), the overall landscape character of these islands is remote, rugged and visually dramatic. Except the village settlements on Po Toi, other islands are undeveloped. The coastal areas of Tai Wan and Wan Tsai are covered with coastal woodland vegetation including large native mature trees within Po Toi Village, mangroves and shrubland with tree clumps, which serves as a significant ecological resource to sustain the migratory birds. The large native mature trees also serve as a village and cultural landscape feature of high landscape coastal amenity. The dense woodland vegetation at the back of Po Toi Village is also a significant landscape feature. The coastal area of Po Toi Islands also has high landscape value. Generally, the character of the coastal landscape is open, coherent, tranquil, remote and reasonably varied due to the visual complexity of the island group.
- 8.3 The Area also features steep rocky coast and low cliffs from 100mPD to 270mPD with geological formations of high landscape value. Especially on Po Toi, there are some well-known geological formations in granite rock along the coastline e.g. Buddha's Palm Cliff, Tortoise Rock and Coffin Rock. Rock Carvings on Po Toi are Declared Monuments of particular historic and cultural significance. The southern coast of Po Toi also has high landscape scenic and cultural significance. Generally, the character of the landscape is open, coherent, tranquil, remote and reasonably varied (due to the visual complexity of the islands). The unique landscape resources and the character of the Area should be preserved. Any large scale development with extensive site formation and vegetation clearance should be avoided as it would cause irreversible adverse landscape and ecological impacts. Small scale development with conservation purposes that is compatible with the existing landscape context is recommended for Po Toi.

Accessibility and Infrastructural Constraints

8.4 One of the development constraints in the Area is the limited frequency and capacity of the ferry services. Only one kaito ferry service between Po Toi and Aberdeen is operated on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with additional services from Stanley to Po Toi on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

Within the Area, only Po Toi is accessible by footpaths and hiking trails.

8.5 The electricity and water supply facilities in the Area are limited. There are also no drainage and sewerage systems in the Area. Any development that will lead to increases in population or number of visitors to the Area would require additional facilities. For any development or redevelopment, the project proponent should address how sewage and/or other wastewater, if any, produced could be collected, treated and discharged.

Need for upgrading/improvements of domestic structures

8.6 The domestic structures on Po Toi are mainly one- to two-storey tenement houses built using temporary materials, which may require improvement or redevelopment. There may be potential for the landowners/occupants of the existing structures on Po Toi to pool their land holding for low-rise low-density residential development to optimise the use of land and to achieve a more orderly layout. The residential development should blend in with the rural character, and avoid overloading the limited infrastructure of the Area and causing adverse environmental impact.

Education and Recreation Potentials

8.7 The Area has unique ecological, landscape, geological and cultural heritage resources with high scientific and archaeological values. These resources, most of which are concentrated on Po Toi, should be preserved. The places of scientific and archaeological interests are connected by a footpath network originating from the public pier in Tai Wan. Nevertheless, the frequency of the existing kaito service has limited the public access to these places. Provision of appropriate education facilities with overnight accommodation, e.g. holiday camp/tenting site, in Po Toi can facilitate public understanding of the Area's unique environment while at the same time unleash the recreation potential of the Area without resulting in adverse environmental and ecological impacts. The area near Tai Wan Public Pier, which is more accessible and consists of private lots with building entitlements, may be a suitable location for such development. In view of the unique natural and rural environment of the Area with high conservation value, the scale and character of such development should be compatible with the natural and rural characters of the Area. Owing to the limited transport facilities, utilities and infrastructure, as well as the need to conserve the Area's rural and natural setting with high conservation value, large-scale recreation and/or tourism development in the Area should be avoided.

Land for Village Development

8.8 In general, the OZP will reflect, amongst others, the existing recognised villages and designate areas considered suitable for provision of village expansion. For the subject OZP, the only recognised village in the Area is Po Toi Village and its 'Village Environ' ('VE') covers an area of about 3.27ha (**Plan 8a**). The domestic structures within the village are predominantly one-to two-storey tenement houses held on a short term tenancy basis.

- 8.9 Since the publication of the DPA Plan, as stated in paragraphs 4.1(a) and 7.1(d) above, the RC has been asking for reservation of sufficient land in the Area for Small House development to cope with the Small House demand in the Area as well as in southern Lamma Island. Specifically, RC requested to designate the areas at southwest Po Toi near Tai Wan Public Pier as "V" zone (**Plans 6 and 7**). On the contrary, the green/concern groups considered that the "V" zone boundary should be confined to the existing village clusters and exclude ecologically sensitive areas and natural habitats.
- 8.10 Noting the concerns of RC/local residents and the green/concern groups, the Small House demand of Po Toi Village has been assessed by obtaining the latest information on the 10-year forecast of Small House demand from the District Lands Officer/Islands, Lands Department (DLO/Is, LandsD) in 2014. As advised by DLO/Is, LandsD, the 10-year Small House demand forecast for Po Toi Village is 20. The figure remains unchanged when the DPA Plan was prepared in 2012. There are also no approved or outstanding Small House applications in the village. As the Indigenous Inhabitant Representative (IIR) of Po Toi Village is currently vacant, the indigenous villager's status of applicants for Small House development cannot be certified. Nevertheless, Small House development at suitable areas within the 'VE' by designating "V" zone should be provided to cater for the future demand.
- 8.11 Based on PlanD's preliminary estimate, the total land area required for meeting the total Small House demand of 20 houses is about 0.5 ha. With reference to the Small House demand and 'VE' for the recognised village as enumerated above, PlanD has analysed the site conditions of the area within 'VE' taking into account of the existing village settlement, approved and outstanding Small House applications¹, infrastructural constraints, environmental conditions and natural terrain of the Area. Consideration has also been given to the consolidation of Small House development at suitable locations in order to avoid undesirable disturbances to the natural environment and overtaxing the limited infrastructure in the Area. Based on an incremental approach, it is considered that the future demand for Small House development could be met by redeveloping the temporary domestic structures erected on Government land and by expanding the "Village Type Development" ("V") zone to the relatively flat area to the north of the existing "V" zone. Such approach could achieve a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land as well as provision of infrastructures and services in areas around the existing village settlements (Table 1 and Plan 10).
- 8.12 The currently proposed "V" zone covers a total area of 0.71ha. It falls entirely within the 'VE'. The area reserved for Small House development comprises mainly vacant land with some areas occupied by temporary structures. The total developable land reserved for Small House developments amounts to about 0.23ha, equivalent to about 9 Small House sites (**Table 1**). This can satisfy about 46% of the total 10-year forecast of Small House demand in the Area (i.e. 9 out of 20). Although the area of the

¹ There are no outstanding/approved Small House applications being processed/approved by DLO/Is, LandsD or the Board since the first gazettal of the draft Po Toi Islands DPA Plan in 2012.

proposed "V" could not meet all the current forecast of Small House demand, it should be noted that the Small House demand forecast is only one of the many factors in considering the "V" zone. The forecast is provided by the Rural Committee to LandsD and could be subject to changes over time for reasons like demographic changes (birth/death) as well as aspiration of indigenous villagers currently living outside the village, local and overseas, to move back to Po Toi in future. Though there is no mechanism in the planning stage to verify the authenticity of the figures, the respective DLO would verify the status of the Small House applicant at the stage of Small House grant application. Under the provision of the OZP, the villagers could still apply for Small House development/redevelopment of Small House to the Board under the planning permission system within the areas zoned "Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)"), "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC"), "Green Belt" ("GB") and "Conservation Area" ("CA") as appropriate.

Table 1 – Table showing the Small House Demand for Po Toi Village

Demand	l figures 2012	Demand in 2	U	'VE'	"V"	"V"	Required land to	Available land to	Percentage of the new
Outstanding	1012 10-year	Outstanding	014 10-year	Approx. Area	zone area on	zone on draft	meet	meet new	demand
Application	forecast	Application	forecast	(ha)	DPA	OZP(ha)	new	demand	met by
					Plan		demand	(ha)	available
					(ha)		(ha)		land (%)
0	20	0	20	3.27	0.56	0.71	0.5	0.23^{*}	46%

Note:

Includes land area currently occupied by temporary domestic structures/squatters which can be redeveloped into Small Houses.

9 <u>Planning Intention</u>

The general planning intention for the Area is to conserve the areas of high ecological significance with scientific value, to protect the unique landscape, rural and natural characters and to make provision for future Small House development for the indigenous villagers of the Area. It is also intended to provide planning guidance and control improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings.

10 Land Use Zonings (Plan 9)

10.1 In the preparation of various land use zones in the Area, consideration has been given to the natural environment, physical landform, existing land use pattern, demand for Small Houses and availability of infrastructure and local development opportunities. The Following land uses are proposed to be designated on the Plan.

10.2 *Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)")* Total Area: 0.48ha

- (a) The planning intention of this zone is primarily for improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures within the rural areas through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings. It is also intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments subject to planning permission from the Board.
- (b) This zone mainly covers the areas to the southwest of Po Toi Village outside its 'VE'. This area is mainly occupied by one- to two-storey temporary structures built years ago. Most of the structures are occupied while some are ruins.
- (c) To allow for upgrading and improvement, redevelopment of existing temporary structures or existing building shall not result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building area of $37.2m^2$ and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the building area and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. Rebuilding of New Territories Exempted House (NTEH) and replacement of an existing domestic building which was in existence on the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft DPA Plan by a NTEH are always permitted in this zone. Apart from allowing residential upgrading, low-rise and low-density residential developments may be permitted on application to the Board. To be in line with the general development intensity of the surrounding areas, residential development including redevelopment for 'Flat' and 'House' (except 'NTEH') shall not result in a total development in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.4 and a maximum building height of 3 storeys (9m).
- (d) To provide flexibility for innovative design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and building height restrictions may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.
- (e) As diversion of streams or filling of pond may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.
- 10.3 *"Village Type Development" ("V")* Total Area: 0.71ha (**Plan 10**)
 - (a) The planning intention of this zone is to designate both existing recognized villages and areas of land considered suitable for village expansion. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village

development are always permitted on the ground floor of a NTEH. Other commercial and community uses may be permitted on application to the Board.

- (b) The boundary of the "V" zone is drawn up around existing clusters having regard to 'VE', the local topography, the existing settlement pattern, site characteristics as well as the estimated Small House demand. Areas of difficult terrain, dense vegetation, burial grounds, ecologically sensitive areas and streamcourses have been avoided where possible.
- (c) There is only one recognised village in the Area, namely Po Toi Village on Po Toi. Currently, there is a restaurant within the "V" zone. There are neither approved nor outstanding Small House applications within its 'VE' and the village is occupied by 2-storey village houses and temporary domestic structures.
- (d) In order to ensure that any future development or redevelopment within the village would retain the village character, no new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m) or the height of the existing building(s), whichever is greater. Minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.
- (e) As diversion of streams or filling of pond may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.
- (f) There is no existing sewer or planned public sewer for the Area, and at present, each house is typically served by its own on-site septic tanks and soakaway (STS) system. In accordance with the Environmental, Transport and Works Bureau's Technical Circular (Works) No. 5/2005, under the current administrative practice, for development proposals/submissions that may affect natural streams/rivers, the approving/processing authorities at various stages of the development should consult and collate comments from DAFC and relevant authorities and incorporate relevant comments/advice as conditions of approval wherever possible. For the protection of the water quality of the streams and sea, the design and construction of on-site STS system for any development proposals/submissions also need to comply with relevant standards and regulations, such as the Environmental Protection Department (EPD)'s ProPECC 5/93. Accordingly, the LandsD when processing Small House grant and applications in close proximity to existing stream courses should consult concerned departments including EPD, AFCD and PlanD to ensure that all relevant departments would have adequate opportunity to review and comment on the applications.

10.4 "Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC") Total Area: 0.24 ha

- (a) The planning intention of this zone is primarily for the provision of GIC facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.
- (b) The "G/IC" zone covers the Tin Hau Temple and the abandoned village school, i.e. Po Toi School at Po Toi, as well as the lighthouse and other government uses/facilities at southern Waglan Island. The abandoned village school site is zoned "G/IC" to reserve for further use by the Government. Flexibility is also provided in the "G/IC" zone for adaptive reuse of the vacant village school site to compatible Government, institution or community uses.
- (c) To preserve the rural and low-rise character of the Area, development/redevelopment within this zone should be restricted to the maximum building height as stipulated on the Plan or the height of building which was in existence on the date of first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the DPA Plan, whichever is greater.
- (d) To provide flexibility for innovative design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.
- (e) As diversion of streams or filling of pond may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.
- 10.5 Open Space ("O") Total Area: 0.10ha
 - (a) This zone is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.
 - (b) This zone covers areas in front of Tin Hau Temple and at the eastern fringe of Po Toi Village, which are being used as a stage for the Chinese operas performance during festive celebration. The piece of flatland at the eastern fringe of Po Toi Village will also be used as an emergency landing pad for helicopters.
- 10.6 "Other Specified Uses" ("OU") Total Area: 0.07ha
 - (a) The planning intention of this zone is for specified development(s) and/or uses, which is/are specified in the annotation of the zone. There is only one "OU" zone on the Plan, which is annotated 'Pier' and covers two sites currently used as piers located at Tai Wan, Po Toi and

Waglan Island.

- 10.7 *"Green Belt" ("GB")* Total Area: 150.47ha
 - (a) The planning intention of this zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.
 - (b) Areas with natural vegetation, woodland, hilly terrain, hillside shrubland and grassland have been designated as "GB" to protect existing green areas and preserve the hilly terrain in the Area.
 - (c) The "GB" zone mainly covers the vegetated hill slopes at Tai Wan and Wan Tsai, Po Toi; as well as those at Mat Chau, Beaufort Island and Sung Kong. There are two traditional burial grounds in the southern part of Po Toi within this zone. As they have been in existence before the first publication of DPA Plan, they are considered as an existing use intended for the burial of deceased indigenous villagers in the Area. To respect the local ritual and tradition, burial activities within this zone are generally tolerated.
 - (d) There is a general presumption against development within this zone. Development in this zone will be strictly controlled. Development proposals will be considered by the Board on individual merits taking into account the relevant Town Planning Board Guidelines.
 - (e) As diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities except public works coordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works.
- 10.8 "Coastal Protection Area" ("CPA") Total Area: 30.43ha
 - (a) The planning intention of this zone to conserve, protect and retain the natural coastlines and the sensitive coastal natural environment, including attractive geological features, physical landform or area of high landscape, scenic or ecological value, with a minimum of built development. It may also cover areas which serve as natural protection areas sheltering nearby developments against the effects of coastal erosion. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.
 - (b) This zone generally covers the coastal areas along the islands, which primarily consist of coastal vegetation, rocky and boulder coasts.

(c) New residential development is not permitted under this zone. Redevelopment of existing houses may be permitted on application to the Board. The redevelopment of an existing house shall not result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the house which was in existence on the date of the first publication of the DPA Plan.

(d) In view of the conservation value of the area within this zone, permission from the Board is required for diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land that may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment.

10.9 "Conservation Area" ("CA") Total Area: 367.17ha

- (a) This zone is intended to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological and topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to separate sensitive natural environment from the adverse effects of development. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.
- This zone covers most part of Po Toi which has scientific significance (b) and high conservation value. Migratory Birds, Romer's Tree Frog and butterflies are the three scientific interests contributed to the ecological and conservation importance of Po Toi. Owing to its geographical position, Po Toi is considered as a crucial re-fuelling stop for migratory birds. More than 300 bird species, such as Hodgson's Redstart (Phoenicurus hodgsoni, 黑喉紅尾鴝), Dark-throated Thrush (Turdus ruficollis, 赤頸鶇), Brown Hawk Owl (Ninox scutulata, 鷹鴞), Blue-winged Pitta (Pitta moluccensis, 馬來八色鶇) and Oriental Honey Buzzard (Pernis ptilorhyncus, 鳳頭蜂鷹) have been recorded. Po Toi is also one of the only four sites in Hong Kong with natural populations of Romer's Tree Frog (Liuixalus romeri, 盧氏小樹蛙), an "Endangered" species under the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, which could be found in the streams on Po Toi. The island also has a diverse assemblage of over 60 species of butterflies. The "CA" zone also covers the vegetated hill slopes and the rocky areas on Waglan Island, which has a natural character and is known to be a breeding site for terns.
- (c) It is intended that with stringent planning control imposed under this zoning, the rich ecological and biological features in the areas can be protected and preserved. New residential development is not permitted under this zone. Redevelopment of existing houses may be permitted on application to the Board. The redevelopment of existing houses shall not result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the house which was in existence on the date of

the first publication of the DPA Plan.

- (d) Within this zone, the area near Tai Wan Public Pier, which is more accessible and consist of private lots with building entitlements, may have potential for development of education and recreational facilities with overnight accommodation to allow visitors staying in the Area for a longer period of time for education/recreation activities. This can unleash the education and recreational poentials in the Area. Yet the feasibility of such development is subject to further assessments on environmental, ecological, traffic, infrastructure, sewerage, drainage, visual and landscape aspects, etc. Any development should not affect the unique natural environment within this zone.
- (e) Diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land may cause adverse drainage impacts on adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment. In view of the conservation value of the area within this zone, permission from the Board is required for such activities.
- 10.10 A comparison of land use zonings on the approved Po Toi Islands DPA Plan No. DPA/I-PTI/2 and the draft OZP No. S/I-PTI/C is shown in the table below:

Land Use	Area on Approved	Area on Droft OZD (ha) (h)	Difference
Zoning	DPA Plan (ha) (a)	Draft OZP (ha) (b)	(b) - (a)
"R(D)"	0	0.48	+0.48ha
"V"	0.56	0.71	+0.15ha
"G/IC"	0	0.24	+0.24ha
"O"	0	0.10	+0.10ha
"OU(Pier)"	0	0.07	+0.07ha
"GB"	0	150.47	+150.47ha
"CPA"	0	30.43	+30.43ha
"CA"	0	367.17	+367.17ha
Unspecified	549.11	0	-549.11ha
Use			
Total Area	549.67	549.67	0

11 Notes of the Plan

11.1 Attached to the Plan is a set of Notes which shows the types of uses or developments which are always permitted within the Area and other uses for which planning permission from the Board should be sought. The provision for application for planning permission under section 16 of the Ordinance allows flexibility in land-use planning and control of development to meet the changing needs. To provide flexibility for development with design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of specific development restriction(s) stated in the Notes for particular zones may be considered by the Board through planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual merits.

12 <u>Consultation</u>

- 12.1 The draft OZP together with its Notes and ES as well as the Planning Report has been circulated to relevant Government bureaux and departments for comments. Comments received have been incorporated into the draft OZP, its Notes and ES and the Planning Report as appropriate.
- 12.2 Subject to the agreement of the Board, the draft OZP No. S/I-PTI/C will be submitted to IsDC and RC for consultation. Comments from IsDC and RC will be submitted to the Board for consideration prior to the publication of the draft OZP under section 5 of the Ordinance.

13 Decision Sought

Members are invited to:

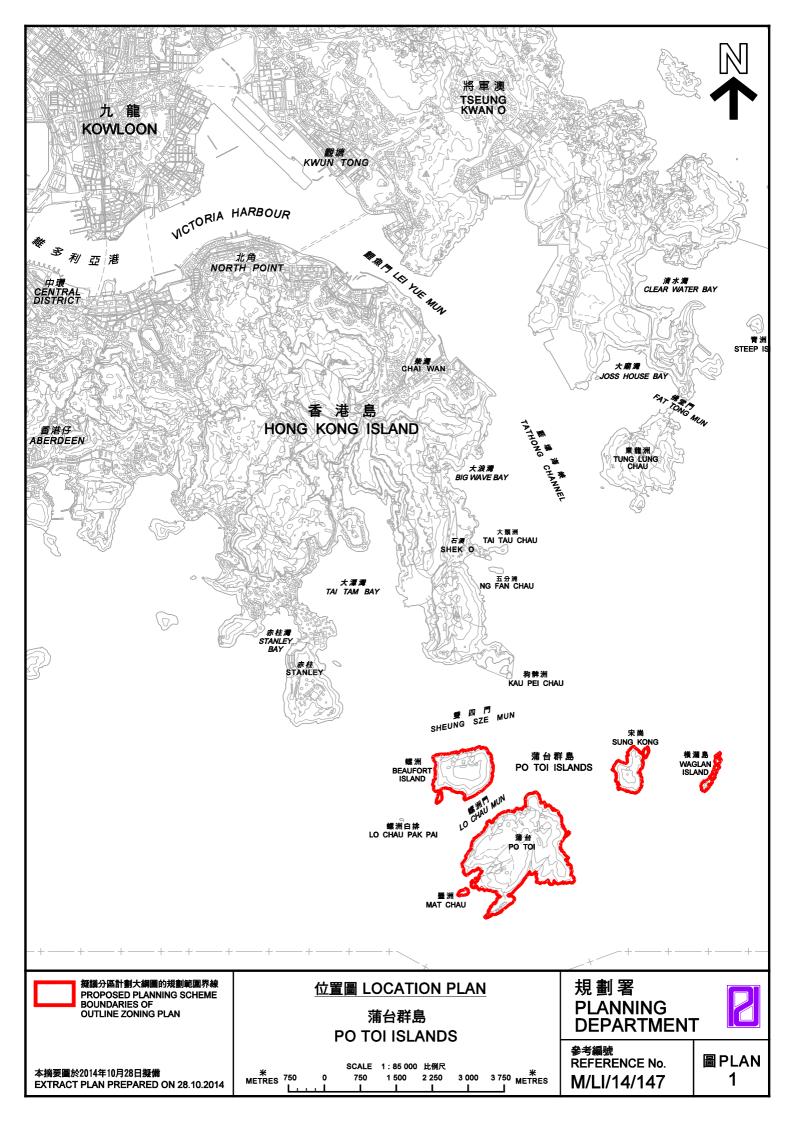
- (a) agree that the draft Po Toi Islands Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/I-PTI/C
 (Appendix I) together with its Notes (Appendix II) is suitable for consultation with IsDC and RC;
- (b) agree that the ES (**Appendix III**) is suitable to serve as an expression of the planning intention and objectives of the Board for the various land use zonings of the draft OZP and the ES should be issued under the name of the Board; and
- (c) agree that the ES (**Appendix III**) is suitable for consultation with IsDC and RC together with the draft OZP.

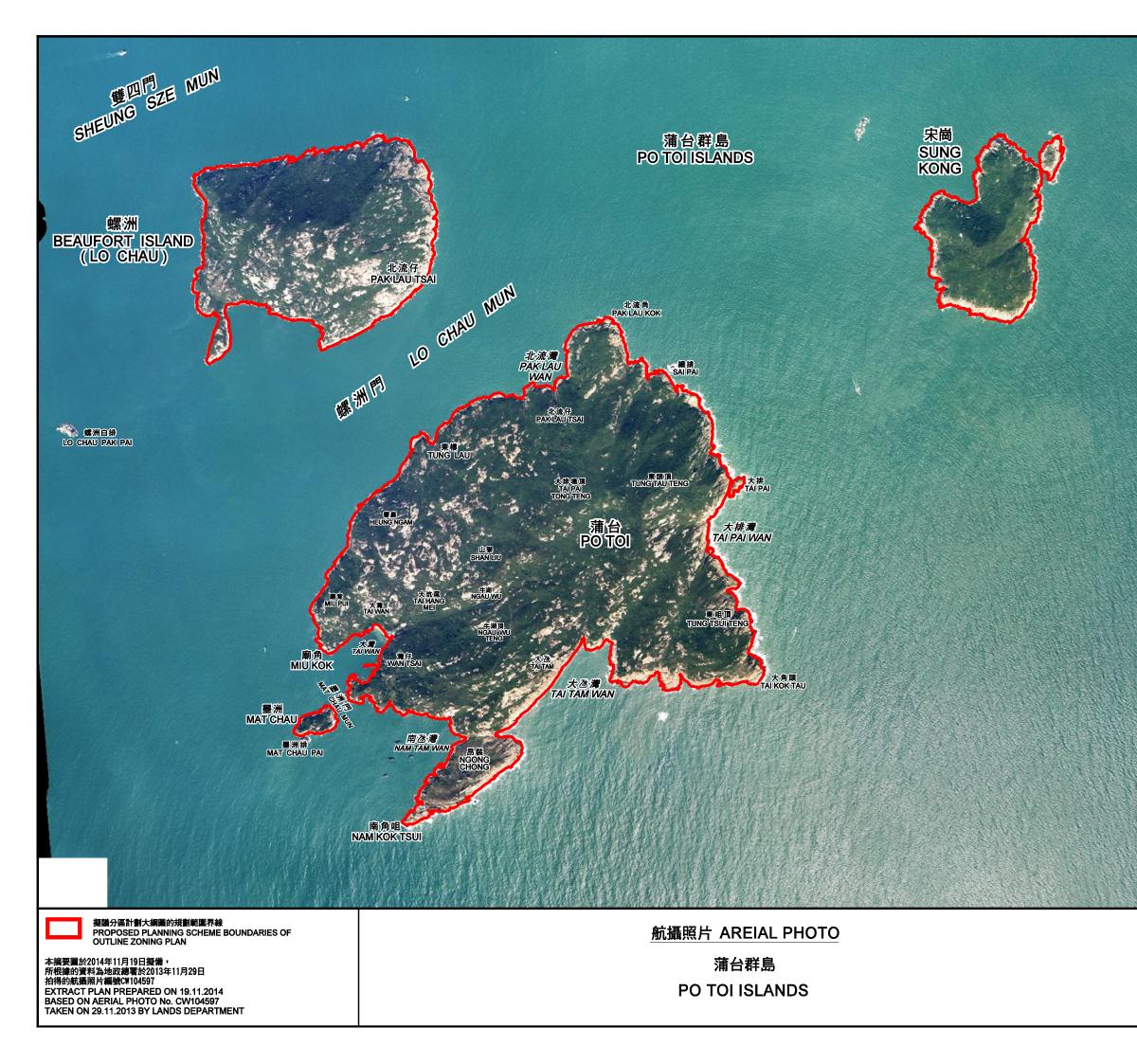
14 <u>Attachments</u>

Plan 1	Location Plan of the Planning Scheme Area
Plan 2	Aerial Photo
Plan 3	Existing Physical Features
Plan 4	Territorial Development Strategy Review –
	Broad Conservation Strategy
Plan 5	Representers' Proposed Amendments/Proposals
Plan 6	Land Use Proposals received since the gazettal of the draft
	DPA Plan
Plan 7	Development Constraints
Plan 8a to 8b	Land Ownership and 'Village Environs' Boundary
Plan 9	Proposed Land Use Pattern
Plan 10	Proposed "Village Type Development" zone

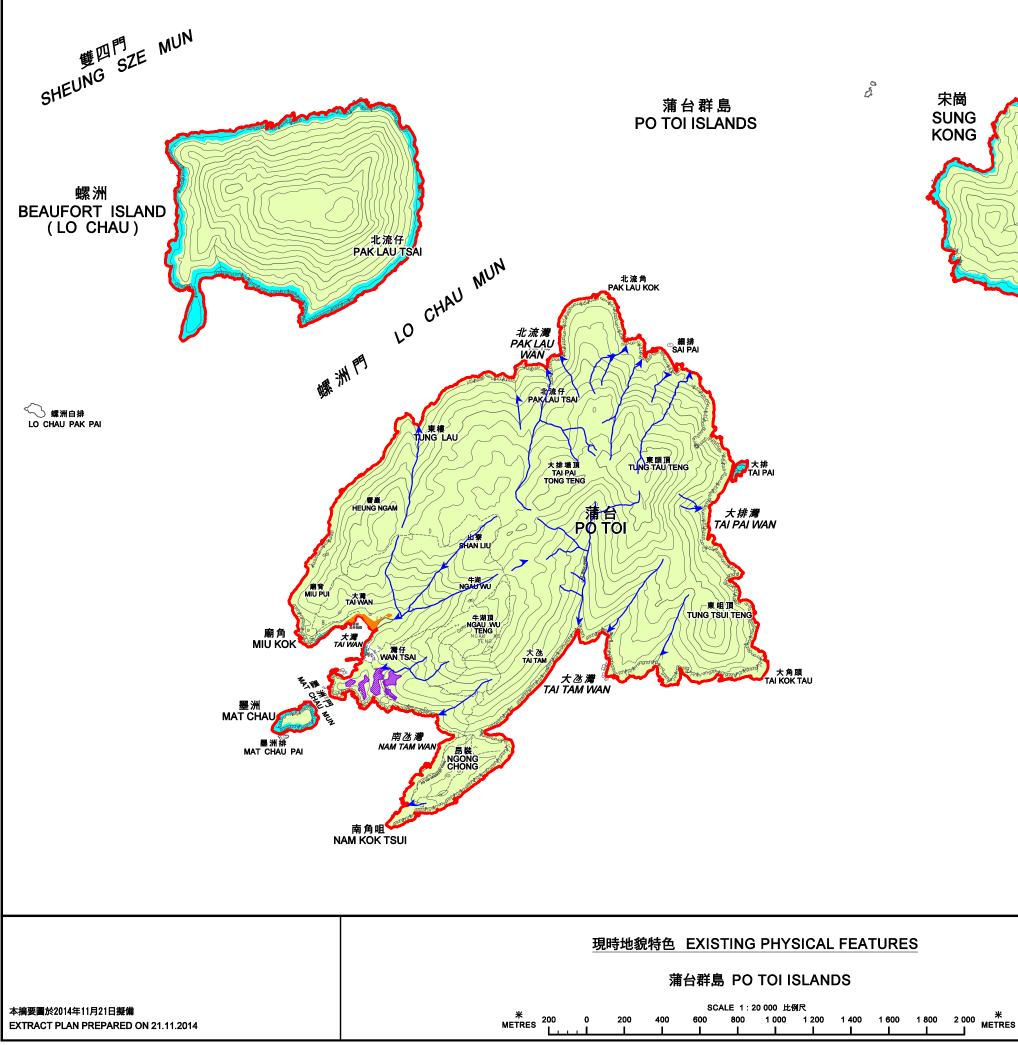
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圖例 LEGEND



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鄉村聚落 VILLAGE CLUSTER

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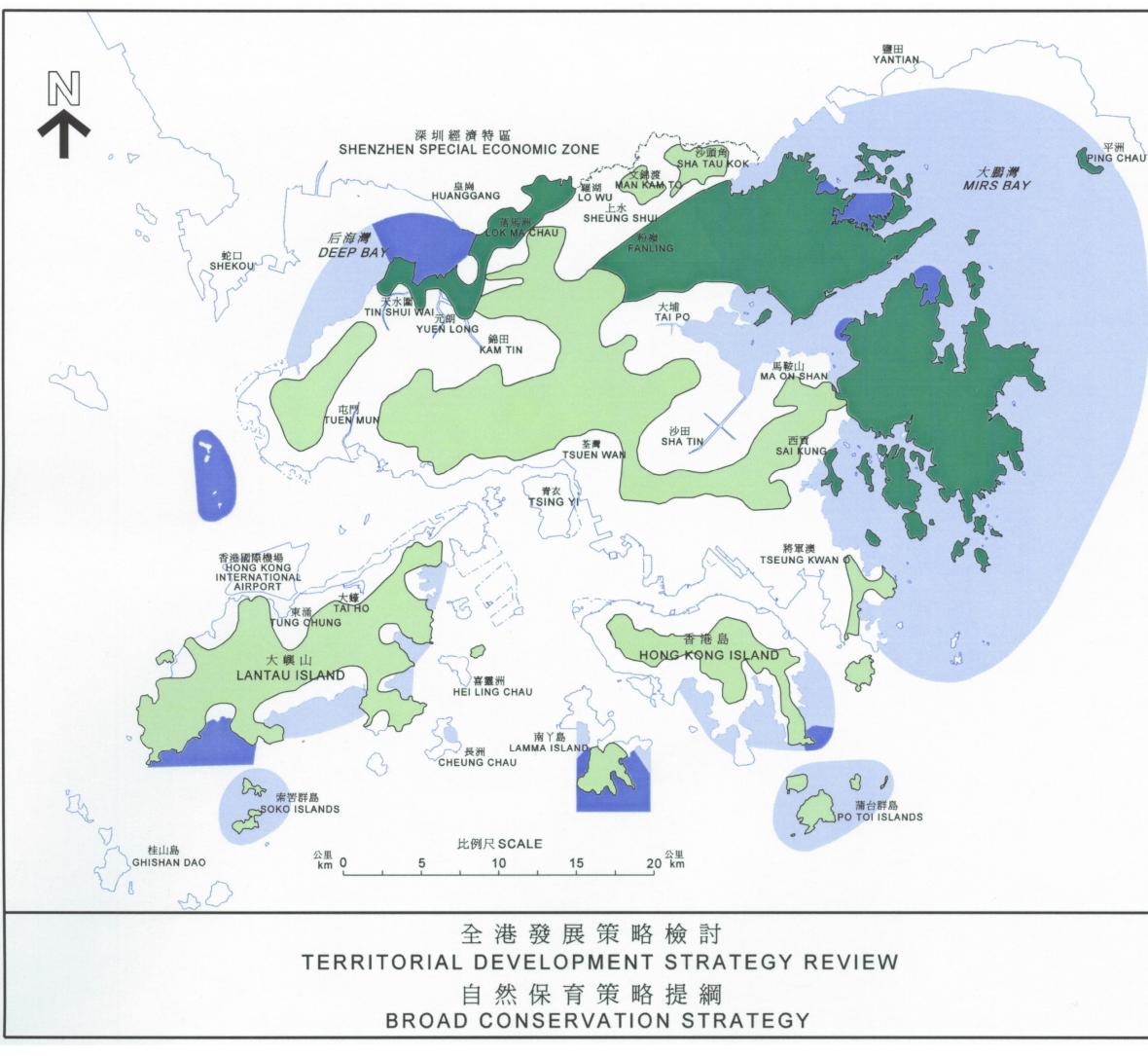
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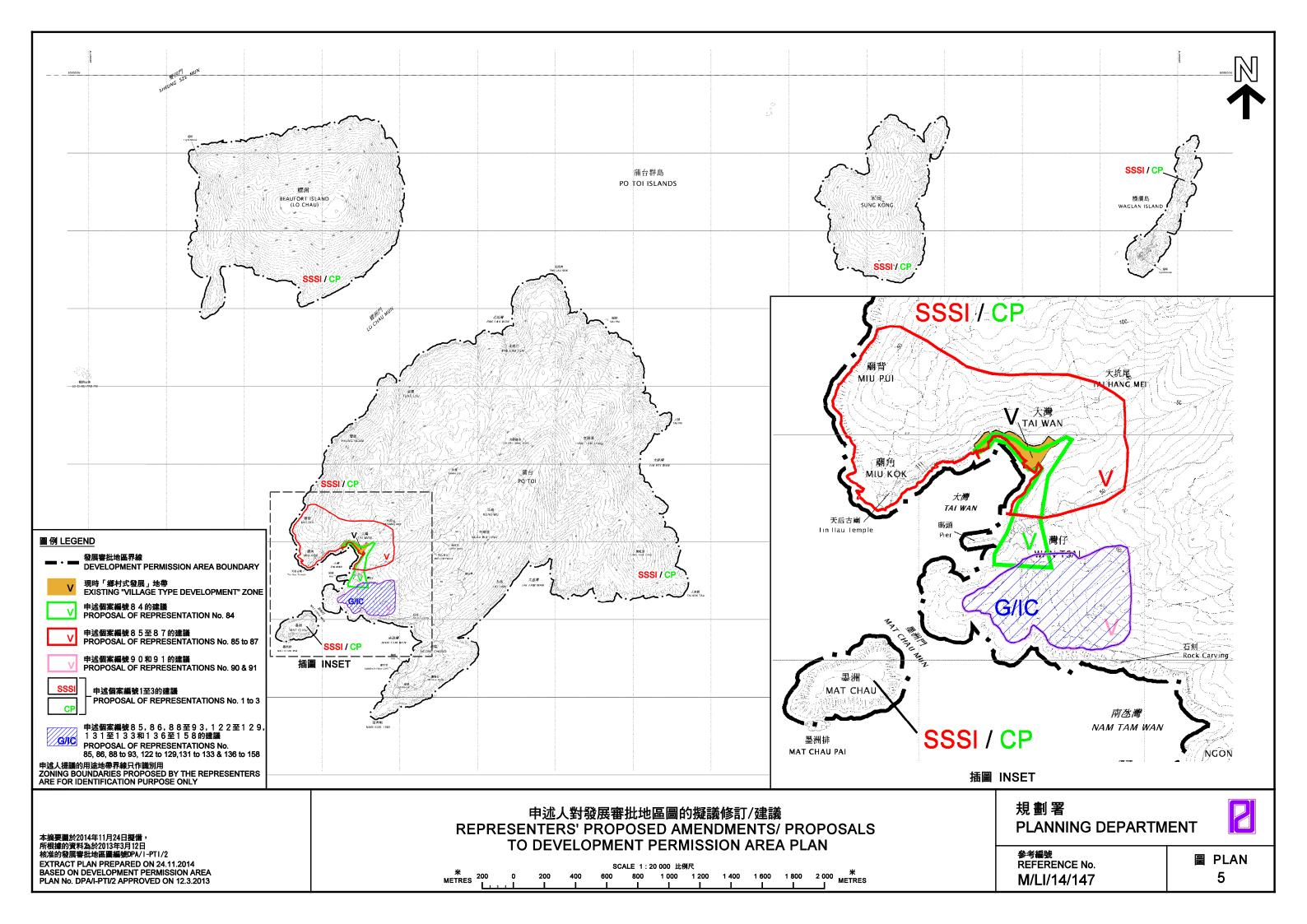


