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APPENDIX 4.1 WORKS PROGRAMME

Year 2009							
Calendar month	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Project month	1	2	3	4	5		
Desk-top review							
Terrestrial survey							
Habitat mapping							
Vegetation survey							
Terrestrial fauna (bird, mammal, herpetofauna, butterfly, and dragonfly) survey							
Night survey for bird, mammal and herpetofauna							
Marine survey							
Site visit							
Cheung Chau - Soft shore survey							
Cheung Chau - Rocky shore survey							
South Lantau - Soft shore survey							
South Lantau – Rocky shore survey							
Walk-through survey							
Benthic grab survey							
Dive survey							

APPENDIX 4.2 PLANT SPECIES RECORDED WITHIN THE STUDY AREA

		Notiv		Relative Abundance								
Species	Habit	e	Plant- ation	Shrub- land	Developed Area	Rocky Shore	Sandy Shore	Works Area				
Acacia confusa	tree	no	А	0	С	S		Y				
Achyranthes aspera	shrub	yes	С		С			Y				
Aglaia odorata	shrub	no			S							
Ageratum conyzoides	herb	yes	0									
Aleurites moluccana	tree	no			0							
Allamanda schottii	shrub	no			0							
Alocasia macrorrhiza	herb	yes	С		0							
Alpinia ap.	herb	yes	0									
Alpinia zerumbet	herb	yes	0									
Amaranthus viridus	herb	yes					0	Y				
Ananas comosus	herb	no	S									
Antidesma ghaesembilla	tree	yes		0								
Archidendron lucidum	tree	yes	0		S							
Ardisia crenata	shrub	yes	С	0								
Artemisia sp.	herb	-	0									
Averrhoa carambola	tree	no	S									
Asparagus cochinchinensis	climbe r	yes	C	С		S		Y				
Aster baccharoides	herb	yes		С								
Bamboo	herb	no	С									
Bambusa ventricosa	herb	no			S							
Bauhinia blakeana	tree	yes			0							
Berchemia racemosa	shrub	yes		0								
Bidens pilosa	herb	yes			С			Y				
Blechnum orientale	fern	yes	С									
Bombax ceiba	tree	no			0							
Bougainvillea spectabilis	climbe r	no			0							
Breynia fruticosa	shrub	yes	0	0				Y				
Bridelia tomentosa	shrub	yes	С	С	С	S		Y				
Bryophyllum pinnatum	herb	no	0									
Cairica papaya	tree	no	S		0							
Canavalia maritima	climbe r	yes					0					
Casuarina equisetifolia	tree	no	А		С			Y				
Celtis biondii	tree	yes		0								
Celtis sinensis	tree	yes	С	С	0		S					

		Nation		Relative Abundance								
Species	Habit	e	Plant- ation	Shrub- land	Developed Area	Rocky Shore	Sandy Shore	Works Area				
Cerbera manghas	tree	yes	0									
Chrysalidocarpus lutescens	tree	no			0							
Cinnamomum burmanii	tree	yes		S								
Citrus maxima	tree	no			S							
Clausena lansium	tree	no	0		S							
Cocos nucifera	tree	no			S							
Conyza canadensis	herb	no			С			Y				
Codiaeum variegata	shrub	no			0							
Colocasia esculenta	herb	no	0									
Cratoxylum cochinchinensis	tree	yes	С	С								
Cycas revoluta	tree	no			S							
Cynodon dactylon	grass	yes			С			Y				
Cyperus spp.	herb	yes	0									
Cyrtococcum patens	grass	yes	С									
Dactyloctenium aegyptium	grass	yes	0		0		S					
Delonix regia	tree	no	0									
Dendrotrophe frutescens	climbe r	yes	0									
Desmodium heterocarpon	herb	yes		S			S					
Desmodium sp.	herb	yes	S									
Desmos chinensis	shrub	yes		0								
Dianella ensifolia	herb	yes	0									
Dicranopteris pedata	fern	yes	С	Α								
Digitaria sp.	grass	yes		S								
Dimocarpus longan	tree	no	С	0	0							
Diospyros vaccinioides	shrub	yes	S									
Dracaena sp.	shrub	no	0		S							
Elephantopus tomentosa	herb	yes	0									
Embelia laeta	climbe r	yes		S								
Emilia sonchifolia	herb	yes	S									
Eucalyptus tereticornis	tree	no										
Eupatorium catarium	herb	no	0	0								
Euphorbia thymifolia	herb	yes					S					
Euphorbia antiquorum	shrub	no		1	S			1				
Euphorbia pulcherrima	shrub	no			S							
Eurya nitida	shrub	yes	0					1				
Ficus tinctoria subsp. gibbosa	tree	yes	S					1				
Ficus elastica	tree	no			0			1				
Ficus hispida	tree	yes		C			S	Y				

