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Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works
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Bimonthly Ecological Monitoring Report for Woodland Compensation Area
(Stage 2 Enhancement Planting) (No. 5) – May 2020 to June 2020

With reference to the Bimonthly Ecological Monitoring Report for Woodland Compensation Area (Stage 2 Enhancement Planting) No. 5 for May 2020 to June 2020 (Version 2) certified by the ET Leader and received by IEC on 15 July 2020, please note that we have no adverse comments on the captioned submission. We herewith verify the captioned submission in accordance with Section 8.3.2.2 of the EM&A Manual.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL

- 1.1.1 The "Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works Project" (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") comprises a new Boundary Control Point (BCP) proposed at Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai (LT/HYW), its connecting road and other associated works; and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report (Register No.:AEIAR-161/2011) of the Project has identified that ~6.2ha of secondary woodlands will be directly lost due to the construction of the portals of tunnels and some sections of the connecting road. Subsequently, creation of a 18.6 ha compensatory woodland at Cheung Shan has been recommended in the EIA report to avoid residual ecological impacts from the Project.
- 1.1.2 Under the Environmental Permit (EP-404/2011/D), an updated Woodland Compensation Plan (WCP) detailed with the planting strategy and the subsequent maintenance and monitoring requirements of the compensatory woodland has been submitted and approved by the Authority in the 4th Quarter of 2015, and a revision of the updated WCP (i.e., WCP Revision 2) has been approved by EPD in 2017.
- 1.1.3 The woodland compensation include an initial planting phase and enhancement planting phase over a 6 years period on the grassland and shrubland at Cheung Shan, i.e., the "Woodland Compensatory Area" (WCA) as shown in the **Drawing No. 60212563/SK7037 of the WCP** and included here as *Appendix A*; and the planting works fall within the work scope of Contract No. CV/2013/08 Liantang/ Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point Site Formation and Infrastructure Works Contract 6.
- 1.1.4 In accordance with the EM&A's requirements and the monitoring schedule stated in the approved WCP (ver. 2) of the Project, as well as the latest status of the planting work that have been undertaken with the WCA, the Stage 2 enhancement planting (Phase 1) work has already covered all the monitoring quadrats in August 2019, as such this submission presents the findings of the 5th bi-monthly vegetation monitoring of the enhancement planting phase and covers the Reporting Period from **May 2020 to June 2020**, so as to address the monitoring frequency specified in S.7.2 of the approved WCP.
- 1.1.5 Furthermore, since the vegetation monitoring is continuous from those undertaken for the initial planting phase, as such the monitoring has also covered those species previously planted, and if necessary the evaluation of their survival rate will take into account the increased in density or coverage of woody plants and hence changes in micro-climate of the monitoring quadrats (such as the decreased light exposure from the canopy of young trees or other woody plant, or increased competition for light, space and nutrient from the increased density of woody vegetation).



2. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

2.1 MONITORING PROGRAM OF THE INITIAL AND ENHANCEMENT PLANTING PHASES

- 2.1.1 According to the Section 6.5 of the WCP (ver. 2), the frequency of the monitoring is proposed to be bi-monthly during the first year of the initial planting and enhancement planting phase and should be reduced to quarterly from the second year.
- 2.1.2 Change of monitoring frequency if needed will be advised by the Project Ecologist of the ET and approved by Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) before implementation.

2.2 MONITORING METHODOLOGY

- 2.2.1 An inspection walk monitoring by means of "transect route" and "direct observation" has been undertaken within the WCP as such to provide an overview and observe the general condition of the WCA; After due considerations of the latest planting arrangement within the WCA, the potential trampling damage to the planted seedlings, as well as the limitations in visibility, site access and safety concern when undertaking the monitoring among the steep hillslope, the transect routes has been selected to cover all representative areas where planting has been undertaken within the WCA as far as practicable.
- 2.2.2 The transect routes are illustrated in **Appendix C**, and the following observations have been made during the inspection walk:
 - Weather condition during the time of monitoring
 - The general condition of the WCA, including any signs of anthropogenic or natural disturbance/events (such as landslide, lighting strikes, wildlife damage) that has affected the health condition of the planted seedlings, or regeneration or invasive of grassy or self-seeded weedy plants that would or have affected the establishment of the planted vegetation
 - The general health condition of each planted species graded in "Good", "Fair" or "Poor" with the following criteria:
 - i) Phenology signs of any abnormality in the phenology of the species (such as abnormal flowering/fruiting/ leaf shedding)
 - ii) Foliage colour, size and general appearance, signs and severity of insect and fungal infection
 - iii) Branches presence and extent of die-back, and signs and severity of insect and fungal infection
 - iv) Stem/Trunk signs and severity of cavities or internal/external decay; signs and severity of insect infection and mechanical damage
- 2.2.3 Since the monitoring approach adopted for the transect inspection, i.e., "direct observations", would not yield any quantitative information, the survival rate (%) of the planted seedling will be evaluated from the results collected from the quadrat sampling as detailed in next section.

2.3 QUADRAT SAMPLING

A sampling approach has been proposed in the WCP to monitor the survival rate of the planted seedlings by the use of nine 20mx20m quadrats which are to be evenly located within the planted area of the WCA. Based on the as-built planting plan provided by the contractor (see **Appendix B**), as well as the local topography of the planted area within the WCA, the practicality in accessing, placing and monitoring nine 20m x 20m fixed quadrats within the planted area of the WCA has been extensively reviewed, 2 of the monitoring quadrats are fixed on the ridgeline of Cheung Shan and 7 of them are located on the north-facing slope of the WCA (see **Appendix C**).