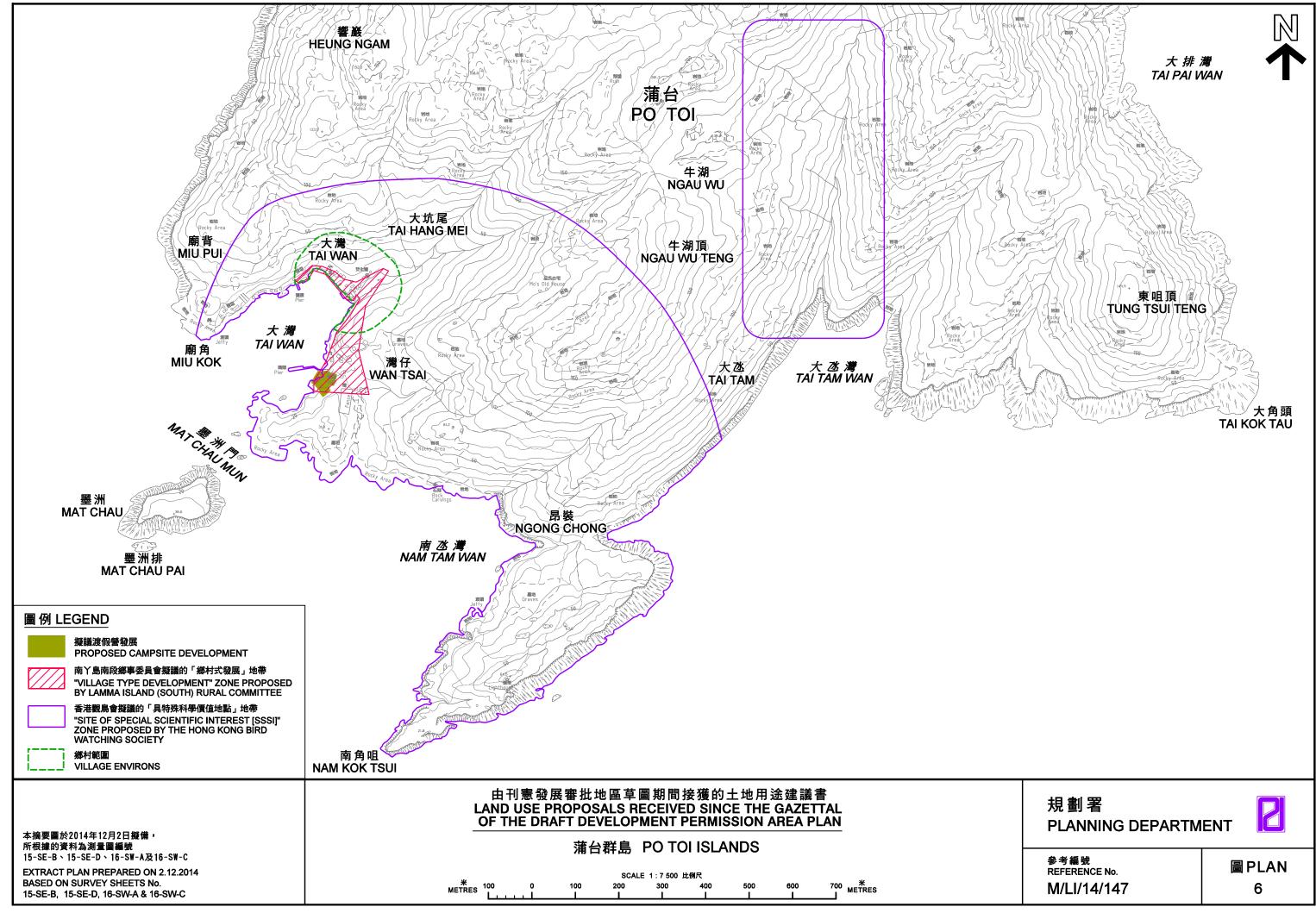


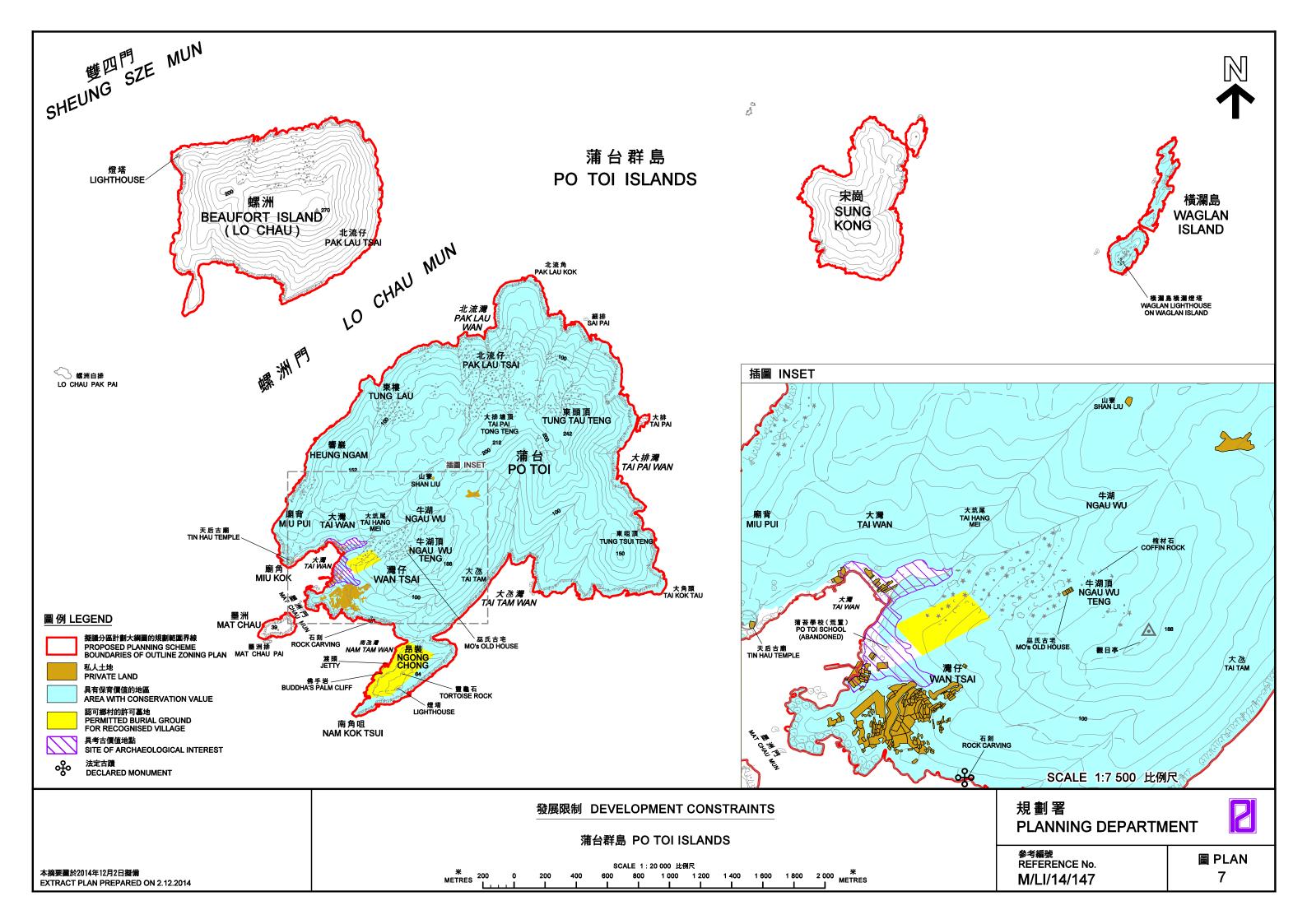
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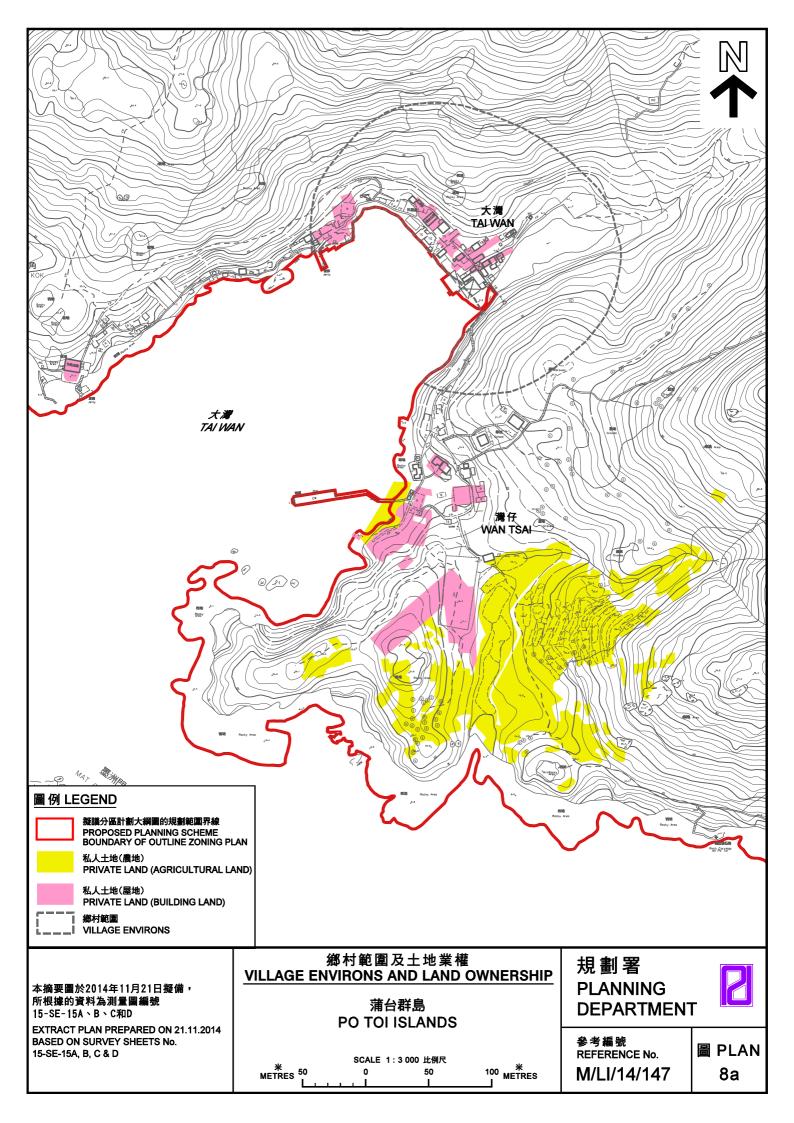


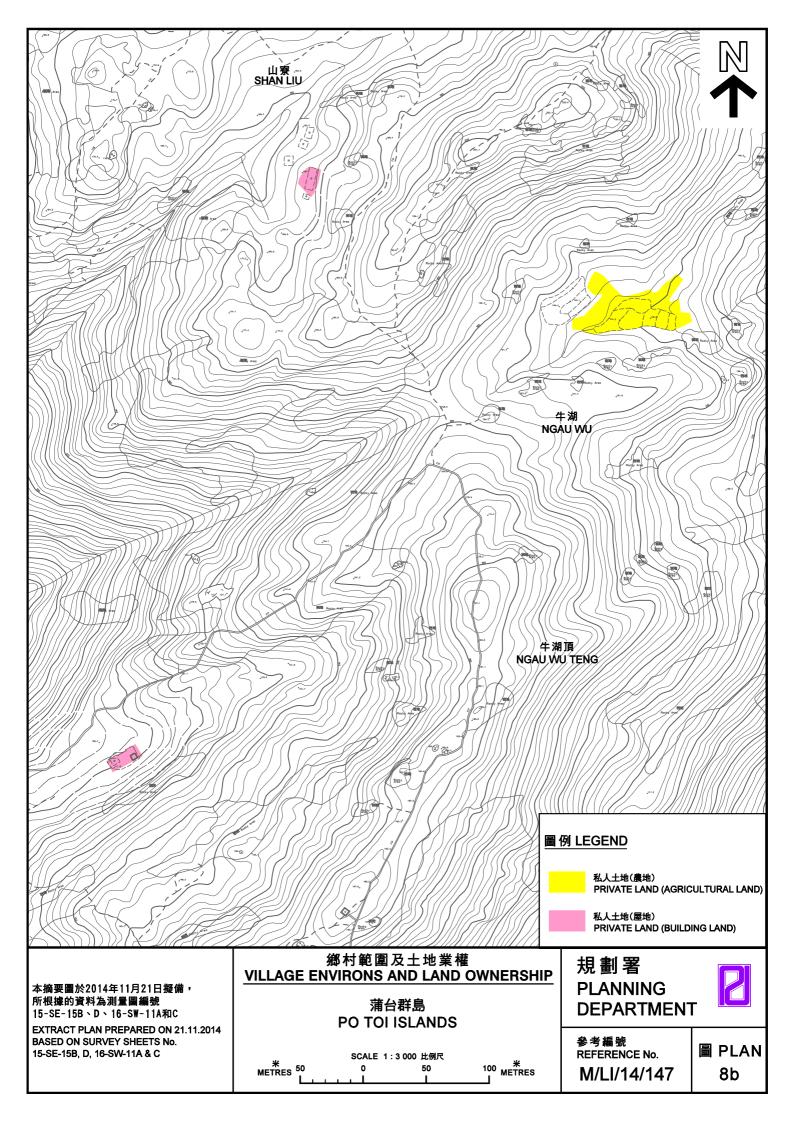
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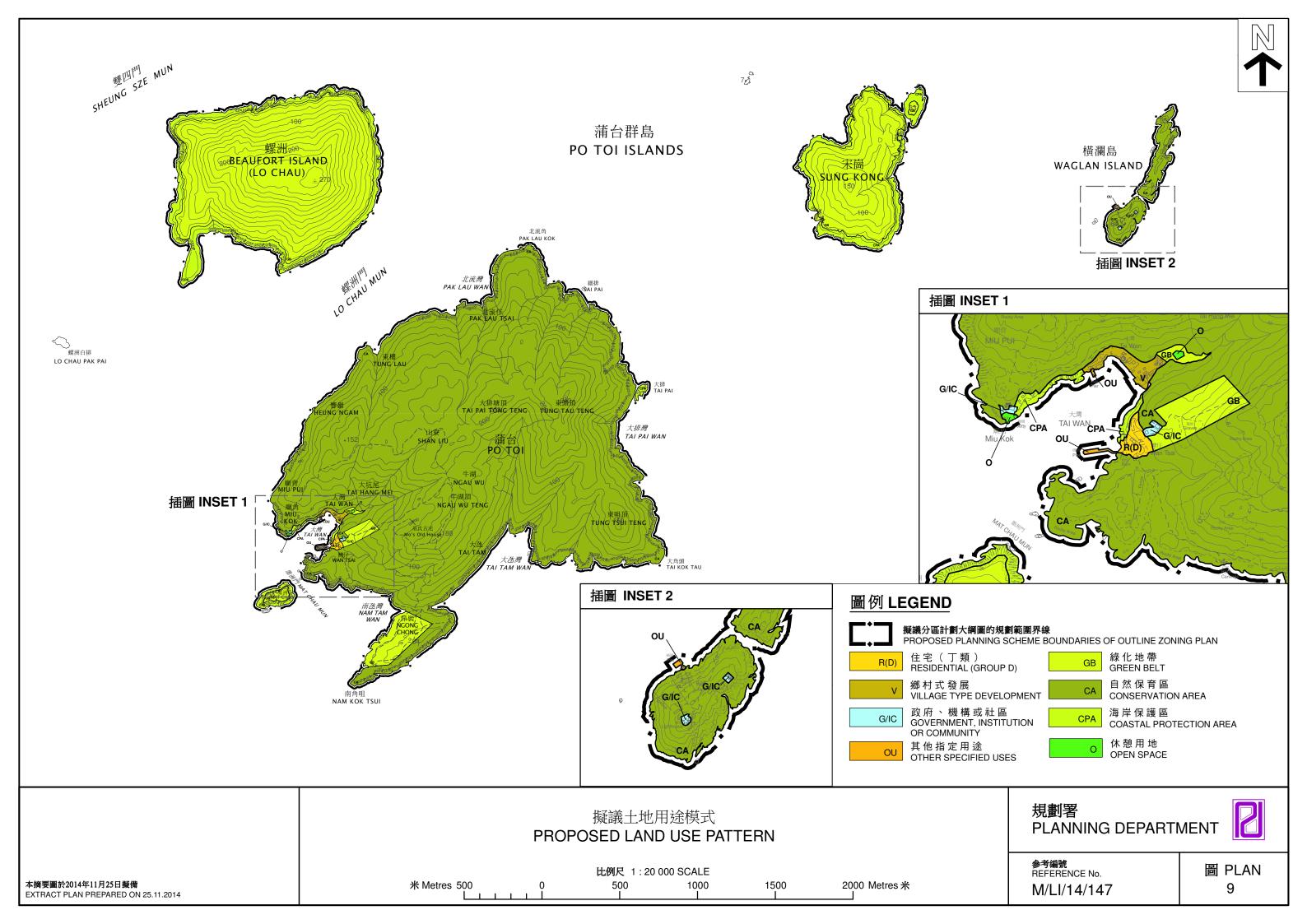


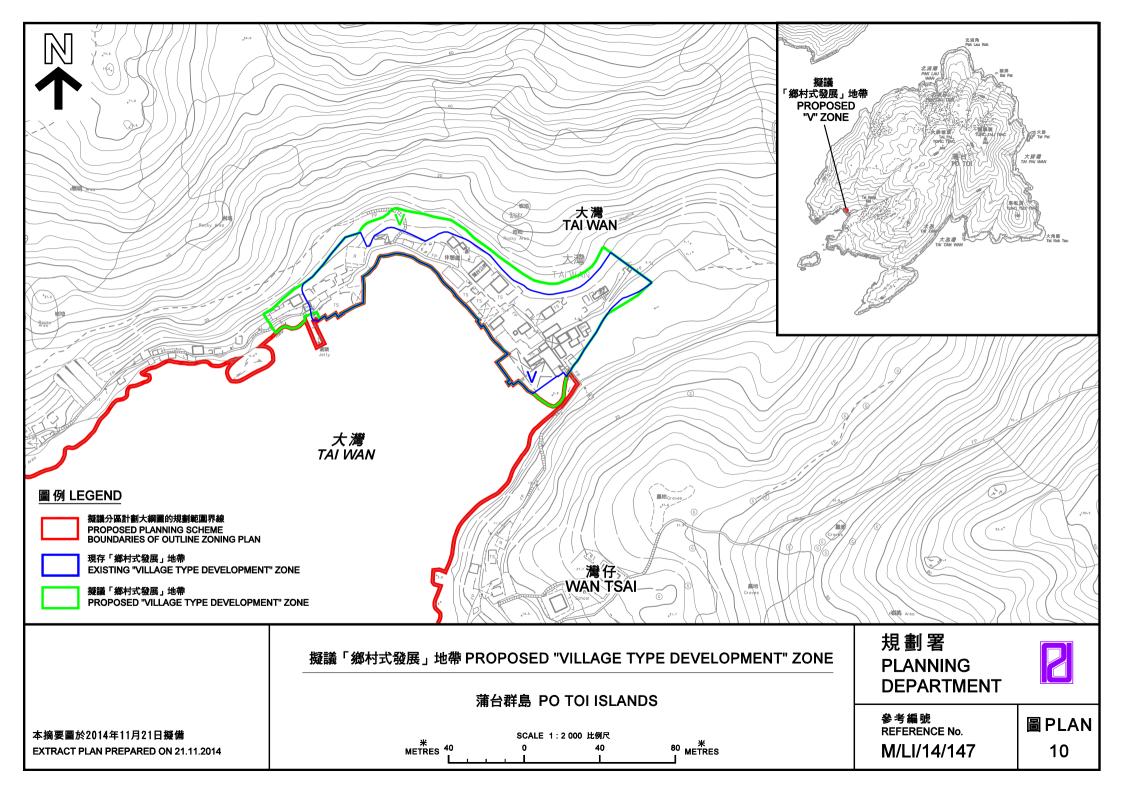


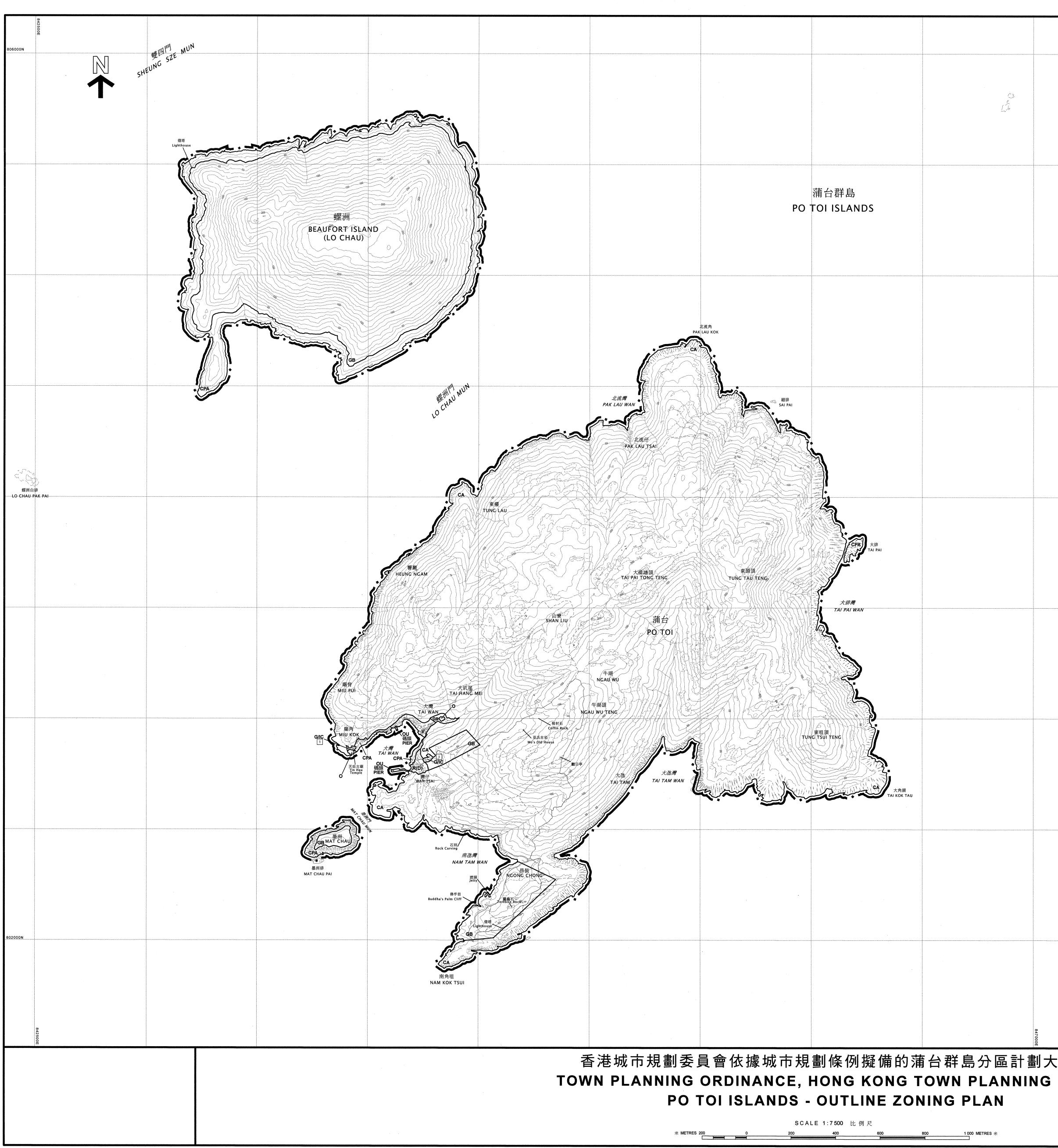












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DRAFT PO TOI ISLANDS OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/I-PTI/C

(Being a Draft Plan for the Purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance)

<u>NOTES</u>

(N.B. These form part of the Plan)

- (1) These Notes show the uses or developments on land falling within the boundaries of the Plan which are always permitted and which may be permitted by the Town Planning Board, with or without conditions, on application. Where permission from the Town Planning Board for a use or development is required, the application for such permission should be made in a prescribed form. The application shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board, from whom the prescribed application form may be obtained.
- (2) Any use or development which is always permitted or may be permitted in accordance with these Notes must also conform to any other relevant legislation, the conditions of the Government lease concerned, and any other Government requirements, as may be applicable.
- (3) No action is required to make the use of any land or building which was in existence immediately before the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan conform to this Plan, provided such use has continued since it came into existence. Any material change of such use or any other development (except minor alteration and/or modification to the development of the land or building in respect of such use which is always permitted) must be always permitted in terms of the Plan or in accordance with a permission granted by the Town Planning Board.
- (4) A use or development of any land or building permitted under an earlier draft or approved plan including development permission area plan for the area and effected or undertaken during the effective period of that plan is always permitted under this Plan. Any material change of such use or any other development (except minor alteration and/or modification to the completed development of the land or building which is always permitted) must be always permitted in terms of the Plan or in accordance with a permission granted by the Town Planning Board.
- (5) Except to the extent that paragraph (3) or (4) applies, any use or development falling within the boundaries of the Plan and also within the boundaries of the draft development permission area plan, unless always permitted in terms of the Plan, shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan without permission from the Town Planning Board.
- (6) Except as otherwise specified by the Town Planning Board, when a use or material change of use is effected or a development or redevelopment is undertaken, as always permitted in terms of the Plan or in accordance with a permission granted by the Town Planning Board, all permissions granted by the Town Planning Board in respect of the site of the use or material change of use or development or redevelopment shall lapse.
- (7) Boundaries of the Plan and boundaries between zones may be subject to minor adjustments as detailed planning proceeds.

- (8) The following uses or developments are always permitted on land falling within the boundaries of the Plan except (a) where the uses or developments are specified in Column 2 of the Notes of individual zones or (b) as provided in paragraph (10) in relation to areas zoned "Conservation Area" or "Coastal Protection Area":
 - (a) maintenance, repair or demolition of a building;
 - (b) provision, maintenance or repair of plant nursery, amenity planting, open space, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, footpath, cycle track, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth, telecommunications radio base station, automatic teller machine and shrine;
 - (c) maintenance or repair of watercourse, nullah, sewer and drain;
 - (d) geotechnical works, local public works, road works, sewerage works, drainage works, environmental improvement works, marine related facilities and waterworks (excluding works on service reservoir) and such other public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government;
 - (e) rebuilding of New Territories Exempted House;
 - (f) replacement of an existing domestic building i.e. a domestic building which was in existence on the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan, by a New Territories Exempted House; and
 - (g) provision, maintenance or repair of a grave of an indigenous New Territories villager or a locally based fisherman and his family members for which permission has been obtained from Government.
- (9) In areas zoned "Conservation Area" or "Coastal Protection Area",
 - (a) the following uses or developments are always permitted:
 - (i) maintenance or repair of plant nursery, amenity planting, sitting out area, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, road, watercourse, nullah, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth, shrine and grave;
 - (ii) geotechnical works, local public works, road works, sewerage works, drainage works, environmental improvement works, marine related facilities, waterworks (excluding works on service reservoir) and such other public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government; and
 - (iii) provision of amenity planting by Government; and
 - (b) the following uses or developments require permission from the Town Planning Board:

provision of plant nursery, amenity planting (other than by Government), sitting out area, rain shelter, refreshment kiosk, footpath, public utility pipeline, electricity mast, lamp pole, telephone booth and shrine.

(10) (a) Except in areas zoned "Coastal Protection Area" or "Conservation Area", temporary use or development of any land or building not exceeding a period of two months is always permitted provided that no site formation (filling or excavation) is carried out and that the use or development is a use or development specified below:

structures for carnivals, fairs, film shooting on locations, festival celebrations, religious functions or sports events.

- (b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (10)(a), and subject to temporary uses for open storage and port back-up purposes which are prohibited in areas zoned "Conservation Area" or "Coastal Protection Area", temporary use or development of any land or building not exceeding a period of three years requires permission from the Town Planning Board. Notwithstanding that the use or development is not provided for in terms of the Plan, the Town Planning Board may grant permission, with or without conditions, for a maximum period of three years, or refuse to grant permission.
- (c) Temporary use or development of land or building exceeding three years requires permission from the Town Planning Board in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- (11) Unless otherwise specified, all building, engineering and other operations incidental to and all uses directly related and ancillary to the permitted uses and developments within the same zone are always permitted and no separate permission is required.
- (12) In these Notes, unless the context otherwise requires or unless as expressly provided below, terms used in the Notes shall have the meanings as assigned under section 1A of the Town Planning Ordinance.

"Existing building" means a building, including a structure, which is physically existing and is in compliance with any relevant legislation and the conditions of the Government lease concerned.

"New Territories Exempted House" means a domestic building other than a guesthouse or a hotel; or a building primarily used for habitation, other than a guesthouse or a hotel, the ground floor of which may be used as 'Shop and Services' or 'Eating Place', the building works in respect of which are exempted by a certificate of exemption under Part III of the Buildings Ordinance (Application to the New Territories) Ordinance (Cap. 121).

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Column 1	Column 2
Uses always permitted	Uses that may be permitted with or
	without conditions on application
	to the Town Planning Board
Agricultural Use	Eating Place
Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,	Flat
Post Office only)	Government Refuse Collection Point
House (Redevelopment; Addition,	Government Use (not elsewhere specified)#
Alteration and/or Modification	Hotel (Holiday House only)#
to existing house only)	House (not elsewhere specified)
On-Farm Domestic Structure	Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)#
Rural Committee/Village Office	Library
-	Market
	Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture
	Public Clinic
	Public Convenience
	Public Transport Terminus or Station
	Public Utility Installation #
	Public Vehicle Park
	(excluding container vehicle)
	Recyclable Collection Centre
	Religious Institution #
	Residential Institution #
	School #
	Shop and Services
	Social Welfare Facility #
	Utility Installation for Private Project

RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D)

In addition, the following uses are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House: Eating Place Library

School Shop and Services

Planning Intention

This zone is intended primarily for improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures within the rural areas through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings. It is also intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments subject to planning permission from the Town Planning Board.

<u>RESIDENTIAL (GROUP D)</u> (cont'd)

<u>Remarks</u>

- (a) No addition, alteration and/or modification to or in-situ redevelopment of an existing temporary structure or an existing building (except to 'New Territories Exempted House' or to those annotated with #) shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building area of 37.2m² and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the building area and height of the building which was in existence on the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan, whichever is the greater.
- (b) No development including redevelopment for 'Flat' and 'House' uses, other than those to which paragraph (a) above shall apply, shall result in a development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.4 and a maximum building height of 3 storeys (9m).
- (c) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and building height restrictions stated in paragraph (b) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (d) Any diversion of streams or filling of pond, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works), shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1	Column 2
Uses always permitted	Uses that may be permitted with or
	without conditions on application
	to the Town Planning Board
Agricultural Use	Eating Place
Government Use (Police Reporting Centre,	Flat
Post Office only)	Government Refuse Collection Point
House (New Territories Exempted	Government Use (not elsewhere specified)#
House only)	Hotel (Holiday House only)
On-Farm Domestic Structure	House (not elsewhere specified)
Religious Institution	Institutional Use (not elsewhere specified)#
(Ancestral Hall only)	Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture
Rural Committee/Village Office	Public Clinic
	Public Convenience
	Public Transport Terminus or Station
	Public Utility Installation #
	Religious Institution (not elsewhere specified)#
	Residential Institution #
	School #
	Shop and Services
	Social Welfare Facility #
	Utility Installation for Private Project

VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT

In addition, the following uses are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House:

Eating Place Library School Shop and Services

Planning Intention

The planning intention of this zone is to designate both existing recognized villages and areas of land considered suitable for village expansion. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village development are always permitted on the ground floor of a New Territories Exempted House. Other commercial, community and recreational uses may be permitted on application to the Town Planning Board.

VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT (cont'd)

<u>Remarks</u>

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building (except development or redevelopment to those annotated with #) shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m) or the height of the existing building/building which was in existence on the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan, whichever is the greater.
- (b) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
- (c) Any diversion of streams or filling of pond, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works), shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

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blic Utility Installation	the covering Notes)
	Office
	Place of Entertainment
	Private Club
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ial Welfare Facility	Microwave Repeater, Television
	and/or Radio Transmitter Installation
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	Station only)
	Residential Institution
	Sewage Treatment/Screening Plant
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l	Jtility Installation for Private Project

GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY

Planning Intention

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of Government, institution or community facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.

GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY (Cont'd)

<u>Remarks</u>

- (a) No new development, or addition, alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height in terms of number of storeys as stipulated on the Plan, or the height of the building which was in existence on the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan, whichever is the greater.
- (b) Based on the individual merits of a development or redevelopment proposal, minor relaxation of the building height restriction stated in paragraph (a) above may be considered by the Town Planning Board on application under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.
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Column 1	Column 2
Uses always permitted	Uses that may be permitted with or
	without conditions on application
	to the Town Planning Board
Aviary	Eating Place
Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre	Government Refuse Collection Point
Park and Garden	Government Use (not elsewhere specified)
Pavilion	Holiday Camp
Pedestrian Area	Place of Entertainment
Picnic Area	Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture
Playground/Playing Field	Private Club
Public Convenience	Public Utility Installation
Sitting Out Area	Religious Institution
	Service Reservoir
	Shop and Services
	Tent Camping Ground
	Utility Installation for Private Project

OPEN SPACE

Planning Intention

This zone is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.

Remarks

Any diversion of streams or filling of pond, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works), shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

OTHER SPECIFIED USES

Column 1 Uses always permitted Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board

For "Pier" Only

Pier Public Convenience Public Vehicle Park (for cycles only) Government Use (not elsewhere specified) Marine Fuelling Station Public Utility Installation

Planning Intention

This zone is intended to designate land for piers to facilitate marine access to Po Toi Islands.

Remarks

Kiosks not greater than $10m^2$ each in area and not more than 10 in number for uses as 'Shop and Services' are considered as ancillary to "Pier" use.

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GREEN BELT

Column 1	Column 2
Uses always permitted	Uses that may be permitted with or
	without conditions on application
	to the Town Planning Board
Agricultural Use	Animal Boarding Establishment
Barbecue Spot	Broadcasting, Television and/or Film Studio
Government Use (Police Reporting	Burial Ground
Centre only)	Columbarium (within a Religious Institution or
Nature Reserve	extension of existing Columbarium only)
Nature Trail	Crematorium (within a Religious Institution or
On-Farm Domestic Structure	extension of existing Crematorium only)
Picnic Area	Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre
Public Convenience	Government Refuse Collection Point
Tent Camping Ground	Government Use (not elsewhere specified)
Wild Animals Protection Area	Helicopter Landing Pad
	Holiday Camp
	House (other than rebuilding of New Territories
	Exempted House or replacement of existing
	domestic building by New Territories
	Exempted House permitted under the
	covering Notes)
	Place of Recreation, Sports or Culture
	Public Utility Installation
	Radar, Telecommunications Electronic
	Microwave Repeater, Television
	and/or Radio Transmitter Installation
	Religious Institution
	Residential Institution
	Rural Committee/Village Office
	School
	Service Reservoir
	Social Welfare Facility
	Utility Installation for Private Project

Planning Intention

The planning intention of this zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.

GREEN BELT (Cont'd)

Remarks

Any diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes (except public works co-ordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works), shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1	Column 2
Uses always permitted	Uses that may be permitted with or
	without conditions on application
	to the Town Planning Board
Agricultural Use (other than Plant Nursery)	Field Study/Education/Visitor Centre
Nature Reserve	Government Use
Nature Trail	House (Redevelopment only)
On-Farm Domestic Structure	Pier
Wild Animals Protection Area	Public Convenience
	Public Utility Installation
	Radar, Telecommunications Electronic
	Microwave Repeater, Television
	and/or Radio Transmitter Installation
	Tent Camping Ground
	Utility Installation for Private Project

COASTAL PROTECTION AREA

Planning Intention

This zoning is intended to conserve, protect and retain the natural coastlines and the sensitive coastal natural environment, including attractive geological features, physical landform or area of high landscape, scenic or ecological value, with a minimum of built development. It may also cover areas which serve as natural protection areas sheltering nearby developments against the effects of coastal erosion.

There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.

<u>Remarks</u>

- (a) No redevelopment, including alteration and/or modification, of an existing house shall result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the house which was in existence on the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan.
- (b) Any diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes, shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Column 1 Uses always permitted	Column 2 Uses that may be permitted with or without conditions on application to the Town Planning Board
Agricultural Use (other than Plant Nursery) Nature Reserve Nature Trail On-Farm Domestic Structure Picnic Area Wild Animals Protection Area	Barbecue Spot Field Study /Education/Visitor Centre Government Refuse Collection Point Government Use (not elsewhere specified) Holiday Camp House (Redevelopment only) Public Convenience Public Utility Installation Radar, Telecommunications Electronic Microwave Repeater, Television and/or Radio Transmitter Installation Tent Camping Ground Utility Installation for Private Project

CONSERVATION AREA

Planning Intention

This zoning is intended to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological or topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to separate sensitive natural environment from the adverse effects of development.

There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.

Remarks

- (a) No redevelopment, including alteration and/or modification, of an existing house shall result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the house which was in existence on the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan.
- (b) Any diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land, including that to effect a change of use to any of those specified in Columns 1 and 2 above or the uses or developments always permitted under the covering Notes, shall not be undertaken or continued on or after the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft development permission area plan without the permission from the Town Planning Board under section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance.

Appendix III

DRAFT PO TOI ISLANDS OUTLINE ZONING PLAN NO. S/I-PTI/C

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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(Being a Draft Plan for the Purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Note : For the purposes of the Town Planning Ordinance, this statement shall not be deemed to constitute a part of the Plan.

1 INTRODUCTION

This Explanatory Statement is intended to assist an understanding of the draft Po Toi Islands Outline Zoning Plan No. S/I-PTI/C. It reflects the planning intention and objectives of the Town Planning Board (the Board) for the Plan.

