

12 FISHERIES IMPACT

- 12.1.1 Literature reviews of existing information indicated that identified fishing area in Kowloon Bay, eastern Victoria Harbour and KTTS are of moderate to high fisheries values while that in TKWTS and KTAC are of relatively low value. There are no fish culture zones and important spawning or nursery grounds identified in and within the immediate vicinity of the Project area. The nearest mariculture areas are FCZs at Tung Lung Chau and Ma Wan which are 8 km and over 10 km away, respectively, of the Project area.
- 12.1.2 Direct and indirect impacts on fisheries resources arising from the Project were identified and evaluated. The Project will result in the temporary loss of approximately 74.4 hectares of fishing area due to dredging associated with the Project. In view of the small size of affected areas, temporary and insignificant loss of fisheries production and low impact on fishing activities, fisheries impacts due to loss of fishing area within the dredging areas is considered as minor and acceptable.
- 12.1.3 Indirect impacts of change of water quality arising from the Project would be temporary and insignificant based on the predictions from water quality modelling. Mitigation measures suggested in the water quality impact assessment to control water quality (Section 8, Para., 8.8.1-8.8.26 of the EIA Report) would also serve to protect fisheries resources from indirect impacts. No significant adverse impact on fisheries resources would be expected from the Project. No cumulative impacts on fisheries resources are expected.
- 12.1.4 No operational phase impacts on fisheries resources are expected to result from operation of the project as fishing activity will not be restricted in the sea area (turning area) off the cruise ship terminal and public landing steps cum fireboat berth. If cruise ships or other vessels are manoeuvring in these areas, then they would not be accessible to fishing vessels but this is no different from the other areas of the harbour where other vessel traffic would impose similar restriction on fishing activities. No permanent impact is expected. Additionally, all construction works would take place within the existing land limits of the Kai Tak Development site and no structures would extend beyond these land limits. Thus, no loss of fishing ground is expected to result from operation of the project.
- 12.1.5 Under this Project, no necessary fisheries-specific mitigation measures and monitoring programme would be required.