		Nation		Relative Abundance								
Species	Habit	Nativ e	Plant- ation	Shrub- land	Developed Area	Rocky Shore	Sandy Shore	Works Area				
Ficus microcarpa	tree	yes	С		0							
Ficus superba	tree	yes	С		0	S		Y				
Ficus variolosa	shrub	yes	С									
Ficus variegata	tree	yes	0									
Gordonia axillaris	tree	yes	0									
Hedyotis acutangula	herb	yes		С								
Euphorbia hirta	herb	yes					S					
Hedyotis corymbosa	herb	yes					S					
Helicteres angustifolia	shrub	yes		С								
Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	shrub	no			0							
Hibiscus tiliaceus	tree	yes			0		С					
Homalium cochinchinensis	tree	yes	0									
Ilex asprella	shrub	yes	С	С								
Ilex pubescens	shrub	yes	0					Y				
Inula cappa	herb	yes	С	С								
Ipomoea cairica	climbe r	yes	С									
Ipomoea pres-caprae	climbe r	yes					0	Y				
Ischaemum sp.	grass	yes		0								
Itea chinensis	tree	yes	0									
Lagerstroemia indica	tree	no			S							
Lantana camara	shrub	no	0			S						
Leucaena leucocephala	tree	no	С		С		С	Y				
Ligustrum sinensis	shrub	yes	С									
Litsea glutinosa	tree	yes	С	С		S		Y				
Litsea rotundifolia	shrub	yes	С	С								
Livistona chinensis	tree	no										
Lophatherum gracile	grass	yes	0									
Lophostemon conferta	tree	no	С									
Lygodium japonicum	fern	yes	С	С								
Macaranga tanarius	tree	yes	С	С	С		S	Y				
Mallotus paniculatus	tree	yes	С									
Manihot esculenta	shrub	no	S									
Melastoma sanguineum	shrub	yes	С	С								
Melia azedarach	tree	no	С		S			Y				
Michelia alba	tree	no			0							
Microcos paniculata	tree	yes	С									
Mikania micrantha	climbe r	yes	С		С		0	Y				

		Nation		Relative Abundance									
Species	Habit	inativ e	Plant- ation	Shrub- land	Developed Area	Rocky Shore	Sandy Shore	Works Area					
Millettia nitida	climbe r	yes	S										
Mimosa pudica	shrub	no	0										
Miscanthus sinensis	grass	yes	С	С			С						
Morinda umbellata	climbe r	yes	0										
Murraya paniculata	shrub	no			S								
Musa paradisiaca	tree	no	0		0								
Mussaenda pubescens	shrub	yes	0				S						
Neolitsea hongkongensis	shrub	yes		S									
Neyraudia reynaudiana	grass	yes		С	0								
Oxalis reticulata	herb	yes					S	Y					
Paedaria scandens	climbe r	yes	О	0									
Pandanus tectorius	shrub	yes	0	0			С						
Panicum maximum	grass	no			0			Y					
Parthenocissus dalzielii	climbe r	no			0								
Passiflora foetida	climbe r	no	S				S						
Paspalum conjugatum	grass	no											
Pentaphylax euryoides	tree	yes	0										
Phoenix hanceana	shrub	yes	0	С									
Phyllanthus cochinchinensis	shrub	yes	С	С		S		Y					
Phyllanthus emblica	tree	yes		С									
Phyllanthus urinaria	herb	yes	S		S								
Pinus massoniana	tree	yes	А	0									
Plumeria rubra	tree	no			0								
Psidium guajava	tree	no			0								
Psychotria asiatica	shrub	yes	С	С									
Psychotria serpens	climbe r	yes		S									
Pteridium aquilinum,	fern	yes		С									
Pteris ensiformis	fern	yes	0		S								
Pteris semipinnata	fern	yes	0										
Pueraria lobata	climbe r	yes			С								
Quercus myrsinifolia	tree	yes	0										
Ravenala madagascariensis	tree	no			S								
Rhaphiolepis indica	shrub	yes	С	l									
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa	shrub	yes	С	С		S							

Spacios		N T (*		Relative Abundance								
Species	Habit	Nativ e	Plant- ation	Shrub- land	Developed Area	Rocky Shore	Sandy Shore	Works Area				
Rhus chinensis	tree	yes	С	С								
Rhus hypoleuca	tree	yes				S		Y				
Rhus succedanea	tree	yes		С								
Rhynchelytrum repens	grass	yes		0	С							
Rubus parvifolius	climbe r	yes	0									
Saccharum officinarum	grass	no			S							
Sageretia thea	climbe r	yes	0		S							
Sansevieria trifasciata	herb	no			0							
Sapium discolor	tree	yes	С	С								
Sapium sebiferum	tree	yes	С									
Scaevola sericea	shrub	yes					0					
Schefflera heptaphylla	tree	yes	С	С				Y				
Scleria sp.	herb	yes	0	С								
Setaria sp.	grass	yes					S	Y				
Severinia buxifolia	tree	yes	С					Y				
Smilax china	climbe r	yes		С								
Sporobolus fertilis	grass	yes	S									
Solanum nigrum	herb	no			0							
Solena amplexicaulis	climbe r	yes	S									
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis	herb	yes	0			S		Y				
Stephania sp.	climbe r	yes	S									
Sterculia lanceolata	tree	yes	С	C	S							
Strophanthus divaricatus	climbe r	yes		0								
Syngonium sp.	climbe r	no	0									
Syzygium jambos	tree	no			0							
Tadehagi triquetrum	shrub	yes	0	0								
Thevetia peruviana	tree	no										
Thespesia populnea	tree	yes					S					
Tylophora ovata	climbe r	yes	S									
Tylophora ovata	climbe r	yes	S									
Uraria crinita	herb	yes	S									
Wedelia chinensis	herb	yes					0					
Wedelia triloba	tree	no					0	Y				

		Nativ		ndance				
Species	Habit	e	Plant- ation	Shrub- land	Developed Area	Rocky Shore	Sandy Shore	Works Area
Wikstroemia indica	shrub	yes	0	С				
Zanthoxylum nitida	climbe r	yes		0				
Zanthoxylum avicennae	tree	yes	С	С				