2 <u>AUTHORITY FOR THE PLAN AND PROCEDURE</u>

- 2.1 On 20 February 2012, under the power delegated by the Chief Executive, the Secretary for Development directed the Board, under section 3(1)(b) of the Town Planning Ordinance (the Ordinance), to prepare a draft plan designating the Po Toi Islands (the Area) as a development permission area (DPA).
- 2.2 On 2 March 2012, the draft Po Toi Islands DPA Plan No. DPA/I-PTI/1 was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance. During the exhibition period, a total of 173 valid representations were received. During the first three weeks of the publication period, 725 comments were received. After giving consideration to the representations and comments on 28 September 2012, the Board noted the supportive views of the representations and decided not to uphold the adverse representations.
- 2.3 On 12 March 2013, the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C), under section 9(1)(a) of the Ordinance, approved the draft Po Toi Islands DPA Plan, which was subsequently renumbered as DPA/I-PTI/2. On 22 March 2013, the approved Po Toi Islands DPA Plan No. DPA/I-PTI/2 was exhibited for public inspection under section 9(5) of the Ordinance.
- 2.4 On 22 November 2014, under the power delegated by the Chief Executive, the Secretary for Development directed the Board, under section 3(1)(a) of the Ordinance, to prepare an OZP to cover the Po Toi Islands area.
- 2.5 On xx Xxxxxxx 20xx, the draft Po Toi Islands OZP No. S/I-PTI/1 (the Plan) was exhibited for public inspection under section 5 of the Ordinance.

3 <u>OBJECT OF THE PLAN</u>

3.1 The object of the Plan is to indicate the broad land-use zonings for the Area so that the development and redevelopment within the Area can be put under statutory planning control. It also provides the planning framework for preparing some detailed non-statutory plans which form the basis for public works planning and site reservation for various uses.

3.2 The Plan is to illustrate the broad principles of development and to provide guidance for more detailed planning. It is a small-scale plan and the boundaries between the land use zones may be subject to minor adjustments as detailed planning and development proceed.

4 <u>NOTES OF THE PLAN</u>

- 4.1 Attached to the Plan is a set of Notes which shows the types of uses or developments which are always permitted within the Area and which may be permitted by the Board, with or without conditions, on application. The provision for application for planning permission under section 16 of the Ordinance allows greater flexibility in land-use planning and control of development to meet the changing needs.
- 4.2 For the guidance of the general public, a set of definitions that explains some of the terms used in the Notes may be obtained from the Technical Services Division of the Planning Department and can be downloaded from the Board's website at http://www.info.gov.hk/tpb.

5 <u>THE PLANNING SCHEME AREA</u>

- 5.1 The Area covers a total area of about 550ha. It comprises a group of islands located at the southern-most of Hong Kong, which include mainly Po Toi (about 369ha), Mat Chau (about 3ha), Beaufort Island (about 120ha), Sung Kong (about 48ha) and Waglan Island (about 10ha). The boundary of the Area is shown by a heavy broken line on the Plan.
- 5.2 Po Toi is the southern-most island in Hong Kong and is the largest among the five islands. It has a hilly terrain and is covered by rocky outcrops and vegetations including mangroves, woodland vegetation including large mature trees and shrubland with tree clumps. It is largely natural in character with scattered rural settlements at Tai Wan and Wan Tsai. According to the 2011 Census, the existing population at Po Toi is about 50. In 2011/2012, activities involving vegetation clearance and laying of concrete slabs were found in the southwest Po Toi.
- 5.3 Waglan Island is the eastern-most outlying island in the Area. The southern part of the island is covered by rocky outcrops with limited vegetated areas of shrubs and grasses whilst the northern part of the island has a rocky surface. Mat Chau, Beaufort Island and Sung Kong are isolated islands within the Area. They have a hilly terrain and are covered by rocky outcrops and scattered vegetated areas of shrubs and grasses.
- 5.4 The Area has a rural and natural setting with scientific importance and conservation value which are unique in Hong Kong. Owing to its geographical position, Po Toi is considered as a crucial re-fuelling stop for migratory birds. More than 300 bird species, such as Hodgson's Redstart (*Phoenicurus hodgsoni*, 黑喉紅尾鴝), Dark-throated Thrush (*Turdus ruficollis*, 赤頸鶇), Brown Hawk Owl (*Ninox scutulata*, 鷹鴞), Blue-winged Pitta (*Pitta moluccensis*, 馬來八色 鶇) and Oriental Honey Buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhyncus*, 鳳頭蜂鷹) have been

recorded. Po Toi is also one of the only four sites in Hong Kong with natural populations of Romer's Tree Frog (*Liuixalus romeri*, 盧氏小樹蛙), an "Endangered" species under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species, and has a diverse assemblage of over 60 species of butterflies. Besides, Waglan Island is known to be a breeding site for terns. Some plant species of conservation interest are recorded in Beaufort Island and Po Toi such as *Eulophia flava* (黃花美冠蘭), *Podocarpus macrophyllus* (羅漢松), *Polygala polifolia* (小花遠志) and *Rungia chinensis* (中華孩兒草).

5.5 According to the "Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong" prepared by the Planning Department (PlanD) in 2005, the overall landscape value of the Area is high. The overall landscape character of these islands is remote, rugged and visually dramatic. Especially on Po Toi, there are some well-known geological formations of particular historic and cultural significance. Generally, the character of the landscape is open, coherent, tranquil, remote and reasonably varied.

6 <u>POPULATION</u>

Within the Area, only Po Toi is inhabited. According to the 2011 Census, the population in the Area is about 50. It is expected that the planned population of the Area would be about 100.

7 <u>OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS</u>

7.1 *Opportunities*

7.1.1 <u>Conservation of Natural Landscape</u>

The Area has a rural and natural setting with scientific importance and conservation value which is unique in Hong Kong. In particular, the natural habitat of Po Toi has high ecological and scientific values worthy of conservation. Any development within the Area should not affect the special ecological, landscape, geological and cultural heritage resources in the Area. Developments compatible with the natural and rural settings in areas around the existing village settlements at Po Toi could be considered.

7.1.2 Education and Recreation Potentials

The Area has unique ecological, landscape, geological and cultural heritage resources with high scientific and archaeological values. These resources, most of which are concentrated in Po Toi, should be preserved. The places of scientific and archaeological interests are connected by a footpath network originating from the public pier in Tai Wan. Nevertheless, the limited frequency of the existing kaito service has limited the public access to these places. Provision of appropriate education facilities with overnight accommodation, e.g. holiday camp/ tenting site, on Po Toi can facilitate public understanding of the Area's

unique environment while at the same time unleash the recreation potential of the Area. The area near Tai Wan Public Pier, which is more accessible and consists of private lots with building entitlements, may be a suitable location for such development. In view of the unique natural and rural environment of the Area with special scientific importance and high conservation value, the scale and character of such development should be compatible with the natural and rural characters of the Area. Owing to the limited transport facilities, utilities and infrastructure, as well as the need to conserve the Area's rural and natural setting with high conservation value, large-scale recreation and/or tourism development in the Area should be avoided.

7.2 Constraints

7.2.1 Nature Conservation

Po Toi is an important re-fuelling stop for migratory birds in view of its unique geographical position and suitable habitats. Over 300 bird species (60% of native avifauna) have been recorded at Po Toi. Because Po Toi is the first arrival point in Hong Kong for many migratory birds, it is the premier location for scientific research on the migration of birds. Most of the migratory birds recorded on Po Toi were found around the Wan Tsai and Tai Wan areas. These areas provide important foraging and resting grounds for migratory land birds. Besides, Po Toi is one of the only four sites in Hong Kong with natural populations of Romer's Tree Frog. Wan Tsai, in particular, is an important breeding site for the species on Po Toi. Po Toi also has a diverse assemblage of over 60 species of butterflies (26% of native butterfly fauna). Due consideration should be given to its conservation when development in or near this area is proposed. Developments in the Area involving site formation and vegetation and rock clearances may impose adverse and irreversible impacts on the existing ecological resources.

7.2.2 Landscape Character

- (a) Except the village settlements at Po Toi, other islands are undeveloped. The coastal areas of Tai Wan and Wan Tsai are covered with coastal woodland vegetation including large native mature trees within Po Toi Village, mangroves and shrubland with tree clumps, which serves as a significant ecological resource to sustain the migratory birds. The large native mature trees also serve as a village and cultural landscape feature of high landscape coastal amenity. The dense woodland vegetation at the back of Po Toi Village is also a significant landscape feature. The coastal water of Po Toi Islands also has high landscape value. Generally, the character of the coastal landscape is open, coherent, tranquil, remote and reasonably varied due to the visual complexity of the island group.
- (b) The Area also features steep rocky coast and low cliffs from 100mPD to 270mPD with geological formations of high landscape value. Especially on Po Toi, there are some well-known geological

formations in granite rock along the coastline, e.g. Buddha's Palm Cliff, Tortoise Rock and Coffin Rock. Rock Carvings on Po Toi are Declared Monuments of particular historic and cultural significance. The southern coast of Po Toi also has high landscape scenic and cultural significance. In view of the above, the unique landscape resources and the character of the Area should be preserved. Any large scale development with extensive site formation and vegetation clearance should be avoided as it would cause irreversible adverse landscape and ecological impacts. Small scale development with conservation purposes that is compatible with the existing landscape context is recommended for Po Toi.

7.2.3 Cultural Heritage

The Area has two declared monuments and a site of archaeological interest which are worthy of preservation. Rock Carvings on Po Toi and the Lighthouse at Waglan Island are Declared Monuments of particular historic and cultural significance. Prior consultation with the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) should be made if any works, developments, redevelopment or rezoning proposals may affect the declared monuments, site of archaeological interest and their immediate environs. In accordance with section 6 of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53), a permit issued by the Antiquities Authority, i.e. the Secretary for Development is required for any works to be carried out within the monument boundary of a declared monument. If disturbance to the site of archaeological interest is unavoidable, a detailed archaeological impact assessment (AIA) shall be conducted to evaluate the archaeological impact imposed by the proposed works if there is any development within the site of archaeological interest. If necessary, a qualified archaeologist shall apply for a licence under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) for an archaeological investigation. A proposal of the AIA shall be submitted to the AMO for agreement prior to applying for the licence. Subject to the findings of the AIA, appropriate mitigation measures shall be fully implemented by the project proponent in consultation with the AMO of LCSD.

7.2.4 Accessibility

One of the development constraints in the Area is the limited frequency and capacity of the kaito ferry services. Only one kaito ferry service between Po Toi and Aberdeen is operated on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with additional services from Stanley to Po Toi on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Within the Area, only Po Toi is accessible by footpaths and hiking trails, which shall always be maintained for free public access.

7.2.5 Infrastructure and Utility Services

The electricity and water supply facilities in the Area are limited. There are also no drainage and sewerage systems in the Area. Any development that will lead to increases in population or number of visitors to the Area

would require additional facilities. For any development or redevelopment, the project proponent should address how sewage and/or other wastewater, if any, produced could be collected, treated and discharged. Should septic tank and soakaway system be proposed, it shall meet the requirements of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD)'s Practice Note for Professional Persons (ProPECC) PN 5/93 "Drainage Plans subject to comment by EPD".

7.2.6 Geotechnical Safety

The Area comprises hillsides with history of instability, and is subject to potential landslide hazards. For any future development in the Area including the "V" zone, natural terrain hazard study may be required to assess the potential hazards and constraints arising from natural terrain, and to provide suitable hazard mitigation measures, if found necessary, as part of the development.

7.2.7 Burial Grounds

The areas covered by the two permitted burial grounds located in Wan Tsai and Ngong Chong, Po Toi are not suitable for any development.

8 <u>GENERAL PLANNING INTENTION</u>

The general planning intention for the Area is to conserve the areas of high ecological significance, and to protect the unique landscape, rural and natural characters of the Area. Due consideration to the conservation of the ecologically and environmentally sensitive areas, such as Po Toi, when development in or near the Area is proposed. It is also intended to provide appropriate planning control for, inter alia, development of education and recreational facilities with overnight accommodation, low-rise, low density residential development, as well as improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings.

9 <u>LAND USE ZONINGS</u>

9.1 <u>"Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)")</u>: Total Area 0.48ha

- 9.1.1 The planning intention of this zone is primarily for improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures within the rural areas through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings. It is also intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments subject to planning permission from the Board.
- 9.1.2 This zone mainly covers the areas to the southwest of Po Toi Village outside its 'Village Environs' ('VE'). This area is mainly occupied by one- to two-storey temporary structures built years ago. Most of the structures are occupied while some are ruins.
- 9.1.3 To allow for upgrading and improvement, redevelopment of existing

temporary structures or existing building shall not result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building area of 37.2m² and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the building area and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. Rebuilding of New Territories Exempted House (NTEH) and replacement of an existing domestic building which was in existence on the date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the draft DPA Plan by a NTEH are always permitted in this zone. Apart from allowing residential upgrading, low-rise and low-density residential developments may be permitted on application to the Board. To be in line with the general development intensity of the surrounding areas, residential development including redevelopment for 'Flat' and 'House' (except 'NTEH') shall not result in a total development in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.4 and a maximum building height of 3 storeys (9m).

- 9.1.4 To provide flexibility for innovative design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and building height restrictions may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.
- 9.1.5 As diversion of streams or filling of pond may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.
- 9.2 <u>"Village Type Development" ("V")</u>: Total Area 0.71ha
 - 9.2.1 The planning intention of this zone is to designate both existing recognized villages and areas of land considered suitable for village expansion. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village development are always permitted on the ground floor of a NTEH. Other commercial and community uses may be permitted on application to the Board.
 - 9.2.2 The boundary of the "V" zone is drawn up around existing clusters having regard to 'VE', the local topography, the existing settlement pattern, site characteristics as well as the estimated Small House demand. Areas of difficult terrain, dense vegetation, burial grounds, ecologically sensitive areas and streamcourses have been avoided where possible.
 - 9.2.3 There is only one recognised village in the Area, namely Po Toi Village on Po Toi. Currently, there is a restaurant within the "V" zone. There are neither approved nor outstanding Small House applications within its 'VE' and the village is occupied by one- to two-storey tenement houses.
 - 9.2.4 In order to ensure that any future development or redevelopment within

the village would retain the village character, no new development, or additional alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m) or the height of the existing building(s), whichever is greater. Minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.

- 9.2.5 As diversion of streams or filling of pond may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.
- 9.2.6 There is no existing sewer or planned public sewer for the Area, and at present, each house is typically served by its own on-site septic tanks and soakaway (STS) system. In accordance with the Environmental, Transport and Works Bureau's Technical Circular (Works) No. 5/2005, under the current administrative practice, for development proposals/submissions that may affect natural streams/rivers, the approving/processing authorities at various stages of the development should consult and collate comments from Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation and relevant authorities and incorporate relevant comments/advice as conditions of approval wherever possible. For the protection of the water quality of the streams and sea, the design and construction of on-site STS system for any development proposals/submissions also need to comply with relevant standards and regulations, such as EPD's ProPECC Practice Note PN 5/93. Accordingly, the Lands Department when processing Small House grant and applications in close proximity to existing stream courses should consult concerned departments including EPD, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and PlanD to ensure that all relevant departments would have adequate opportunity to review and comment on the applications.

9.3 <u>"Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC")</u>: Total Area 0.24ha

- 9.3.1 The planning intention of this zone is primarily for the provision of GIC facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organizations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.
- 9.3.2 The "G/IC" zone covers the Tin Hau Temple and the abandoned village school, i.e. Po Toi School at Po Toi, as well as the lighthouse and other government uses/facilities at southern Waglan Island. The abandoned village school site is zoned "G/IC" to reserve for further use by the Government. Flexibility is also provided in the "G/IC" zone for adaptive reuse of the abandoned village school site to compatible Government, institution or community uses.
- 9.3.3 To preserve the rural and low-rise character of the Area, development/

redevelopment within this zone should be restricted to the maximum building height as stipulated on the Plan or the height of building which was in existence on the date of first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the DPA Plan, whichever is greater.

- 9.3.4 To provide flexibility for innovative design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.
- 9.3.5 As diversion of streams or filling of pond may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.
- 9.4 <u>"Open Space" ("O")</u>: Total Area 0.10ha
 - 9.4.1 This zone is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.
 - 9.4.2 This zone covers areas in front of Tin Hau Temple and at the eastern fringe of Po Toi Village, which are being used as a stage for the Chinese opera performances during festive celebration. The piece of flatland at the eastern fringe of Po Toi Village is also being used as an emergency landing pad for helicopters.
- 9.5 <u>"Other Specified Uses" ("OU")</u>: Total Area 0.07ha
 - 9.5.1 The planning intention of this zone is for specified development(s) and/or uses, which is/are specified in the annotation of the zone. There is only one "OU" zone on the Plan, which is annotated 'Pier' and covers three sites currently used as piers located at Po Toi Village, Tai Wan and Waglan Island.
- 9.6 <u>"Green Belt" ("GB")</u>: Total Area 150.47ha
 - 9.6.1 The planning intention of this zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.
 - 9.6.2 Areas with natural vegetation, woodland, hilly terrain, hillside shrubland and grassland have been designated as "GB" to protect existing green areas and preserve the hilly terrain in the Area.
 - 9.6.3 The "GB" zone mainly covers the vegetated hill slopes at Tai Wan and Wan Tsai, Po Toi; as well as those at Mat Chau, Beaufort Island and Sung Kong. There are two traditional burial grounds in the southern part of Po Toi within this zone. As they have been in existence before the first publication of DPA Plan, they are considered as an existing use intended for the burial of deceased indigenous villagers in the Area. To respect the local ritual and tradition, burial activities within this zone are generally

tolerated.

- 9.6.4 There is a general presumption against development within this zone. Development in this zone will be strictly controlled. Development proposals will be considered by the Board on individual merits taking into account the relevant Town Planning Board Guidelines.
- 9.6.5 As diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities except public works coordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works.

9.7 <u>"Coastal Protection Area" ("CPA")</u>: Total Area 30.43ha

- 9.7.1 The planning intention of this zone to conserve, protect and retain the natural coastlines and the sensitive coastal natural environment, including attractive geological features, physical landform and area of high landscape, scenic or ecological value, with a minimum of built development. It may also cover areas which serve as natural protection areas sheltering nearby developments against the effects of coastal erosion. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.
- 9.7.2 This zone covers the coastal areas along the islands, which primarily consist of coastal vegetation, rocky and boulder coasts.
- 9.7.3 New residential development is not permitted under this zone. Redevelopment of existing houses may be permitted on application to the Board. The redevelopment of an existing house shall not result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the house which was in existence on the date of the first publication of the DPA Plan.
- 9.7.4 In view of the conservation value of the area within this zone, permission from the Board is required for diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land that may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment.

9.8 <u>"Conservation Area" ("CA")</u>: Total Area 367.17ha

9.8.1 This zone is intended to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological and topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to separate sensitive natural environment from the adverse effects of development. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential

infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.

- 9.8.2 This zone covers most part of Po Toi which has scientific significance and high conservation value. Owing to its geographical position, Po Toi is considered as a crucial re-fuelling stop for migratory birds. More than 300 bird species, such as Hodgson's Redstart (*Phoenicurus hodgsoni*, 黑 喉紅尾鴝), Dark-throated Thrush (Turdus ruficollis, 赤頸鶇), Brown Hawk Owl (Ninox scutulata, 鷹鴞), Blue-winged Pitta (Pitta moluccensis, 馬來八色鶇) and Oriental Honey Buzzard (Pernis ptilorhyncus, 鳳頭蜂鷹) have been recorded. Po Toi is also one of the only four sites in Hong Kong with natural populations of Romer's Tree Frog (Liuixalus romeri, 盧氏小樹蛙), an "Endangered" species under the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, which could be found in the streams on Po Toi. The island also has a diverse assemblage of over 60 species of butterflies. The "CA" zone also covers the vegetated hill slopes and the rocky areas at Waglan Island, which has a natural character and is known to be a breeding site for terns.
- 9.8.3 It is intended that with stringent planning control imposed under this zoning, the rich ecological and biological features in the areas can be protected and preserved. New residential development is not permitted under this zone. Redevelopment of existing quarters may be permitted on application to the Board. The redevelopment of existing houses shall not result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the house which was in existence on the date of the first publication of the DPA Plan.
- 9.8.4 Within this zone, the area near Tai Wan Public Pier, which is more accessible and consist of private lots with building entitlements, may have potential for development of education and recreational facilities with overnight accommodation to allow visitors staying in the Area for a longer period of time for education/recreation activities. This can unleash the education and recreational potentials in the Area. Yet the feasibility of such development is subject to further assessments on environmental, ecological, traffic, infrastructure, sewerage, drainage, visual and landscape aspects, etc. Any development should not affect the unique natural environment within this zone.
- 9.8.5 Diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land may cause adverse drainage impacts on adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment. In view of the conservation value of the area within this zone, permission from the Board is required for such activities.

10 <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>

10.1 <u>Waterborne Transport</u>

There is no public transport service in the Area except the licensed kaito ferry services from Aberdeen/Stanley to Po Toi.

10.2 Road Network and Footpath

There is no road network in the Area but footpath systems on Po Toi and Waglan islands which provide access from piers/jetties to the villages, mountain uplands as well as other places of interest. Improvement works to the footpaths in the Area are carried out under the Rural Public Works Programme.

11 <u>UTILITY SERVICES</u>

There are no sewerage, drainage and water supply systems in the Area. Electricity and potable water are provided to the local residents at Tai Wan Village on Po Toi via portable electricity generators and water tanks, dam and water pipe provided and maintained by the Islands District Office (IsDO).

12 <u>CULTURAL HERITAGE</u>

- 12.1 There are two Declared Monuments in the Area. One is the Waglan Lighthouse, Waglan Island, which is one of the five surviving pre-war navigation lighthouses in Hong Kong, and was declared a monument on 29.12.2000. The other one is the Rock Carvings on Po Toi, which have resemblance to the patterns of pottery and bronze vessels in the Bronze Age about 3,000 years ago. The Carvings were declared a monument on 27.4.1979. Every effort should be made to preserve the Declared Monuments.
- 12.2 A site of archaeological interest, known as Tai Wan Site of Archaeological Interest, is also found in Tai Wan at the southwestern Po Toi. Artefacts of both prehistoric and historic periods have been discovered in Tai Wan Site of Archaeological Interest.
- 12.3 The Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) has also released a list of new items in addition to the list of 1,444 historic buildings. These items are subject to grading assessment by the AAB. Details of the list of 1,444 historic buildings and the new items have been uploaded onto the website of the AAB at <u>http://www.aab.gov.hk</u>.
- Prior consultation with AMO of LCSD should be made if any works, 12.4 developments, redevelopment or rezoning proposals may affect the declared monuments, site of archaeological interest and their immediate environs. In accordance with section 6 of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53), a permit issued by the Antiquities Authority, i.e. the Secretary for Development is required for any works to be carried out within the monument boundary of a declared monument. If disturbance to the site of archaeological interest is unavoidable, a detailed archaeological impact assessment (AIA) shall be conducted to evaluate the archaeological impact imposed by the proposed works if there is any development within the site of archaeological interest. If necessary, a qualified archaeologist shall apply for a licence under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) for an archaeological investigation. A proposal of the AIA shall be submitted to AMO for agreement prior to applying for the licence. Subject to the findings of the AIA, appropriate mitigation measures shall be fully implemented by the project proponent in

consultation with AMO of LCSD.

13 <u>IMPLEMENTATION</u>

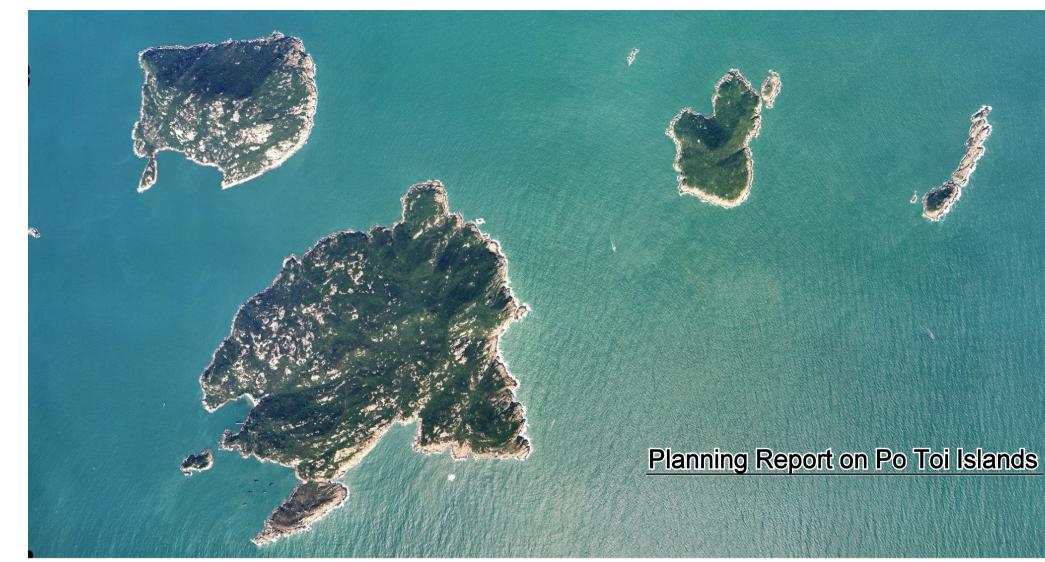
- 13.1 The Plan provides a broad land-use framework for development control and implementation of planning proposals for the Area. More detailed plans will be prepared as a basis for public works planning and private developments.
- 13.2 At present, there is no overall programme for the improvement or provision of infrastructure within the Area. The implementation process will be gradual and may stretch over a long period of time depending on the availability of resources. However, project works for maintenance and repair of existing utilities would be carried out within the Area by the IsDO.
- 13.3 Any increase in population, number of visitors to the Area or further recreational/residential developments would require additional facilities. In particular, the design and construction of the on-site STS need to comply with relevant standards and regulations, such as EPD's ProPECC PN 5/93, for the protection of the water quality and the natural streams flowing through the Area.
- 13.4 Notwithstanding the above, minor improvement works, e.g. access improvements, utility services installation and public works projects will be implemented through the Public Works Programme and the Rural Public Works Programme subject to priority and resource availability. Private developments will be effected principally through private sector initiatives in accordance with the zoned uses indicated on the Plan, provided that their proposals meet Government requirements.

14 PLANNING CONTROL

- 14.1 The types of permitted developments and uses on land within the Area are listed in the Notes to the Plan. Unless otherwise specified, all building, engineering and other operations incidental to and all uses directly related and ancillary to the permitted developments and uses within the same zone are always permitted and no separate permission is required.
- 14.2 Uses of land or building which were in existence immediately before the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the DPA Plan and which are not in compliance with the terms of the Plan may have adverse impact on the environment, drainage and traffic of the Area. Although no action is required to make such use conform to this Plan, any material change of such use or any other development (except minor alteration and/or modification to the development of the land or building in respect of such use which is always permitted) must be always permitted in terms of the Plan or, if permission is required, in accordance with a permission granted by the Board. The Board will consider these applications on their individual merits. Those alteration and/or modification works which may lead to an environmental improvement or upgrading to the Area may be considered favourably by the Board.

- 14.3 Planning applications to the Board will be assessed on individual merits. In general, the Board, in considering the planning applications, will take into account all relevant planning considerations which may include the departmental outline development plans/layout plans, and the guidelines published by the Board. The outline development plans/layout plans are available for public inspection at the Planning Department. Guidelines published by the Board are available from the Board's website, the Secretariat of the Board and the Technical Services Division of the Planning Department. Application forms and Guidance Notes for planning applications can be downloaded from the Board's website and are available from the Secretariat of the Board, the Technical Services Division and relevant District Planning Office of the Planning Department. Applications should be supported by such materials as the Board thinks appropriate to enable it to consider the applications.
- 14.4 Any development, other than those referred to in paragraph 14.1 above or in conformity with this Plan or with the permission of the Board, undertaken or continued on or after 2 March 2012 included in a Plan of the Po Toi Islands DPA may be subject to enforcement proceedings under the Ordinance. Any diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land in relevant zones on or after the exhibition of the specific plan referred to in the Notes of the relevant zones without permission from the Board may also be subject to enforcement proceedings.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 <u>Purpose of the Planning Report</u>

1.1.1 The purpose of this planning report is to give an account of the background and an appraisal of the existing conditions, characteristics and development requirements of Po Toi Islands (the Area). It also aims at providing a basis for the preparation of an Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) and the formulation of a planning framework for the future development of the Area.

1.2 Background

1.2.1 The Area (about 550ha) comprises a group of islands located at the southern-most of Hong Kong, which include mainly Po Toi (about 369ha), Mat Chau (about 3ha), Beaufort Island (about 120ha), Sung Kong (about 48ha) and Waglan Island (about 10ha). The Area generally has a hilly terrain and is covered by rocky outcrops and vegetations including mangroves, woodland vegetation including large mature trees and shrubland with tree clumps (**Figure 1**). Some developments/structures are found at Po Toi and Waglan Island. Mat Chau, Beaufort Island and Sung Kong are virtually uninhabited.

- The Area has a rural and natural setting with 1.2.2 scientific importance and conservation value which are unique in Hong Kong. In recent years, activities involving vegetation clearance and laying of concrete slabs have been detected in the southwestern part of Po Toi (i.e. near Wan Tsai), causing an adverse impact on the natural environment. To prevent any haphazard and uncontrolled development that may adversely affect the rural and natural character of the Area. a Development Permission Area (DPA) Plan has been prepared to provide interim planning guidance control for future development pending preparation of an OZP and to enable enforcement actions to be taken against any unauthorized developments and undesirable change of use.
- 1.2.3 The draft Po Toi Islands DPA Plan No. DPA/I-PTI/1 was exhibited for public inspection on 2.3.2012. During the plan exhibition period, a total of 173 valid representations were received. When the representations were published, 725 comments were received. After giving consideration to the representations and comments on 28.9.2012, the Town Planning Board (the Board) noted the supportive views of the representations and decided not to amend the draft DPA Plan to

meet the representations.

- 1.2.4 On 12.3.2013, the Chief Executive in Council (CE in C) approved the draft Po Toi Islands DPA Plan, which was subsequently renumbered as DPA/I-PTI/2. On 22.3.2013, the approved Po Toi Islands DPA Plan No. DPA/I-PTI/2 was exhibited for public inspection under section 9(5) of the Town Planning Ordinance (the Ordinance) (**Figure 2**).
- 1.2.5 Pursuant to section 20(5) of the Ordinance, the DPA Plan is effective for three years until 2.3.2015. On 22.11.2014, under the power delegated by the Chief Executive (CE), the Secretary for Development pursuant to section 3(1)(a) of the Ordinance, directed the Board to prepare an OZP for the Area.

2 THE STUDY AREA

2.1 Location

2.1.1 The Area covers a total land area of about 550ha located at the southern-most of Hong Kong to the southeast of Hong Kong Island. The location of the Area is shown in **Figure 1**.

2.2 Natural Features

Physical Setting and Topography (Figure 4a)

- 2.2.1 An overview of the Area is shown in **Figure 3**. The Area is generally of hilly terrain and is covered by rocky outcrops and vegetations including mangroves, woodland vegetation including large mature trees and shrubland with tree clumps.
- 2.2.2 Po Toi is the southern-most island in Hong Kong and is the largest among the five islands. It is largely natural in character with scattered rural settlements at Tai Wan and Wan Tsai (Photos 1 to 3 at Figure 4b). In recent years, activities involving vegetation clearance and laying of concrete slabs are found in the southwest Po Toi (Figure 5g).
- 2.2.3 Waglan Island is the eastern-most outlying island in the Area. The southern part of the island is covered by rocky outcrops with limited vegetated areas of shrubs and grasses whilst the northern part of the island has a rocky surface (Photo 6 at Figure 4b).
- 2.2.4 Mat Chau, Beaufort Island and Sung Kong are

isolated islands within the Area. They have a hilly terrain and are covered by rocky outcrops, woodland vegetation including mature trees and shrubland with tree clumps (Photos 3 to 5 at Figure 4b).

Natural Habitats

Owing to its geographical position, Po Toi is 2.2.5 considered as a crucial re-fuelling stop for migratory birds. More than 300 bird species, such as Hodgson's Redstart (Phoenicurus hodgsoni, 黑喉紅尾鴝), Dark-throated Thrush (Turdus ruficollis, 赤頸鶇), Brown Hawk Owl (Ninox scutulata, 鷹鴞), Blue-winged Pitta (Pitta moluccensis, 馬來八色鶇) and Oriental Honey Buzzard (Pernis ptilorhyncus, 鳳頭蜂鷹) have been recorded. Po Toi is also one of the only four sites in Hong Kong with natural populations of Romer's Tree Frog (Liuixalus romeri, 盧氏小樹 蛙), an "Endangered" species under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. and has a diverse assemblage of over 60 species of butterflies. Besides, Waglan Island is known to be a breeding site for terns. Some plant species of conservation interest are recorded in Beaufort

Island and Po Toi such as *Eulophia flava* (黃花美冠蘭), *Podocarpus macrophyllus* (羅漢松), *Polygala polifolia* (小花遠志) and *Rungia chinensis* (中華孩兒草).

2.2.6 Existing coastal woodland vegetation including large native mature trees near village clusters, mangroves and shrubland with tree clumps. They cover the coastal area of Tai Wan and Wan Tsai and serve as a significant ecological resource to sustain the migratory birds. The large native mature trees serve as a feature with high landscape coastal amenity. The dense woodland vegetation at the lower coastal area at the back of the village clusters also serves as a green buffer between village development and the natural environment of Po Toi which is significant.

2.3 <u>Historical Development</u>

2.3.1 Within the Area, Po Toi is the only known island which is habituated with a small population in the old days. Most of the villagers carried the surnames of Yu (余), Ho (何), Wan (溫), Pang (彭) and Chan (陳) who subsisted on farming, fishing and the harvesting of sea-weed. One recognised

village, namely Tai Wan Vaillge, is situated in the Area. Artefacts of both prehistoric and historic periods have been discovered in Tai Wan, Po Toi. It is recorded as a site of archaeological interest, namely Tai Wan Site of Archaeological Interest, Po Toi (SAI), by the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

2.3.2 Besides, there are two Declared Monuments in the Area. One is the Rock Carvings on Po Toi declared on 27.4.1979 (Photo 6 at Figure 5e) and the other one is Waglan Lighthouse on Waglan Island declared on 29.12.2000 (Photo 1 at Figure 5i).

2.4 Population

2.4.1 According to the 2011 census, the total population of the Area is about 50 persons.

2.5 Existing Land Uses (Figure 5a)

2.5.1 The Area has a natural and rural character comprising mainly shrubsland, grassland with high landscape value geological formations such as steeply rocky coast and low cliffs. Village settlements and a concrete trail for use by local

villagers and holiday visitors are found at Po Toi. There are also several streams running down hillsides onto the sea. The major existing land uses include the following:

Village Type Development

2.5.2 There is only one recognised village in the Area, namely Po Toi Village at Po Toi (Its 'Village Environs' ('VE') is shown in Figure 5a). The village consists of about 20 building units, most of them are one- to two-storey tenement houses. Local shops can be found on the ground floor of some of the houses. A seafood restaurant, i.e. Ming Kee Seafood Restaurant, is also found on the eastern fringe of the village (Figure 5b).

Residential Development

2.5.3 There are several temporary one- to two-storey domestic structures situated to the east and west of Po Toi Village outside the 'VE'. These domestic structures are mainly covered by Government Land Licences and squatters. Some building units with local shops are also scattered along the trail in Po Toi (**Figures 5c and 5d**).

Government, Institution or Community (GIC) Facilities and Open Space

2.5.4 Major GIC facilities in the Area include Tin Hau Temple at the western end of Tai Wan (Photo 1 at Figure 5e), a village office (蒲台村公所) at Po Toi Village and a sitting out area adjacent to the village office (Photo 4 at Figure 5b). An aqua privy is also situated at Po Toi Village (Photo 8 at Figure 5b). The rocky crops area outside Tin Hau Temple with concrete and staircases built and the flatland area near the aqua privy (Photo 3 at Figure 5e) have been used as a stage for the Chinese opera performance during festive celebration, i.e. the Da Jiu (打醮) Festival, every three years (similar to the Bun Festival (太平清 醮) in Cheung Chau).

Agricultural Land

2.5.5 There is about 2.4ha of agricultural land in the Area. All of them is located at Po Toi and has been abandoned for decades. In recent years, activities involving laying of concrete slabs were found the agricultural land at Wan Tsai to the southwest of Po Toi (Figures 5g and 5h). Irrigation may also be a problem in dry season. In spite of the above, the land might still be used

for agricultural activities such as green house or plant nursery other than open field cultivation.

Burial Grounds

2.5.6 There are two permitted burial grounds including on slopes in Wan Tsai and Ngong Chong, Po Toi. Besides, some existing graves are scattered over Po Toi.

Others

- 2.5.7 Two buildings are found in Po Toi to accommodate the electricity generators providing electricity to the residents and the restaurant. They are located to the north of the sitting out area at Tai Wan and near the aqua privy respectively. Potable water tanks can also be found in the middle of Po Toi Village, providing water supply to the locals (**Figure 5b**).
- 2.5.8 The buildings/structures found along the footpath at Po Toi and Waglan Island include, inter alia, the Declared Monuments, geological features, Mo's Old House, ex-Po Toi School and a Pavilion at Po Toi (**Figures 5e and 5f**). In addition, the Hong Kong Observatory has set up automatic weather and meteorological monitoring stations

in the island. Some ruined building structures are also found in the southern part of Waglan Island. (Figure 5i).

2.6 Land Ownership

2.6.1 Most of the land in the Area (about 99.4%) is Government land, and the remaining 0.6% (about 3.3ha) is private land, all of which is located in Po Toi, concentrated at Po Toi Village and at the southwesten part of Po Toi, comprising mainly fallow agricultural land including 40 private lots with building entitlement (**Figures 6a and 6b**).