- 2.3.2 Information collected within each sampling unit include:
 - General condition of the sampling quadrat especially those factors that would or
 have found affected the survival rate of the planted vegetation, including biological
 or environmental factors (such as inter-specific competition as well as signs of
 stress from water, heat, or pest and disease, etc)
 - The total number of established seedlings for each planted tree and shrub species
 - Health condition of each planted species graded in "Good", "Fair" or "Poor" with the following criteria:
 - i) Phenology signs of any abnormality in the phenology of the species (such as abnormal flowering/fruiting/ leaf shedding)
 - ii) Foliage colour, size and general appearance, signs and severity of insect and fungal infection
 - iii) Branches presence and extent of die-back, and signs and severity of insect and fungal infection
 - iv) Stem/Trunk signs and severity of cavities or internal/external decay; signs and severity of insect infection and mechanical damage
- 2.3.3 The survival rate of the planted species during the initial planting phase and enhancement planting phase will be evaluated against the latest updated referenced baseline as shown in the **Table 3** below, if needed the implementation of the measures as detailed in the "Trigger and Action Levels" specified in the **Table 3** of the WCP would be recommended (included here as **Table 1** below).

Table 1 Trigger and Action Levels for Monitoring and Action Plan

Parameters	Trigger and Action Level	Action Plan
General Health Condition of planted species (i.e. good/fair/poor; based on parameters e.g. wilting, insect attack, disease, fungal infection, browsing	Trigger Level: % of individual plant species in poor health condition >20%	 the ET should inform Contractor and IEC immediately; identify the causes(s) of the exceedance; advise Contractor the necessity of replanting
damage)	Action Level: % of individual plant species in poor health condition >30%	 the ET should inform Contractor and IEC immediately; identify the cause(s) of the exceedance; advise remedial action and work out solution including change of species in re-planting, re-soiling of the target areas; and seek acceptance from AFCD; once the remedial action has been accepted by AFCD, the Contractor should implement the remedial action.
Survival of Planted Species (i.e. dead)	Trigger Level: Survival rate of individual plant species <80%	 the ET should inform Contractor and IEC immediately; identify the causes(s) of the exceedance; advise Contractor the necessity of replanting.



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	Action Level:	- the ET should inform Contractor
	Survival rate of	and IEC immediately;
	individual plant species <70%	 identify the cause(s) of the exceedance; advise remedial action and work out solution including change of species in re-planting, re-soiling of the target areas; and seek acceptance from AFCD;
		- once the remedial action has been accepted by AFCD, the
		Contractor should implement the remedial action.

- 2.3.4 Since most of the planted native species are also naturally grown within the WCA and it would be infeasible and impracticable to differentiate whether the individual plant encountered along the transect or within the quadrat is planted, natural recruited, or regenerated after the pre-planting clearance of the site; and hence all established individuals of the planted species found within the sampling unit has been counted during the monitoring.
- 2.3.5 The WCA monitoring was undertaken by the Environmental Team (ET) and under the supervision of the Qualified Ecologist of the ET, and the Qualified Ecologist has also undertaken a joint transect inspection with representative of the IEC in the reporting.

2.4 REPORTING

Bi-monthly Woodland Compensation Monitoring Reports

2.4.1 The results and findings of the bi-monthly (i.e., once every two months) monitoring including the landscape inspection during the first year of the initial planting phase and the first year of the enhancement planting phase will be recorded in a bi-monthly woodland compensation monitoring reports prepared and submitted by the ET Leader within 10 working days from the end of each reporting month. The details to be included in the report will follow the Section 7.3 of the WCP.

Ouarterly Woodland Compensation Monitoring Reports

2.4.2 Starting from the second year of the initial planting phase and the enhancement planting phase, the frequency of the monitoring is reduced to quarterly basis, the results and findings of the quarterly monitoring as well as the landscape inspection after the first year of the initial planting phase and the first year of the enhancement planting phase shall be recorded in the quarterly woodland compensation monitoring reports prepared and submitted by the ET Leader within 10 working days from the end of each reporting month. The details to be included in the report will follow the Section 7.3 of the WCP.



3. RESULTS

3.1 TRANSECT INSPECTION

- 3.1.1 The transect inspection was carried out on 22nd June 2020 with the ecological specialist of the IEC, an overview of the site condition is presented in *Appendix D*. According to the information provided by the Main Contractor, planting work within the WCA that covers the Stage 1 of the Phase 2 enhancement planting as well as the replacement planting of the initial planting work, was completed in the 2nd half of August 2019 (see *Appendix E* for the as-built record of the planting work), as such the transect inspection have covered all the species planted for the initial and enhancement planting phase and the following presents the observations made along the transect route:
 - The transect inspection was undertaken on a sunny day, and according to Hong Kong Observatory, May and June 2020 was hotter than usual, and the total rainfall recorded in these two months was ~±15% of the normal figure, in which the monthly mean temperature was the second highest on record for May in Hong Kong
 - Signs of anthropogenic disturbance were relatively sparse along the transect route on the hillslope, and wild boar activities (i.e. earth ploughing) were noted around the quadrat S9.
 - The overall health condition of those species planted for the initial planting phase was generally fair, and the native species *Schima superba* and *Gordonia axillaris*, *Phyllanthus emblica*, as well as the exotic *Acacia mangium*, were found in good condition.
 - The species planted for the enhancement planting phase were mostly appeared in fair condition; however, except the *Schima superba*, *Aquilaria sinensis*, *Ficus hispida* and *Ficus hirta*, as well as some of the other species (including *Reevesia thyrsoidea*, *Psychotria asiatica* and *Ilex asprella*) that has already planted during the 1st phase of enhancement planting in the 2018's growing season (i.e., *Psychotria asiatica* and *Ilex asprella*), the others were only occasionally spotted along the transect route (note: whereabouts exactly the seedlings of each of the planted species were planted within the WCA was unknown to the Environmental Team, and their locations could beyond the coverage of the visual inspection along the transect). Nonetheless, no sighting of the deciduous tree species *Celtis sinensis* was made.
- 3.1.2 The general health condition of the species planted in the initial planting phase, based on the observations made along the transect, is tabulated in the following table.