Relative abundance: A = abundant, C = common, O = occasional, S = scarce, Y = present Species in boldface = species of conservation concern

APPENDIX 4.3 BIRD SPECIES RECORDED WITHIN THE STUDY AREA

Common name	Latin name	S	R	Р	SG	DA	Commonness
Pacific Reef Egret	Egretta sacra	2	2				CL
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax					1	CL
White-bellied Sea Eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster		1				CL
Black Kite	Milvus lineatus	1		1	3	1	CW
Indian Cuckoo	Cuculus micropterus					1	CL
Common Koel	Eudynamis scolopacea					1	CW
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis			1	5	1	CW
Feral Pigeon *	Columbia livia					2	-
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis			2			CW
Budgerigar *	Melopsittacus undulatus					1	-
House Swift	Apus nipalensis					8	CW
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica				1	4	CW
Chinese Bulbul	Pycnonotus sinensis			10	27	8	CW
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus			4	7	8	CW
Magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis			1	1	1	CW
Blue Whistling Thrush	Myiophoneus caeruleus				1		CW
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius				12	3	CW
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris				4	2	CW
Great Tit	Parus major			2	9		CW
Japanese White-eye	Zosterops japonica			7			CW
Masked Laughingthrush	Garrulax perspicillatus			2	7	3	CW
Hwamei	Garrulax canorus				1		CL
Crested Myna	Acridotheres cristatellus				3		CW
Black-necked Starling	Sturnus nigricollis					6	CW
Common Magpie	Pica pica					2	CW
Blue Magpie	Urocissa erythrorhyncha			2			CW
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus			1			CW
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus			3			CL
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchus			1	2		CW
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus					36	CW
Total Birds		3	3	37	83	89	
Total Species		2	2	14	14	18	

Habitats: S = sandy shore, R = rocky shore, P = plantation, SG = shrubland-grassland, DA = developed area

Commonness: CW = common and widespread, CL = common/uncommon and localized, R = uncommon/rare and localized * = introduced species

APPENDIX 4.4 HERPETOFAUNA AND MAMMAL RECORDED WITHIN THE STUDY AREA

Common Name	Latin Name	S	R	G	Р	SG	DA	Commonness
Asian Common Toad	Bufo melanostictus			+				С
Gunther's Frog	Rana guentheri			+	+	+		С
Asiatic Painted Frog	Kaloula pulchra			+				С
Brown Tree Frog	Polypedates megacephalus			+				С
Marbled Pigmy Frog	Microhyla pulchra			+				С
Reptiles								
Chinese Gecko	Gekko chinensis				+	++	+	VC
Tokay Gecko	Gekko gekko				+			R
Reeves's Smooth Skink	Scincella reevesii					+		С
Changeable Lizard	Calotes versicolor	+						С
Mammals								
Japanese Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus abramus				+		+	С
Short-nosed Fruit Bat	Cynopterus sphinx				+			С

Habitats: S = sandy shore, R = rocky shore, G = gullies & ditches in developed areas, P = plantation, SG = shrubland-grassland, DA = developed area

Abundance: + = < 5 individuals, ++ = 5 - 20 individuals

APPENDIX 4.5 BUTTERFLY SPECIES RECORDED WITHIN THE STUDY AREA

Common name	Latin name	S	R	Р	SG	DA	Commonness
Forest Hopper	Astictopterus jama	1		1	1		С
Indian Palm Bob	Suastus gremius				1		UC
Common Redeye	Matapa aria			1			UC
Lime Butterfly	Papilio demoleus	2		6			С
Spangle	Papilio protenor			1			VC
Red Helen	Papilio helenus			4	1		VC
Great Mormon	Papilio memnon			3			С
Red Helen	Papilio helenus					1	VC
Paris Peacock	Papilio paris				3		VC
Common Mormon	Papilio polytes			8			VC
Great Orange Tip	Hebomoia glaucippe			2		2	С
Indian Cabbage White	Pieris canidia			2	1		VC
Common Grass Yellow	Eurema hecabe	2		20	4		VC
Red-base Jezebel	Delias pasithoe			2			VC
Slate Flash	Rapala manea			1			С
Lime Blue	Chilades lajus		2	1	1		VC
Pale Grass Blue	Zizeeria maha		3	2			VC
Lesser Grass Blue	Zinia otis		1	1			С
Plum Judy	Abisara echerius		1	1			VC
Punchinello	Zemeros flegyas		1	1	1		С
Common Palmfly	Elymnias hypermnestra			2			С
Dark-band Bush Brown	Mycalesis mineus			2	3		VC
Common Evening Brown	Melanitis leda			1			С
Common Five-ring	Ypthima baldus			2			VC
Straight Five-ring	Ypthima lisandra			1			С
Large Faun	Faunis eumeus			44	5	5	VC
Angled Castor	Ariadne ariadne		1				С
Rustic	Cupha erymanthis			1	1		VC
Common Mapwing	Cyrestis thyodamas			2			С
Common Sailor	Neptis hylas				1	1	VC
Five-dot Sergeant	Limenitis sulpitia			1			С
Red Lacewing	Cethosia biblis				2		R
Great Eggfly	Hypolimnas bolina			2	2		С

Common name	Latin name	S	R	Р	SG	DA	Commonness
Ceylon Blue Tiger	Ideopsis similis			1			VC
Glassy Tiger	Parantica aglea			1			VC
Total Butterflies		5	9	117	27	9	
Total Species		3	6	29	14	4	

Habitats: S = sandy shore, R = rocky shore, G = gullies & ditches in developed areas, <math>P = plantation, SG = shrubland-grassland, DA = developed area