2.7 Transportation and Access

- 2.7.1 There is no vehicular access to the Area. Marine access to Po Toi and Waglan Island are available via the piers on the islands. There is a footpath network at Po Toi connecting the public pier in Tai Wan and other places of interest on the island.
- 2.7.2 There is no public transport service in the Area except the licensed kaito services from Aberdeen/Stanley to Po Toi. To the west and south of the Area are natural deep water

channels, which are major fairways for incoming and outgoing ocean-going vessels. Several marine facilities are found on the islands, including one lighthouse at Nam Kok Tsui of Po Toi and one lighthouse at the northwestern shore of Beaufort Island, and a lighthouse and a radar station on the hilltop of Waglan Island.

2.8 Infrastructure and Utility Services

2.8.1 There are no sewerage, drainage and water supply systems in the Area. Electricity generators maintained by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) are installed at Po Toi Village, providing electricity to the local residents. Potable water is provided to the locals via water tanks, dam and water pipe maintained by the Islands District Office (IsDO).

3 PLANNING ANALYSIS

3.1 Planning Context

Ecological and Conservation values

3.1.1 The ecological and conservation values of the natural landscape in the Area are well

recognised. In view of the natural attributes, ecological diversity and landscape qualities, the Area was highlighted as Significant Land Conservation Areas and was recommended for conservation in Territorial Development Strategy Review (TDSR) (1998) (**Figure 7**). The surrounding water bodies were also recognised as Significant Marine Conservation Areas in TDSR. Such strategy was reaffirmed in the South West New Territories Development Strategy Review (2001).

3.1.2 Within the Area, DAFC considers that Po Toi has high ecological value worthy of conservation. Migratory Birds, Romer's Tree Frog and butterflies are the three scientific interests contributed to the ecological and conservation importance of Po Toi (paragraph 2.2.5 above refers). In addition, most of the streams on Po Toi are largely natural and unpolluted. They should be preserved from the nature conservation point of view.

Geological features

3.1.3 The Area has a hilly terrain covered by rocky outcrops and vegetated areas of shrubs and grasses (**Figure 3**). Especially on Po Toi, there are

some well known geological formation in granite rock along the coastline e.g. Buddha's Palm Cliff, Tortoise Rock and Coffin Rock (**Figure 5f**).

Land for Village Development

- 3.1.4 There is only one recognised village in the Area, namely Po Toi Village on Po Toi (Figure 5b) and its 'Village Environ' ('VE') covers an area of about 3.27ha (Figure 6a). The domestic structures within the village are predominantly one- to two-storey tenement houses held on a short term tenancy basis.
- The District Lands Officer/Islands, Lands 3.1.5 Department (DLO/Is, LandsD) advises that the 10-year Small House demand forecast for Po Toi Village is 20. the 10-year Small House demand forecast for Po Toi Village is 20. The figure remains unchanged when the DPA Plan was prepared in 2012. There are also no approved or outstanding Small House applications in the village. As the Indigenous Inhabitant Representative (IIR) of Po Toi Village is currently vacant, the indigenous villager's status of applicants for Small House development cannot be certified. Nevertheless, Small House development at suitable areas within the 'VE' by

designating "Village Type Development" ("V") zone should be provided to cater for the future demand.

3.2 Development Constraints (Figure 8)

Nature Conservation

Po Toi is an important re-fuelling stop for 3.2.1 migratory birds in view of its unique geographical position and suitable habitats. Over 300 bird species (60% of native avifauna) have been recorded at Po Toi. Because Po Toi is the first arrival point in Hong Kong for many migratory birds, it is the premier location for scientific research on the migration of birds. Most of the migratory birds recorded on Po Toi were found around the Wan Tsai and Tai Wan areas. These areas provide important foraging and resting grounds for migratory terrestrial birds and shorebirds. Besides, Po Toi is one of the only four sites in Hong Kong with natural populations of Romer's Tree Frog. It also has a diverse assemblage of over 60 species of butterflies (26% of native butterfly fauna). Due consideration would be given to its conservation when development at or near this area is proposed. Developments on these islands

involving site formation and vegetation and rock clearances that may impose adverse and irreversible impacts on the existing ecological resources.

Landscape Character

- 3.2.2 Except the village settlements on Po Toi, other islands are undeveloped. The coastal areas of Tai Wan and Wan Tsai are covered with coastal woodland vegetation including large native mature trees within Po Toi Village, mangroves and shrubland with tree clumps, which serves as a significant ecological resource to sustain the migratory birds. The large native mature trees also serve as a village and cultural landscape feature of high landscape coastal amenity. The dense woodland vegetation at the back of Po Toi Village is also a significant landscape feature. The coastal water of Po Toi Islands also has high landscape value.
- 3.2.3 The Area also features steep rocky coast and low cliffs from 100mPD to 270mPD with geological formations of high landscape value. Especially on Po Toi, there are some well-known geological formations in granite rock along the coastline e.g. Buddha's Palm Cliff, Tortoise Rock and Coffin

Rock. Rock Carvings on Po Toi are Declared Monuments of particular historic and cultural significance. The coastal water of Po Toi Islands also has high landscape value. Generally, the character of the coastal landscape is open, coherent, tranguil, remote and reasonably varied due to the visual complexity of the island group. The overall landscape character of the islands is remote, rugged and visually dramatic. In view of the above, the unique landscape resources and the character of the Area should be preserved. Any large scale development with extensive site formation and vegetation clearance should be avoided as it would cause irreversible adverse landscape and ecological impacts. Small scale development with conservation purposes that is compatible with the existing landscape context is recommended for Po Toi.

Cultural Heritage

3.2.4 The Area has two declared monuments and a site of archaeological interest which are worthy of preservation. Rock Carvings on Po Toi and the Lighthouse on Waglan Island are Declared Monuments of particular historic and cultural significance. Prior consultation with the

Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) should be made if any works, developments, redevelopment or rezoning proposals may affect the declared monuments, site of archaeological interest and their immediate environs. In accordance with section 6 of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53), a permit issued by the Antiquities Authority, i.e. the Secretary for Development is required for any works to be carried out within the monument boundary of a declared monument. If disturbance to the site of archaeological interest is unavoidable, a detailed archaeological impact assessment (AIA) shall be conducted to evaluate the archaeological impact imposed by the proposed works if there is any development within the site of archaeological interest. If necessary, a qualified archaeologist shall apply for a licence under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) for an archaeological investigation. A proposal of the AIA shall be submitted to the AMO for agreement prior to applying for the licence. Subject to the findings of the AIA, appropriate mitigation measures shall be fully implemented by the project proponent in consultation with the AMO of LCSD.

Accessibility

3.2.5 One of the development constraints in the Area is the limited frequency and capacity of the ferry services. Only one kaito ferry service between Po Toi and Aberdeen is operated on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with additional services from Stanley to Po Toi on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Within the Area, only Po Toi is accessible by footpaths and hiking trails at the southern coast of Po Toi, linking up the existing village clusters, the unique rock features, historical rock carving with high landscape value and cultural significance as well as village houses scattered at different parts of Po Toi (**Figure 5a**).

Infrastructure and Utility Services

3.2.6 The electricity and water supply facilities in the Area are limited. There are also no drainage and sewerage systems in the Area. Any development that will lead to increases in population or number of visitors to the Area would require additional facilities. For any development or redevelopment, the project proponent should address how sewage and/or other wastewater, if any, produced could be collected, treated and discharged. Should septic tank and soakaway system be proposed, it shall meet the requirements of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD)'s Practice Note for Professional Persons (ProPECC) PN 5/93 "Drainage Plans subject to comment by EPD".

Geotechnical Safety

3.2.7 The Area comprises hillsides with history of instability, and is subject to potential landslide hazards. For any future development in the Area including the "V" zone, natural terrain hazard study may be required to assess the potential hazards and constraints arising from natural terrain, and to provide suitable hazard mitigation measures, if found necessary, as part of the development.

Burial Grounds

3.2.8 The areas covered by the two permitted burial grounds located in Wan Tsai and Ngong Chong, Po Toi are not suitable for any development.

3.3 <u>Development Opportunities</u>

Conservation of Natural Landscape

3.3.1 The Area has a rural and natural setting with scientific importance and conservation value which is unique in Hong Kong. In particular, the natural habitat of Po Toi has high ecological and scientific values worthy of conservation. The Area also possesses numerous interesting geological features and cultural heritage which should be preserved. Any development within the Area should not affect the special ecological, landscape, geological and cultural heritage resources in the Area. Developments compatible with the natural and rural settings in areas around the existing village settlements on Po Toi could be considered.

Education and Recreation Potentials

3.3.2 The Area has unique ecological, landscape, geological and cultural heritage resources with high scientific and archaeological values. These resources, most of which are concentrated on Po Toi, should be preserved. The places of scientific and archaeological interests are connected by a footpath network originating from the public

pier in Tai Wan. Nevertheless, the frequency of the existing kaito service has limited the public access to these places. Provision of appropriate facilities education with overnight accommodation, e.g. holiday camp/tenting site, on Po Toi can facilitate public understanding of the Area's unique environment while at the same time unleash the recreation potential of the Area without resulting in adverse environmental and ecological impacts. The areas near Tai Wan Public Pier, which is more accessible and consists of private lots with building entitlements, may be a suitable location for such development. In view of the unique natural and rural environment of the Area with special scientific importance and high conservation value, the scale and character of such development should be compatible with the natural and rural characters of the Area. Owing to the limited transport facilities, utilities and infrastructure, as well as the need to conserve the Area's rural and natural setting with high conservation value, large-scale recreation and/or tourism development in the Area should be avoided.

3.4 Development Pressure

- 3.4.1 Since 2012, there has been vegetation clearance and laying of concrete slabs at the southwestern part of Po Toi (near Wan Tsai) (Figures 5g and 5h). There are concerns that such activities are to facilitate columbarium or memorial garden development in the Area. While lease enforcement actions against the laving of concrete slab has been undertaken by LandsD, there are severe concerns on the alleged columbarium/memorial garden development in the Area because such development usually involves large scale vegetation clearance and construction activities that will affect the natural environment, rural character and the unique ecological and landscape resources of the Area. It may also overtax the infrastructure in the Area. Columbarium/memorial garden development which is not compatible with the natural and rural settings of the Area should be avoided.
- 3.4.2 The domestic structures on Po Toi are mainly one- to two-storey tenement houses built using temporary materials, which may require improvement or redevelopment. There may be potential for the landowners/occupants of the existing structures on Po Toi to pool their land

holding for low-rise low-density residential development to optimise the use of land and to achieve a more orderly layout. The residential development should blend in with the rural character, and avoid overloading the limited infrastructure of the Area and causing adverse environmental impact.

- 3.4.3 Abandoned agricultural land mainly locates near the public pier and in the southwestern part of Po Toi (near Wan Tsai). Most of which are private land. The Lamma Island (South) Rural Committee (RC) and the local residents have raised concerns about the development right of these private lots. In particular, noting that south Lamma Island and Po Toi are within the same 'Heung', RC proposed that the "V" zone at Po Toi should also accommodate the Small House demand of indigenous villagers in both Po Toi and south Lamma Island.
- 3.4.4 Noting the concerns of RC/local residents and the green/concern groups, the Planning Department (PlanD) has analysed the site conditions of the area within 'VE' taking into account of the existing village settlement, the infrastructural constraints, environmental and topographical conditions of the Area.

Consideration has also been given to the consolidation of Small House development at suitable locations in order to avoid undesirable disturbances to the natural environment and overtaxing the limited infrastructure in the Area. Based on an incremental approach, it is considered that the 10-year demand for Small House development of 20 could be met by redeveloping the temporary domestic structures erected on Government land and by expanding the "Village Type Development" ("V") zone to the relatively flat area to the north of the existing "V" zone. Such approach could achieve a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land as well as provision of infrastructures and services in areas around the existing village settlements.

- 3.5 <u>Development Proposals/Views received since the</u> <u>Gazettal of the DPA Plan</u>
 - 3.5.1 Since the gazettal of the draft DPA Plan on 2.3.2012, and in the course of preparing the OZP, the following proposals/views have been received:
 - (a) proposed campsite evelopment at Po Toi Island submitted by Chinese YMCA of Hong

Kong;

- (b) In response to their request, a meeting with the local residents of Po Toi was held on 22.8.2014 to express their views on the infrastructure provision and future development of the Area. On 28.8.2014, the local residents of Po Toi lodged a complaint to the Public Complaints Office of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Secretariat and a site visit/case meeting with LegCo Members, the Islands District Office (DO/Is) and concerned Government bureaux/departments was held on 23.9.2014 to consider their concerns;
- PlanD held a meeting with green/concern (c) groups including representatives from Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS), World Wide Fund Hong Kong for Nature (WWF), Green Power, Conservancy Association, Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, Alliance for the Concern over Columbarium Policy, Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong and Designing Hong Kong on 3.11.2014 to express their views on the conservation and land uses of the Area; and

- (d) a meeting with Lamma Island (South) Rural Committee (RC) to solicit their views on the preparation of the draft OZP was held on 29.10.2014 to express their concerns on the land uses and development potential of the Area.
- 3.5.2 Locations of the land use proposals are shown in Figure 9. The planning assessments of the proposals are provided in the following paragraphs.

Proposed Campsite Development at Po Toi Island submitted by Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong (YMCA)

3.5.3 YMCA submitted a proposal to develop a campsite at the land near the public pier at Po Toi, with an area of about 2,180m². The subject site comprises private lots which are donated from existing owners to YMCA for operation of social services. YMCA intends to establish a campsite with capacity of 40 places on the site including accommodation, common room, activity areas, and logistic support facilities, etc. (Figures 10a and 10b). Subject to Government's approval of land grant, the proposed campsite can be further expanded eastwards to provide additional 28 places (Figure 10c).

The details of the preliminary development 3.5.4 proposal are shown in **Annex I**. Considering the special and unique characters of Po Toi, the proposed campsite would have a natural and tranguil atmosphere that is commensurate with the surroundings. The proposed camp activities would be stressed on outdoor basis, e.g. bird watching (especially the migratory birds) and hiking in exploring the geological and/or ecological resources of the island, etc. Structured programme/activities would be organised in the proposed campsite to educate the participants the unique environment as well as the scientific and archaeological values of the Area. A special operation mode would be adopted on the site. Bare minimum resources supporting the programmes/activities organised/structured would be consumed in order to avoid adverse impact on the environment. Participants are required to bring away what they brought onto the site and not to bring away what they did not bring with so as to preserve the environment. No mass function would be arranged. The broad development parameters of the proposed campsite development 1) (Phase are summarised in the following table:

Site Area	About 2,180m ²
Plot Ratio	0.4
Total GFA	About 854m ²
Domestic GFA	About 289m ²
Non-domestic GFA	About 565m ²
Total No. of units	10
4-person unit	7
2-eprson unit	3

It is considered that the proposed campsite with 3.5.5 organised activities/programme can facilitate the public understanding of the unique natural resources in the Area. The provision of accommodation facilities can also unleash the Area's recreation potential. The public experience at Po Toi can be enhanced. Nevertheless. the Area has limited infrastructure capacity on traffic, water supply, electricity, drainage and sewerage aspects to support the proposed campsite development. The impacts of the construction and operation of the proposed campsite development on the landscape and ecological resources in Po Toi are yet to be ascertained. There is also insufficient information on the design and layout of the proposed camp in the submission. In particular, DAFC is concerned about the potential ecological impact that may arise from the proposal,

especially during the construction stage and the associated slope stabilisation works. The Chief Town Planner/Urban Design and Landscape is also concerned about the visual bulk and the feasibility of the special operation mode of the proposed development. Furthermore, the Director of Environmental Protection advises that if "Conservation Area" zone is designated on the site, the proposed campsite development may become a designated project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) that requires statutory EIA.

3.5.6 Without detailed design/layout of the proposed campsite development and supporting technical assessments, it is considered premature to designate a zoning on the OZP permitting the proposed campsite development on the site. However, provision for 'Holiday Camp' development upon application to the Board could be considered on the OZP to ensure proper control on its scale, layout and design with submission of supporting technical assessments so that the proposed development would not have substantial adverse impacts.

Views/Concerns of local residents

- 3.5.7 The local residents are concerned about the lack of GIC facilities and infrastructure on Po Toi including, inter alia, public toilet, emergency rescue services (in particular the provision of helicopter landing pad for emergency use), electricity/water supplies and public transport provision. In the site visit/case meeting with LegCo Members on 23.9.2014 (Minutes of the meeting are enclosed in Annex II), it was agreed that DO/Is would undertake to improve the existing piece of flatland near Tai Wan so that it could serve as an emergency helicopter landing pad, a place for Chinese Opera performance during festive celebration and a public space. Other requests on, inter alia, provision of additional public toilet near Tai Wan public pier, improvements on electricity and water supplies at Po Toi Village and rescheduling of kaito services between Aberdeen and Po Toi had been conveyed to concerned Government departments for consideration.
- 3.5.8 The local residents were also concerned about the adverse impacts of the laying of concrete slab and the possible columbarium/memorial garden development at southwest Po Toi (near

Wan Tsai). While currently there is no evidence that columbarium/memorial garden has ever existed in the Area, the Planning Authority would continue to monitor the case and take necessary enforcement actions should unauthorised development be identified. Also, any development within the concerned area requires planning permission from the Board in accordance with the prevailing DPA Plan and no application has been received so far.

Views/Concerns of green/concern groups

Majority of the green/concern 3.5.9 groups considered that the Area, especially Po Toi, has a high scientific value worthy of conservation. According to their initial surveys, migratory birds are found in areas at southwest Po Toi close to Tai Wan Ferry Pier. Besides, Romer's Tree Frog is also found along some natural streams at Po Toi. HKBWS and the Conservancy Association have submitted proposals to designate areas at southeast Po Toi and near Tai Tam Wan (Lau Shui Hang) as Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) to preserve its unique natural habitat with high ecological and scientific values (Annex III). These proposals are also supported by some green/concern groups such as Designing Hong Kong and WWF. They also propose to designate the Area as Country Park (CP) and its surrounding waters as Marine Park (MP). While conservation zonings are designated to conserve the high ecological value of the Area, the designation of CP/MP are under jurisdiction of the Country and Marine Parks Authority (CMPA) governed by the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208) and Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476) which are outside the purview of the Board.

Views/Concerns of the Lamma Island (South) Rural Committee

3.5.10 The RC acknowledged the need to undertake statutory planning control in the Area to prevent haphazard development and enforcement actions against unauthorised development can be taken, the RC urged the Government not to exploit the development rights of the private landowners in the Area by designating conservation zonings on private lots. In particular, they opined that the current "V" zone on the DPA Plan, which reflects the existing village clusters only and exclude other private lots on Po Toi, is insufficient to meet the future demand for Small House development in the Area. While there are no approved/outstanding Small House

applications in the Area, RC considered that flexibility should be provided for Small House development in the Area in future and suggested the "V" zone to areas at southwest Po Toi as proposed in the consideration of representations made on the draft DPA Plan (**Annex IV**). RC also considers that provisions for holiday house development should be provided within the private lots on Po Toi to allow recreation development in the Area and improve local economy without compromising the natural habitats in the Area.

3.5.11 RC considered that designating conservation zonings on the private land would maintain the status quo with low population and limited GIC facilities/infrastructure that could not help to improve the livelihood of the local residents. Noting the unique natural and rural setting of the Area, RC suggested that a mechanism for consideration of development proposals by the Board through planning application system should be provided so as to ensure any development proposals would not impose adverse impacts on the surroundings and to achieve a balance between conservation and development. On this aspect, RC considered that some low-rise holiday house developments with its size comparable with the New Territories Exempted House (NTEH) is an example of development that may be compatible with the natural and rural settings of the Area.

3.5.12 The boundary of "V" zone has been reviewed and areas within 'VE' that are suitable for village expansion are proposed to be zoned as "V" on the draft OZP. The area suggested by RC are neither within nor adjacent to the 'VE' which Small House development is not permitted as advised by DLO/Is, LandsD. Nevertheless, such area is mainly covered by squatters, temporary domestic structures and ruins. To provide flexibility for upgrading of existing domestic structures and for NTEH/residential/holiday house developments, it is proposed to zone this area as "Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)") in which NTEH/residential/holiday house developments may be permitted on application to the Board.

4 PLANNING PROPOSALS

- 4.1 <u>The Outline Zoning Plan</u>
 - 4.1.1 The draft Po Toi Islands OZP (the Plan) prepared under section 3(1)(a) of the Ordinance is to

provide a statutory basis for planning control over the Area. It will supersede the approved Po Toi Islands DPA Plan No. DPA/I-PTI/2, which was exhibited for public inspection under section 9(5) of the Ordinance on 22.3.2013. Uses and developments that are always permitted and those for which the Board's permission must be sought in various zones are set out in a schedule of Notes attached to the Plan. Also accompanying the Plan is an Explanatory Statement to assist an understanding of the Plan and to reflect the planning intentions and objectives of the Board for various land-use zonings.

4.2 <u>Planning Objectives</u>

- 4.2.1 The development of the Area should gear towards the following objectives:
 - (a) to provide a comprehensive planning framework and to guide the development on an integrated and co-ordinated basis;
 - (b) to conserve unique natural landscape, ecological value and scientific interest in safeguarding the natural habitat of the wider area;

- (c) to preserve the natural and rural character of the Area; and
- (d) to allow upgrading and improvements of the village houses within the Area.

4.3 <u>Planning Principles</u>

- 4.3.1 The main planning principles below are adopted for preparation of the planning and development proposals of the Area:
 - (a) the Area has a rural and natural setting with scientific importance and conservation value which are unique in Hong Kong. In particular, Po Toi has a high ecological value worthy of conservation. The Area also possesses various geological features. The ecological, geological and landscape values of the Area are required to be protected and conserved;
 - (b) the Area has two declared monuments and site of archaeological interest which should be preserved. Development that has adverse impact to the declared monuments and SAI should be avoided;

- (c) future development and redevelopment within the Area should demonstrate a low-rise characteristic and not to overtax the limited infrastructure in the Area; and
- (d) Small House developments will be concentrated in existing village clusters by redeveloping the existing temporary domestic structures to avoid overtax the limited infrastructure or generate adverse impact on the natural environment of the Area.

4.4 Land Uses Proposals (Figure 11)

- 4.4.1 In the preparation of various land use zones in the Area, consideration has been given to the natural environment, physical landform, existing land use pattern, demand for Small Houses and availability of infrastructure and local development opportunities. The Following land uses are proposed to be designated on the Plan.
- 4.4.2 *"Residential (Group D)" ("R(D)")* (0.48ha or 0.09%)
 - (a) The planning intention of this zone is

primarily for improvement and upgrading of existing temporary structures within the rural areas through redevelopment of existing temporary structures into permanent buildings. It is also intended for low-rise, low-density residential developments subject to planning permission from the Board.

- (b) This zone mainly covers the areas to the southwest of Po Toi Village outside its 'VE'. This area is mainly occupied by one- to two-storey temporary structures built years ago. Most of the structures are occupied while some are ruins.
- (c) To allow for upgrading and improvement, redevelopment of existing one- to two-storey tenement houses or existing building shall not result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building area of 37.2m² and a maximum building height of 2 storeys (6m), or the building area and height of the existing building, whichever is the greater. Rebuilding of NTEH and replacement of an existing domestic building which was in existence on the

date of the first publication in the Gazette of the notice of draft DPA Plan by a NTEH are always permitted in this zone. Apart from allowing residential upgrading, low-density low-rise and residential developments may be permitted on application to the Board. To be in line with the general development intensity of the surrounding residential areas, development including redevelopment for 'Flat' and 'House' (except 'NTEH') shall not result in a total development in excess of a maximum plot ratio of 0.4 and a maximum building height of 3 storeys (9m).

- (d) To provide flexibility for innovative design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of the plot ratio and building height restrictions may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.
- (e) As diversion of streams or filling of pond may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.

- 4.4.3 *"Village Type Development" ("V")* (0.71ha or 0.13%) (Figure 12)
 - The planning intention of this zone is to (a) designate both existing recognized villages and areas of land considered suitable for village expansion. Land within this zone is primarily intended for development of Small Houses by indigenous villagers. It is also intended to concentrate village type development within this zone for a more orderly development pattern, efficient use of land and provision of infrastructures and services. Selected commercial and community uses serving the needs of the villagers and in support of the village development are always permitted on the ground floor of a NTEH. Other commercial and community uses may be permitted on application to the Board.
 - (b) The boundary of the "V" zone is drawn up around existing clusters having regard to 'VE', the local topography, the existing settlement pattern, site characteristics as well as the estimated Small House demand. Areas of difficult terrain, dense vegetation, burial grounds, ecologically sensitive areas

and streamcourses have been avoided where possible.

- (c) There is only one recognised village in the Area, namely Po Toi Village on Po Toi. Currently, there is a restaurant within the "V" zone. There are neither approved nor outstanding Small House applications within its 'VE' and the village is occupied by one- to two-storey tenement houses.
- In order to ensure that any future (d) development or redevelopment within the village would retain the village character, no new development, or additional alteration and/or modification to or redevelopment of an existing building shall result in a total development and/or redevelopment in excess of a maximum building height of 3 storeys (8.23m) or the height of the building(s), whichever is greater. Minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.
- (e) As diversion of streams or filling of pond

may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.

There is no existing sewer or planned (f) public sewer for the Area, and at present, each house is typically served by its own on-site septic tanks and soakaway (STS) system. In accordance with the Environmental, Transport and Works Bureau's Technical Circular (Works) No. 5/2005, under the current administrative practice, for development proposals/submissions that may affect natural streams/rivers, the approving/ processing authorities at various stages of the development should consult and collate comments from Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation and relevant authorities and incorporate relevant comments/advice as conditions of approval wherever possible. For the protection of the water quality of the streams and sea, the design and construction of on-site STS system for any development proposals/submissions also need to comply with relevant standards and regulations, such as EPD's ProPECC 5/93. Accordingly, the Lands Department when processing Small House grant and applications in close proximity to existing stream courses should consult concerned departments including EPD, AFCD and PlanD to ensure that all relevant departments would have adequate opportunity to review and comment on the applications.

- 4.4.4 *"Government, Institution or Community" ("G/IC")* (0.24ha or 0.04%)
 - (a) The planning intention of this zone is primarily for the provision of GIC facilities serving the needs of the local residents and/or a wider district, region or the territory. It is also intended to provide land for uses directly related to or in support of the work of the Government, organisations providing social services to meet community needs, and other institutional establishments.
 - (b) The "G/IC" zone covers the Tin Hau Temple and the abandoned village school, i.e. Po Toi School at Po Toi, as well as the

lighthouse and other government uses/facilities at southern Waglan Island. The abandoned village school site is zoned "G/IC" to reserve for further use by the Government. Flexibility is also provided in the "G/IC" zone for adaptive reuse of the abandoned village school site to compatible Government, institution or community uses.

- (c) To preserve the rural and low-rise character of the Area, development/ redevelopment within this zone should be restricted to the maximum building height as stipulated on the Plan or the height of building which was in existence on the date of first publication in the Gazette of the notice of the DPA Plan, whichever is greater.
- (d) To provide flexibility for innovative design adapted to the characteristics of particular sites, minor relaxation of the building height restriction may be considered by the Board through the planning permission system. Each proposal will be considered on its individual planning merits.

- (e) As diversion of streams or filling of pond may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities.
- 4.4.5 *Open Space ("O")* (0.1ha or 0.02%)
 - (a) This zone is intended primarily for the provision of outdoor open-air public space for active and/or passive recreational uses serving the needs of local residents as well as the general public.
 - (b) This zone covers areas in front of Tin Hau Temple and at the eastern fringe of Po Toi Village, which are being used as a stage for the Chinese operas performance during festive celebration. The piece of flatland at the eastern fringe of Po Toi Village is also being used as an emergency landing pad for helicopters.
- 4.4.6 *"Other Specified Uses" ("OU")* (0.07ha or 0.01%)
 - (a) The planning intention of this zone is for specified development(s) and/or uses, which is/are specified in the annotation of

the zone. There is only one "OU" zone on the Plan, which is annotated 'Pier' and covers two sites currently used as piers located at Tai Wan, Po Toi and Waglan Island.

- 4.4.7 *"Green Belt" ("GB")* (150.47ha or 27.37%)
 - (a) The planning intention of this zone is primarily for defining the limits of urban and sub-urban development areas by natural features and to contain urban sprawl as well as to provide passive recreational outlets. There is a general presumption against development within this zone.
 - (b) Areas with natural vegetation, woodland, hilly terrain, hillside shrubland and grassland have been designated as "GB" to protect existing green areas and preserve the hilly terrain in the Area.
 - (c) The "GB" zone mainly covers the vegetated hill slopes at Tai Wan and Wan Tsai, Po Toi; as well as those at Mat Chau, Beaufort Island and Sung Kong. There are two traditional burial grounds in the southern

part of Po Toi within this zone. As they have been in existence before the first publication of DPA Plan, they are considered as an existing use intended for the burial of deceased indigenous villagers in the Area. To respect the local ritual and tradition, burial activities within this zone are generally tolerated.

- (d) There is a general presumption against development within this zone. Development in this zone will be strictly controlled. Development proposals will be considered by the Board on individual merits taking into account the relevant Town Planning Board Guidelines.
- (e) As diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment, permission from the Board is required for such activities except public works coordinated or implemented by Government, and maintenance, repair or rebuilding works.

- 4.4.8 *"Coastal Protection Area" ("CPA")* (30.43ha or 5.54%)
 - The planning intention of this zone to (a) conserve, protect and retain the natural coastlines and the sensitive coastal natural environment, including attractive geological features, physical landform or area of high landscape, scenic or ecological value, with a minimum of built development. It may also cover areas which serve as natural protection areas sheltering nearby developments against the effects of coastal erosion. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.
 - (b) This zone covers the coastal areas along the islands, which primarily consist of coastal vegetation, rocky and boulder coasts.

- (c) New residential development is not permitted under this zone. Redevelopment of existing houses may be permitted on application to the Board. The redevelopment of an existing house shall not result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the house which was in existence on the date of the first publication of the DPA Plan.
- (d) In view of the conservation value of the area within this zone, permission from the Board is required for diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land that may cause adverse drainage impacts on the adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment.

4.4.9 *"Conservation Area" ("CA")* (367.17ha or 66.8%)

(a) This zone is intended to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological and topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes. There is a general presumption against development in this zone. In general, only developments that are needed to support the conservation of the existing natural landscape or scenic quality of the area or are essential infrastructure projects with overriding public interest may be permitted.

This zone covers most part of Po Toi which (b) has scientific significance and high conservation value. Migratory Birds, Romer's Tree Frog and butterflies are the three scientific interests contributed to the ecological and conservation importance of Po Toi. Owing to its geographical position, Po Toi is considered as a crucial re-fuelling stop for migratory birds. More than 300 bird species, such as Hodgson's Redstart (Phoenicurus hodgsoni, 黑喉紅尾鴝), Dark-throated Thrush (Turdus ruficollis, 赤 頸鶇), Brown Hawk Owl (Ninox scutulata, 鷹鴞), Blue-winged Pitta (Pitta moluccensis, 馬來八色鶇) and Oriental Honey Buzzard (Pernis ptilorhyncus, 鳳頭蜂鷹) have been recorded. Po Toi is also one of the only four sites in Hong Kong with natural populations of Romer's Tree Frog (Liuixalus romeri, 盧氏小樹蛙), an "Endangered" species under the IUCN Red List of

Threatened Species, which could be found in the streams on Po Toi. The island also has a diverse assemblage of over 60 species of butterflies. The "CA" zone also covers the vegetated hill slopes and the rocky areas on Waglan Island, which has a natural character and is known to be a breeding site for terns.

- It is intended that with stringent planning (c) control imposed under this zoning, the rich ecological and biological features in the areas can be protected and preserved. New residential development is not under this permitted zone. Redevelopment of existing houses may be permitted on application to the Board. The redevelopment of existing houses shall not result in a total redevelopment in excess of the plot ratio, site coverage and height of the house which was in existence on the date of the first publication of the DPA Plan.
- (d) Within this zone, the areas near Tai Wan Public Pier, which is more accessible and consist of private lots with building entitlements, may have potential for

development of education and recreational facilities with overnight accommodation to allow visitors staying in the Area for a longer period of time for education/recreation activities. This can unleash the education and recreational potentials in the Area. Yet the feasibility of such development is subject to further assessments on environmental, ecological, traffic, infrastructure, sewerage, drainage, visual and landscape aspects, etc. Any development should not affect the unique natural environment within this zone.

(e) Diversion of streams, filling of land/pond or excavation of land may cause adverse drainage impacts on adjacent areas and adverse impacts on the natural environment. In view of the conservation value of the area within this zone, permission from the Board is required for such activities.

5 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Infrastructure Provision

- 5.1.1 Currently, there are no sewerage, drainage and water supply systems in the Area. Electricity generators maintained by EMSD are installed at Po Toi Village, providing electricity to the local residents. Potable water is provided to the locals via water tanks, dam and water pipe provided and maintained by IsDO. There are neither committed nor planned water supplies, electricity, sewerage and drainage systems or gas supply projects for the Area.
- 5.1.2 Any increase in population, number of visitors to the Area or further recreational/residential developments would require additional facilities. In particular, the design and construction of the on-site STS need to comply with relevant standards and regulations, such as EPD's ProPECC PN 5/93, for the protection of the water quality and the natural streams flowing through the Area.

5.2 Statutory Development Control

5.2.1 The OZP provides a broad land-use framework

for development control and implementation of planning proposals for the Area. More detailed plans will be prepared as a basis for public works planning and private developments. The type of permitted developments and uses on land within the Area are listed in the Notes of the Plan. All uses directly related and ancillary to the permitted developments and uses are also permitted.

- 5.2.1 At present, there is no overall programme for the provision of infrastructure within the Area. The implementation process will be gradual and may stretch over a long period of time depending on the availability of resources. It will be undertaken through the participation of both public and private sectors.
- 5.2.2 Improvement/repair works of public facilities, including the footpaths, electricity generators, water tanks, dam and water pipe will be carried out by IsDO through the Rural Public Works and Local Public Works Programme. Private developments will be effected principally through private sector initiatives in accordance with the zoned uses indicated on the OZP, provided that their proposals meet Government requirements.

5.2.3 Any development, or in conformity with this Plan or with the permission of the Board, undertaken or continued on or after 2.3.2012 on land included in a plan of the Po Toi Islands DPA, may be subject to enforcement proceedings under the Ordinance.

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<u>Annex I</u>



PROPOSED CAMPSITE DEVELOPMENT AT PO TOI ISLAND

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1.0 Introduction

Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong (YMCA) would receive the subject site located at Po Toi Island, with an area of about 2,180m² under donation from existing owner for operation of social services.

YMCA intended to establish a campsite with capacity of 40 places (in the first phase) including accommodation, common room, activity areas, and logistic support facilities, etc. Second phase of adding 28 places would be subject to government's approval on granting more parcels of land in adjoining areas.

All facilities would be developed for serving the whole community, especially the youths & youngers.

2.0 Subject Site Information

2.1 Subject Site

The Subject Site includes the following lots in Po Toi Island Lot Nos. 88, 90, 91, 93, 95, 1140, 1146, 1147, 1151, 1152, 1154, 1155 and 1156

Lot Nos.	Area (sq m; approx.)
88	65
90	120.8
91	80.9
93	121.4
95	242.8
1140	161.7
1146	39.9
1147	1091.1
1151	74.3
1152	92.9
1154	24.2
1155	56.5
1156	9.7
Total Area	2,181.2
say	2,180 sq meters

2.2 Location and Area

The Subject Site is located at the western part of Po Toi Island. Please refer to the Lot Index Plan at *Appendix 1*.

The total area of the Subject Site is $2,180m^2$.

2.3 Environment

Po Toi Island is rural in nature and developments there are mainly village type houses and some temporary structures.

2.4 Accessibility and Transport Facilities

There are ferries serving between Aberdeen/ Stanley and Po Toi Island. Basically there are one to two trips on weekdays and one to four trips during Sundays and Holidays. Po Toi Island Ferry Pier is within few minutes' walking distance from the Subject Site.

2.5 Existing Site Conditions

As shown by some photos in *Appendix 2*, majority parts of the Subject Site are overgrown with shrubs and trees.

3.0 Land Matter

YMCA would receive the subject site under donation from existing owner for operation of social services.

There are two phases in our proposal. In Phase 1 development, YMCA intends to establish a campsite with capacity of 40 places including accommodation, common room, activity areas, canteen and logistic support facilities, etc. In this phase, as some parcels of land are beyond the coral line and some are along the footpath to the public pier, surrender and re-grant of land may be involved (please refer to *Appendix 3* for details).

In Phase 2, YMCA would like to extend our services by adding 28 places at adjoining government land. This part would also be subject to government's approval. Please refer to *Appendix 4* and Section 4 below shows details of our proposed phrasal arrangement.

4.0 Preliminary Development Proposal

4.1 Architectural Proposal

YMCA engaged an architectural consultant, M/s Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd. (AD+RG), to carry out a preliminary proposal on the said development of campsite. Please refer to *Appendix 5* for the details of proposal.

	Land involved	Remarks
Phase 1A	Subject Site	Appendix 6 (site survey plan with surrender/
		re-grant/purchased area) and <i>Appendix 3</i> refer
Phase 1B	Surrender of	Appendix 6 and Appendix 3 refer.
	Site A (part of	Surrender Site A and re-grant Sit B & C may be
	Lot 1147) and	required.
	purchase Site	
	B & C	
	(government	
	land)	
Sub-total area	<u>2,180 m²</u>	Total capacity: 40 places
of Phase 1		
Phase 2	Adjoining	Seek for government's approval on granting 1,400m ²
	government	of adjoining government land in future; for future
	land (1,400m ²⁾	expansion purpose of adding 28 places; Yellow area
		highlighted in Appendix 4 refers.
Total area	<u>3,580 m²</u>	Total Capacity: 68 places

Our proposed phasing arrangement is outlined below:

4.2 **Operation Concept and justification**

In consideration of the special and unique characters of Po Toi Island, the camp activities will be stressed on outdoor basis, e.g. birds watching (esp. the migratory birds), hiking in exploring the geological and /or ecological nature of the island. Structured program / activity will be organized in this proposed campsite. Meditation retreat for churches would be arranged. Hence, the campsite is expected having a natural and tranquil atmosphere matching with the surrounding. The campers could explore the natural beauty of Hong Kong and enjoy a short break away from the blooming city.