Table 2 Health condition of the established seedlings noted during the transect inspection

Species	Planting Phase	Health Condition#						
	(I – Initial/ E - Enhancement)	Good	Fair	Poor				
Acacia confusa	I		$\sqrt{}$					
Acacia mangium	I	$\sqrt{}$						
Castanopsis fissa	I		√					
Litsea glutinosa	I		√					
Mallotus paniculatus	I		√					
Phyllanthus emblica*	I	$\sqrt{}$						
Sapium discolor*	I		√^					
Schima superba	I ⁽⁵⁾ & E	√						



Species	Planting Phase	Health Condition#					
	(I – Initial/ E - Enhancement)	Good	Fair	Poor			
Bridelia tomentosa	E			√ ^			
Alangium chinense	Е			√^			
Cinnamomum camphora	Е		√^				
Aquilaria sinensis	Е		√				
Bischofia javanica	Е			√^			
Celtis sinensis**	Е	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Ficus hispida	Е		√				
Cinnamomum parthenoxylon	Е		√^				
Garcinia oblongifolia	Е			√^			
Reevesia thyrsoidea	Е		√				
Schefflera heptaphylla	Е			√			
Sterculia lanceolata	Е			√^			
Liquidambar formosana*	I ⁽¹⁾ & E		√				
Gordonia axillaris	I ⁽²⁾ & E	√					
Melastoma candidum	I		√				
Melastoma sanguineum	I		√				
Rhaphiolepis indica	I		√				
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa	I		√				
Ficus hirta	Е		√				
Ilex asprella	I ⁽³⁾ & E		√				
Melicope pteleifolia	Е		√				
Psychotria asiatica	I ⁽⁴⁾ & E		√				

Note:

- (1) Planted as substitution for Litsea glutinosa during replacement replanting in Aug 2019
- (2) Include newly planted individuals as substitution for Melastoma candidum during replacement replanting in Aug 2019
- (3) Planted as substitution for Melastoma sanguineum during replacement replanting in Aug 2019
- (4) Planted as substitution for Rhaphiolepis indica during replacement replanting in Aug 2019
- (5) Also planted as substitution for Sapium discolor in the Initial Planting Phase

3.2 QUADRAT SAMPLING

3.2.1 The nine 20m x 20m sampling quadrats have been placed within the planted area of the WCA, and at area where the majority of the seedlings were planted and considered suitable for long term monitoring; in which 2 of them were located on the ridgeline and the rest are located on the north-facing slope of Cheung Shan (see **Appendix C**). The quadrat monitoring was conducted on 22nd and 23rd June 2020, and the weather was dry

[#] It is impracticable and sometimes unfeasible to differentiate self-seeded seedlings or wild population from those planted under the WCP, the health condition was evaluated as a whole for each of the species regardless their possible origin during the transect walk.

[^] only occasionally encountered along transect route

^{*} Deciduous species

^{**} not observed along the transect



and sunny on both days. Appendix D illustrates the condition of the quadrats during the time of monitoring.

3.2.2 With respect to the latest status of the planting works undertaken and completed within the monitoring quadrats, the baseline reference for evaluating survival rate has already been updated in previous report by making reference to the as-built record of planting works in Aug 2019, and shown in the Table 3 below for reference.

Table 3 Latest Baseline Quantity Referenced for Evaluating Survival Rate of the Species Planted for Initial and Enhancement Planting Phase

Species	Planting Phase (I – Initial/ E - Enhancement)	Baseline Reference (BR) ^	Qty. Presented in Jun '19 Report	Planted Qty. in Aug '19 (Replacement Planting/ Enhancement Planting)	Updated Baseline Reference (BR)	Note
Acacia confusa	I	113	89	0	113	A
Acacia mangium	I	193	161	0	193	A
Castanopsis fissa	I	39	43	0	39	A
Litsea glutinosa	I	79	40	0	40	В
Mallotus paniculatus	I	80	162#	0	80	A
Phyllanthus emblica	I	64	34	30	64	F
Sapium discolor	I	39	13	0	13	В
Schima superba	I ⁽⁵⁾ & E	82	108#	120	202	С
Bridelia tomentosa	E	n/a	n/a	20	20	Е
Alangium chinense	Е	n/a	n/a	20	20	Е
Cinnamomum camphora	Е	n/a	n/a	20	20	Е
Aquilaria sinensis	Е	n/a	n/a	35	35	Е
Bischofia javanica	Е	n/a	n/a	20	20	Е
Celtis sinensis	Е	n/a	n/a	20	20	Е
Ficus hispida	Е	n/a	n/a	20	20	Е
Cinnamomum parthenoxylon	Е	n/a	n/a	20	20	Е
Garcinia oblongifolia	Е	n/a	n/a	35	35	Е
Reevesia thyrsoidea	Е	n/a	n/a	35	35	Е
Schefflera heptaphylla	Е	n/a	n/a	45	45	Е
Sterculia lanceolata	Е	n/a	n/a	40	40	Е
Liquidambar formosana	I ⁽¹⁾ & E	n/a	n/a	60	60	D
Gordonia axillaris	I ⁽²⁾ & E	148	213#	300	448	С
Melastoma candidum	I	352	136	0	136	В
Melastoma sanguineum	I	313	216	0	216	В
Rhaphiolepis indica	I	438	276	0	276	В
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa	I	824	443	0	443	G
Ficus hirta	Е	n/a	n/a	200	200	E



Species	Planting Phase (I – Initial/ E - Enhancement)	Baseline Reference (BR) ^	Qty. Presented in Jun '19 Report	Planted Qty. in Aug '19 (Replacement Planting/ Enhancement Planting)	Updated Baseline Reference (BR)	Note
Ilex asprella	I ⁽³⁾ & E	n/a	n/a	250	250	D
Melicope pteleifolia	E	n/a	n/a	30	30	Е
Psychotria asiatica	I ⁽⁴⁾ & E	n/a	n/a	300	300	D