Commonness: VC = very common, C = common, UC = uncommon, R = rare

Common Name	Latin Name	S	R	G	Р	SG	DA	Commonness
Orange-tailed Midget	Agriocnemis femina				20			А
Wandering Midget	Agriocnemis pygmaea				15			С
Orange-tailed Sprite	Ceriagrion auranticum				8			А
Common Bluetail	Ischnura senegalensis				10			А
Fiery Emperor	Anax immaculifrons				1			С
Red-faced Skimmer	Orthetrum chrysis			3				С
Common Blue Skimmer	Orthetrum glaucum				1			А
Greater Blue Skimmer	Orthetrum melania				1			UC
Marsh Skimmer	Orthetrum luzonicum					1		А
Green Skimmer	Orthetrum sabina	1	1	1		1		С
Wandering Glider	Pantala flavescens	2	3	2	1	12	45	А
Variegated Flutterer	Rhyothemis variegata			2				С
Saddlebag Glider	Tramea virginia	1						С
Crimson Dropwing	Trithemis aurora			5				А
Total dragonflies		4	3	13	57	14	45	
Total species		3	2	5	8	3	1	

APPENDIX 4.6 DRAGONFLY RECORDED WITHIN THE STUDY AREA

Habitats: S = sandy shore, R = rocky shore, G = gullies & ditches in developed areas, P = plantation, SG = shrubland-grassland, DA = developed area

Commonness: A = abundant, C = common, UC = uncommon

APPENDIX 4.7 MARINE ECOLOGICAL SURVEY RESULTS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Water Services Department (hereafter the Client) is planning a project namely "Agreement No. CE 1/2008 (WS) Improvement of Fresh Water Supply to Cheung Chau – Investigation" (hereafter the Project).

An EIA Study Brief (ref: ESB-187/2008) was issued by EPD to Water Services Department to carry out an EIA study for the Project. The Project involves submarine pipeline between Chi Ma Wan and Cheung Chau. In Accordance with the EIA Study Brief, marine ecological assessment is a component of the EIA study, and an ecological field survey programme covering intertidal survey, coral dive survey and marine benthic survey, is required.

This Appendix presents the results of the marine ecological survey programme for the EIA study.

2. SCOPES

2.1 Scopes of the Study

In accordance with the EIA Study Brief, an ecological field survey programme covering intertidal survey, coral dive survey and marine benthic survey, is required.

3. SURVEY METHODOLOGY

3.1 Intertidal Survey

Intertidal survey is to investigate the intertidal habitats and communities. Intertidal surveys for epifauna communities were conducted on both natural and artificial coastlines at Chi Ma Wan and Tai Kwai Wan, for two times during wet season (June to September 2009).

The survey includes an active search survey within the 500m Study Area, as well as quantitative survey on rocky shores, artificial seawall and sandy shores within the Study Area, to record the species and abundance of intertidal fauna, and to evaluate the ecological values of different habitat types.

Before the quantitative surveys, a walk-through survey was conducted within the Study Area to collect information to facilitate the determination of representative sites for conducting the quantitative surveys. Walk-through surveys were also conducted at each quantitative site during the quantitative sampling (two surveyors for 30 minutes).

Horizontal transects of 50m in length were established at three tidal levels (High, Middle and Low) on each of the survey locations, covering the two landfall locations on both Chi Ma Wan and Tai Kwai Wan shores, as well as other locations within the Study Area (8 samplings sites at and in the vicinity of each of the landfall locations).

The locations of the intertidal transects are shown in *Figure 4.1*. All intertidal surveys were conducted during suitable ebb tide (< 1m CD). There were Five 0.5m x 0.5m quadrats on each transect. The epifauna within each quadrat were identified and their numbers/coverage percentages were recorded. Species diversity and abundance were reported for evaluating and ranking the ecological values.

3.2 Marine Grab Survey

Marine grab samplings for benthic infauna communities were conducted at 6 stations covering both the pipeline alignment and its vicinity (see *Figure 4.1*) in August 2009. Three grab sample replicates of $0.1m^2$ were collected in each of the sampling stations by van Veen Grab. Collected samples were sieved by 0.5mm mesh sieve and then preserved in 5% buffered seawater formalin. Organisms inside the samples were sorted from the sediments by staining with Rose Bengal and then identified to the lowest practicable taxonomic level. Species diversity, abundance and biomass were reported for evaluating and ranking the ecological values.

3.3 Dive Survey

Dive surveys for corals and other hard substrate marine organisms were conducted in August 2009. The dive surveys concentrated on shallow coastal waters those covered by hard substrate (bedrock or boulders), including both natural and artificial coastlines at both Chi Ma Wan shore and Tai Kwai Wan shore.

The methodology used in the present survey followed those adopted in the AFCD territory-wide dive survey conducted in 2001-2002 (AFCD 2004). It consisted of spot-check reconnaissance dives, and Rapid Ecological Assessment (REA). The spot-check and REA methods were used and were found sufficient for establishing the ecological profile of the Study Area.

Spot Reconnaissance Survey

Spot-check dives were conducted along the coastlines of Chi Ma Wan (7 locations), as well as the coastline of Tai Kwai Wan (7 locations), with focus concentrated on the alignment landing points. The locations for spot reconnaissance dives are shown in *Figure 4.1*. Visual reconnaissance was made of the area of each dive point.