Some courses may be designed for teenagers to increase confidence and independence in participants while they experience time away from home, offering opportunities for them to take responsibility for themselves. A caring, friendly, and experienced instructor will guide and supervise participants in small groups.

Participants will engage in activities which develop self-confidence, independence, responsibility for themselves, as well as an appreciation of the needs of others and the world around them. On returning home, they will feel proud of their achievements and the new skills they have learned.

There is also a Special Operation Mode – Simple Life Option. In this mode, bare minimum resources would be consumed in order to support organized / structured programs / activities without adverse impact on the environment. In addition, concept of "bring away what you brought onto the island; do not bring away what you didn't bring with" would be introduced to the participants so as to preserved the environment as far as possible. No mass function would be arranged.

5.0 Preliminary Impact Assessment

5.1 The Environment

It is understood the landscape value of Po Toi Island is high. Any developments may bring along adverse impact to existing landscape resources. As conservative concern to the rural and natural character of the site, the proposed campsite is only up to a capacity of 40 places in the first instant of development. Works would further be divided into two sub-phases, namely phase 1A and 1B, hoping to alleviate sudden impact induced on the environment.

In AD+RG's proposal (*Appendix 3*), special consideration had been made to ensure proper tree protection / preservation (e.g. avoid to design new structure at a location where clashes with trunk of trees).

Besides, it was proposed that more off site, pre-fabricated structure should be employed so as to minimize site activities. Environmental friendly facilities should also be applied as far as possible Please be assured that all proposed development should be away from the coral line. We would also prepare to take sufficient measures to alleviate adverse impact on the environment during the development.

5.2 Infrastructure and Utilities

There are no water and electricity supply as well as no provision for drainage discharge. YMCA was aware of the special situation on Po Toi Island and would like to work with the neighbors / villagers on the island in tackling these limitations. The implementation of the project should enhance the quality of life of the villagers rather than fighting for scarce resources on the island.

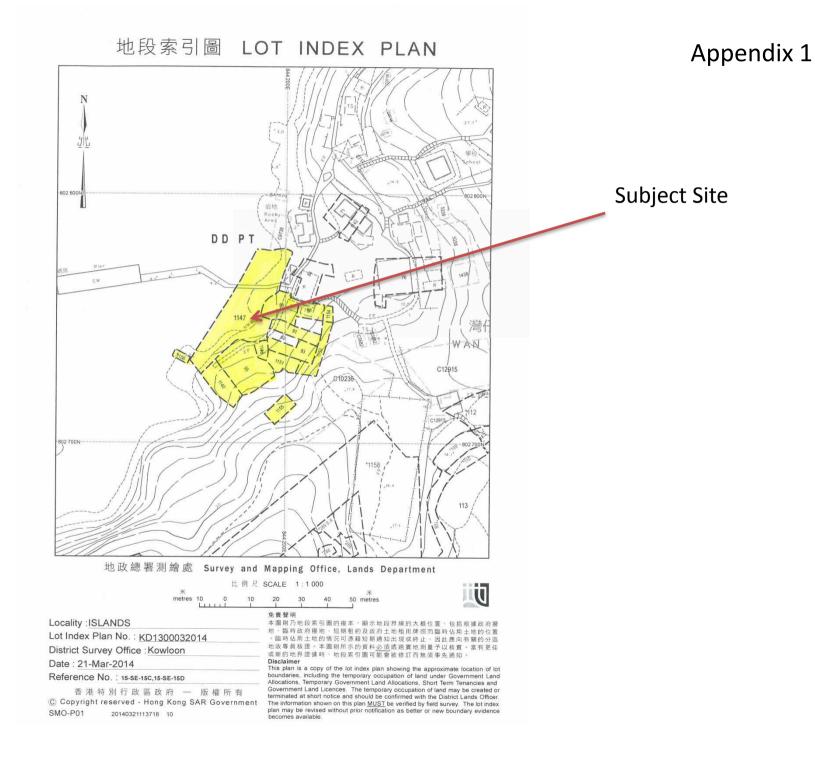
YMCA planned to install photovoltaic panel system, solar LED lighting and rain water collection system etc. in order to solve utilities problems.

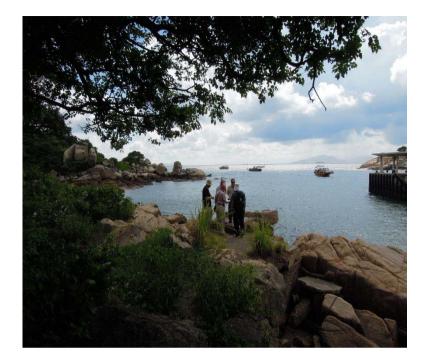
5.3 Traffic

There will be minor impact to existing traffic, since a capacity of 40 places is only around one-forth or one-fifth of the capacity of a ferry running between Po Toi Island and HK Island. In addition, YMCA may arrange charter boat from Aberdeen or Stanley Bay for the participants when in need.

6.0 Summary and Conclusion

In summary, the proposed application for planning permission may only induce minor impact on environmental and traffic aspects. The campsite facilities will definitely promote the local economy of Po Toi Island. The proposed development will bring social benefit of serving the whole community, especially the youths & youngers. The youngers will have a chance in exploring the natural beauty of Hong Kong and living far away from the modernized city so as to enrich their horizon.





Appendix 2

Subject Site



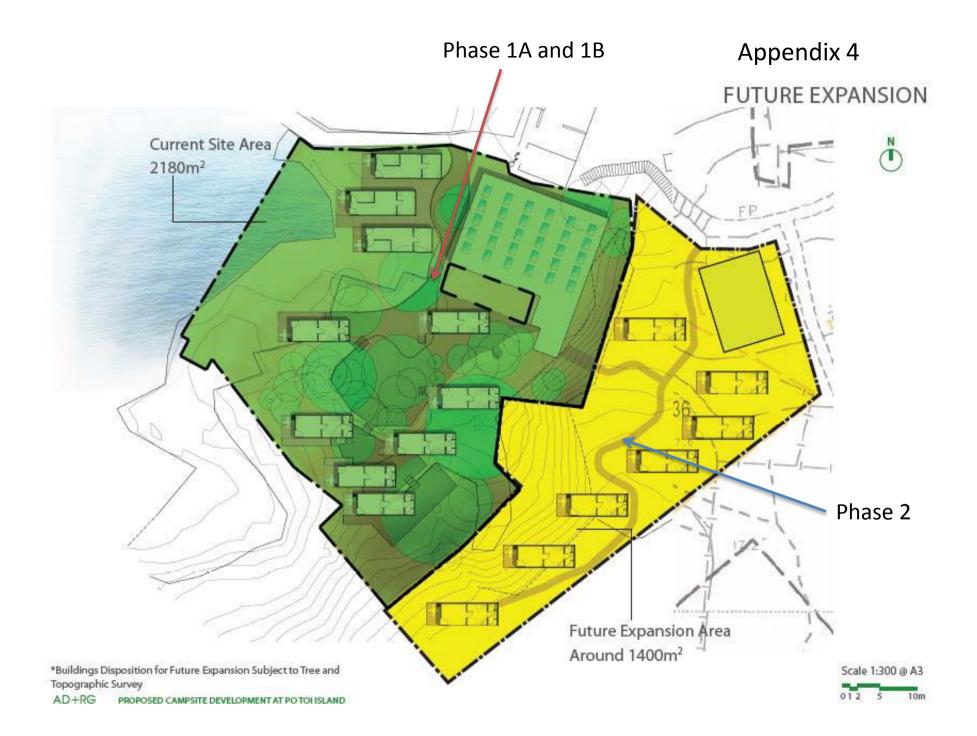
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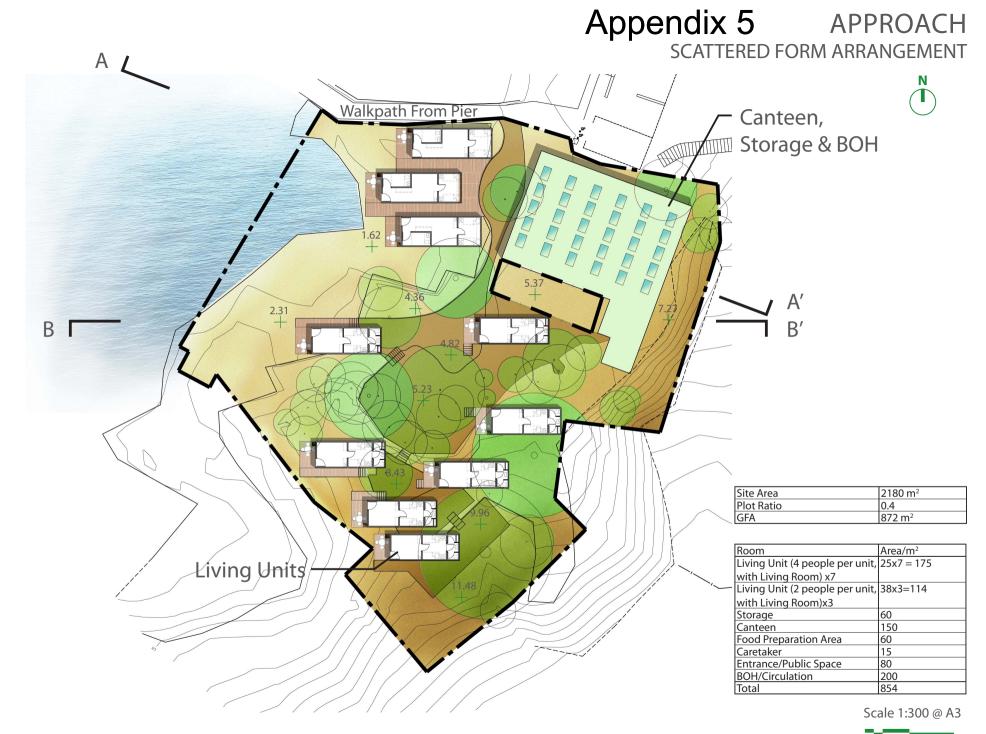






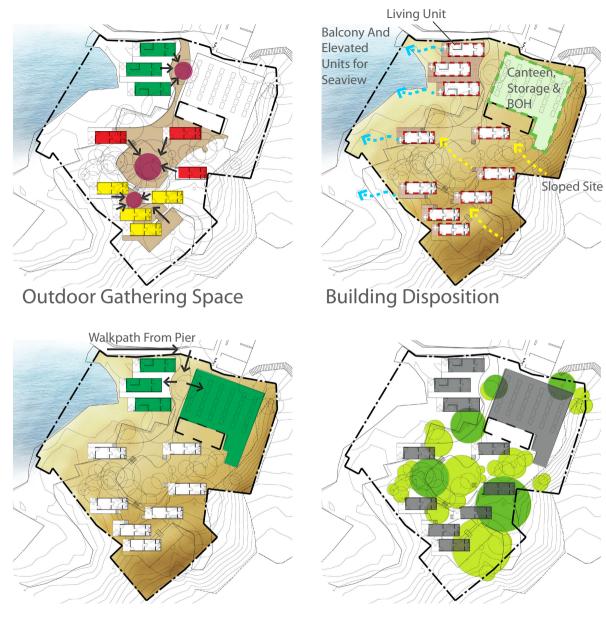
Appendix 5 SITE LOCATION





Appendix 5 APPROACH ANALYSIS

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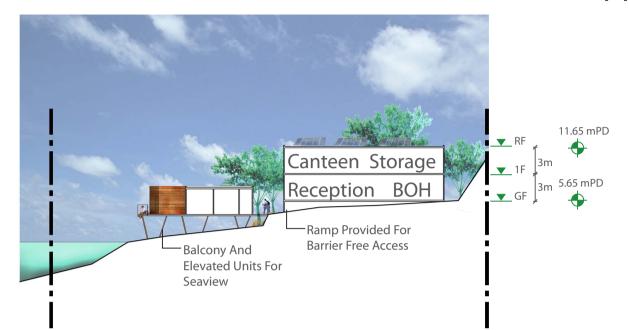


Barrier Free Access of Living Unit & Public Facility

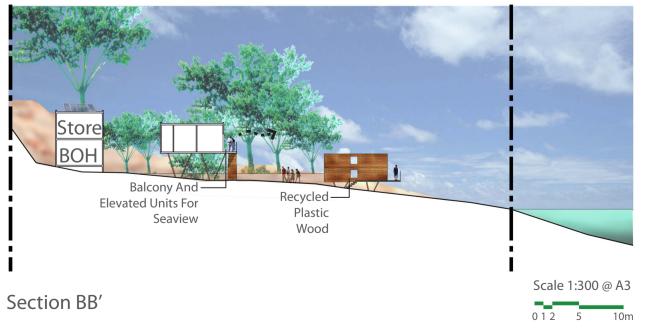
Avoid Clash with Trunk of Trees

Appendix 5

SECTION



Section AA'











Reference Images

Appendix 5 ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY SYSTEMS



Appendix 5 SEAVIEW FOR INDIVIDUAL UNIT



Appendix 5 DRAFT SCHEDULE OF AREA

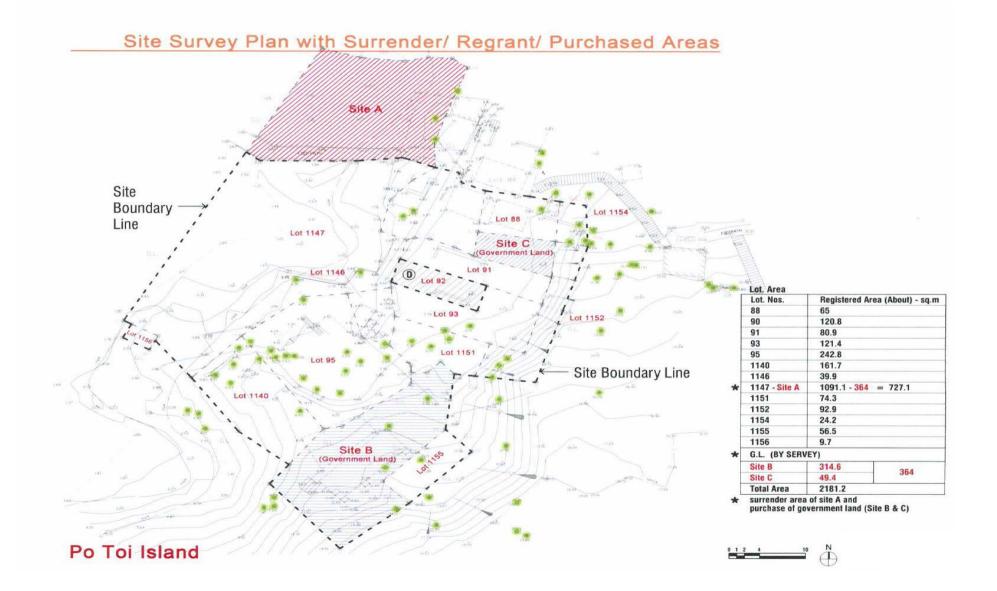
Site Area	2180 m ²
Plot Ratio	0.4
GFA	872 m ²

Room	Area/m ²
Living Unit (4 people per unit, with Living Room) x7	25x7 = 175
Living Unit(2 people per unit, with Living Room)x 3	38x3=114
Storage	60
Canteen	150
Food Preparation Area	60
Caretaker	15
Entrance/Public Space	80
BOH/Circulation	200
Total	854

Appendix 5 REFERENCE IMAGES



Appendix 6



立法會 Legislative Council

<u>立法會CRM 86/14-15號文件</u> (此份會議紀要業經政府當局審閱)

檔號: CP/C 1272/2014

立法會議員

就有關蒲苔島社區內供水、供電、公廁及交通安排事宜 與政府當局、香港電燈有限公司及 "村民及蒲苔島村公所工作關注組" 於2014年9月23日星期二下午2時正 在蒲苔島村公所

舉行個案會議的紀要

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<u>召集人</u>歡迎政府當局、香港電燈有限公司(下稱"港燈")及村民及蒲苔島村公所工作關注組(下稱"申訴團體")的代表出席是次個案會議,以跟進申訴團體就有關蒲苔島社區內供水、供電、公廁及交通安排的事宜。

供水

 <u>召集人</u>表示,蒲苔島居民遇到多項民生 問題,而多年來未獲解決。<u>召集人</u>向政府當局 查詢如何解決在蒲苔島上的供水問題。其中包 括水井的安全問題、環境衞生,乾旱時水源離 居民甚遠,以及如何協助居民在旱季將水源移 至居民住所來避免居民需艱辛地搬水。

3. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應如下:

 (a) 有關水井方面的問題,離島民政事務處 會與離島地政處查看該水井的所在位 置是屬於政府土地抑或私人土地;如屬 私人土地,則需獲得該名業主並其的同 意書,離島民政事務處方可進行改善工 程。至於在山上的儲水庫,主要用作收 集及儲存雨水,為原水系統的一部份, 若因雨量不足而令儲水庫的儲水過 少,村民可通知離島民政事務處工程 部,該處會在兩至三天內安排承辦商以 船運水至蒲苔島。基於3個儲水缸容量 的限制,每次運水量不能超過該3個儲 水缸的容量。如村民再發覺沒有足夠水 可供使用,可再通知離島民政事務處工 程部運水往蒲苔島。

(b) 關於山上水源衞生問題,離島民政事務 處會在旱季儲水庫無存水時清洗儲水 庫,該處亦定期清洗3個儲水缸。

4. <u>召集人</u>表示,村民認為由工程部運水予 他們使用的現行方法並不方便,由3個儲水缸搬 水往村民家中路途遙遠、尤其對長者甚為辛 苦。<u>召集人</u>向水務署查詢會如何作出改善。

5. <u>水務署署理總工程師</u>回應稱,短期而 言,該署會與離島民政事務處研究如何令村民 在運水方面較為方便。在長期方面,水務署會 聘請顧問研究利用地下水為偏遠村落供水的可 行性。過往,人們一般認為香港地下水資源不 豐,難於提供穩定的供水。但隨著科技的進步, 近年一些的研究發現,部份地區的地底深處可 能存有可用的淡水,故水務署擬聘請顧問進行 有關研究。顧問工作預計於今年年底展開,研 究工作需時兩年。

 <u>召集人</u>查詢可否縮減該兩年的研究時間,因在研究完成後,若依照程序申請撥款, 以至進行工程可能需達4、5年之久。

7. 水務署署理總工程師回應稱,顧問公司 所進行的研究屬策略性,利用地下水為偏遠鄉 村提供水源只是其中一個項目,另外還包括香 港水資源的策略,兩年時間已屬緊迫的時間。 至於研究偏遠地區的水源是否會包括蒲苔島, 水務署會與顧問公司商討此事是否可行。

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8. <u>陳家洛議員</u>表示,今天視察時看見有水井而地下水源較滿,這可能是新的蒲苔島水源,可供水務署與顧問公司商討及作出研究,並將蒲苔島納為研究長遠供水的對象。就蒲苔島或一些偏遠鄉村的食水供應問題,水務署應急市民所急,將市民的需要放於首位,水務署或可提交初步及季度性的進展報告,並在立法會會議席上討論,亦可由水務署與蒲苔島居民作出跟進的討論。

水務署

9. <u>水務署署理總工程師</u>回應稱,該署會就 議員的上文第8段提議作出跟進。水務署會要求 顧問公司提交初期報告,並就此作出跟進。

10. <u>鄧家彪議員</u>表示,蒲苔島的供水不足問題已於2001-2002年度立法會文件提出,當時曾建議5種供水的方法。故此居民已有期待。後來因2003年沙士,本港經濟不佳而未有進一步發展。但現時經濟蓬勃,而兩年後在宏觀的供水研究中才考慮會否在蒲苔島進行長遠供水的工程,這並非是聚焦的方法。<u>鄧議員</u>向水務署查詢可否在未來一年就蒲苔島的水源進行聚焦的報告,例如透過原水可獲取多少水量,一年的水量、居民的用水習慣,以及評估水井可供水的水量,從而評估上述總共的水量是否可供蒲苔島平日及假日之用。若結論顯示水量不足,則有哪些方法可作出改善。

11. 水務署高級工程師回應稱,該署於數月前接獲離島民政事務處提供有關蒲合島遊客人數的資料,該署會在供水方案評估時考慮這些資料。水務署希望可就此進行中期的改善工程。

12. <u>召集人</u>表示,蒲苔島居民希望水務署加 快展開及完成中期改善工程,若水務署可爭取 到蒲苔島作為偏遠鄉村而作為長期供水的對 象,水務署則可盡快進行蒲苔島的改善工程, 而並非等待其他類似的計劃例如南丫島的改善 工程才一併進行,或需等待在全港性研究完成 後才作評估有否需要在蒲苔島進行上述改善。

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13. <u>申訴團體</u>強烈表示現時由蒲苔島的儲 水缸盛載水往大灣及天后廟路途甚遠且十分辛 苦。

- 14. <u>鄧家彪議員</u>查詢:
 - (a) 在山上的儲水庫會否可將之加深令儲 水容量增加;
 - (b) 現時的3個儲水缸側的行人路擴濶的工 程進展;以及
 - (c) 在3個儲水缸上加設上蓋的事宜有哪些 進展。
- **15.** <u>離島民政事務處高級工程督察</u>回應如 下:
 - (a)不能大量增加山上的儲水庫的容量,蒲苔島現時使用"原水"系統供應溪水作生活用途,溪水儲存於半山位置一個儲水庫內。食物環境衞生署(下稱"食環署")會定期派員抽取溪水樣本作細菌含量、化學分析及溪水適合飲用度的檢驗,以監察溪水的水質。根據記錄,食環署在過去3個月抽取蒲苔島的溪水樣本進行水質化驗,化驗結果確定水質均合乎標準。如發現溪水樣本有不合乎標準的情況,食環署會派員進行調查,檢查該處的環境衞生及可能令水源污染的原因。
 - (b)離島民政事務處工程部會在該3個儲水 缸上面加建一個上蓋,以遮擋太陽及保 護儲水缸,預計工程於今年年底至明年 年初動工,並需約半年時間完成工程。
 - (c)離島民政事務處會在儲水缸前的路段 至天后廟的路段進行改善工程,並研究 擴濶及改善斜度的坡度。

16. <u>召集人</u>建議,離島民政事務處將有關的 改善工程的圖則交給秘書處,以轉交予蒲苔島 居民參閱。

離島民政事務處 17. <u>離島民政事務處高級工程督察</u>回應 稱,該處已擬備初步圖則,顯示改善路段的起 點及終點,並會將該圖則交給秘書處;在進行 研究時,該處會與蒲苔島居民商討,屆時會將 進一步的圖則交給秘書處。

18. <u>召集人</u>總括,議員於個案會議席上與政府當局討論蒲苔島短、中、長期供水的改善方法。短期而言是加強供水的環境衛生,中期及長期則為解決需盛載水往居所的路途遙遠問題,而此問題則有待水務署的研究報告建議可如何作出改善。議員並已要求水務署盡力跟進此事。離島民政事務處需於2014年年底就蒲苔島的短期供水問題作出回覆。

離島民政事務處

供電

19. <u>召集人</u>表示,蒲苔島上現時只有明記酒 家擁有其發電機,而目前島上的發電機只能產 生有限的電力。<u>召集人</u>查詢會否加強該島的電 量,以提供家庭正常所需的電力。

20. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應稱,現時蒲苔島並非屬兩間電力公司的供電 範圍,基於這特殊情況,即使供電不屬於民政 處的工作範圍,離島民政事務處已提供兩部發 電機供蒲苔島居民使用,並由機電工程署(下稱 "機電署")負責維修。就議員建議提高電量一 事,離島民政事務處會與機電署商討此事的可 行性。

21. <u>召集人</u>表示,會議的主題在於何時可增加電量讓居民享受到居住於市區內正常家庭的電量。至於發電機使用的燃油,現時由居民自行搬運燃油,<u>召集人</u>向政府當局查詢可否承擔部份的費用,因現時居民所支出的燃油費用包括村內的電力公共設施例如街燈。

機電署

22. <u>機電署署理總工程師</u>指出長期開啟發 電機房門會對發電機,特別在大風雨時,造成 損耗,影響發電機的壽命和供電的可靠性。此 外,燃油亦會影響發電機的運作,若可使用製 造商建議的燃油,則發電機的壽命及運作會變 得較佳,例如使用等同歐盟五型(EURO V)標準 的燃油。機電署會提供製造商建議燃油的資料 作為參考。

23. 離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員回應稱,有關的燃油費是由一間商業機構支付, 離島民政事務處會與該商業機構了解有關的安 排。至於居民建議由政府當局支付蒲苔島上的 公共設施例如街燈涉及的燃油費用,離島民政 事務處會與有關的商業機構跟進有關建議。

24. <u>鄧家彪議員</u>表示知悉電訊盈科有限公司(下稱"電盈")在蒲苔島上設有電訊的設施,故此電盈曾向居民表示可承擔有關的燃油費用,但居民每月需繳付發電機的保養費用。現時蒲苔島的社區融合,居民委託了翠華船務(香港)有限公司運載燃油至蒲苔島,然後由居民搬上蒲苔島。此外,若果使用更高標準的燃油,會否影響其每次一萬多元燃油的成本因而變得更高,此事應由政府當局負責作出指示。至於由誰人支付該筆款項,則希望由政府當局妥善處理此事。

25. <u>申訴團體</u>表示,年老居民一起搬油十分 辛苦,遇到西南風時便不能以接駁小艇連接往 機房。居民需由碼頭以擔挑每次半桶燃油擔往 電機房,極為辛苦。在蒲苔島上的兩部發電機 曾同時壞掉,令全個蒲苔島漆黑一片,此問題 需由政府當局協助解決。

26. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應稱,該處知悉居民有支付蒲苔島上的電費。 一般來說,常住居民會按每度電支付一定的費 用,然而,據該處了解,該筆費用會預留作每 年的天后誕慶典之用。至於維修發電機費用, 則由離島民政事務處支付,維修工程由機電署

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負責。至於議員提出發電機可否把現有發電量 及電壓提高,以提供蒲苔島上居民尤如市區居 民所能使用的電力,離島民政事務處希望居民 了解,市區的電力主要由發電廠提供,而島上 的電力則由發電機提供,為短期供電方法,因 此,兩者所產生的電量會有一定程度的相差。 然而,離島民政事務處會與機電署研究把現有 發電量及電壓提高的建議。

27. <u>召集人</u>表示政府當局就短期供電提供較大電力一事研究多年,但未有進展。<u>召集人</u>要求離島民政事務處告知有關的時間表,以知悉於何時會有具體且可行的加大電力方案,同時將嚴重損壞的發電機更換為較大發電量的新發電機。

28. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應稱,蒲苔島上的其中一部發電機難以維修, 該處正研究調配資源更換該部發電機,並會藉 此機會研究增加發電量及電壓的可行性。

29. 離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員回應稱,現時蒲苔島燃油的購置及運送由村民自行安排,而燃油的費用則由一間商業機構支付,因此,就蒲苔島居民提出任何改變現行安排的建議,離島民政事務處會與有關的商業機構及村民作出商討。在接獲機電署提供有關燃油的資料後,離島民政事務處會將資料轉交至 有關人士。

30. <u>召集人</u>要求離島民政事務處在今年年 底就運送燃油往蒲苔島發電機房一事提出建 議,而並非依靠蒲苔島年老村民負責運送燃 油,以免他們受傷。

離島民政事務處 31. <u>召集人</u>要求離島民政事務處於2014年 年底回覆:

(a) 可否將發電機的電量加大及於何時完成;

(b) 加大至哪個電量;

經辦人/部門

- (c) 有多少名蒲苔島居民受惠;
- (d) 何時將難以維修的發電機更換為新發 電機:及
- (e) 由政府當局支付蒲苔島上的公共設施 例如街燈涉及的燃油費用。

32. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應稱,該處會於2014年年底就蒲苔島短期供電 方面再作回覆。

33. <u>鄧家彪議員</u>表示, 蒲苔島居民知悉發電 機壞掉會影響公共照明, 而島上只有29支街 燈。<u>鄧議員</u>向離島民政事務處及機電署查詢該 等公共照明可否更換為太陽能發電裝置, 以免 因發電機失靈而影響公共照明。<u>鄧議員</u>表示, 長遠而言, 亦可減低村民需搬運燃油的次數, 可能由1個月變成個半月一次, 因公共照明無需 依賴柴油發電。

34. <u>申訴團體</u>告知,在東坪洲已設有太陽能 發電的街燈,而蒲苔島歷史悠久,政府當局卻 遺留在蒲苔島設置太陽能的街燈。

35. <u>召集人</u>表示,在視察時發覺到街燈之間 的距離過遠,加上電燈的亮度微弱。<u>召集人</u>建 議離島民政事務處需就此作出檢討。

36. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應稱,該等街燈在多年前由民政事務總署裝 置。離島民政事務處會就議員於上文第35段的 建議聯絡民政事務總署跟進,並於2014年年底 一併回覆秘書處。

> 37. <u>陳家洛議員</u>查詢,蒲苔島的燃油質素是 有提升改善的空間,政府部門之間及燃油供應 商會否就此作出商討,以及應該供應哪種油才 最高效用。

離島民政事務處 38. <u>召集人</u>建議申訴團體將燃油的資料交給離島民政事務處,以作跟進。在運輸方面, 現時由蒲苔島村民艱辛地將燃油搬至島上的發 電機房,政府當局可恆常性地由離島民政事務 處負責此事,避免需由年老村民負責搬運。

39. <u>召集人</u>向港燈查詢在提供電力方面可如何協助蒲苔島居民。

- 40. 港燈經理(法規及政策)回應如下:
 - (a) 港燈曾與蒲苔島居民兩次討論長期供 電的事宜。初步而言,有關鋪設海底電 纜與人口數目方面的關係,則涉及成本 效益的問題。蒲苔島上並無高樓大廈, 或可利用太陽能提供電力。今年7月, 港燈曾與村民初步視察一些或可安裝 太陽能光伏板的地點,但工程項目須面 對以下挑戰:
 - (i) 太陽能供電系統一般使用期為 20年或以上,因此港燈需知悉在蒲 苔島會否有長期的發展規劃,島上 在週末及假期的用電量等資料以 釐定供電系統的規模及佈局。由於 太陽能系統依賴是否有太陽而發 電,因此該系統亦只能提供輔助供 電。
 - (ii) 據了解,蒲苔島上土地的使用需經 城市規劃委員會(下稱"城規會")批 准,因該島現時受《蒲台群島發展 審批地區核准圖》所涵蓋;加上島 上有不少私人土地,任何工程項目 會牽涉複雜的土地使用權問題。
 - (iii)由於蒲苔島位於偏遠的地區,工程 項目如何施工,日後系統維修保養 及保安等問題都必須解決,才可確 保安全可靠供電。
 - (b)港燈會研究在蒲苔島以太陽能供電是 否實際可行。若初步研究結果正面,港 燈會與政府跟進有關事宜。港燈在本港 的供電業務是受到與政府當局簽署的 管制計劃協議所規管,任何工程的詳盡

勘察、環境影響評估及電費安排等事宜 均需經由政府審批後,港燈才能開展。

41. <u>環境局助理秘書長(能源)2</u>解釋,政府對 為偏遠地區提供適當的電力供應的建議,持開 放態度。該局歡迎港燈就蒲苔島村民的長遠供 電建議進行可行性研究及提出供電申請。在港 燈提交供電申請後,當局會就有關建議作出全 面的評估,包括供電方式、成本效益及對環境 的影響等因素,以達至平衡安全、穩定、價格 合理和環保這四個能源政策目標。

無障礙通道

42. <u>召集人</u>表示,申訴團體要求由蒲苔島碼 頭設置無障礙通道至沙灘,且沿路有很多斜道 並需將之改平。

43. <u>離島民政事務處高級工程督察</u>回應 稱,蒲苔島居民早前已反映此事,由蒲苔島碼 頭至明記酒家的山路需作出改善,該處已就其 中一些路段準備圖則、招標及施工,預計於 2014年年底在部份路段開展改善工程。

44. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>補 充,就由蒲苔島碼頭至明記酒家位置興建無障 礙天橋的建議,由於工程規模龐大,預計超出 民政事務總署可承擔的工程預算金額上限,故 此離島民政事務處未能進行建議的工程。

45. <u>召集人</u>建議申訴團體將其過往提議的 相關圖則交給秘書處,以供離島民政事務處跟 進。由該處就無障礙通道首先作出研究,在研 究後才知悉是否確實超出預算。

46. 離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員回應稱,一般而言,民政事務處會聘用工程顧問公司進行可行性研究。以民政事務處地區小型工程而言,收到區議員的工程建議後,離島區議會轄下的地區設施管理委員會討論及考慮是否撥款予相關建議。若建議獲通過撥款,則可聘請顧問公司進行技術可行性研究。離島民政

事務處歡迎鄧家彪議員提交建議予地區設施管 理委員會,以供議員討論及考慮。

47. <u>鄧家彪議員</u>關注,若研究報告結果顯示 工程所需款項超過離島民政事務處小型工程的 上限,則會由哪個部門跟進。

48. <u>召集人</u>理解到地區小型工程的財政資 源有其限度。<u>召集人</u>認為,此工程應由離島民 政事務處牽頭,並聯絡相關部門商討。

49. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應稱,由於地區小型工程撥款為區議會獲分配 的款項,因此,款項的使用是由區議會決定。 而離島民政事務處願意就無障礙通道一事擔任 統籌的角色。

50. <u>陳家洛議員</u>表示,申訴團體曾向議員表 示有老人家因健康問題失救,且加上缺乏無障 礙通道而引致急救困難。申訴團體因而要求政 府當局由蒲苔島碼頭至沙灘興建暢順的道路, 以便居民日常生活及在需要時方便搶救。因此 政府當局應盡快加建道路,令村民居住在蒲苔 島上得以放心。<u>陳議員</u>贊成離島民政事務處聯 絡其他政府部門就該無障礙通道的工作提供意 見,而運輸署亦可就如何運用碼頭給予意見。

51. <u>申訴團體</u>強調,若建成無障礙行人通 道,則可協助救急扶危。

52. <u>召集人</u>要求離島民政事務處加快跟進 無障礙通道一事。<u>召集人</u>亦關注到離島區議會 未必會將此計劃納入地區小型工程的範圍,或 甚至不將之納入範圍。

53. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應稱,地區小型工程是由離島區議會撥款進行 的,離島民政事務處並沒有其他財政資源可供 進行地區小型工程。離島區議會議員會就多項 地區小型工程建議進行討論並決定撥款予工程 建議與否。由於財政資源有限,如有需要,議 員會為獲得撥款的建議評分,以訂立推行工程 建議的先後次序。 離島民政事務處 54. <u>召集人</u>要求離島民政事務處在2014年 年底就跟進有關擬建無障礙行人通道一事回 覆。

直升機降落點

55. 應召集人的查詢,<u>離島民政事務處高級</u> <u>工程督察</u>表示,在蒲苔島降落直升機之處,離 島民政事務處在兩年前已將平地地台擴濶,原 先構思是因應居民訴求,希望將直升機降落點 伸延至河邊。但在施工期間遇到環保組織要求 將該工程範圍縮小,最後離島民政事務處縮小 了工程範圍。與此同時,離島民政事務處建議 填平及擴濶直升機降落地點山邊的一些荒廢地 方。

- 56. <u>召集人</u>強調以下重點:
 - (a) 蒲苔島直升機降落點需足夠供直升機 使用;及
 - (b) 該直升機降落點可供蒲苔島村民打醮 之用供公眾人士使用;

57. <u>離島民政事務處助理民政事務專員</u>回 應稱,如村民有用作正式直升機坪的建議地 點,離島民政事務處會就建議地點的合適度徵 詢政府飛行服務隊的專業意見。在管理正式直 升機坪方面,離島民政事務處亦需徵詢飛行服 務隊的意見。因此,如興建了正式的直升機坪, 該地方能否開放供公眾使用及作打醮之用,亦 需徵詢政府飛行服務隊的意見。

58. <u>召集人</u>強調,蒲苔島居民現時希望在現 有直升機降落點作打醮之用及供公眾人士使 用,而該降落點會由離島民政事務處擴濶。<u>召</u> 難島民政事務處 <u>集人</u>建議離島民政事務處於2014年年底提交有 關直升機降落點的進展報告。

離島民政事務處

交通安排

59. <u>召集人</u>知悉,蒲苔島居民表示蒲苔島船 費昂貴但班次甚疏,隔日才有街渡,甚不方便 居民及遊人,故此居民要求作出改善。

60. <u>運輸署總運輸主任/新界西南</u>回應 稱,現時,蒲苔島設有定期街渡服務,逢星期 二、四、六、日及公眾假期來往香港仔/赤柱。 該航線平日有兩個班次、星期六及假日則有6至 10個班次。在收費方面,蒲台島居民平日單程 收費17元,假日18元,而遊客則不論平日及假 日一律收費20元。根據最近的營運記錄,蒲苔 島街渡服務平日的每日平均載客量只有約30人 (載客率約11%);於假日的平均載客量則約為50 人(載客率約19%),服務可滿足居民及遊客的需 求。運輸署會與翠華船務(香港)有限公司商討如 何改善街渡服務,例如居民的運輸要求、票價 等方面。

61. <u>申訴團體</u>要求由星期一至五開設一班 航班於上午10時由香港仔開出經赤柱美利樓碼 頭前往蒲苔島,並於同日下午4時30分由蒲苔島 開出經赤柱美利樓碼頭返回香港仔。現時逢星 期二、四、六、日及公眾假期才有船隻由香港 仔往返蒲苔島,對居民而言甚不方便。政府當 局亦應增加老人優惠,在乘船時只需繳付兩元。

運輸署

(會後補註:申訴團體其後將有關蒲苔島新增船 程 的 建 議 交 給 秘 書 處 (見 立 法 會 CRM 86/14-15(01)號文件),以供政府當局跟 進。)