[^] updated in Sep 2017 in accordance with the "as-built" planting plan for the initial planting phase as well as the monitoring findings between Aug 2017 and Nov 2017

- (1) Planted as substitution for Litsea glutinosa during replacement replanting in Aug 2019
- (2) Include newly planted individuals as substitution for Melastoma candidum during replacement replanting in Aug 2019
- (3) Planted as substitution for Melastoma sanguineum during replacement replanting in Aug 2019
- (4) Planted as substitution for Rhaphiolepis indica during replacement replanting in Aug 2019
- (5) Also planted as substitution for Sapium discolor in the Initial Planting Phase
- A Not involved in the replanting/enhancement planting work, no change in BR
- B Substituted by other species during replanting, BR updated to qty. recorded in Jun '19 Report
- C Planted as substitution for other species and enhancement planting, BR updated to include qty. planted in Aug '19
- D Planted for enhancement planting and as substitution for species used in initial planting phase, BR referred to qty. planted in Aug '19
- E Planted for enhancement planting work, BR referred to qty. planted in Aug '19
- F Replanted, no change in BR
- G Replanted completed outside the monitoring quadrats(see **Appendix E**), BR updated to qty. recorded in Jun '19 Report
- 3.2.3 The monitoring result of the reporting period and the survival rate of the species planted are shown in *Table 4* and *Table 5* below.

Table 4 The number of seedling recorded for each species within the sampling quadrats

Species	Planting Phase (I – Initial/	Qu	Quantity* and General Health Condition ^of the Seedling Recorded in Each Sampling Quadrat								Total Qty.
	E - Enhancement)	R1	R2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	
Tree											
Acacia confuse#	I	16	9	6	4	15	7	5	5	16	83
Acacia mangium#	I	22	23	18	14	19	0	10	14	19	139
Castanopsis fissa	I	6	3	2	5	6	6	5	2	5	40
Litsea glutinosa	I	6	4	3	5	6	2	6	5	3	40
Mallotus paniculatus	I	31	15	13	13	30	14	20	19	25	180
Phyllanthus emblica	I	5	5	4	4	8	4	4	9	10	53
Sapium discolor	I	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Schima superba	I & E	23	31	16	30	11	71	8	7	10	207
Bridelia tomentosa	E	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	8
Alangium chinense	E	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	8

[#] include self-seeded plants, and the extra qty. recorded would not be added into the reference baseline for the Mallotus paniculatus, Schima superba and Gordonia axillaris



Species	Planting Phase (I – Initial/	Quantity* and General Health Condition ^of the Seedling Recorded in Each Sampling Quadrat								Total Qty.	
	E - Enhancement)	R1	R2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	
Cinnamomum camphora	Е	2	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	18
Aquilaria sinensis	Е	2	1	8	0	1	2	2	1	3	20
Bischofia javanica	Е	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	8
Celtis sinensis	Е	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ficus hispida	Е	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	6
Cinnamomum parthenoxylon	Е	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	5
Garcinia oblongifolia	Е	1	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	1	12
Reevesia thyrsoidea	Е	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	8
Schefflera heptaphylla	E	2	2	2	3	2	7	4	3	0	25
Sterculia lanceolata	Е	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	17
Liquidambar formosana	I & E	5	1	2	5	7	11	5	8	4	48
	Sub-Total	128	97	88	98	115	130	82	85	104	927
Shrub											
Gordonia axillaris	I & E	27	40	42	49	65	26	21	22	40	332
Melastoma candidum	I	6	8	22	24	20	9	6	8	12	115
Melastoma sanguineum	I	8	35	19	29	42	12	9	13	19	186
Rhaphiolepis indica	I	33	27	22	21	28	22	27	22	28	230
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa	I	44	87	38	33	70	20	30	31	47	400
Ficus hirta	Е	4	9	9	18	12	11	11	12	11	97
Ilex asprella	I & E	7	8	8	11	10	11	20	24	32	131
Melicope pteleifolia	Е	3	3	0	2	2	3	0	2	2	17
Psychotria asiatica	I & E	10	8	19	11	10	6	19	17	13	113
N . A C 11	Sub-Total	142	225	179	198	259	120	143	151	204	1621

Notes: ^ General health condition of the species noted within the monitoring quadrats, and the rating may be different from those

determined under the transect inspection and presented in Table 2:

- Good No. in normal font type (e.g., "99")
- Fair No. in Italic font (e.g., "99") Poor No. in italic & underlined (e.g., "99")
- the quantity include all individuals of the planted species within the quadrat regardless whether their origin
- it is assumed that thinning has been undertaken during the enhancement planting work



Table 5 Survival Rate of the Species Planted within the WCA

Species	Planting Phase (I – Initial/ E - Enhancement)	Reference Baseline ^	Total Qty.# Recorded in Quadrat Monitoring (Jun'20)	Survival Rate * (%)	Changed in Survival Rate (%) when compared with Previous Monitoring	
Tree	ı	Γ	ı	T	T	
Acacia confusa	I	113	83	73.5	-1.8	
Acacia mangium	I	193	139	72.0	-4.1	
Castanopsis fissa	I	39	40	100.0	0.0	
Litsea glutinosa	I	40	40	100.0	0.0	
Mallotus paniculatus	I	80	180	100.0	0.0	
Phyllanthus emblica	I	64	53	82.8	3.1	
Sapium discolor	I	13	2	15.4	-7.7	
Schima superba	I & E	202	207	100.0	0.0	
Bridelia tomentosa	Е	20	8	40.0	0.0	
Alangium chinense	Е	20	8	40.0	-5.0	
Cinnamomum camphora	Е	20	18	90.0	10.0	
Aquilaria sinensis	Е	35	20	57.1	-11.4	
Bischofia javanica	E	20	8	40.0	-5.0	
Celtis sinensis	E	20	0	0.0	0.0	
Ficus hispida	Е	20	6	30.0	-10.0	
Cinnamomum parthenoxylon	Е	20	5	25.0	-35.0	
Garcinia oblongifolia	E	35	12	34.3	-8.6	
Reevesia thyrsoidea	Е	35	8	22.9	-25.7	
Schefflera heptaphylla	Е	45	25	55.6	-20.0	
Sterculia lanceolata	Е	40	17	42.5	-5.0	
Liquidambar formosana	I & E	60	48	80.0	-6.7	
Shrub						
Gordonia axillaris	I & E	448	332 74.1		-10.3	
Melastoma candidum	I	136	115	84.6	-2.9	
Melastoma sanguineum	I	216	186	86.1	-8.8	
Rhaphiolepis indica	I	276	230	83.3	-1.4	
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa	I	443	400	90.3	-5.2	
Ficus hirta	Е	200	97	48.5	-2.5	
Ilex asprella	I & E	250	131	52.4	-2.4	