The purposes of the spot reconnaissance dives are to verify whether corals (including all hard corals, octocorals and black corals) and other marine organisms with conservation importance are present within the areas potentially subject to indirect impacts (it is confirmed that the Project would not involve reclamation or dredging, and thus no direct impact is anticipated.).

Besides the biota, the habitat types present within the areas and their distributions were also recorded. Underwater photographs were taken.

REA Survey

Semi-quantitative Rapid Ecological Assessment (REA) surveys were conducted at two locations at each shore where with hard substrates identified during the spot reconnaissance dives (including the alignment landing points). The REA transect locations are shown in *Figure 4.1*. The starting points of the REA transects were determined on site in accordance with the site conditions and underwater visibility.

The REA surveys were performed along 100m underwater transects horizontal to the coastlines. The benthic cover, taxon abundance, and ecological attributes of the transects were recorded in a swathe of 2m wide, 1m either side of the transects, following the Rapid Ecological Assessment (REA) technique. Photos were taken during the surveys.

The purposes of the REA survey are to semi-quantitatively record the habitat types and ecological values of the area by SCUBA diving and the application of Rapid Ecological Assessment (REA) approach. The REA approach (see *Annex A* for details) aims at collecting data on the type of substrate and the abundance of marine organisms in particular the occurrence of corals and the extent of the coral distribution from the coastline, for ranking the ecological values. Other parameters to be recorded during the surveys include site condition (e.g. observations regarding the degree of exposure of the sites to wave action), species list of corals and other marine organisms, coral sizes, coral health status, and translocation feasibility of corals.

4. **RESULTS**

4.1 Intertidal Survey Results

Intertidal survey is to investigate the intertidal habitats and communities. Three types of intertidal habitats were present and surveyed i.e. artificial seawalls on Tai Kwai Wan shore (i.e. the refuse transfer station and the sewage treatment works. But there was no artificial seawall on Chi Ma Wan shore), and rocky shores and sandy shores on both Tai Kwai Wan and Chi Ma Wan shores.

A total of 28 taxa were recorded during the surveys (see *Table 1* below). All were common intertidal organisms in Hong Kong. The survey data were shown in *Annex B*.

Common name	Scientific name	Commonness in Hong Kong
Sea anemone	-	Common
Rock oyster	Saccostrea cucullata	Very Common
Green mussel	Perna viridis	Very Common
Black mussel	Septifer virgatus	Common
Ark shell	Barbatia virescens	Very Common
Clam	Donax sp.	Common
Chiton	Acanthopleura japonica	Common
Limpet	Cellana grata	Very Common
False Limpet	Siphonaria sp.	Common
Littorid snail	Echinolittorina trochoides	Very Common
Littorid snail	Echinolittorina radiata	Very Common
Snail	Nerita sp.	Very Common
Snail	Chlorostoma argyrostomum	Very Common
Snail	Lunella coronata	Very Common
Snail	Monodonta labio	Very Common
Snail	Planaxis sulcatus	Very Common
Dog whelk	Thais clavigera	Common
Dog whelk	Thais sp.	Common
Stalked barnacle	Capitulum mitella	Common
Barnacle	Tetraclita squamosa	Common
Barnacle	Chthamalus malayensis	Common
Isopod	Ligia exotica	Common
Hermit crab	Clibanarius infraspinatus	Common
Crab	Gaetice depressus	Common
Crab	Ocypode ceratophora	Common
Crab	Ocypode cordimana	Common
Crab	Parasesarma pictum	Common
Crab	Grapsus albalineatus	Common

 Table 1

 List of Intertidal Fauna Recorded during the Survey

All the intertidal fauna recorded during the survey were very common to intertidal habitats in Hong Kong. The abundance and diversity of intertidal fauna were low on both the artificial seawalls and sandy shores, and relatively higher on the rocky shores.

4.2 Benthic Survey Results

A total of 268 benthic organisms were recorded in the survey. 59 taxa were recorded, including 8 phyla (Annelida, Arthropoda, Chordata, Coelentarate, Echinodermata, Mollusca, Nemertea and Phoronida), (*Table 2*). Detailed results of the benthic survey are presented in *Annex C*. No species of conservation importance was found and none of the species are listed in the IUCN Red List.

Phylum	Total number of individuals	Total biomass (g)
Annelida	163	2.35
Arthropoda	25	9.37
Chordata	7	14.07
Coelenterata	1	0.04
Echinodermata	5	0.31
Mollusca	53	2.21
Nemertea	8	0.38
Phoronida	6	0.06
Total	268	28.79

 Table 2

 Summary of the Macrofauna collected in Benthic Grab Survey

 Table 3

 Species Diversity Index and Species Evenness Index of the 6 Stations

Station	1	2	3	4	5	6
Individual number	62	38	39	30	69	29
Species diversity H'	3.15	3.10	3.00	1.75	3.30	2.61
Species evenness J	0.92	0.96	0.96	0.76	0.94	0.92

Shannon-Wiener Diversity Index ranged from 1.75 to 3.30, while Pielou's Evenness index ranged from 0.76 to 0.96 (*Table 3*).

Infauna diversity in the Study Are is relatively low when compared to other areas in Hong Kong. All the species recorded occur frequently in Hong Kong and no rare species were observed (CCPC 2002).

4.3 Dive Survey Results

Spot Dive Survey

Spot dive surveys were conducted at 14 locations, including stations at the two landing points and the vicinity within 500m distance. All surveyed areas/sites were of turbid waters and thus low visibility. The coordinates of these spot dive sites are shown in the table below.