62. <u>召集人</u>表示,若蒲苔島實施兩元船費優惠,則會有更多長者前往。現時坪洲、長洲及南丫島在實施長者優惠後,有很多長者前往該等島嶼。

63. 運輸署總運輸主任/新界西南回應 稱,該署已就將兩元長者優惠引用於蒲苔島街 渡服務一事諮詢勞工及福利局。為鼓勵長者和 殘疾人士多些走進社區,建立關愛共融的社 會,當局已分階段在港鐵一般路線、專營巴士 和渡輪推出長者及合資格殘疾人士公共交通票 價優惠計劃(下稱"優惠計劃"),讓年滿65歲的長 者和合資格的殘疾人士,以每程2元的優惠票價 乘搭這些公共交通工具大部分的路線。來往蒲 苔島與市區之間的渡輪服務屬街渡性質。現 時,街渡渡輪服務可因應臨時或康樂活動的 素以非常靈活的方式營運,其服務班次、收費 和營運時間均不受政府規管。由於政府以實報 宜銷的方式向有關公共交通營辦商發還少收的 車/船費收入,因此不宜將優惠計劃擴展至街 渡渡輪服務。街渡營辦商只需於調整收費前四 星期通知運輸署便可行事。

64. <u>鄧家彪議員</u>表示,街渡服務是唯一蒲苔 島的交通服務,對蒲苔島的老人家而言並不公 平因未有給予兩元的優惠。若街渡營辦商取得 兩元優惠,則會增加居民及遊客的乘船次數, 且街渡營辦商可能願意接受由運輸署就船費方 面的規管。運輸署可就上述的事宜與街渡營辦 商商討。<u>召集人</u>要求運輸署與勞工及福利局商 討此事的可行性,並由運輸署於2014年年底將 結果告知秘書處。

環境衞生

65. <u>召集人</u>表示,申訴團體希望食環署加強 清理旱廁化糞池。

66. <u>食環署離島區衞生總督察</u>回應稱,有關 蒲苔島公廁污水滲漏的問題,食環署人員最近 於8月12日視察該公廁,未再發現化糞池的渠管 有淤塞情況。食環署應召集人的要求,將會每 個月檢視化糞池一次,並會將視察紀錄交給秘 書處參閱。

67. <u>召集人</u>建議申訴團體將需要實際剪去 雜草的照片及地點交給秘書處。其後由秘書處 轉交予離島民政事務處、地政總署、漁農自然 護理署等部門跟進。

運輸署

食環署

(會後補註:申訴團體已於2014年10月5日將雜 草的照片(見立法會CRM 86/14-15(02)號文件) 交給秘書處。)

68. <u>召集人</u>查詢有關在蒲苔島於碼頭附近 增加公廁的可行性。<u>食環署離島區衞生總督察</u> 回應稱,若增加公廁的設施,需考慮該處是否 旅遊點、附近現有的公廁設施數目及預計的使 用量等因素。由於蒲苔島並無自來水供應,建 造沖水式廁所的可行性不大,而現時的公廁的 衞生標準亦已提高,依照部門現行政策,食環 署已陸續將旱廁轉為沖水式廁所,故不會考慮 興建旱廁。

食環署 69. <u>召集人</u>要求食環署於2014年年底前,就 建議於蒲苔島碼頭附近加建公廁予旅遊人士使 用的可行性回覆秘書處。<u>召集人</u>強調將來加建 的公廁,必須提供足夠的供水設備。

南邊地標

70. <u>召集人</u>向離島民政事務處查詢是否會 離島民政事務處 民政事務專員回應稱,該處會作出跟進。

骨灰龕

71. <u>申訴團體</u>表示,兩年多前有人在蒲苔島 擬建骨灰龕,政府當局與有關的私人公司進行 訴訟,而該骨灰龕已凍結3年。但在個多月前, 承建商卻自行開始發展該骨灰龕,此舉會令遊 客止步。蒲苔島居民強烈反對私人公司在該島 興建骨灰龕。

- 72. 規劃署西貢及離島規劃處回應如下:
 - (a) 離島規劃處於2012年接獲投訴,有人在 蒲苔島西南面鋪設混凝土板,有關位置 上共發現約有二千多塊混凝土板。為防 止出現雜亂無章和未受規管的發展項

目,影響該區的鄉郊自然特色,城規會在 2012年3月2日,根據《城市規劃條例》 (第131章)(下稱"條例")第5條,展示《蒲 台群島發展審批地區草圖編號 DPA/I-PTI/1》,以讓當局在擬備分區 計劃大綱圖前,能為該區日後的發展提 供臨時規劃指引和規管各項發展,以及 賦予規劃署執法權力,就違例發展項目 和不適當地改變用途的情況進行執行 管制行動。在發展審批地區草圖公布 後,該地點一直無人打理,重新長出青 草和灌木,覆蓋着那些混凝土板,但未 發現有任何證據顯示為骨灰龕。

- (b) 城規會將於2015年年初以分區計劃大 綱圖取代《蒲台群島發展審批地區核准 圖》,但該圖並不影響規劃署在該區就 違例發展的執行管制權力。若規劃署在 蒲苔島發現有任何違規發展,該署會作 出跟進及執法。
- (c) 根據發展審批地區圖,在關私人土地作 出發展,需就發展建議向城規會提出申 請。直至現時為止,城規會和規劃署均 沒有接獲在該島設置骨灰龕的申請。分 區計劃大綱圖根據條例刊憲公佈後,便 立即生效。然而,在行政長官會同行政 會議核准該圖前,城規會可考慮是否因 應公眾提出的申述而修訂圖則。
- 73. <u>陳家洛議員</u>表示知悉規劃署現時並沒 有發現島上有骨灰龕。他相信該用途被納入蒲 苔島分區計劃大綱圖之內的機會不大。<u>陳議員</u> 要求規劃署就審批《蒲台群島審批地區核准圖》 到期前後就該島的規劃發展及土地用途與蒲苔 島居民商討,以知悉居民的意見。

74. <u>鄧家彪議員</u>表示知悉,蒲苔島迄今未有 村代表。另一方面,規劃署及地政總署可主動 取得與蒲苔島居民代表的聯絡方面,以便了解 該疑似骨灰龕的狀况。除了在慣常的諮詢外, 在發展圖審批到期前後,規劃署可將分區大綱

規劃署

規劃署 地政總署 圖的諮詢及進展告知蒲苔島居民代表,以便他 們表達其意見。<u>鄧議員</u>促請離島民政事務處轄 下的分區委員會考慮邀請蒲苔島居民加入該委 員會,以便更加掌握到政府服務的動態。

總括

75. <u>召集人</u>總括,政府當局就今次個案會議 席上的各項跟進事宜於2014年年底之前回覆秘 書處,以告知申訴團體有關的進展。

76. 會議於下午4時正結束。

<u>立法會秘書處</u> 2014年10月24日

關於蒲台島發展的建議 - 新增船程建議

香港今年大力發展旅遊業,推廣本土遊實為大勢所趨。現時到赤柱遊玩

的遊人眾多日漸增多,鄰近赤柱的香港南極 - 蒲台島亦漸漸多人認識,遊人到赤柱遊玩之際,往往 亦因利成便,想一探香港的世外桃源 - 蒲台島。然而,現時到蒲台島只有在假日才有船班,遊人在 平日想到蒲台島一遊,往往只能望洋興嘆,令人不禁惋惜。

為此,我們對發展蒲台島有一個3贏的建議,對香港有以下好處:

- 1) 有利於香港發展本土遊,多一個旅遊熱點,令多些人認識香港,認識蒲台島。
- 2) 有足夠的遊人支撐營運者,令營運者有利可圖。
- 3) 有利於本地居民進出蒲台島。

實際的建議如下:

- 於星期一至星期五開設一班航班到蒲台島。航線為:
 開出:香港仔(上午10時)→赤柱美利樓碼頭 → 蒲台島
 回程:蒲台島(下午4時30分)→赤柱美利樓碼頭 →香港仔
- 2) 公眾假期前夕加開一班船由赤柱美利樓碼頭(下午3時30分)開往蒲台島
- 3) 更改星期六香港仔到蒲台島首班船及尾班船的航線。路線為:
 開出:香港仔(首班船)→赤柱美利樓碼頭 → 蒲台島
 回程:蒲台島(尾班船)→赤柱美利樓碼頭 →香港仔
 其餘原班次線路不變。
- 4) 星期日及公眾假期照常。
- 5) 增加老人優惠,如2元乘船優惠等。

此致





蒲台島村公所工作關注組



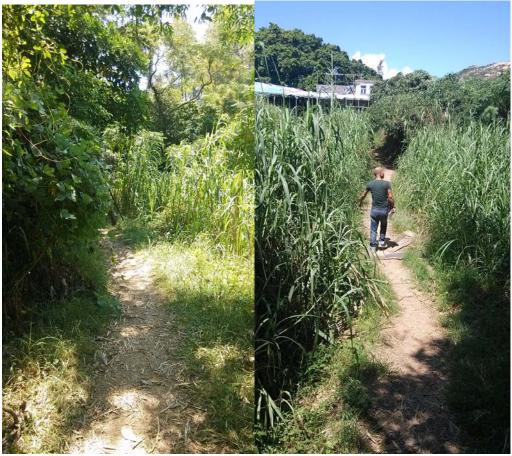
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地點;大湾公厠附近街喉野草 地點 水缸附近街喉野草



地點;村公所對落 蒲島大灣休憩處 野樹要修剪彧除去 康文署



地點;坤記士多往南氹方向 路兩旁野草



地點往公厠路兩旁 野樹雜草徹底清除



地點往南氹方向 路面沙泥滑腳 建議改善路面



地點發電機房至水缸行人邊野樹





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14 Nov 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

Drafting of the Po Toi Outline Zoning Plan

Following the meeting held on 3 November, 2014 with Planning Department (PlanD), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and various Green Groups, the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society (HKBWS) would like to reiterate the key points and key concerns discussed during the meeting.

1. Importance of the Proposed Site of Special Scientific Interest

Since the Development Permission Area (DPA) was introduced and the submission of the "Proposal for a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Support of Country Park Designation on Po Toi Island" (the SSSI Proposal) to the Town Planning Board (TPB) and AFCD by HKBWS in 2011, Po Toi Island continues to prove itself as ecologically important to migratory birds. Eighteen species of birds have been added to the Po Toi bird list since 2011. Six of these 18 species are Hong Kong first records, this proves the uniqueness of Po Toi as a significant and important stop for migratory birds and for studying migratory birds. As of October 2014, the Po Toi bird list stands at 326¹ species, making up 60% of the total number of bird species recorded in Hong Kong². Mature woodland trees near the pier and Tai Wan village (Figures 1-3) provide important roosting and foraging opportunities for migratory land birds. The habitats within the



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¹ The HKBWS's list of bird recorded in Po Toi.

² 526 species of birds have been recorded in Hong Kong according to HKBWS records.

proposed SSSI boundary (Figure 4) continue to support a high diversity of migratory land birds.

Streams located on Po Toi Island are known breeding sites for the endemic Romer's Tree Frog (*Liuixalus romeri*). The IUCN Vulnerable Burmese Python (*Python bivittatus*) has also been recorded at Tai Wan. These species were recorded near Tai Wan, within the boundary of the proposed SSSI.

2. Other Important Habitats of Po Toi Islands

Waglan Island has been known to be a breeding site for terns since 2003³. The on-going breeding tern surveys commissioned by AFCD is conducted by HKBWS each year. Survey in 2014 recorded the presence of all three breeding tern species, Roseate Terns (*Sterna dougallii*) Bridled Terns (*Sterna sumatrana*) and Black-naped Terns (*Onychoprion anaethetus*) at Waglan Island.

Since the publication of the SSSI Proposal, the importance of Lau Shiu Hang Stream (Figure 4) has been noted. This stream supports a population of Romer's Tree Frog and is also a roosting location for bird species of conservation importance, Eagle Owl (*Bubo bubo*)⁴. For the upcoming Outline Zoning Plan (OZP), the HKBWS proposes to zone Waglan Island and Lau Shiu Hang Stream as SSSI.

3. Potential ecological value of Po Toi

The existing ecological information available of Po Toi Island, especially for non-bird fauna groups are very limited. Based on the existing information that is available, the HKBWS compiled a preliminary list of recorded species (Attachment 1). The butterfly list was compiled from only six days of surveys, five of which were incidental findings⁵ and a one-off survey targeting butterflies only⁶. Whilst the herpetofauna and mammal species are incidental records throughout the last five years. Although only a few official ecological surveys have been conducted but these preliminary results already demonstrate a diverse population of butterflies and presence of species of conservation importance in various fauna groups. These are evidences that Po Toi Island has

³ Pilot Project to Increase Awareness of the Ecological Importance of the Breeding Colonies of Terns in Hong Kong. Completed by HKBWS in 2003.

⁴ Pers comm with Dr. Michael Lau – WWF. Romer's Tree Frog has been recorded at Lau Shiu Hang stream.

⁵ Butterfly list provided by the Hong Kong Lepidopterists' Society between 2012 to 2014.

⁶ Butterfly list provided by Green Power from a one-off survey conducted in 2014.

high ecological potential which is still unstudied.

4. Conservative approach with determining land use for Po Toi

The PlanD should take a conservative approach towards nature conservation when determining the land use of Po Toi. The remoteness and difficulty of access to these islands (especially Beaufort Island, Sung Kong and Waglan Island) has left them unstudied and undisturbed. Whilst Po Toi Island is relatively easier to access due to the availability of public ferry services, the discovery of Po Toi's ecological resources has only began in the last 15 years. The majority of Po Toi Island is not easily accessible due to the lack of footpath, which has left the remote parts of the island undiscovered and in its most natural state. Based on the existing ecological information, a hypothesis can be made about the ecological value of the under-studied parts of the islands are of similar value based on their naturalness and undisturbed characteristic.

5. <u>Findings from previous studies that support Po Toi Country Park are still valid</u> Two studies have been conducted on the suitability of Po Toi as a Country Park. In 1999, the AFCD carried out a study named, "Service on Providing Information on the Suitability of South Lamma, Tung Lung Chau and Po Toi Islands to be Established as Country Parks", this was followed by a study by PlanD, "South West New Territories - Development Stategy Review" (SWNT DSR) in 2001. Findings from the SWNT DSR recommended the designation of Po Toi as a Country Park.

In the upcoming draft OZP when determining the future land use of Po Toi, recommendations made by the PlanD with advice from AFCD, should be consistent with the findings from these two studies on the basis that not only are the findings are still valid, but additional ecological data is now available to support Po Toi Island's importance. For example, in the study commissioned by AFCD in 1999, seven bird species were recorded at the time⁷, 15 years later, we now know that 326 species of birds have been recorded at Po Toi. This is a significant increase of recorded bird species as a result of increased survey effort.

 Town Planning Board's duty to discourage "destroy first, develop later" The Board should continue its efforts to deter, "destroy first, develop later" as stated in a press release in 2011, "the Board is determined to conserve the rural

⁷ Table 5.5 Bird species recorded in Po Toi – Chapter 5 Po Toi Island. Service on Providing Information on the Suitability of South Lamma, Tung Lung Chau and Po Toi Islands to be Established as Country Parks – Final Report 1999.

and natural environment and will not tolerate any deliberate action to destroy the rural and natural environment in the hope that the Board would give sympathetic consideration to subsequent development on the site concerned"⁸. The Po Toi DPA was enacted in 2011 to, "prevent any haphazard and uncontrolled development that may adversely affect the rural and natural character of the Area [...] The Area has a natural and rural setting with scientific importance and conservation value which are unique in Hong Kong. Recently, activities involving vegetation clearance and laying of concrete slabs have been detected in the southwestern part of Po Toi, causing an adverse impact on the natural environment."⁹ The HKBWS is aware that the illegal vegetation clearance activities took place on privately owned land and based on the discussion from the meeting, we are gravely concerned that PlanD's consideration of development rights would result in the provision of a zoning that would allow for development. The HKBWS takes the opportunity to respectfully remind the Board to apply its promise to discourage "destroy first, develop later" by providing conservation zoning at this site.

We also reiterate the ecological importance of this site as it is made up of scrubland habitat that is located at the southwestern part of Po Toi near Wan Tsai, between the landing area at Ngong Chong and the mature woodland trees near Tai Wan. After landing at Ngong Chong, birds travel through this scrubland to reach Tai Wan, this site forms part of the ecological corridor for migratory birds from the landing area to their feeding and roosting locations at Wai Tsai.

The HKBWS respectfully requests the Town Planning Board to continue providing adequate land use protection to Po Toi Island and to follow up with actions proposed by green groups. Thank you for your kind attention and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201107/04/P201107040255.htm

⁸ Press Release – Town Planning Board adopts approaches to deter, "destroy first, build later" activities. 4 July 2011. Available at:

⁹ Sections 2.6 and 2.7 of the Town Planning Board Paper No. 9042 – Consideration of the draft Po Toi Islands development permission area plan No. DPA/I/PTI/B.

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Figure 1 – Mature trees near the pier

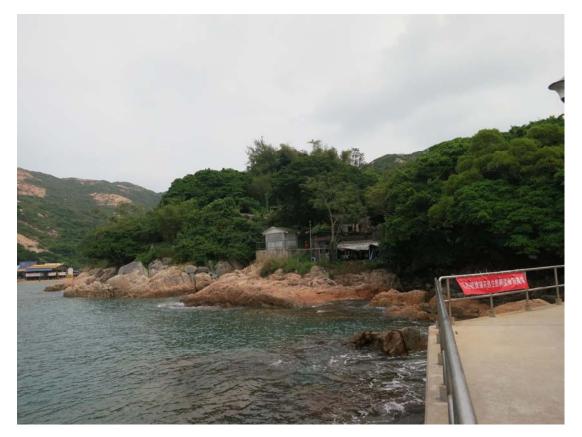


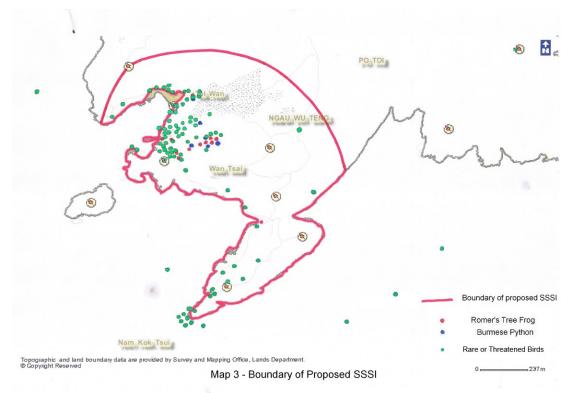
Figure 2 – Mature trees near Tai Wan



Figure 3 – Mature trees at Tai Wan frequently used by migrating flycatcher and raptor species



Figure 4 – Proposed SSSI by HKBWS in 2012







Common Name ⁽¹⁾	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽²⁾	Principal Status ⁽³⁾	Level of Concern ⁽⁴⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁵⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁶⁾	IUCN Red Li (Version 2014.
Japanese Quail	Coturnix japonica	Scarce	W	LC	-	-	Near Threater
Garganey ⁽⁹⁾	Anas querquedula	Common	M,W	-	-	-	-
Eurasian Teal ⁽⁹⁾	Anas crecca	Common	W	RC	-	-	-
Red-breasted Merganser ⁽⁹⁾	Mergus serrator	Scarce	W	LC	-	-	-
Streaked Shearwater ⁽⁹⁾	Calonectris leucomelas	Occasional	-	-	-	-	-
Short-tailed Shearwater	Puffinus tenuirostris Tachybaptus ruficollis	Occasional Common	- P	LC	-	-	-
Little Grebe ⁽⁹⁾	Podiceps cristatus	Common	F W	RC	-	-	-
Great Crested Grebe ⁽⁹⁾ Black Stork ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	Ciconia nigra	Rare	W	RC	- Class I	- Endangered	
	Ixobrychus sinensis					Endangered	
Yellow Bittern ⁽⁹⁾	-	Uncommon	M,Su M	(LC) RC	-	-	-
Von Schrenck's Bittern ⁽⁹⁾	Ixobrychus eurhythmus	Scarce			-	-	-
Cinnamon Bittern ⁽⁹⁾	Ixobrychus cinnamomeus	Scarce	M	LC	-	-	-
Black Bittern ⁽⁹⁾	Dupetor flavicollis	Scarce	М	LC	-		-
Malayan Night Heron	Gorsachius melanolophus	Vagrant	-	- (1.0)	-	Endangered	-
Black-crowned Night Heron ⁽⁹⁾ Striated Heron ⁽⁹⁾	Nycticorax nycticorax Butorides striatus	Common Uncommon in summer, Scarce in	P Su	(LC) (LC)	-		-
Chinese Pond Heron ⁽⁹⁾	Ardeola bacchus	winter Common	P	PRC (RC)	-		-
Eastern Cattle Egret ⁽⁹⁾	Bubulcus coromandus	Common	P	(LC)	-	-	_
Grey Heron ⁽⁹⁾	Ardea cinerea	Common	Ŵ	PRC	_	-	_
Purple Heron ⁽⁹⁾	Ardea purpurea	Uncommon	AM,P	RC	_	-	
	Ardea purpurea Ardea modesta		P		-	-	-
Great Egret ⁽⁹⁾		Common	-	PRC (RC)	-	-	-
ntermediate Egret ⁽⁹⁾	Egretta intermedia	Common	M,P	RC	-	-	-
Little Egret ⁽⁹⁾	Egretta garzetta	Common	P	PRC (RC)	-	-	-
Pacific Reef Heron ⁽⁹⁾	Egretta sacra	Uncommon	R	(LC)	Class II	Rare	-
Swinhoe's Egret ⁽⁹⁾	Egretta eulophotes	Scarce	SpM	GC	Class II	Endangered	Vulnerable
_esser Frigatebird	Fregata ariel	Scarce	OV	-	-	-	-
Masked Booby	Sula dactylatra	Occasional	-	-	Class II	-	-
Brown Booby	Sula leucogaster	Occasional	-	-	Class II	Vulnerable	-
Great Cormorant ⁽⁹⁾	Phalacrocorax carbo	Common	W	PRC	-	-	-
Japanese Cormorant	Phalacrocorax capillatus	Occasional	-	-	-	Rare	-
Western Osprey ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	Pandion haliaetus	Common	W	RC	-	Rare	-
Black Baza ⁽⁸⁾	Aviceda leuphotes	Uncommon	M,Su	-	Class II	-	-
Crested Honey Buzzard ⁽⁸⁾	Pernis ptilorhyncus	Scarce	AM	LC	Class II	Vulnerable	-
Black-winged Kite ⁽⁸⁾	Elanus caeruleus	Occasional	0	LC	Class II	Vulnerable	-
Black Kite ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	Milvus migrans	Common	W,R	(RC)	Class II	-	-
	wiivus migrans	Common		· · · · ·	01033 11	_	
White-bellied Sea Eagle ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	Haliaeetus leucogaster	Uncommon	R	(RC)	Class II	-	-
	Spilornia chaola		DM	(1.0)	Class II		
Crested Serpent Eagle ⁽⁸⁾	Spilornis cheela	Uncommon	R,M	(LC)	Class II	Vulnerable	-
Eastern Marsh Harrier ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	Circus spilonotus	Common	W	LC	Class II	-	-
Crested Goshawk ⁽⁸⁾	Accipiter trivirgatus	Uncommon	R	-	Class II	Rare	-
Chinese Sparrowhawk ⁽⁸⁾	Accipiter soloensis	Uncommon	SpM	-	Class II	-	-
Japanese Sparrowhawk ⁽⁸⁾	Accipiter gularis	Uncommon	М	-	Class II	-	-
Besra ⁽⁸⁾	Accipiter virgatus	Scarce	R	-	Class II	-	-
Eurasian Sparrowhawk ⁽⁸⁾	Accipiter nisus	Scarce	W	-	Class II	-	-
Grey-faced Buzzard ⁽⁸⁾	Butastur indicus	Uncommon	SpM	-	Class II	Rare	-
Eastern Buzzard ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	Buteo japonicus	Common	W	-	Class II	-	-
Greater Spotted Eagle ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	Clanga clanga	Scarce	W	GC	Class II	Rare	Vulnerable
Bonelli's Eagle ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	Aquila fasciata	Scarce	R	(RC)	Class II	Rare	-
Common Kestrel ⁽⁸⁾	Falco tinnunculus	Common	AM,W	-	Class II	-	_
Eurasian Hobby ⁽⁸⁾	Falco subbuteo	Uncommon	M,Su	(LC)	Class II		
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Peregrine Falcon ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			RC			-
Slaty-breasted Rail ⁽⁹⁾	Gallirallus striatus	Scarce	R		-	Rare	-
Brown Crake	Amaurornis akool	Scarce	0	LC	-	-	-
White-breasted Waterhen ⁽⁹⁾	Amaurornis phoenicurus	Common	R	-	-	-	-
Baillon's Crake ⁽⁹⁾	Porzana pusilla	Scarce	M	-	-	-	-
Ruddy-breasted Crake	Porzana fusca	Scarce	M,W	LC	-	-	-
Natercock ⁽⁹⁾	Gallicrex cinerea	Scarce	M	RC	-	-	-
Common Moorhen ⁽⁹⁾	Gallinula chloropus	Common	R	-	-	-	-
ellow-legged Buttonquail	Turnix tanki	Scarce	М	-	-	-	-
Barred Buttonquail	Turnix suscitator	Scarce	М	-	-	Indeterminate	-
Black-winged Stilt ⁽⁹⁾	Himantopus himantopus	Common	W	RC	-	-	-
Grey-headed Lapwing ⁽⁹⁾	Vanellus cinereus	Scarce	W	LC	-	-	-
Pacific Golden Plover ⁽⁹⁾	Pluvialis fulva	Common	M,W	LC	-	-	-
Grey Plover ⁽⁹⁾	Pluvialis squatarola	Abundant	W	RC	-	-	-
Little Ringed Plover ⁽⁹⁾	, Charadrius dubius	Common	W,R	(LC)	-	-	-
Kentish Plover ⁽⁹⁾	Charadrius alexandrinus	Abundant	W	RC		-	-
Lesser Sand Plover ⁽⁹⁾	Charadrius mongolus	Passage migrant	M	LC	- I	-	1 -
Greater Sand Plover ⁽⁹⁾	Charadrius leschenaultii	Passage migrant	M	RC	_	-	_
Greater Sand Plover ⁽⁵⁾ Greater Painted-snipe ⁽⁹⁾	Rostratula benghalensis	Passage migrant	M,R	LC		-	-
		and winter visitor					
Pheasant-tailed Jacana ⁽⁹⁾	Hydrophasianus chirurgus	Scarce	M	LC	-	-	-
Eurasian Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	Scarce	W	-	-	-	-
Pintail Snipe ⁽⁹⁾	Gallinago stenura	Common	M	-	-	-	-
Common Snipe ⁽⁹⁾	Gallinago gallinago	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Bar-tailed Godwit ⁽⁹⁾	Limosa lapponica	Common	М	LC	-	-	-
Whimbrel ⁽⁹⁾	Numenius phaeopus	Common	М	LC	-	-	-
Eurasian Curlew ⁽⁹⁾	Numenius arquata	Abundant	W/M	RC	-	-	Near Threate
Far Eastern Curlew ⁽⁹⁾	Numenius madagascariensis	Scarce	М	LC	-	-	Vulnerabl
Common Redshank ⁽⁹⁾	Tringa totanus	Common	W	RC	-	-	-
Marsh Sandpiper ⁽⁹⁾	Tringa stagnatilis	Common	M,W	RC	_	-	1 -
	Tringa nebularia			RC	-		1
Common Greenshank ⁽⁹⁾		Abundant	M,W	КU	-	-	-
Green Sandpiper ⁽⁹⁾	Tringa ochropus	Uncommon	W	-	-	-	
Nood Sandpiper ⁽⁹⁾	Tringa glareola	Common	M,W	LC		-	-
Grey-tailed Tattler ⁽⁹⁾	Tringa brevipes	Common	М	LC	-	-	-
Ferek Sandpiper ⁽⁹⁾	Xenus cinereus	Common	М	RC	-	-	-
Common Sandpiper ⁽⁹⁾	Actitis hypoleucos	Common	M,W	-	-	-	-
	Arenaria interpres	Common	М	LC	-	-	-
Ruddy Turnstone ⁽⁹⁾	Alenana interpres	Common					
Ruddy Turnstone ⁽⁹⁾ Great Knot ⁽⁹⁾	Calidris tenuirostris	Common	М	LC	-	-	Vulnerabl

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Sanderling ⁽⁹⁾	Calidris alba	Uncommon	Μ	LC	-	-	-
Red-necked Stint ⁽⁹⁾	Calidris ruficollis	Abundant	М	LC	-	-	-
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper ⁽⁹⁾	Calidris acuminata	Common	М	LC	-	-	-
Curlew Sandpiper ⁽⁹⁾	Calidris ferruginea	Common	SpM	RC	-	-	
Red-necked Phalarope ⁽⁹⁾	Phalaropus lobatus	Common	М	-	-	-	
Oriental Pratincole ⁽⁹⁾	Glareola maldivarum	Passage migrant	М	LC	-	-	-
Black-legged Kittiwake	Rissa tridactyla	Rare	-	-	-	-	-
Black-headed Gull ⁽⁹⁾	Chroicocephalus ridibundus	Common	W	PRC	-	-	-
Black-tailed Gull ⁽⁹⁾	Larus crassirostris	Uncommon	W,M	LC	-	-	-
Vega Gull ⁽⁹⁾	Larus vegae	Occasional	-	-	-	-	-
Slaty-backed Gull ⁽⁹⁾	Larus schistisagus	Scarce	W	-	-	-	-
Heuglin's Gull ⁽⁹⁾	Larus fuscus	Common	W,M	LC	-	-	-
Gull-billed Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Gelochelidon nilotica	Common	Μ	-	-	-	-
Caspian Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Hydroprogne caspia	Passage migrant	Μ	RC	-	-	-
Greater Crested Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Thalasseus bergii	Scarce	-	-	-	-	-
Little Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Sternula albifrons	Uncommon	Μ	LC	-	-	-
Aleutian Tern	Onychoprion aleuticus	Uncommon	AM	-	-	-	-
Bridled Tern	Onychoprion anaethetus	Uncommon	Su,M	-	-	-	-
Sooty Tern	Onychoprion fuscatus	Occasional	-	(LC)	-	-	-
Roseate Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Sterna dougallii	Uncommon	Su	(LC)	-	-	-
Black-naped Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Sterna sumatrana	Common	Su	(LC)	-	-	
Common Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Sterna hirundo	Common	M	-	-	-	
Whiskered Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Chlidonias hybrida	Uncommon	M	-	-	-	
White-winged Tern ⁽⁹⁾	Chlidonias leucopterus	Uncommon	Μ	-	-	-	
Pomarine Skua	Stercorarius pomarinus	Occasional	-	-	-	-	-
Parasitic Jaeger Long-tailed Jaeger	Stercorarius parasiticus Stercorarius longicaudus	Vagrant Scarce	 SpM	-	-	-	+
Long-tailed Jaeger	Synthliboramphus antiquus	Scarce	<u>SpM</u> W	-	-	- Vulnerable	+ -
Domestic Pigeon	Columba livia	Common	 R	-	-	-	
Oriental Turtle Dove	Streptopelia orientalis	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Red Turtle Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica	Uncommon	AM	-	-	-	-
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-
Common Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica	Scarce	R	-	-	Vulnerable	-
Orange-breasted Green	Treron bicinctus	Vagrant	-		Class II	Rare	_
Pigeon		_	-	-			- -
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	Common	R	-	Class II	Vulnerable	-
Lesser Coucal	Centropus bengalensis	Common	R	-	Class II	Vulnerable	
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	Clamator coromandus	Uncommon	Su B	-	-	-	
Asian Koel Plaintive Cuckoo	Eudynamys scolopacea Cacomantis merulinus	Common Uncommon	Su,R Su	-	-	-	-
Fork-tailed Drongo Cuckoo	Surniculus lugubris	Scarce		-	-	-	+ -
Large Hawk Cuckoo	Hierococcyx sparverioides	Common	Su	-	-	-	+
Northern Hawk Cuckoo	Hierococcyx hyperythrus	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo	Hierococcyx nisicolor	Scarce	SpM	-	-	-	-
Lesser Cuckoo	Cuculus poliocephalus	Vagrant	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Cuckoo	Cuculus micropterus	Uncommon	Su	-	-	-	-
Oriental Cuckoo	Cuculus optatus	Scarce	М	-	-	-	-
Common Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	Occasional	-	-	-	-	-
Collared Scops Owl ⁽⁸⁾	Otus lettia	Common	R	-	Class II	-	-
Oriental Scops Owl ⁽⁸⁾	Otus sunia	Scarce	AM	-	Class II	-	-
Eurasian Eagle Owl ⁽⁸⁾	Bubo bubo	Scarce	R	RC	Class II	Rare	-
Northern Boobook ⁽⁸⁾	Ninox scutulata	Scarce	М	-	Class II	-	-
Grey Nightjar	Caprimulgus jotaka	Scarce	Su,M	LC	-	-	-
Savanna Nightjar	Caprimulgus affinis	Uncommon	Su,?W	-	-	-	-
Himalayan Swiftlet	Aerodramus brevirostris	Scarce	SpM	-	-	-	-
White-throated Needletail Silver-backed Needletail	Hirundapus caudacutus Hirundapus cochinchinensis	Uncommon	SpM SpM	-	- Class II	-	-
Brown-backed Needletail	Hirundapus cochinchinensis Hirundapus giganteus	Uncommon	- Зрім	-	- Class II	-	-
Pacific Swift	Apus pacificus	Common	SpM,Su	(LC)		-	
House Swift	Apus nipalensis	Common	R,SpM	-	-	-	-
Oriental Dollarbird	Eurystomus orientalis	Uncommon	M	-	-	-	-
Ruddy Kingfisher	Halcyon coromanda	Vagrant	-	-	-	-	-
White-throated Kingfisher ⁽⁹⁾	Halcyon smyrnensis	Common	AM,P	(LC)	-	-	-
Black-capped Kingfisher ⁽⁹⁾	Halcyon pileata	Common	AM,W	(LC)	-	-	-
Common Kingfisher ⁽⁹⁾	Alcedo atthis	Common	AM,P	-	-	-	-
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Merops philippinus	Scarce	-	-	-	-	-
Blue-throated Bee-eater	Merops viridis	Scarce	Μ	-	-	-	-
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	Occasional	OV	-	-	-	
Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	Uncommon	W,M	-	•	-	-
Fairy Pitta ⁽⁸⁾	Pitta nympha	Scarce	-	-	Class II	Rare	Vulnerabl
Blue-winged Pitta	Pitta moluccensis	Vagrant	-	-	Class II	-	
Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike Swinhoe's Minivet	Coracina melaschistos	Scarce	AM,W M	- LC	-	-	
Swinhoe's Minivet Ashy Minivet	Pericrocotus cantonensis Pericrocotus divaricatus	Occasional Uncommon	M SpM		-	-	-
Grey-chinned Minivet	Pericrocotus divaricatus Pericrocotus solaris	Common	R,W	LC	-	-	+
Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus speciosus	Common	R	-	-	-	1 -
Tiger Shrike	Lanius tigrinus	Rare	AM	-	-	-	-
Bull-headed Shrike	Lanius bucephalus	Rare	AM,W	-	-	Rare	-
Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus	Common	SpM	-	-	-	-
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	Common	R	-	-	-	-
Black-naped Oriole	Oriolus chinensis	Scarce	AM	LC	-	-	-
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	Common	M,Su	-	-	-	-
Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus	Scarce	W	LC	-	-	-
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus	Common	M,Su,W	-	-	-	
Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis azurea	Uncommon	W,M M	- LC	-	-	
Asian Paradise-Flycatcher Japanese Paradise-	Terpsiphone paradisi	Scarce	IVI		-	-	+
•	Terpsiphone atrocaudata	Scarce	Μ	LC	-	-	Near Threate
Flycatcher	Urocissa erythrorhyncha	Common	R	-	-	-	+ -
Flycatcher Red-billed Blue Magpie		Scarce	<u>N</u> ,W	LC	-	-	+ -
Red-billed Blue Magpie	Dendrocitta tormosae		R	-	-	-	-
Red-billed Blue Magpie Grey Treepie	Dendrocitta formosae Pica pica	Common		LC	-	-	Near Threate
Red-billed Blue Magpie Grey Treepie Eurasian Magpie	Pica pica	Common Uncommon	R	_ 			1
Red-billed Blue Magpie Grey Treepie		Common Uncommon Common	R R	-	-	-	-
Red-billed Blue Magpie Grey Treepie Eurasian Magpie Collared Crow	Pica pica Corvus torquatus Corvus macrorhynchos	Uncommon			-	-	
Red-billed Blue Magpie Grey Treepie Eurasian Magpie Collared Crow Large-billed Crow Grey-headed Canary-flycatch Varied Tit	Pica pica Corvus torquatus Corvus macrorhynchos	Uncommon Common	R	- - -	- - -	- -	
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Black Bulbul Pale Martin	Hypsipetes leucocephalus Riparia diluta	Uncommon Uncommon	W SpM	-	-	-	-
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Abundant	SpM,Su	-	-	-	-
Asian House Martin	Delichon dasypus	Uncommon	M	-	-	-	-
Red-rumped Swallow Pygmy Wren-babbler	Cecropis daurica Pnoepyga pusilla	Uncommon Rare	M	-	-	-	-
Mountain Tailorbird	Phyllergates cucullatus	Uncommon	-	-	-	-	
Manchurian Bush Warbler	Horornis borealis	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Brown-flanked Bush Warbler	Horornis fortipes	Uncommon	W	-	-	-	-
Asian Stubtail Black-throated Tit	Urosphena squameiceps Aegithalos concinnus	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuscatus	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Radde's Warbler	Phylloscopus schwarzi	Scarce	AM,W	-	-	-	-
Pallas's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus proregulus	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Yellow-browed Warbler Hume's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus inornatus Phylloscopus humei	Common Rare		-	-	-	-
Arctic Warbler	Phylloscopus borealis	Common	AM	-	-	-	-
Pale-legged Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus tenellipes	Uncommon	AM	-	-	-	-
Eastern Crowned Warbler	Phylloscopus coronatus	Uncommon	AM W	-	-	-	-
Goodson's Leaf Warbler Sulphur-breasted Warbler	Phylloscopus goodsoni Phylloscopus ricketti	Uncommon Occasional	-	LC -	-	-	-
White-spectacled Warbler	Seicercus affinis	Vagrant	-	-	-	-	-
Bianchi's Warbler	Seicercus valentini	Rare	?	-	-	-	-
Alstrom's Warbler Chestnut-crowned Warbler	Seicercus soror Seicercus castaniceps	- Rare	-	-	-	-	-
Oriental Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus orientalis	Common	 M	-	-	-	-
Black-browed Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus bistrigiceps	Common	M	-	-	-	-
Thick-billed Warbler	lduna aedon	Scarce	AM	LC	-	-	-
Russet Bush Warbler Lanceolated Warbler	Locustella mandelli Locustella lanceolata	Rare	W AM	-	-	-	-
		Scarce		-	-	-	-
Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler		Common	AM	LC	-	-	-
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	Common	W	LC	-	-	-
Golden-headed Cisticola Yellow-bellied Prinia	Cisticola exilis Prinia flaviventris	Scarce Common	W R	LC	-	-	-
Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata	Common	R R	-	-	-	-
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	Common	R		-	-	-
Masked Laughingthrush	Garrulax perspicillatus	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-
Chestnut-flanked White-eye Japanese White-eye	Zosterops erythropleurus Zosterops japonicus	Scarce Abundant	M,W R,?W	-	-	-	-
Crested Myna	Acridotheres cristatellus	Common	R, 200	-	-	-	-
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	Uncommon	R	-	-	-	-
Red-billed Starling ⁽⁹⁾	Spodiopsar sericeus	Common	W	RC	-	-	-
White-cheeked Starling Black-collared Starling	Spodiopsar cineraceus Gracupica nigricollis	Common Common	W R	PRC	-	-	-
Chestnut-cheeked Starling	Agropsar philippensis	Scarce	K	-	-	-	-
White-shouldered Starling	Sturnia sinensis	Common	M,W,Su	(LC)	-	-	-
Rosy Starling	Pastor roseus	Rare	-	-	-	-	-
Common Starling Blue Whistling Thrush	Sturnus vulgaris Myophonus caeruleus	Scarce Common	W R	LC -	-	-	-
Orange-headed Thrush	Geokichla citrina	Scarce	W	LC	-	-	-
Grey-backed Thrush	Turdus hortulorum	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Japanese Thrush	Turdus cardis	Uncommon	M,W	-	-	-	-
Common Blackbird Eyebrowed Thrush	Turdus merula Turdus obscurus	Common Scarce	W,M M	-	-	-	-
Pale Thrush	Turdus pallidus	Uncommon	M,W	-	-		-
Brown-headed Thrush	Turdus chrysolaus	Rare	W,M	LC	-	-	-
Red-throated Thrush Dusky Thrush	Turdus ruficollis Turdus eunomus	Vagrant Rare	- W	- LC	-	-	-
Chinese Thrush	Turdus mupinensis	Vagrant	-	-	-	-	-
Lesser Shortwing	Brachypteryx leucophris	Uncommon	-	LC	-	-	-
Japanese Robin	Erithacus akahige	Scarce	W	-	-	-	-
Bluethroat Siberian Rubythroat	Luscinia svecica Luscinia calliope	Common Common	W W	LC	-	-	-
Siberian Blue Robin	Luscinia cyane	Scarce	AM	LC	-	-	
Rufous-tailed Robin	Luscinia sibilans	Uncommon	W,SpM	-	-	-	-
Red-flanked Bluetail	Tarsiger cyanurus	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Oriental Magpie Robin Black Redstart	Copsychus saularis Phoenicurus ochruros	Abundant Vagrant	R -	-	-	-	-
Hodgson's Redstart	Phoenicurus hodgsoni	Occasional	-	-	-	-	-
Daurian Redstart	Phoenicurus auroreus	Common	W	-	-	-	-
Plumbeous Water Redstart	Rhyacornis fuliginosa	Scarce	W NA	LC	-	-	-
Stejneger's Stonechat Grey Bush Chat	Saxicola stejnegeri Saxicola ferreus	Common Scarce	W,M AM,W	- LC	-	-	-
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius	Uncommon	W,M	-	-	-	-
White-throated Rock Thrush	Monticola gularis	Scarce	-	-	-	-	-
Brown-chested Jungle	Rhinomyias brunneatus	Vagrant	-	<u> </u>	-	-	Vulnerab
Flycatcher Grey-streaked Flycatcher	Muscicapa griseisticta	Uncommon	М	-	-	-	-
Dark-sided Flycatcher	Muscicapa sibirica	Uncommon	AM	-	-	-	-
Asian Brown Flycatcher	Muscicapa latirostris	Common	M,W	-	-	-	-
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	Muscicapa muttui Muscicapa ferruginea	Vagrant	-		-	-	-
Ferruginous Flycatcher Yellow-rumped Flycatcher	Muscicapa ferruginea Ficedula zanthopygia	Scarce Uncommon	SpM AM	PRC -	-	-	-
Narcissus Flycatcher	Ficedula narcissina	Scarce	SpM	-	-	-	-
Green-backed Flycatcher	Ficedula elisae	Rare	-	-	-	-	-
Mugimaki Flycatcher Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	Ficedula mugimaki Ficedula strophiata	Uncommon Rare	M,W	-	-	-	-
Red-breasted Flycatcher	Ficedula stropniata Ficedula parva	Vagrant	-	-	-	-	-
Red-throated Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla	Uncommon	AM,W	-	-	-	-
Blue-and-white Flycatcher	Cyanoptila cyanomelana	Uncommon	SpM	-	-	-	-
Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias thalassinus	Scarce	W	-	-	-	-
Hainan Blue Flycatcher Small Niltava	Cyornis hainanus Niltava macgrigoriae	Uncommon Vagrant	Su -	-	-	-	-
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum ignipectus	Scarce	?R	-	-	-	-
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum cruentatum	Common	R	-	-	-	-
Fork-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga christinae	Common	R	-	-	-	-
Eurasian Tree Sparrow White-rumped Munia	Passer montanus Lonchura striata	Abundant Common	R R	-	-	-	-
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura sunata	Common	R	-	-	-	-
Forest Wagtail	Dendronanthus indicus	Scarce	М	-	-	-	-
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla tschutschensis	Common	M,W	-	-	-	-
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Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea Motacilla alba	Common	W,R	-	-		