Species	Planting Phase (I – Initial/ E - Enhancement)	Reference Baseline ^	Total Qty.# Recorded in Quadrat Monitoring (Jun'20)	Survival Rate * (%)	Changed in Survival Rate (%) when compared with Previous Monitoring
Melicope pteleifolia	Е	30	17	56.7	0.0
Psychotria asiatica	I & E	300	113	37.7	-7.0

[^] see Table 3

- 3.2.4 Based on the recorded data and observations made within the sampled quadrats and the data presented in *Tables 4* and 5, the following provides a brief account of the findings from the quadrat monitoring:
 - Health condition: Generally speaking, the health condition of the seedlings planted for the initial or enhancement phase within the quadrats was found either in fair or good condition.
 - Survival Rate: Among the 30 species planted, only 2 of the species were recorded with an increased survival rate, including the trees *Phyllanthus emblica* and *Cinnamomum camphora*; and no changes has been recorded for the following 6 species: *Castanopsis fissa*, *Litsea glutinosa*, *Mallotus paniculatus*, *Schima superba*, *Bridelia tomentosa* and *Melicope pteleifolia*. The survival rate for the rest of the planted species was recorded with a decrease of 1.4% (*Rhaphiolepis indica*) to 35% (*Cinnamomum parthernoxylon*).
 - As a whole, a total of 16 species were recorded with a survival rate below 70% and met the action level, including the trees Sapium discolor (15.4%), Bridelia tomentosa (40%), Alangium chinense (40.0%), Aquilaria sinensis (57.1%), Bischofia javanica (40.0%), Celtis sinensis (0%), Ficus hispida (30.0%), Cinnamomum parthenoxylon (25%), Garcinia oblongifolia (34.3%), Reevesia thyrsoidea (22.9%), Schefflera heptaphylla (55.6%) and Sterculia lanceolata (42.5%), as well as the shrubs Ficus hirta (48.5%), Ilex asprella (52.4%), Melicope pteleifolia (56.7%) and Psychotria asiatica (37.7%).
 - Except the *Sapium discolor*, all of the other 15 species were planted in August 2019, and their poor survival rates may due to the poor vigor of the planted seedlings or poor recovery of the seedlings from the transplanting shock, especially under the unusual drier weather in September 2019, i.e., the month after the seedlings was planted, as well as during the winter months (including November, December 2019 and January 2020), as well as the onset of the growing season (i.e. March and April) in 2020.
 - Another 3 species were recorded with a survival rate ranged from 70% to 80% and met the trigger level, including the trees *Acacia confusa* (73.5%), *Acacia mangium* (72.0%), as well as the shrub *Gordonia axillaris*. Action for both *Acacia sp.* would not be unnecessary as they were planned for thinning in the planting program, and the necessity for taking any remedial actions for *Gordonia axillaris* will be further reviewed in the monitoring as it is one of the planted species generally found in good health condition.
 - Nonetheless, regardless whether the poor survival rate of those species recorded with survival rate <70% is related to usual drier weather condition in the past few months or the seedlings were out-competed by other self-established or planted woody plants, the updated replanting arrangements as detailed in Table 6 and 7 below are recommended.

[#] refer to Table 4

^{*} no. in bold denotes the survival rate of this species reach the trigger level, whereas no. in bold and italic denote the survival rate of this species reach the action level (see Table 1)



- Similar to the previous replanting arrangement for the initial planting work, <u>Schima superba</u> has been recommended to substitute <u>Sapium discolor</u>; and given the revised baseline reference for evaluating the survival rate of this species is only be "2", the survival rate of this species will only be monitored as reference only and further action would not be recommended.
- The Contractor would be responsible for implementing action of replanting and other remedial measures agreed by AFCD. All of the replanting works should make reference and conform to the Section 5 "Planting Management" of the approved Woodland Compensation Plan (WCP), in particularly it should be undertaken within the planting season and in suitable planting area based on their habitat/micro-habitat requirements, and should not be shaded from adjacent plants to avoid competition for light and other resources.
- On the other hand, where pre-planting site preparation work such as clearance of herbaceous plants (in particularly the fern *Dicranopteris pedata*) is required to facilitate the replanting work, it should be completed prior the delivery of seedlings on-site as such to expedite the planting work and facilitate their recovery from the planting shocks and establishment; and the site preparation work should be undertaken with care to avoid any damage caused to the exiting woody plants.
- Finally, with respect to the timing of this reporting and the replanting program, it is recommended to carry out the replanting work at the onset of next growing season, i.e., March 2021 as such to safeguard and increase the chance of recovery of the planted seedlings from the transplanting shock, and hence the survival rate of the planted seedlings.