Point	Latitude(N)	Longitude(E)
S1	22°13'27.85"	114°00'47.79"
S2	22°13'27.53"	114°00'53.01"
S3	22°13'31.15"	114°01'01.37"
S4	22°13'32.33"	114°01'03.75"
S5	22°13'33.98"	114°01'0400"
S6	22°13'39.19"	114°01'06.27"
S7	22°13'46.98"	114°01'10.59"
S8	22°12'50.99"	114°01'21.48"
S9	22°12'51.22"	114°01'28.95"
S10	22°12'57.83"	114°01'31.65"
S11	22°12'58.45"	114°01'32.43"
S12	22°12'58.59"	114°01'33.38"
S13	22°13'09.67"	114°01'31.81"
S14	22°13'17.98"	114°01'36.77"

Table 4Coordinates of Spot Dive Sites

Spot Dive Sites S1 to S7 were located on the coastline of Chi Ma Wan, from the southwest of the shore (S1), to the Northeast of the shore (S7). All these 7 sites were natural rocky shores. Despite of the natural conditions of these sites and the hard substrate surfaces (bedrock or large boulders), only isolated colonies of a few common coral species (*Plesiastrea versipora, Favia speciosa, Oulastrea crispate*, and *Goniopora stutchburyi*) with very low coverage (< 1%) were found on the surface of the boulders/bedrock along the shore.

Coral species	Conservation status in Hong Kong (following Chan <i>et al.</i> 2005)	Abundance within the Study Area
Plesiastrea versipora	Abundant	Very low
Favia speciosa	Abundant	Very low
Oulastrea crispate	Common	Very low
Goniopora stutchburyi	Common	Very low

 Table 5

 Coral Species recorded in the Study Area (Chi Ma Wan)

Spot Dive Sites S8 to S14 were located on the coastline of Tai Kwai Wan, from the southwest of the shore (S8), to the Northeast of the shore (S14).

Spot Dive Sites S8, S10, S11, S12, and S13 were artificial shores, either sloping seawall (S8 and S13) or the shoreline made of fill materials (S10, S11, and S12). While Spot Dive Sites S9 and S14 were natural rocky shore.

Sloping seawalls are composed of irregular boulders and maintained the same gradient till they reached the seabed.

No hard or soft coral was recorded on the artificial shores, neither the sloping seawalls nor the fill material shore.

S9 and S14 were natural coastlines. Boulders/bedrock covered the seabed in the nearshore, and scattered on sandy/muddy substrate further offshore. But no hard or soft coral was found on S9, while a low coverage (<1%) of *Plesiastrea versipora* and *Oulastrea crispate* were found at S14.

A total of 13 species of other epifauna were recorded in the area included Green Mussel *Perna viridis* and Snail *Thais* sp.. Beyond the hard substrate in shallow water (rocky shore, rock fill shore, seawalls), the seabed turned into sandy/muddy substrates, and no epifauna or any coral was found.

The epifauna on vertical seawalls were of a even lower percentages/abundance than that on sloping seawalls.

Photos of the coral species were shown in *Figure 4.6*. All the species recorded are common to dominant in Hong Kong, of no special conservation importance.

Common name	Scientific name	Commonness in Hong Kong
Sponge	-	Very common
Bryozoans	-	Very common
Rock oyster	Crassostrea cucullata	Very common
Green mussel	Perna viridis	Very common
Snail	Thais sp.	Very common
Acorn barnacle	Tetraclita squaosa	Very common
Swimming crab	Charybdis sp.	Very common
Xanthid crab	-	Common
Long-spine Sea urchin	Diadema setosum	Very common
Purple sea urchin	Anthocidaris crassipina	Common
Sand sea urchin	-	Common
Sea cucumber	-	Common
Sea squirt	-	Very common

 Table 6

 List of other Epifauna Species recorded within the Study Area

Dive REA Survey

REA dive survey was conducted at S4 (landing point at Chi ma Wan) S6 (natural shore), S9 (natural shore) and S11 (landing point at Tai Kwai Wan), which were either the landing points of the alignment or natural shores.

The results of the REA survey are shown in the table below. The seabed substrates at all REA sties were mainly bedrock and boulders. But there were some rubble and cobbles at S11, probably from the fill materials of the headland. No coral was recorded on the two REA transect on Tai Kwai Wan shore (S9 and S11), while only very low coverage of hard corals were found on the two REA transects on Chi Ma Wan shore (S4 and S6).

REA Criteria	S4	S6	S9	S11
Substratum				
Bedrock/Continuous pavement	4	4	2	0
boulders	2	2	4	4
Rubble	0	0	0	1
Cobbles	0	0	0	1
Sand with gravel	0	0	0	1
Mud	0	0	0	0
Ecological attributes				
Hard coral	1	1	0	0
Dead standing corals	0	0	0	0
Soft corals	0	0	0	0
Sea anemone beds	0	0	0	0
Macroalgae	0	0	0	0

 Table 7

 List of Marine Species Recorded by the REA Survey within the Project Area

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Annexes

ANNEX A

RAPID ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Rapid Ecological Assessment involves 'semi-quantitative' swim-surveys allowing for assessment and classification of survey areas. The field data are collected by divers experienced in the underwater identification of sessile benthic taxa, swimming along coral communities or identified sections of coastline on SCUBA.

REA surveys provide information on the assessment of relative cover of coral and other major benthic groups, as well as an inventory of sessile benthic taxa used to define community types.

Five ecological and six substratum attributes shall be assessed on site and/or by reviewing video footages. Each of the attributes (*Table A1-1*) should be assigned to one of the seven standard ranked categories (from zero to six, representing percentage cover from none to over 76%) (*Table A1-2*).