291 Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni	Common	W	-	-	-	-
292 Pechora Pipit	Anthus gustavi	Scarce	М	LC	-	-	-
293 Red-throated Pipit	Anthus cervinus	Common	M,W	LC	-	-	-
294 Rosy Pipit	Anthus roseatus	Vagrant	-	-	-	-	-
295 Buff-bellied Pipit	Anthus rubescens	Rare	W	LC	-	-	-
296 Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla	Scarce	М	-	-	-	-
297 Common Rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus	Rare	W	LC	-	-	-
298 Chinese Grosbeak	Eophona migratoria	Uncommon	М	LC	-	-	-
299 Grey-capped Greenfinch	Carduelis sinica	Rare	R,M	LC	-	-	-
300 Eurasian Siskin	Carduelis spinus	Scarce	W	-	-	-	-
301 Tristram's Bunting	Emberiza tristrami	Uncommon	W	-	-	-	-
302 Chestnut-eared Bunting	Emberiza fucata	Scarce	М	LC	-	-	-
303 Little Bunting	Emberiza pusilla	Common	W	-	-	-	-
304 Yellow-browed Bunting	Emberiza chrysophrys	Scarce	Μ	-	-	-	-
305 Rustic Bunting	Emberiza rustica	Rare	-	-	-	-	-
306 Yellow-throated Bunting	Emberiza elegans	Rare	-	-	-	-	-
307 Yellow-breasted Bunting	Emberiza aureola	Common	М	RC	-	-	Vulnerable
308 Chestnut Bunting	Emberiza rutila	Common	М	-	-	-	-
309 Black-headed Bunting	Emberiza melanocephala	Rare	-	-	-	-	-
310 Japanese Yellow Bunting	Emberiza sulphurata	Scarce	SpM	GC	-	-	Vulnerable
311 Black-faced Bunting	Emberiza spodocephala	Common	M,W	-	-	-	-
312 Hill Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis banyumas	-	-	-	-	-	-
313 Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes	-	-	-	-	-	-
314 Red-throated Loon	Gavia stellata	-	-	-	-	-	-
315 Bulwer's Petrel	Bulweria bulwerii	-	-	-	-	-	-
316 Swinhoe's Storm-petrel	Oceanodroma monorhis	-	-	-	-	-	Near Threatened
317 Amur Falcon	Falco amurensis	-	-	-	-	-	-
318 Yellow-legged Gull	Larus michahellis	-	-	-	-	-	-
319 Brown Noddy	Anous stolidus	-	-	-	-	-	-
320 Whistling Green Pigeon	Treron formosae	-	-	-	-	-	Near Threatened
321 Rosy Minivet	Pericrocotus roseus	-	-	-	-	-	-
322 Scaly Thrush	Zoothera dauma	-	-	-	-	-	-
323 Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides	-	-	-	-	-	-
324 Martens's Warbler	Seicercus omeiensis	-	-	-	-	-	-
325 Purple-backed Starling	Sturnus sturninus	-	-	-	-	-	-
326 Crow-billed Drongo	Dicrurus annectans	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note:

(1) All wild birds are Protected under Wild Animal Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170)

(2) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database

(3) Carey et al. (2001). R=resident; W=winter visitor; Su=summer visitor; M=migrant; Sp=spring; P=present all year, exact composition unknown

(4) Fellowes et al. (2002): GC=Global Concern; LC=Local Concern; RC=Regional Concern; PRC=Potential Regional Concern; PGC: Potential Global Concern.

Letters in parentheses indicate that the assessment is on the basis of restrictedness in nesting and/or roosting sites rather than in general occurrence.

(5) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989). [國家重點保護野生動物名錄(1989年1月14日树 (6) Zheng, G. M. and Wang, Q. S. (1998).

(7) IUCN (2014). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2014.2

(8) Protected under Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586)

(9) Wetland-dependent species (including wetland-dependent species and waterbirds)

Species of conservation interest is in **bold** type face

Butterflies recorded at Po Toi

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72 Indian Fritillary	Arguraya hyporhiya hyporhiya	Common	
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74 Indian Red Admiral	Vanessa indica indica	Uncommon	-
75 Blue Admiral	Kaniska canace canace	Common	-
76 Lemon Pansy	Junonia lemonias lemonias	Common	-
77 Chocolate Pansy	Junonia iphita iphita	Common	-
78 Yellow Pansy	Junonia hierta hierta	Rare	-
79 Blue Pansy	Junonia orithya orithya	Uncommon	-
80 Great Egg-fly	Hypolimnas bolina kezia	Common	-
81 Common Sailer	Neptis hylas hylas	Very common	-
82 Short-banded Sailer	Phaedyma columella columella	Common	-
83 Common Mapwing	Cyrestis thyodamas chinensis	Common	-
84 Glassy Tiger	Parantica aglea melanoides	Common	-
85 Ceylon Blue Glassy Tiger	Ideopsis similis similis	Very common	-
86 Blue Tiger	Tirumala limniace limniace	Common	-
87 Common Tiger	Danaus genutia genutia	Common	-
88 Blue-spotted Crow	Euploea midamus midamus	Very common	-
89 Striped Blue Crow	Euploea mulciber mulciber	Uncommon	-
90 Common Indian Crow	Euploea core amymone	Common	-
91	Potanthus sp.	-	-
92	Telicota sp.	-	-

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Amphibians recorded at Po Toi

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽²⁾	Level of Concern ⁽³⁾	IUCN Red List (Version 2013.1) ⁽⁴⁾
Romer's Tree Frog ⁽¹⁾	Liuixalus romeri	Distributed in woodlands on Lantau Island, Po Toi Island, Lamma Island, Hong Kong Island and New Territories	PGC	Endangered

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(4) IUCN (2013). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2013.1

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Reptiles recorded at Po Toi	Reptiles	recorded	at Po	Toi
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Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽³⁾	Level of Concern ⁽⁴⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁵⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁶⁾	IUCN Red List (Version 2013.1) ⁽⁷⁾
Chinese Gecko	Gekko chinensis	Very common and widely distributed	-	-	-	-
Tree Gecko	Hemiphyllodactylus sp.	Very rare, found in Po Toi, Aberdeen, Shek Kwu Chau	RC	-	-	-
Burmese Python ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Python molurus bivittatus	Widely distributed	PRC	Class I	Critically Endangered	Vulnerable
Common Rat Snake ⁽²⁾	Ptyas mucosus	Widely distributed	PRC	-	Endangered	-

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Mammals recorded at Po Toi

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽³⁾
Musk Shrew	Suncus murinus	Common
Japanese Pipistrelle ⁽¹⁾	Pipistrellus abramus	Abundant
Eurasian Wild Pig	Sus scrofa	Common

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Dear Mr Chung and Mr Lui,

Comments on Draft Po Toi Islands Outline Zoning Plan

Following the meeting on 3rd November 2014, The Conservancy Association (CA) is writing to highlight various concerns on the captioned.

CA stance on Po Toi remains unchanged with reference to our previous letter dated 2nd May 2012. Po Toi Island has long been recognized as an important site for migratory land birds and seabirds¹ with a total of 311 bird species recorded from the island at the end of 15 October 2012⁶. Apart from birds, this ecological treasure trove also contains more. The endemic Romer's Tree Frog (*Liuixalus romeri*), despite its narrow distribution, could also be spotted in various locations such as Lau Shui Hang in Po Toi². Some rare floral species including *Ceratopteris thalictroides*³, listed as Wild plant under State protection (Category II), and some rare Hong Kong Cyperaceae⁴ have once been discovered. Marine water between Po Toi and Beaufort Island contains various types of soft corals, gorgonians and black corals ⁵. Based on

¹ Anon (2007). Preliminary Study on Bird Migration on Po Toi Island (2007). Hong Kong Bird Watching Society to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

² AFCD (2005). S.K.F. Chan, K.S. Cheung, C.Y. Ho, F.N. Lam & W.S. Tang (2005). Endemic Species Highlights - Romer's Tree Frog. Hong Kong Biodiversity.

³ CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (2001). Ecological Impact Assessment. EIA Report on 132 KV Supply Circuit from Pui O via Chi Ma Wan Peninsula via Sea Crossing towards Cheung Chau.

⁴ Shaw, J (1999). The conservation status of Cyperaceae in Hong Kong. Porcupine! 20.

⁵ WWF (2012). WWF's Response to 25 Possible Reclamation Sites – Posing Threats to Important species Such as Finless Porpoise and Romer's Tree Frog.

⁶ The Bird Watching Society(2012), Proposal for a Site of Specific Scientific Interest and Support for Country Park Designation on Po Toi Island

both ecological and scientific value of Po Toi, CA would recommend to designate Po Toi as SSSI. According to South West New Territories Development Strategy Review in 2001, Po Toi Islands had been initially confirmed the potential to be designated as Country Park. To better conserve the ecological integrity and landscape character, we opine that this suggestion should be considered in deep.

CA is particularly concerned about the mature woodland, with large trees such as *Ficus microcarpa*, in few houses near the pier (Figure 1 and 2) and in the proposed V zone (Tai Wan Village) (Figure 3 and 4) in Po Toi Island Development Permission Areas Plan (DPA). These large trees would serve as an important foraging site for land bird migrants⁶. These areas should not be zoned to allow development, particularly small house development, and should be protected by SSSI.

The suspected illegal development of columbarium in 2012 has resulted in massive areas of vegetation clearance in south-west of Po Toi. CA would highlight that any attempts of "destroy first, build later" should not be tolerated as it would set an undesirable precedent in future.

Yours faithfully,

Ng Hei Man Assistant Campaign Manager

Cc Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong Columbarium Concern Group Designing Hong Kong Green Power Hong Kong Bird Watching Society Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden Corporation WWF – Hong Kong

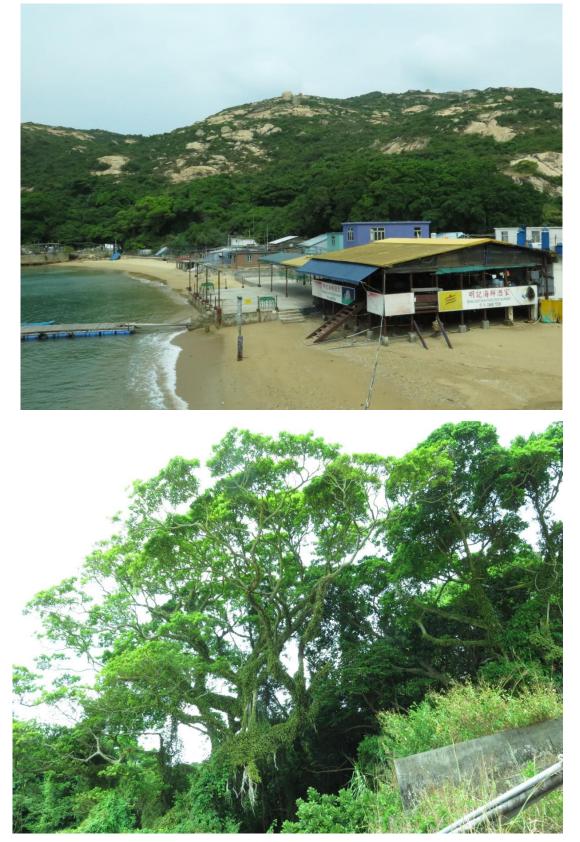
Figure 1 Mature woodland (circled in red) near the pier



Figure 2 A mature *Ficus microcarpa* can be spotted in an abandoned house near the pier. Some more large trees indeed scatter in a few abandoned houses in adjacent



Figure 3 and 4Mature woodland in Tai Wan Village currently zoned as "V" zone.Large trees can provide an important foraging site for land bird migrants



Annex IV

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TPB/R/DPA/I-PTI/1-84

蒲台群島發展審批地區規劃(編號 DPA/I-PTI/1)的書面建議

有關政府就上述地區作出規劃措施,經本會各村代表會議商討 後,綜合結論是:政府在保護有關各島嶼生態環境之餘,同樣應要顧及 島上居民需求(例如:有丁無地建丁屋)及有關土地業權人權益,平衡區 內各方的發展為要。

現特致函 貴會,建議擴大上述地區規劃的面積(見附圖),以供 村民殷切的需求。懇請 貴會考慮,不勝感荷!

此致

城市規劃委員會



南丫南鄉事委員會 主席周玉堂

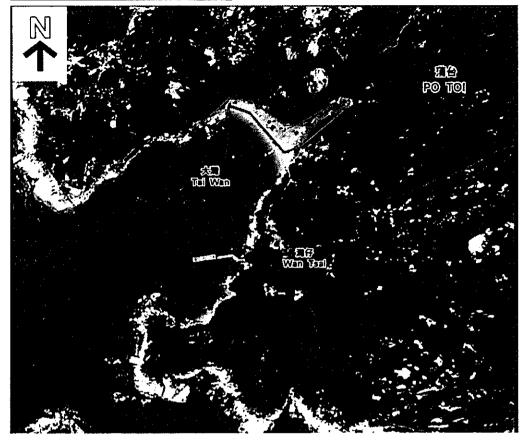
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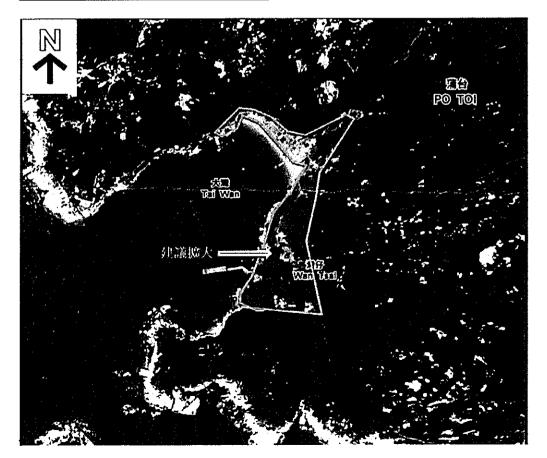
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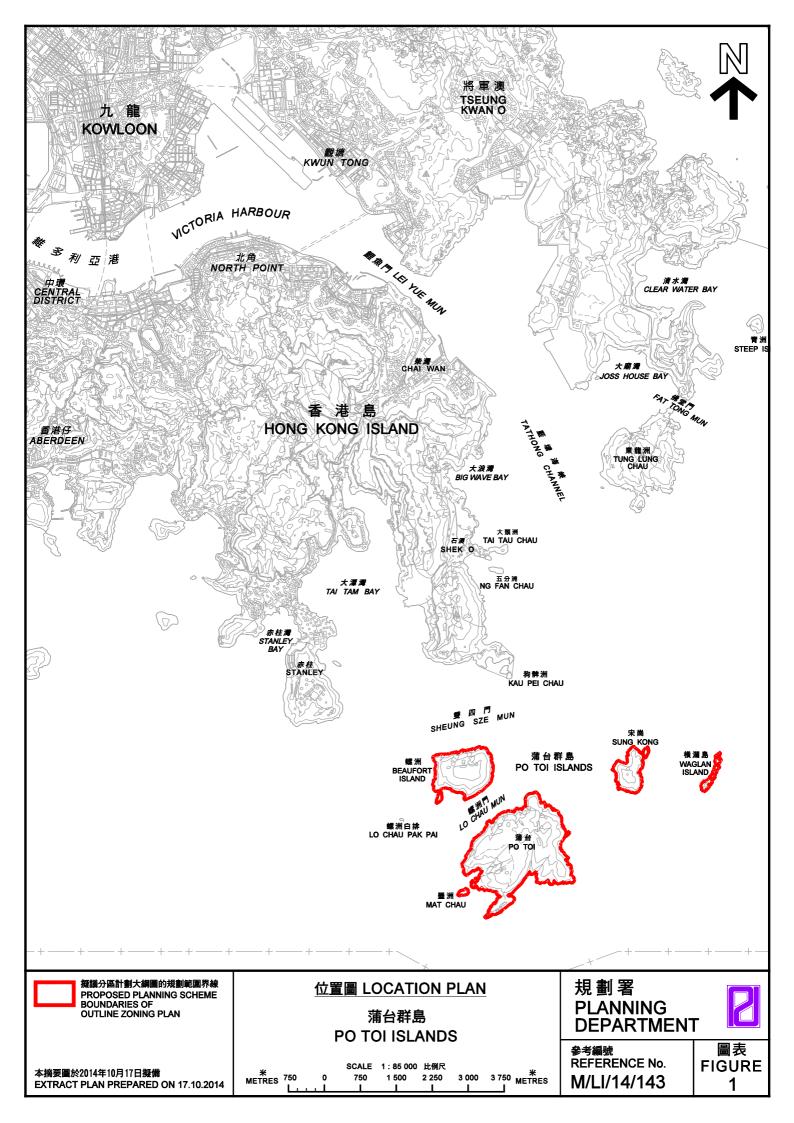
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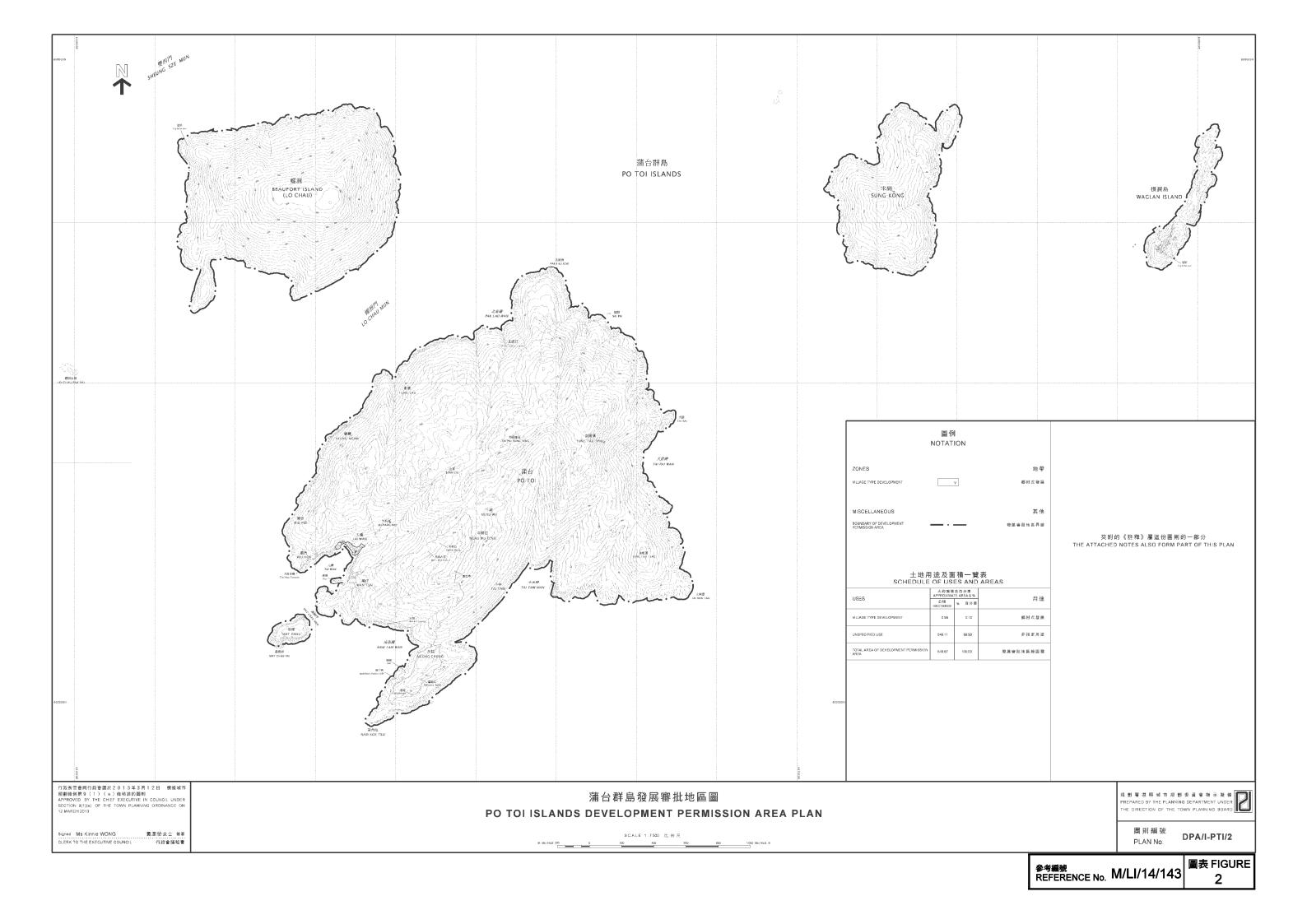
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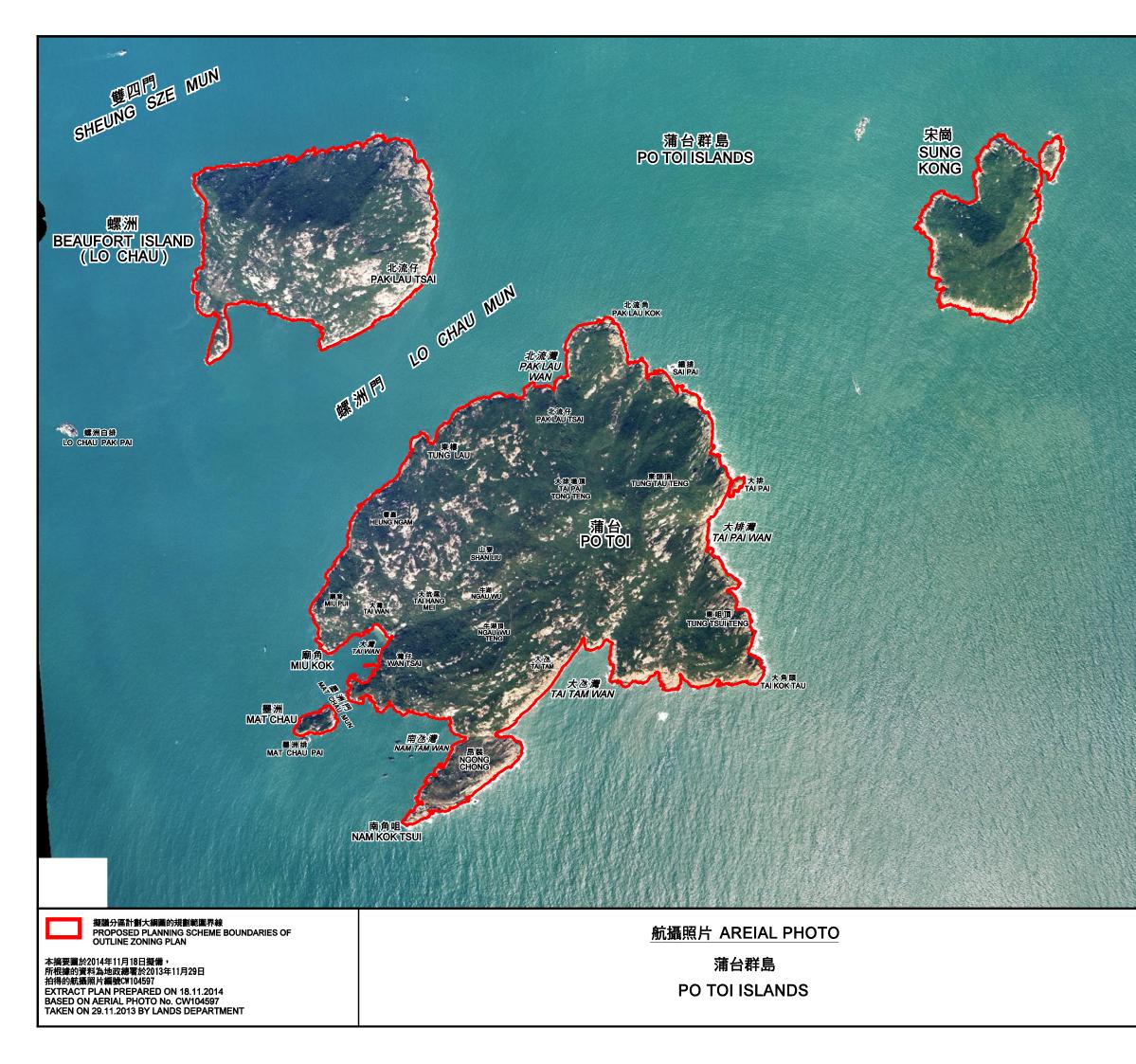


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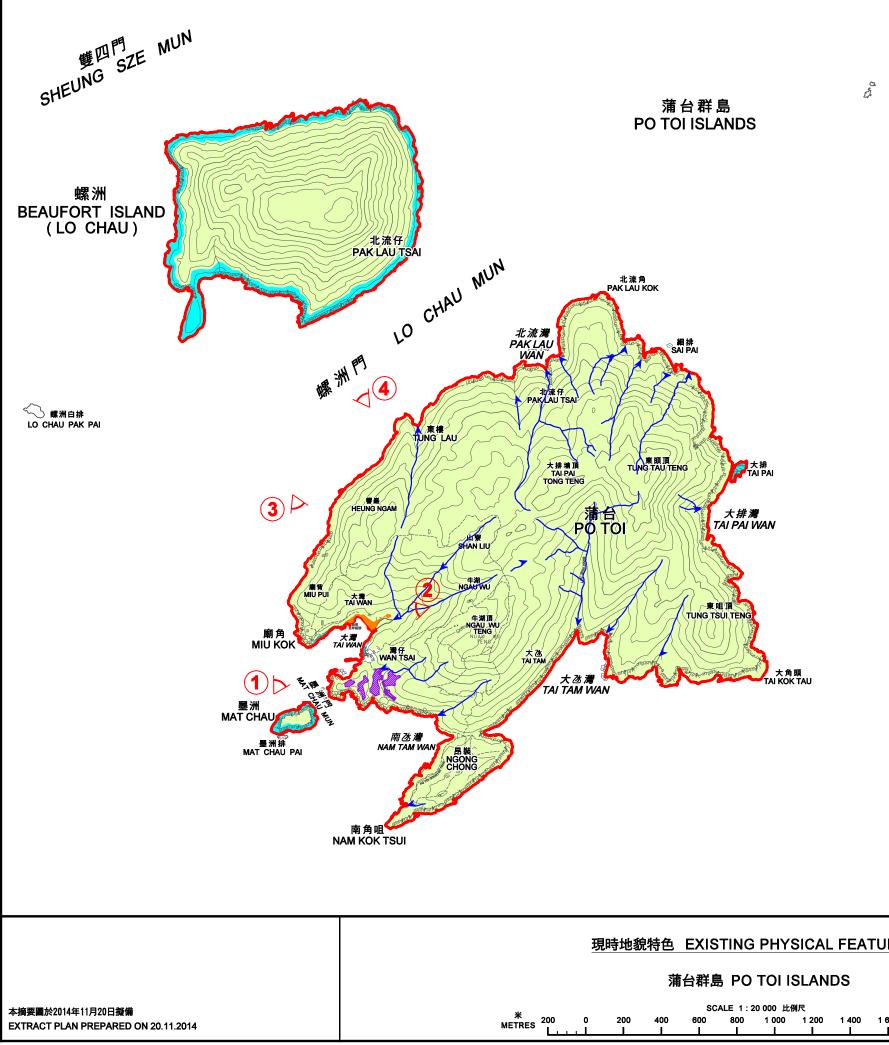














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螺洲 BEAUFORT ISLAND (LO CHAU)



蒲台(大灣) PO TOI (TAI WAN)



蒲台及墨洲 PO TOI AND MAT CHAU



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橫瀾島 WAGLAN ISLAND

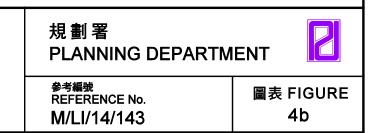
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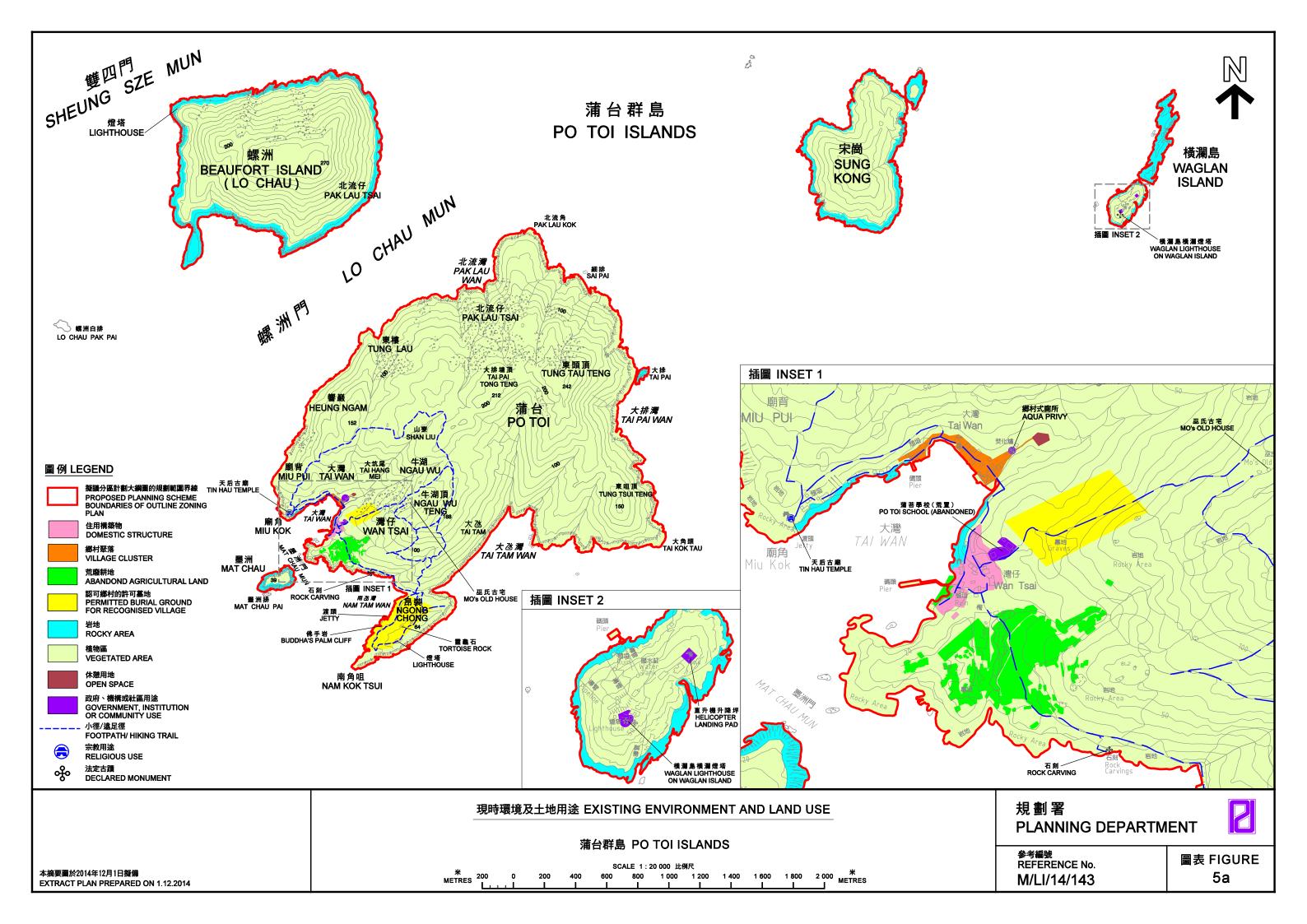
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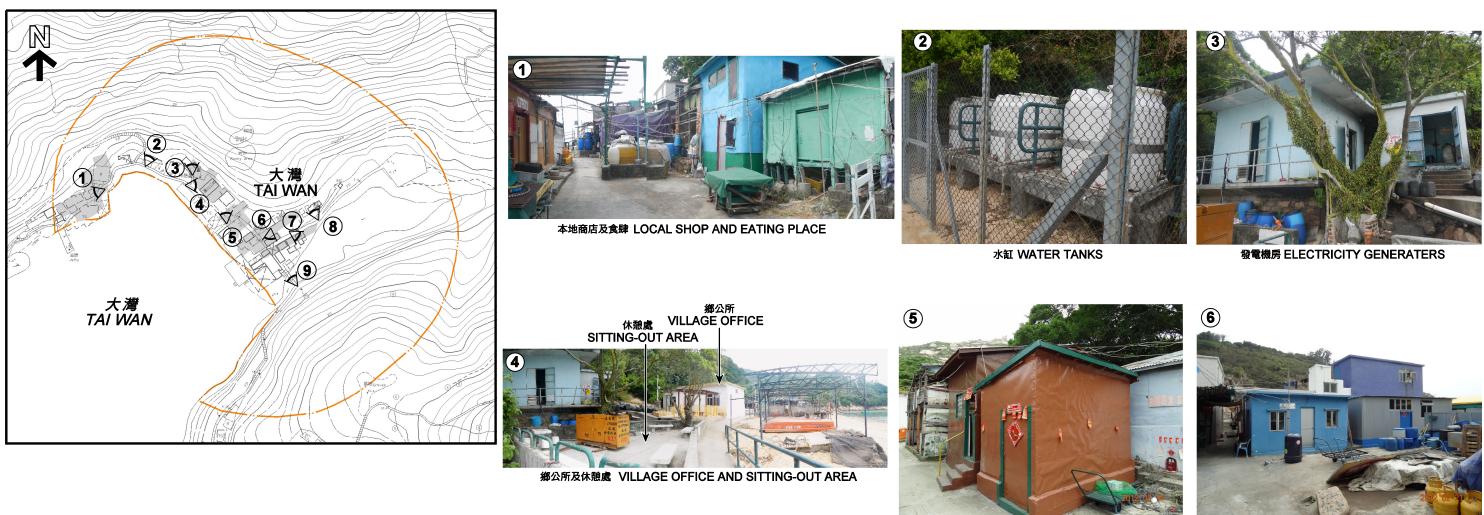
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村屋 VILLAGE HOUSE