Table 6 Recommended Replanting Quantity for Species Recorded with Survival Rate <70%

Species	Survival Rate % (Jun. 2020)	Reference Quantity ^	Qty. to be Replanted
Sapium discolor	15.4	783	683 (to be substituted by Schima superba)
Bridelia tomentosa	40.0	163	98
Alangium chinense	40.0	327	196
Aquilaria sinensis	57.1	327	140
Bischofia javanica	40.0	163	98
Celtis sinensis	0.0	163	163
Ficus hispida	30.0	163	114
Cinnamomum parthenoxylon	25.0	163	122
Garcinia oblongifolia	34.3	327	215
Reevesia thyrsoidea	22.9	327	252
Schefflera	55.6	227	
heptaphylla	55.6	327	145
Sterculia lanceolata	42.5	327	188
Ficus hirta	48.5	2451	1262
Ilex asprella	52.4	7174	3415



Species	Survival Rate % (Jun. 2020)	Reference Quantity ^	Qty. to be Replanted
Melicope pteleifolia	56.7	490	212
Psychotria asiatica	37.7	8088	5039

[^] Except Sapium discolor where the reference qty. would be the qty. planted for the initial planting phase minus those that has been substituted during the replacement planting in 2019 (i.e., 2350-1567=783), the reference quantity of the others refer to the qty. planted during the enhancement planting work at Aug 2019 (see Appendix E)

Table 7 Recommended Replanting Quantity for Each of the Quadrat to Restore the Reference Baseline in the Monitoring Program

Species	Qty. to be	Quantity *								
	Replanted#	R1	R2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9
Schima superba^	11	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	2
Bridelia tomentosa	12	2	3	1	3	0	0	2	1	0
Alangium chinense	12	3	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Aquilaria sinensis	15	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	5
Bischofia javanica	12	3	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	1
Celtis sinensis	20	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ficus hispida	14	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	2
Cinnamomum										
parthenoxylon	15	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	3	2
Garcinia										
oblongifolia	23	2	2	0	0	3	3	4	4	5
Reevesia thyrsoidea	27	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Schefflera										
heptaphylla	20	2	0	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Sterculia lanceolata	23	3	4	2	2	1	2	2	2	5
Ficus hirta	103	20	20	5	8	10	10	10	10	10
Ilex asprella	119	20	10	10	10	15	20	12	12	10
Melicope pteleifolia	13	2	2	3	1	1	0	3	1	0
Psychotria asiatica	187	30	30	20	20	20	20	17	10	20

[#] qty. from the difference between those shown in col.3 and 4 of Table 5

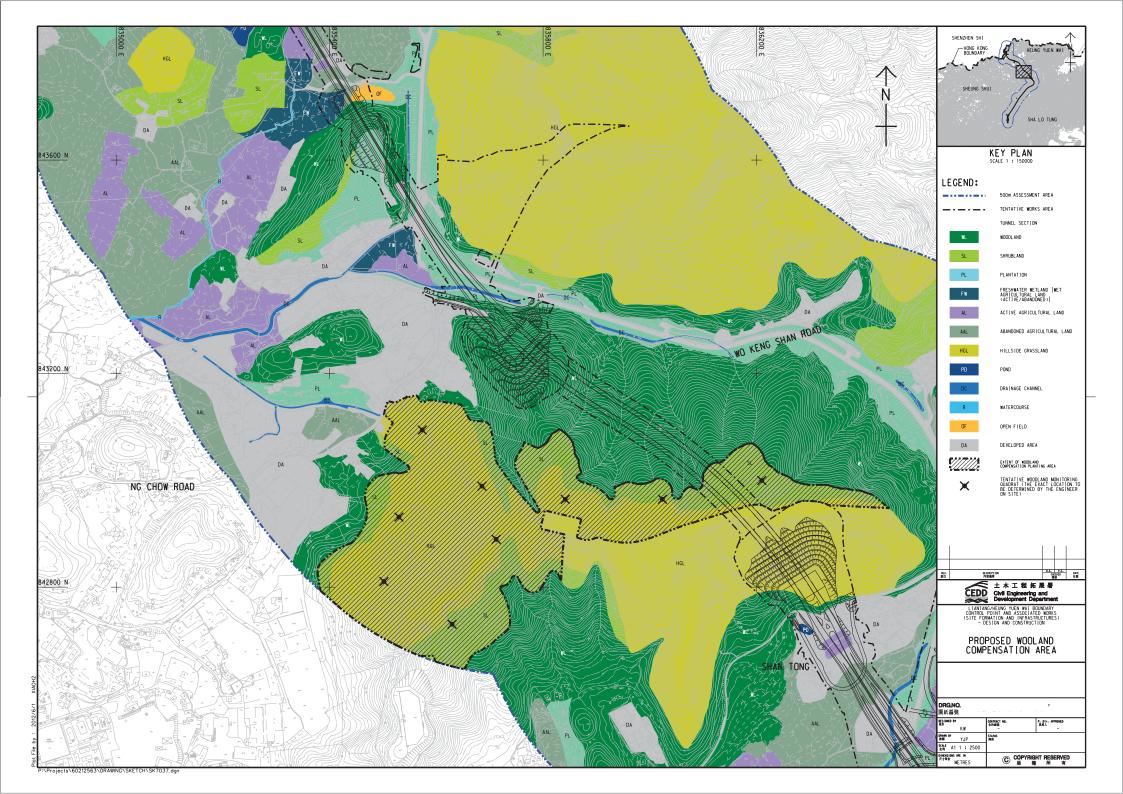
^{*}Since the number of each plant species planted in each quadrat has not been made available for reference, the recommended quantity for each species in each quadrat is allocated by making reference to the updated baseline reference for quadrat monitoring as shown in Table 3, quantity of the respective species recorded in each quadrat in Sep 2019, i.e., the data collected after the completion of the planting work at Aug 2019 and current monitoring, as well as the observed plant density and site condition of each of the quadrat,