An inventory of benthic taxa shall be complied for transect. Taxa shall be identified in situ to the following levels:

- 1) Hard corals to species level where possible;
- 2) Soft corals, anemones and macroalgae to genus level where possible; and
- 3) Other benthos to genus level where possible or phylum with growth form.

Each taxon in the inventory shall also be ranked to one of the six categories (*Table A1-3*) in terms of abundance (from 0 to 5, representing from absent to dominant) in the community.

Table A1-1
Ecological and Substratum Attributes used in REA

Ecological Attributes	
Hard coral	
Dead standing corals	
Soft corals	
Sea anemone beds	
Macroalgae	
Substratum	
Bedrock/Continuous pavement	
Boulders	

Rubble	
Cobbles	
Sand with gravel	
Mud	

Table A1-2Ranking of Ecological and Substratum Attributes

Rank	Percentage cover (%)
0	None recorded
1	1-5
2	6-10
3	11-30
4	31-50
5	51-75
6	76-100

Table A1-3Ranking of Benthos Abundance

Rank	Abundance
0	Absent
1	Sparse
2	Uncommon
3	Common
4	Abundant
5	Dominant

End of Annex A

ANNEX B INTERTIDAL SURVEY RESULTS

				Chi M	a Wan							Tai Kw	ai Wan			
Taxa	IC-1	IC-2	IC-3	IC-4	IC-5	IC-6	IC-7	IC-8	IT-1	IT-2	IT-3	IT-4	IT-5	IT-6	IT-7	IT-8
<u>High tidal level</u>																
Echinolittorina radiata	98.4	85.6	101.3	83.2	193.3	63.5		75.3	26.5		31.2	46.2	31.1		31.2	53.6
Echinolittorina trochoides	27.2	38.4	32.1	40.1	66.7	25.3		29.2	15.2		20.1	27.1	16.5		21.3	23.2
Saccostrea cucullata																
Thais clavigera																
Septifer virgatus																
Capitulum mitella	15.3	135.2	21.3	32.3	106.2			42.1	10.2			16.8	28.7			22.3
Cellana grata																
Acanthopleura japonica																
Teraclita squamosa																
Chthamalus malayensis		13.6		9.6	16.2											
Planaxis sulcatus																
<u>Middle tidal level</u>																
Echinolittorina radiata		8	21.3	15.3	18.4			6								
Echinolittorina trochoides			25.3	16.2	26.5			12								

				Chi M	a Wan							Tai Kw	vai Wan			
Taxa	IC-1	IC-2	IC-3	IC-4	IC-5	IC-6	IC-7	IC-8	IT-1	IT-2	IT-3	IT-4	IT-5	IT-6	IT-7	IT-8
Saccostrea cucullata	82.4%	34.4%	52%	16.8%	15%	20%		25%	16.1%		6.5%	11.2%			12.3%	26%
Thais clavigera		1.6			3.2											
Septifer virgatus	3.3				4.8											
Capitulum mitella		40	31.2	64.3	53.2	35.1		65.6			19.2	42.6	61.2		97.1	56.8
Cellana grata	16	15.2		48	46.4						6.5	13.1	8.8		9.7	
Acanthopleura japonica	4	12		0.8	2.4											
Teraclita squamosa		37.6%						12%							43.2	
Chthamalus malayensis																
Planaxis sulcatus	0.8							3.9								6.5
Monodonta labio	4.1							8.7								12.4
Low tidal level																
Echinolittorina radiata																
Echinolittorina trochoides																
Saccostrea cucullata	24%	11%		10%		13%		25%	15.5%		23.6%	34.3%	42.3%		31.2%	18%
Thais clavigera	1.3														7.6	
Septifer virgatus	5%	23%		55%	65.6%	45.4%										16.6%
Capitulum mitella																
Cellana grata	2.4	3.6	36.5	9.5	12.3	21.2		6.6	12.6		13.5	15.4	23.3		46.7	36.5
Acanthopleura japonica	3.2			6.5	3.5	4.9		3.1								2.3

				Chi M	a Wan							Tai Kw	ai Wan			
Taxa	IC-1	IC-2	IC-3	IC-4	IC-5	IC-6	IC-7	IC-8	IT-1	IT-2	IT-3	IT-4	IT-5	IT-6	IT-7	IT-8
Teraclita squamosa		41%		35%	30%	26%		21.3%							15.5%	21.2%
Chthamalus malayensis																
Planaxis sulcatus																
Donax sp.							75.3			66.9				41.1		

* The data are in Individuals/m² or coverage percentage

ANNEX C BENTHIC SURVEY RESULTS

Stations				1						2						3						4						5					(6		
Replicates	1A		1B		1C		2A		2B		2C		3A		3B		3 C		4A		4B		4 C		5A		5B		5C		6A		6B		6C	
Taxa	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass														
COELENTERATA																																				
Actiniaria																																				
Actinian			1	0.04																																
NEMERTEA																																				
Cerebratulus sp.			1	0.31															1	0.01									1	0.01					1	0.01
Nemertean	1	0.01			1	0.01															1	0.01					1	0.01								
ANNELIDA																																				
Polychaeta																																				
Aglaophamus dibranchis					1	0.02																														
Aglaophamus lyrochaeta	1	0.05	3	0.06	5	0.11	1	0.01	2	0.01			3	0.01			1	0.01	3	0.02	4	0.02	7	0.03	2	0.02	2	0.02							2	0.01
Allia sp.																													1	0.01						
Ampharete acutifrons																													1	0.01						
Asychis sp.	1	0.05	1	0.02							1	0.04	1	0.01			1	0.02							1	0.05									1	0.01
Branchiomma sp.					1	0.01																														
Cirratulus cirratus																													1	0.01						
Diopatra variabilis																					1	0.09									1	0.04			1	0.07
Drilonereis filum			1	0.01																																
Glycera convoluta	1	0.01							1	0.01			1	0.01	1	0.01	1	0.01											5	0.01					2	0.01
<i>Glycinde</i> sp.									1	0.01							1	0.01																		