發電機房 ELECTRICITY GENERATER

鄉村式廁所 AQUA PRIVY

蒲台村的實地照片 SITE PHOTOS OF PO TOI VILLAGE

蒲台群島 PO TOI ISLANDS

圖例 LEGEND



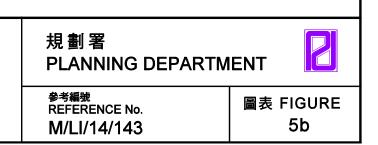
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村屋 VILLAGE HOUSE



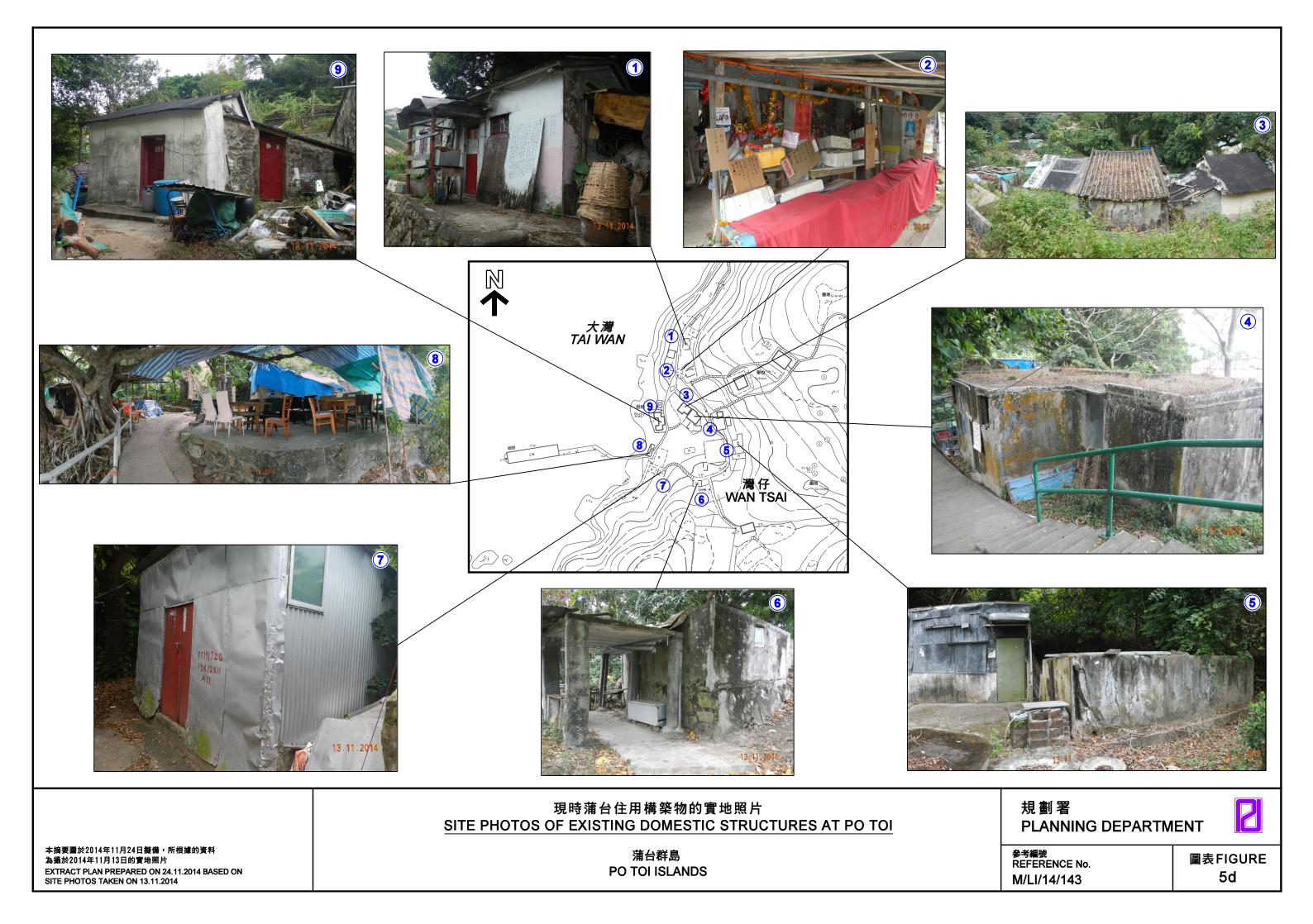
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PO TOI ISLANDS





天后廟 **TIN HAU TEMPLE**



大灣東北面部分 NORTH-EAST PORTION OF TAI WAN



直升機升降坪 HELICOPTER LANDING PAD



蒲台公眾碼頭 PO TOI PUBLIC PIER



WAN TSAI

南角咀 NAM KOK TSUI





/廟背 MIU_PUI/

朝角 Miu Kok

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蒲台

插圖INSET



石刻(法定古蹟) ROCK CARVING (DECLARED MONUMENT)



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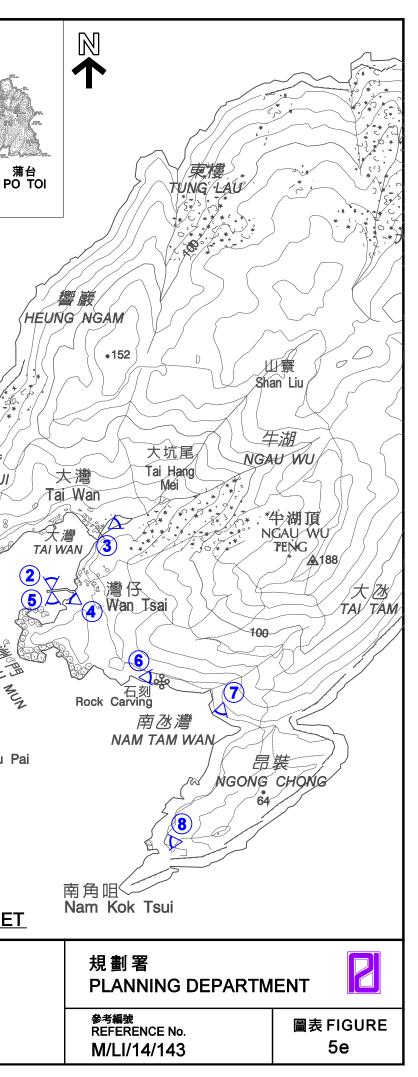


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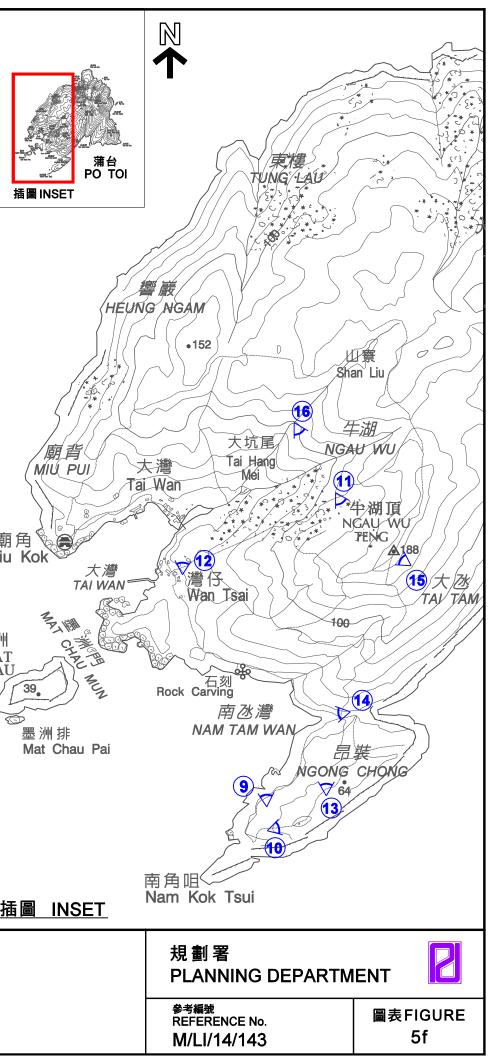
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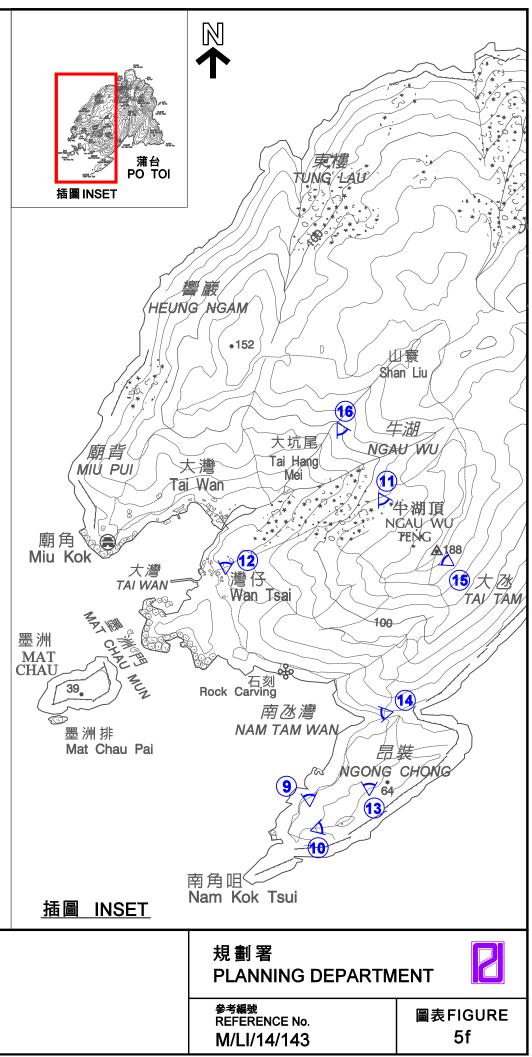
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蒲苔學校(荒置) PO TOI SCHOOL (ABANDONED)



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靈龜石 TORTOISE ROCK



現時蒲台土地用途的實地照片 SITE PHOTOS OF EXISTING LAND USES AT PO TOI

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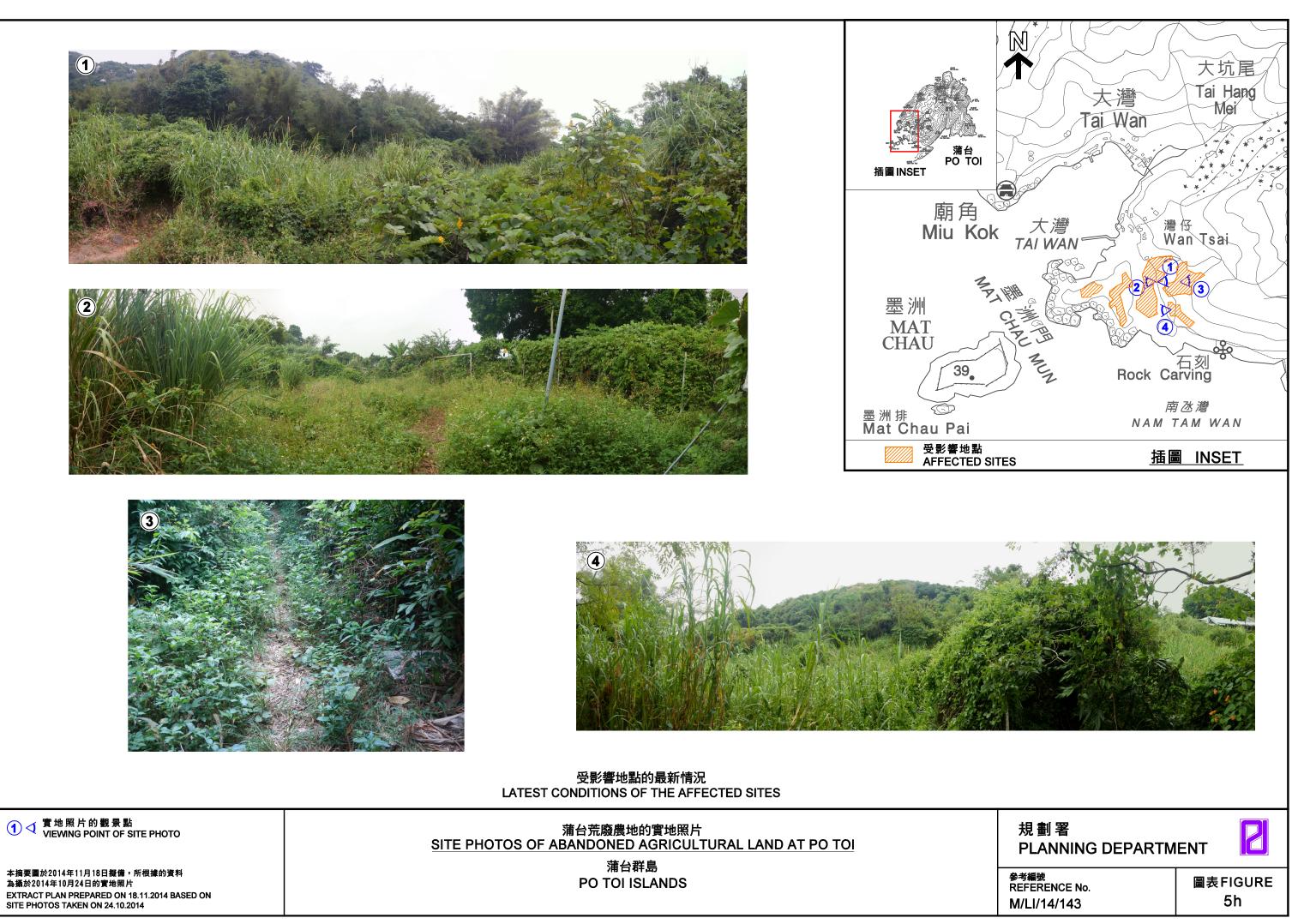


懷疑砍伐植物及鋪設混凝土板 SUSPECTED VEGETATION CLEARANCE AND CONCRETE SLABS

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SITE PHOTOS TAKEN ON 24.10.2014



橫瀾島橫瀾燈塔(法定古蹟) WAGLAN LIGHTHOUSE (DECLARED MONUMENT)



橫瀾島上的頹垣建築 RUINED STRUCTURES ON WAGLAN ISLAND



橫瀾島上的頹垣建築 RUINED STRUCTURES ON WAGLAN ISLAND

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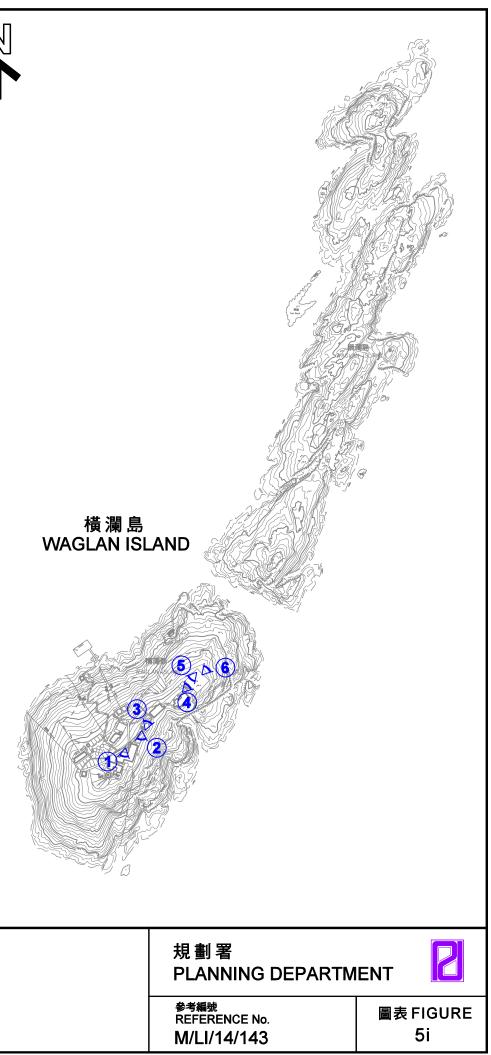


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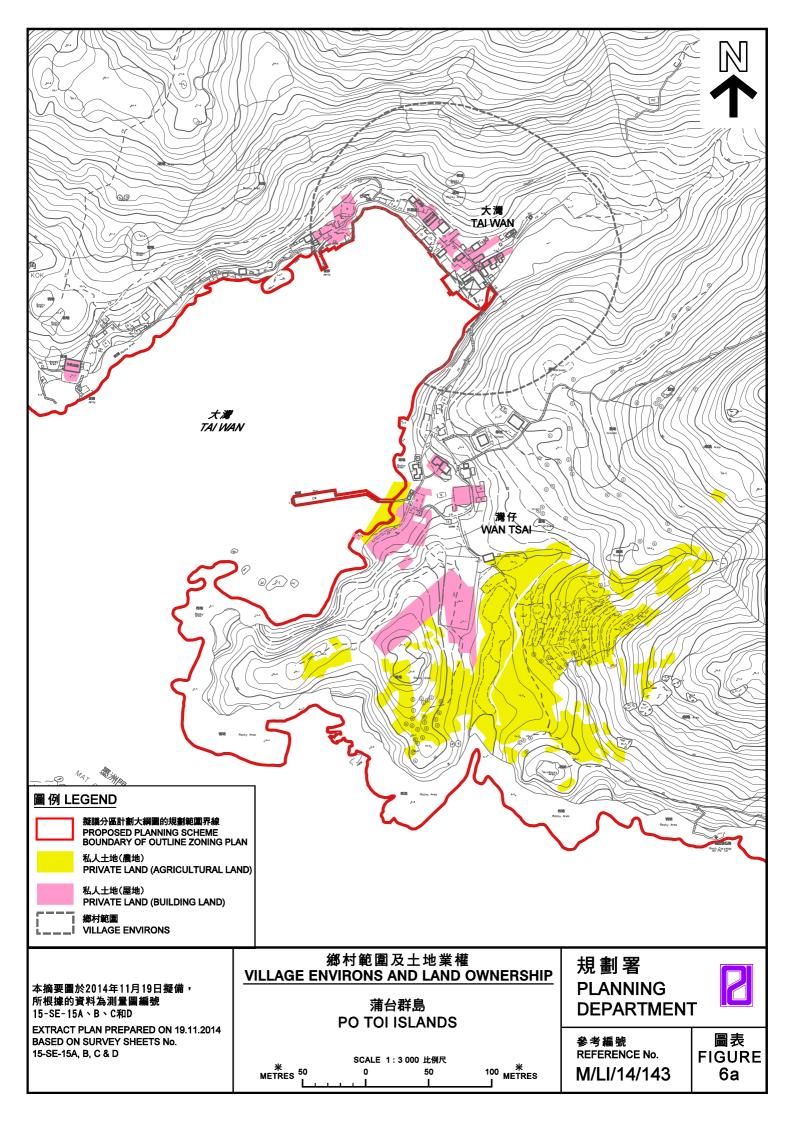
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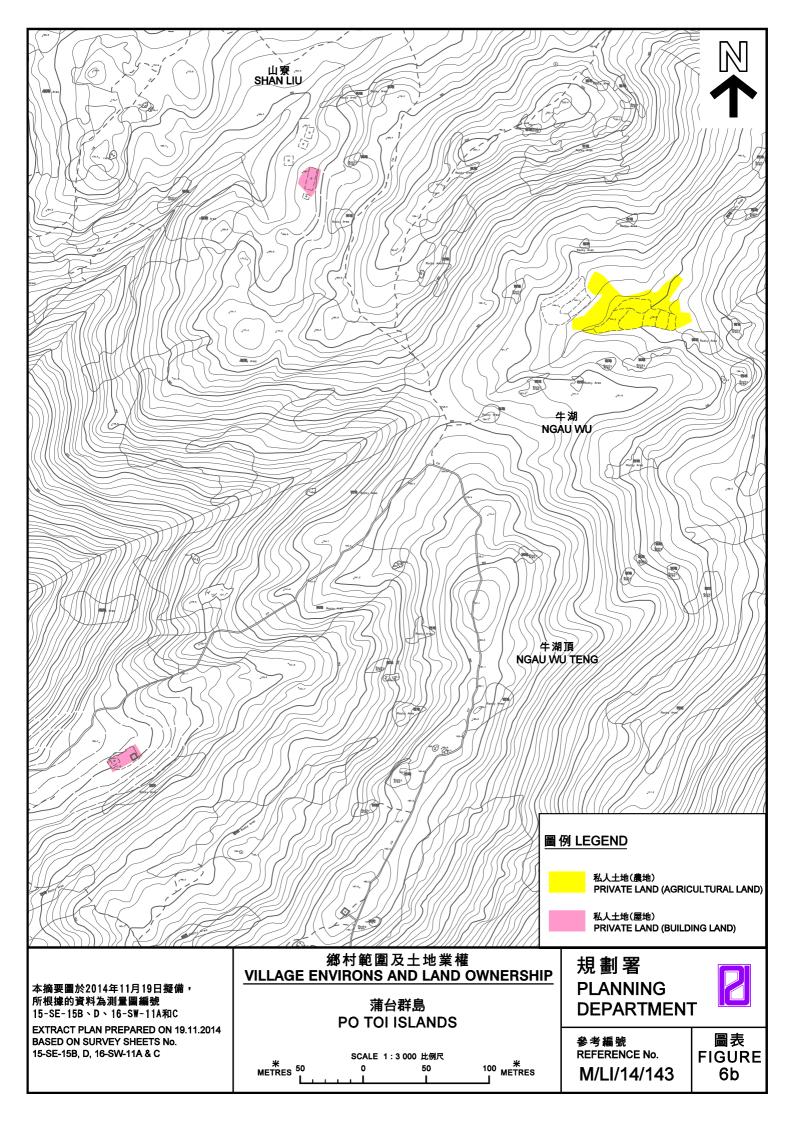


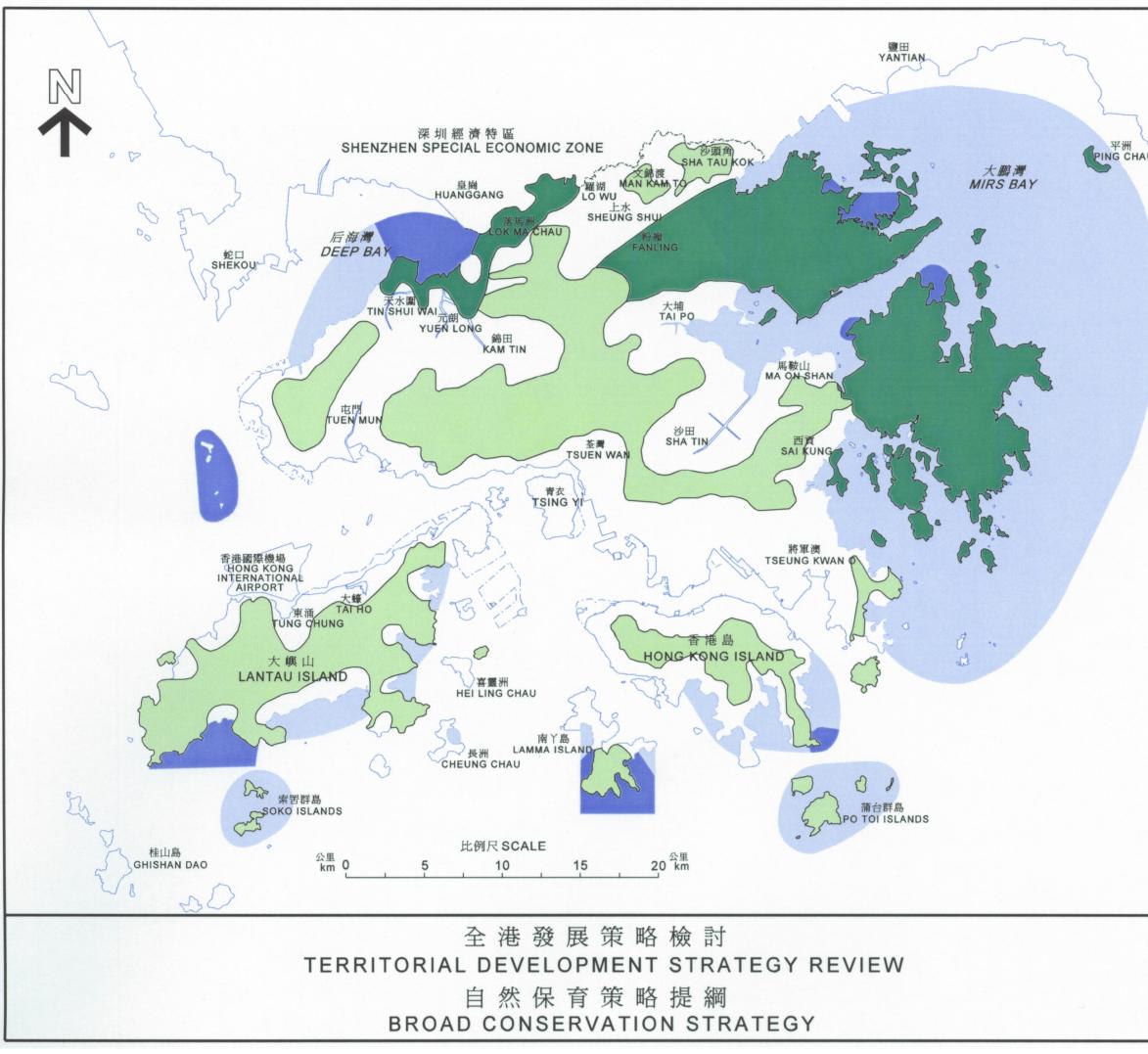


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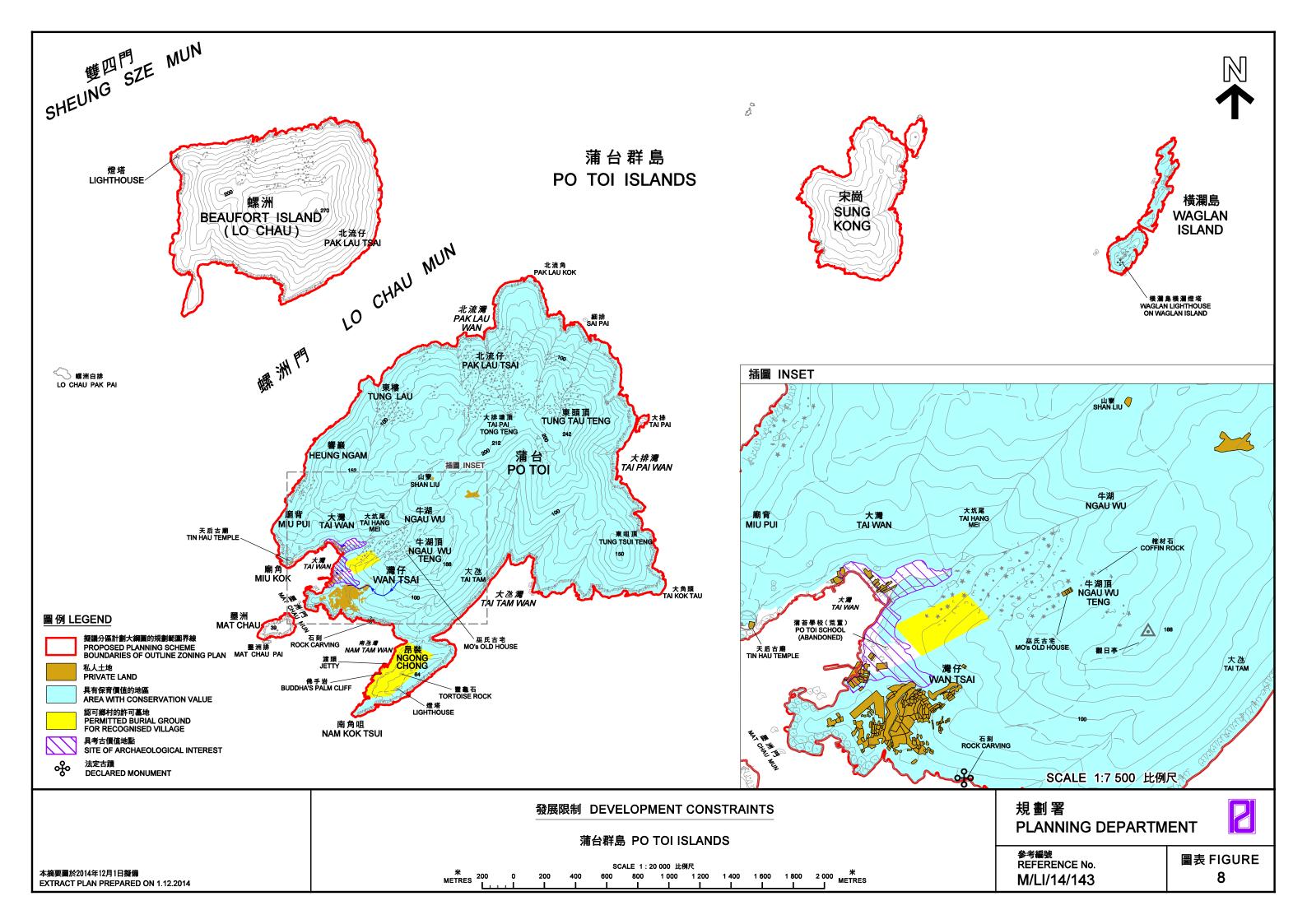
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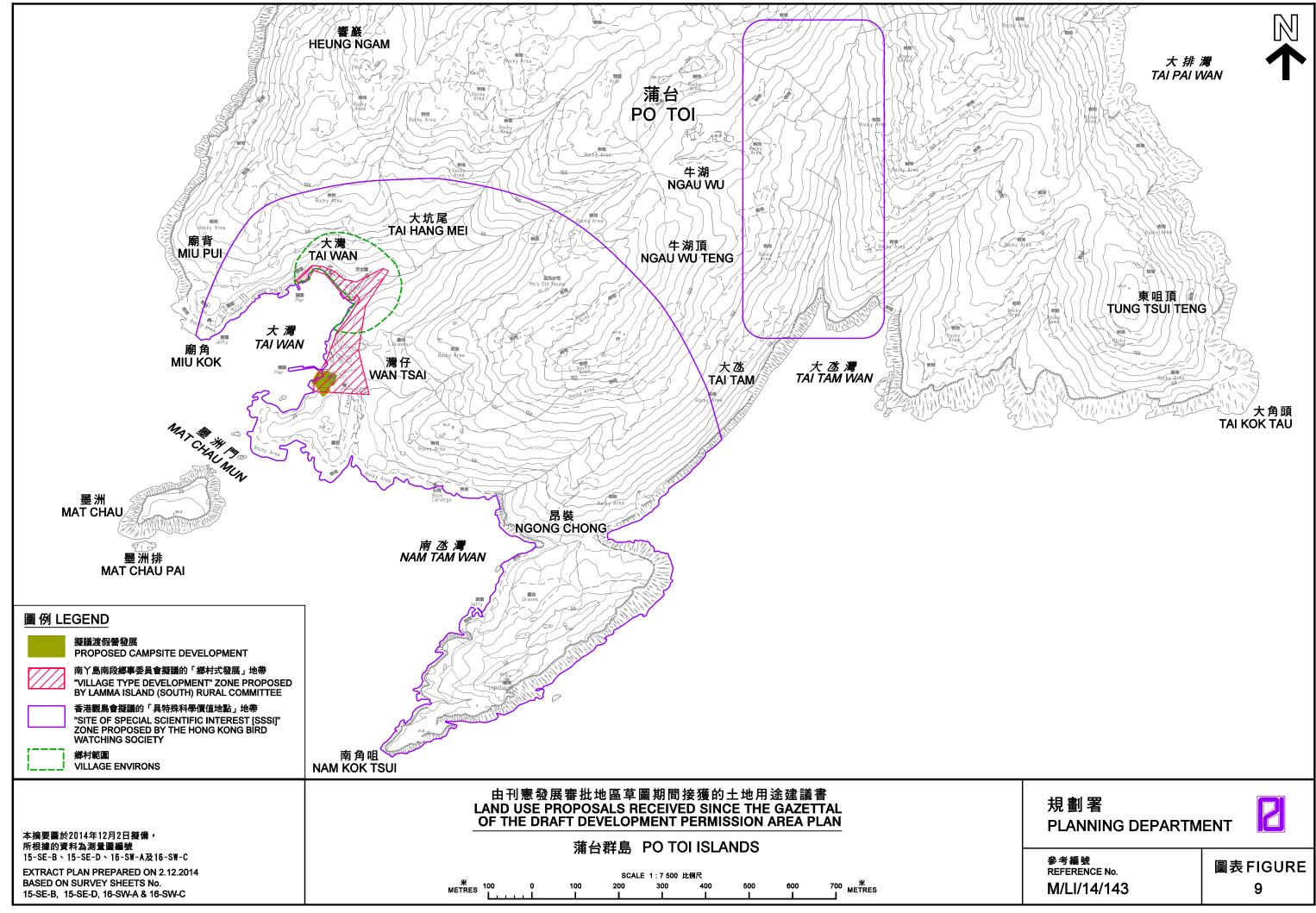






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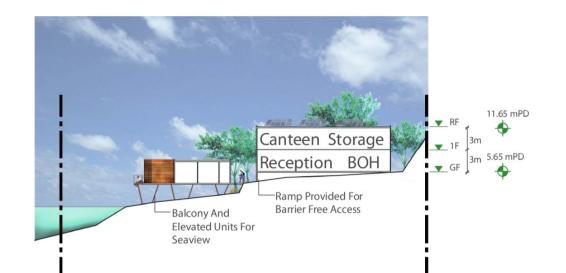




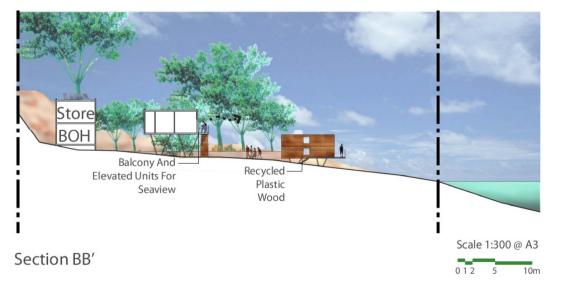
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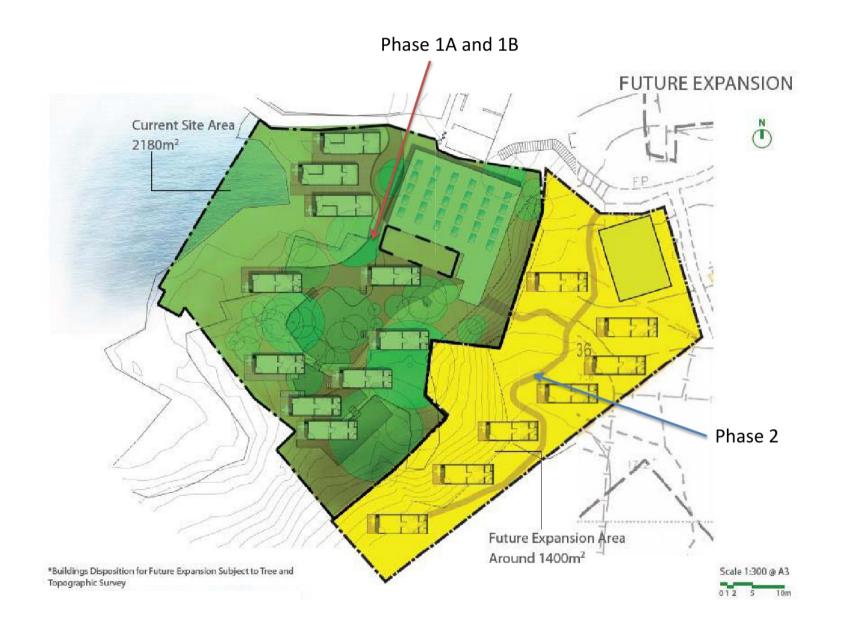




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