[^]to be planted as substitute of Sapium discolor



Appendix A

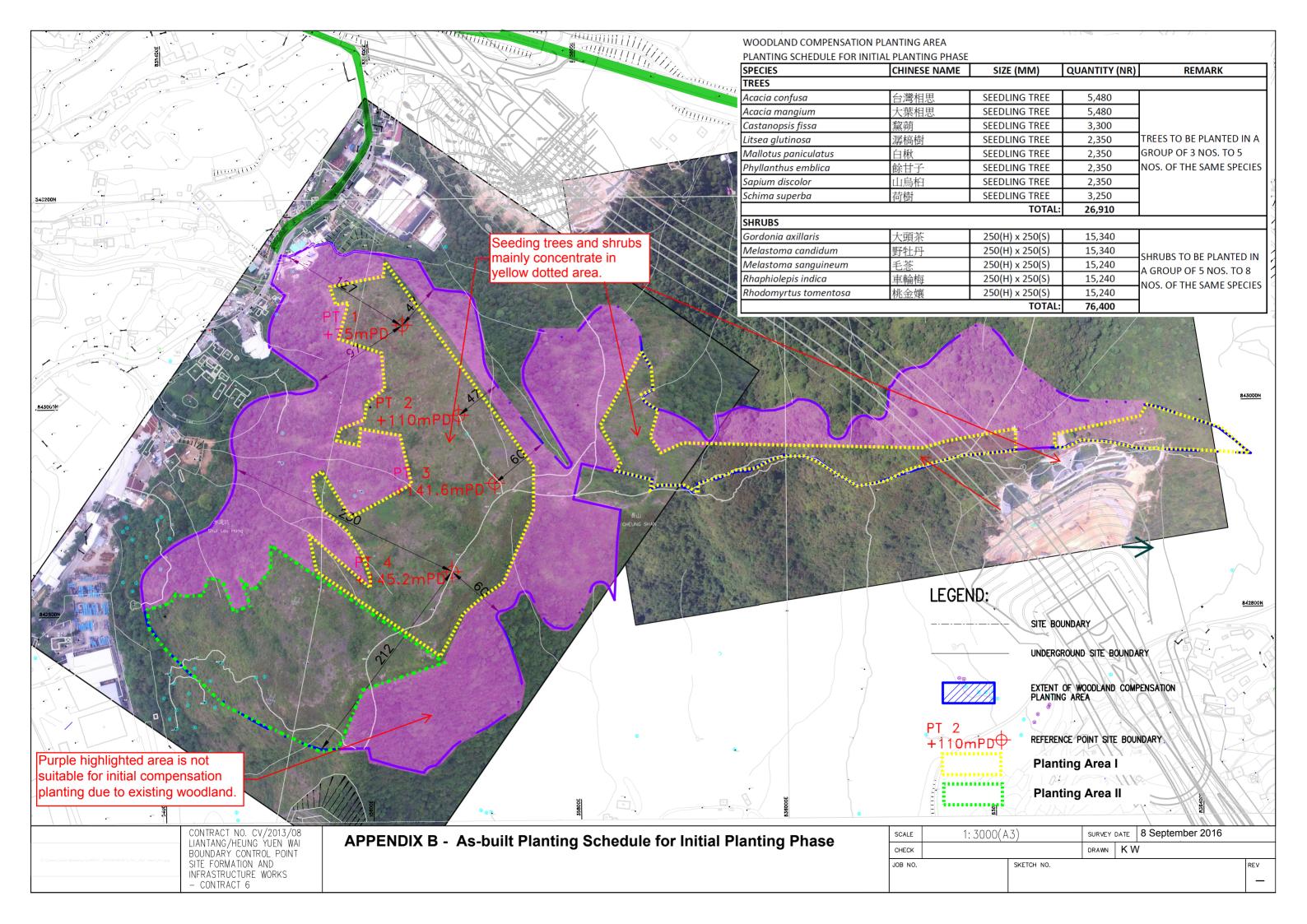
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Appendix B

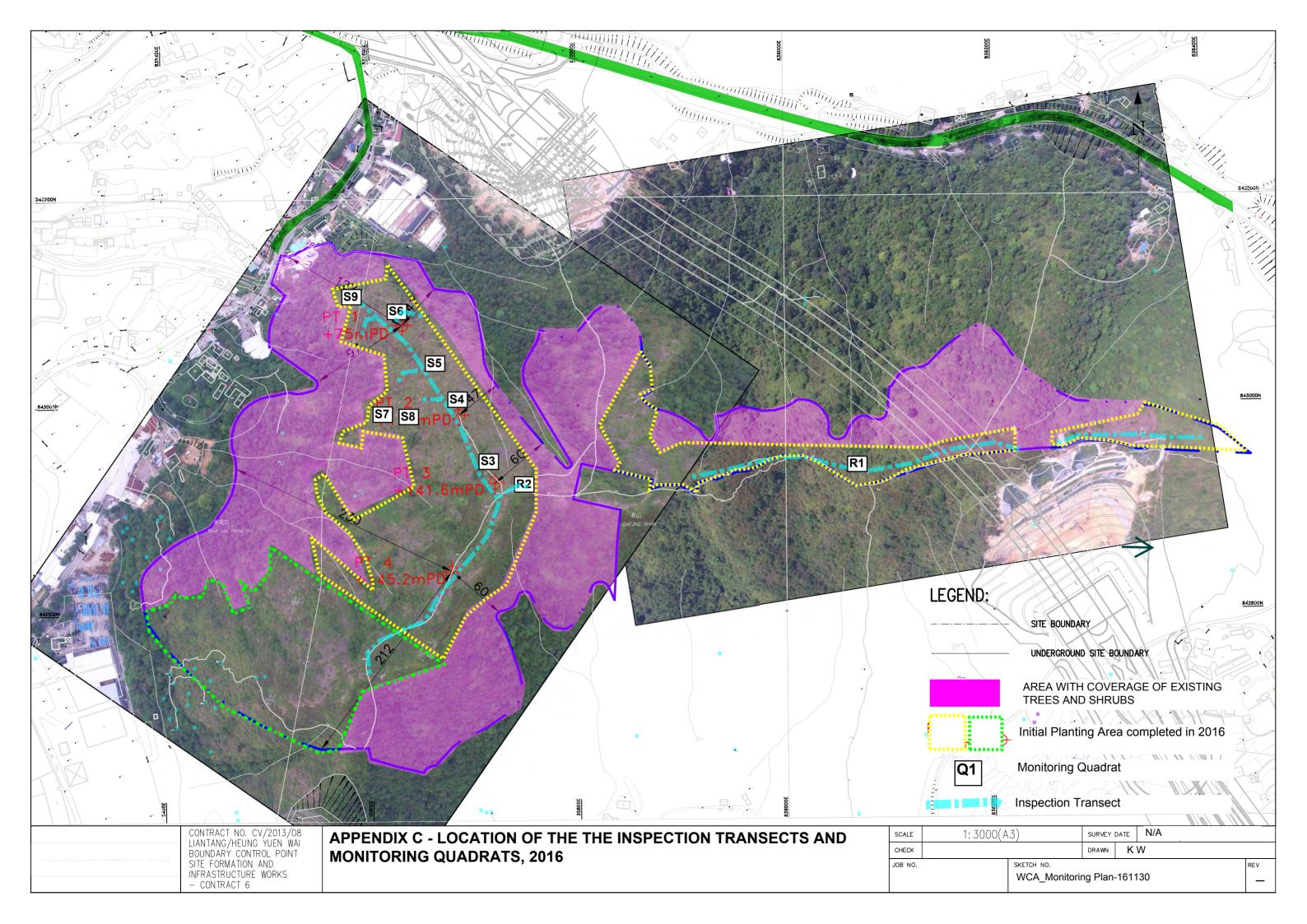
As-built Planting Schedule for Initial Planting Phase