Stations				1						2						3						4						5						6		
Replicates	1A		1B		1C		2A		2B		2C		3A		3B		3C		4A		4B		4 C		5A		5B		5C		6A		6B	Γ	6C	Γ
Taxa	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass																		
Heteromastus filiformis							2	0.01																	2	0.02										
Laonice cirrata	2	0.06															1	0.01																		
Leocrates chinensis					1	0.03					1	0.01	1	0.01			1	0.01																		
Linopherus hirsuta			1	0.01																																
Loimia medusa			1	0.01	1	0.02																			1	0.02			2	0.03	i					
Lumbrineris latreilli			1	0.02	1	0.01			1	0.01	1	0.01	1	0.01																	1					
Lumbrineris nagae	1	0.01	1	0.02	1	0.02	1	0.02	1	0.02																	1	0.03								
Mediomastus californiensis	1	0.01	2	0.05							4	0.03	1	0.01	3	0.02			1	0.01			1	0.01					5	0.02			1	0.02	2	
Nectoneanthes oxypoda	1	0.01																																		
Nephtys polybranchia					1	0.01									1	0.01																				
Nerinides sp.																																	1	0.01		
Notomastus latericeus					1	0.01					1	0.01																								
Owenia fusiformis							1	0.01																												
Paraprionospio pinnata	1	0.01					2	0.02	1	0.01			1	0.03							1	0.01	2	0.02	2	0.01			3	0.01					1	0.01
Phyllodoce malmgreni																													1	0.01						
Pilargis sp.													1	0.01									1	0.01												
Poecilochaetus serpens																													1	0.01						
<i>Polydora</i> sp.													1	0.01																						
Polynoidae sp.									1	0.01																								1		

Stations				1						2						3						4						5						6		
Replicates	1A		1B		1C		2A		2B		2C		3A		3B		3C		4 A		4B		4 C		5A		5B		5C		6A		6B		6C	
Taxa	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass																
Prionospio malmgreni							2	0.01																					2	0.01						
Samytha sp.	1	0.01																											1	0.03						
Sigambra hanaokai									1	0.01			2	0.01											1	0.01			2	0.01						
Spiochaetopterus vitrarius																									1	0.03										
Sternaspis scutata							2	0.02															1	0.31	1	0.01			1	0.02						
Tharyx marioni	1	0.01	1	0.01	1	0.01																							1	0.01			1	0.01		
MOLLUSCA																																				
Bivalvia																																				
Corbula sp.							1	0.07																	2	0.13										
Gafrarium sp.			1	0.05					1	0.03					1	0.03									1	0.03										
<i>Gari</i> sp.							1	0.02																												
Laternula anatina	1	0.04	1	0.29									1	0.01													1	0.02	1	0.02			1	0.02	1	
Paphia undulata			1	0.13																							1	0.02					1	0.02	1	
Solen corneus	5	0.12	1	0.03											1	0.04													1	0.02	,		1	0.11		
Tellina sp.																									1	0.02										
Yoldia sp.	2	0.07	,		4	0.13											2	0.09	3	0.11			2	0.1	2	0.07	5	0.16			5	0.18	;		1	0.03
ARTHROPODA																																				
Crustacea																																				
Amphipoda																																				
Ampelisca sp.													3	0.02																						
Decapoda																																				
Alpheus sp.	1			1	1	0.04				1	1	0.02	2	0.08						1							2	0.32			1	0.8	2	0.25	1	0.01

Stations				1						2						3						4						5						6		
Replicates	1A		1B		1C		2A		2B		2C		3A		3B		3C		4 A		4B		4 C		5A		5B		5C		6A		6B		6C	
Таха	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass	Number	Biomass																
Callianassa sp.									1	0.02					1	0.01					1	0.01														
Carybdis anisodon																															1	4.5				
Eucrate costata																													1	0.02	,					
Neoxenophthalmus obscurus	1	0.6															1	0.13									1	0.9								
Oratosquilla oratoria?																																			1	0.27
Typhlocarcinus nudus											1	0.51																	2	0.86						
PHORONIDA																																				
Phoronis australis			1	0.01	1	0.01																							2	0.03					2	0.01
ECHINODERMATA																																				
Ophiuroidea																																				
Amphiuridae									1	0.14																	1	0.02	2	0.09					1	0.06
Vertebrata			1																																	
Osteichthyes																																				
					1	3.0	2	5.0					1	2.5	1	3.5																				
Osteichthian (Fish)									1	0.05							1	0.02																		
Sub-total	21	1.07	19	1.07	22	3.44	15	5.19	13	0.33	10	0.63	20	2.73	9	3.62	10	0.31	8	0.15	8	0.14	14	0.48	17	0.42	15	1.5	37	1.25	8	5.52	8	0.44	14	0.5
Total for each sampling site					62	5.58					38	6.15					39	6.66					30	0.77					69	3.17					30	6.46