Appendix C

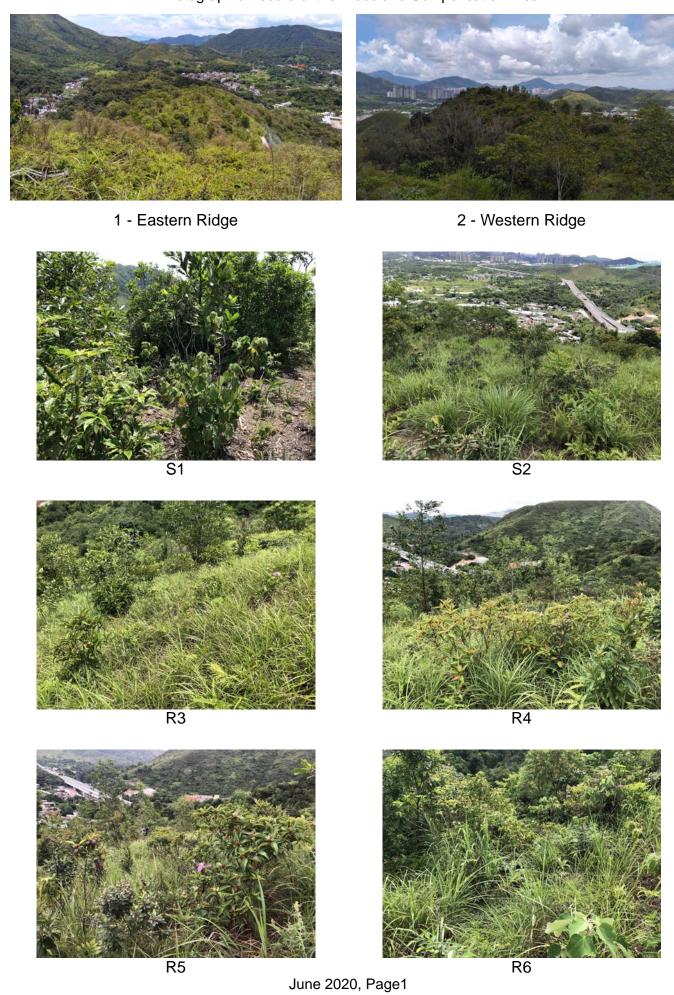
Transect Routes and Sampling Quadrats of Woodland Compensation Monitoring





Appendix D

Photographic Records



Photographic Record of the Woodland Compensation Area









Appendix E

As-built record of the planting work

As-built record of planting works in WCA (August 2019)

Species		Stage II Enhancement Planting (Phase I) Quantity (nr.)	Replanting for Initial Planting Phase Quantity (nr.)	Total Planted Quantity (nr.)	Total Planted Within 9nr Monitoring Quadrats (nr.)	Total Planted Outside 9nr Monitoring Quadrats (nr.)	
Bridelia tomentosa	土密樹	163		163	20	143	
Alangium chinese	八角楓	327		327	20	307	
Cinnamomum camphora	樟	163		163	20	143	
Aquilaria sinensis	土沉香	327		327	35	292	
Bischofia javanica	秋楓	163		163	20	143	
Celtis sinensis	朴樹	163		163	20	143	
Ficus hispida	對葉榕	163		163	20	143	
Cinnamomum parthenoxylon	黄樟	163		163	20	143	
Garcinia oblongifolia	嶺南山竹子	327		327	35	292	
Reevesia thyrsdidea	梭羅樹	327		327	35	292	
Schefflera heptaphylla	鵝掌柴	327		327	45	282	
Sterculia lancedlata	假蘋婆	327		327	40	287	
Liquidambar formosana	楓香	163	1160	1323	60	1263	
Schima superba	木荷	164	1567	1731	120	1611	
Phyllanthus emblica	餘甘子		1102	1102	30	1072	
Ficus hirta	粗葉榕	2451		2451	200	2251	
Ilex asprella	梅葉冬青	2451	4723	7174	250	6924	
Melicope pteleifolia	蜜茱萸	490		490	30	460	
Psychotria asiatica	九節木	2451	5637	8088	300	7788	
Polyspora axillaris	大頭茶	1961	9413	11374	300	11074	
Rhodomyrtus tomentosa	桃金娘		7047	7047	0	7047	
TOTAL	,	13071	30649	43720	1620	42100	