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# Woodland Compensation Plan (Version 4.2)

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# <u>Submission of Woodland Compensation Plan under Condition 2.15 of Environmental</u> Permit No. EP-533/2017

We have reviewed the details of Woodland Compensation Plan V4.2 received via email on 10 May 2022 and hereby certify the submission in accordance with condition 2.15 of EP-533/2017.

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Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Cavern – Site Preparation and Access Tunnel Construction

<u>Verification on Woodland Compensation Plan under Condition 2.15 of Environmental Permit No. EP-533/201</u>

Reference is made to the Woodland Compensation Plan V4.2 received via email on 10 May 2022 provided by the Environmental Team on 10 May 2022.

Please be informed that we have no adverse comments on the captioned submission. We hereby verify the submission in accordance with Condition 2.15 of the Environmental Permit No. EP-533/2017.

Thank you for your attention.

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 To support social and economic development in Hong Kong, there is a pressing need to optimize the supply of land for various uses by sustainable and innovative approaches. One possible approach is rock cavern development. The Policy Agenda of the 2016 Policy Address has stated that works for the relocation of the Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works (STSTW) is to commence as soon as possible to release the existing site, of a size about 28 hectares, for development purpose.
- 1.2 The Project is a Designated Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO). An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for the Project was approved under EIAO in November 2016 in accordance with the EIA Study Brief (No.ESB-273/2014) and the Technical Memorandum on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (EIAO-TM). The corresponding Environmental Permit was issued (EP no.: EP-533/2017) by the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) in March 2017.
- 1.3 According to Section 8.8.3.2 of the approved EIA report, the minor ecological impact may arise from the temporary loss of woodland, plantation and shrubland habitats (about 2.48 ha) during construction phase will be compensated by reinstatement and enhancement of the temporarily affected habitats. With implementation of mitigation measures, no adverse ecological impact is anticipated from the temporary habitat loss.
- In accordance to Section 8.8.4.1 8.8.4.2 of the approved EIA report, a permanent loss of about 0.65 ha woodland shall be compensated through "no net loss" and "like for like" basis, or providing a compensation area with equivalent or higher ecological function and about 0.92 ha of compensatory planting shall be provided to compensate the loss.

#### **Environmental Permit Requirements**

- 1.5 According to Section 8.8.4.4 of the approved EIA report and Condition 2.15 of the EP, a Detailed Woodland Compensation Plan shall be prepared by the qualified ecologist(s) appointed under Condition 2.6 of the EP to form the basis to guide the implementation of the proposed compensatory planting. The Detailed Woodland Compensation Plan shall include implementation details, management requirement, as well as monitoring requirements (e.g. frequency and parameters) of the compensatory planting area; and it shall be submitted to the Director for approval no later than 3 months before the commencement of compensatory woodland planting.
- 1.6 Condition 2.16 of the Environmental Permit also specified that upon completion of compensatory planting, monitoring by local ecologist with experience in maintenance works (e.g. irrigation, weeding, pruning, control of pests and diseases, replacement planting, repair of damage, etc.) shall be conducted. The monitoring frequency shall be monthly within the first year after planting. Parameters including health condition, survival rate of the plant and presence of weedy plant shall be monitored.

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# Preliminary Development Plan

- 1.7 The EIA Report identified Nui Po Shan as the best site location for the cavern due to good geological conditions, proximity to existing STSTW and Tolo Harbour Effluent Export Scheme (THEES) effluent expert tunnel, minimal environmental nuisance to nearby residents and minimal traffic impact. The preliminary development plan is shown in **Figures 1a-1e**.
- 1.8 The EIA Report explored different location options for the Sewage Treatment Works facilities. The main portal was proposed near A Kung Kok Street (Site 3), which has the advantage of flexible integration of the sewage treatment works facilities with the THEES Tunnel Portal. The main portal will consist of access road to the cavern and outdoor facilities such as administration building, ventilation building and workshop. The slope modification work will be involved behind the THEES tunnel. The modification work will include both the existing SIMAR slope and its vicinity.
- 1.9 A ventilation shaft will be built uphill of A Kung Kok Shan Road (Site 1). This site is far away from sensitive receivers so as to minimize odour impact from the shaft. The access road to the ventilation shaft will follow the topography of the existing natural terrain to minimize slope cutting and vegetation clearance. Also, part of the road will be elevated for stream crossing to avoid habitat loss, habitat fragmentation and impact on a freshwater crab species *Cryptopotamon anacoluthon* (endemic to Hong Kong and is recognised as having Potential Global Concern (PGC) by Fellowes *et al.* (2002), Vulnerable by IUCN Red list (2021)). Near the shaft is a flat land, which will be used as explosive magazine site for cavern tunnelling works.
- 1.10 Secondary portal is proposed at an existing construction site office near Mui Tsz Lam Road (Site 2). It will consist of another ventilation building, secondary electrical substation and internal access road to the cavern.
- 1.11 During the construction phase, a community liaison center will be set up near the junction of Mui Tsz Lam Road and A Kung Kok Street in Site 3.
- 1.12 Since the ancillary facilities and portals to the cavern are constructed on the hill, the construction extent will also include slope stabilization works after slope cutting. Localized stabilization work will be required at road alignment with steep topography. Temporary works area is required adjacent to the permanent works for construction access and material storage.

#### 2 WOODLAND COMPENSATION AREA

Review of Ecological Value of Woodland

2.1 Section 8.6.1.2 and Table 8.22 of the approved EIA report stated that the woodland habitat within the 500m assessment area has a moderate – high ecological value. The detailed evaluation is shown below:

Table 2-1 Ecological Evaluation of Woodland within the Assessment Area (Extracted from Table 8.22 of the EIA Report)

Criteria	Woodland			
Naturalness	High – habitat generated from natural succession			
Size	Large (143.66 ha)			
Diversity	Moderate to high – 205 flora species and 88 fauna species			
	recorded from recent survey			
Rarity	Common habitat in Hong Kong			
	10 flora species and 17 fauna species (12 avifauna, 3			
	mammals, 1 amphibian and 1 odonate species) of			
	conservation importance recorded from recent survey and			
	previous study			
Re-creatability	Low to moderate – decades needed for woodland to establish			
	and mature			
Fragmentation	Moderate – woodland habitats in assessment area are			
	interspersed with developed area and cultivated lands			
Ecological Linkage	Structurally and functionally connected to Ma On Shan			
	Country Park			
Potential Value	Moderate to high (given protection for natural succession)			
Nursery Ground	No record of nursery or breeding ground.			
Age	20-40 years			
Abundance /	Moderate to High			
Richness of Wildlife				
<b>Ecological Value</b>	Moderate to High			

#### Size of the Woodland Compensation Areas (WCA)

2.2 According to Section 8.8.4.1 – 8.8.4.2 and Table 8.42 of the approved EIA Report (AEIAR-202/2016), the permanent loss of 0.65 ha woodland would be compensated by about 0.92 ha of compensatory planting. The following table summarized the location of compensatory planting proposed within the EIA report. The location of compensation planting proposed in the EIA report is shown in **Appendix A**.

Table 2-2 Compensatory Planting Proposed under the Project within the Approved EIA report

Locations	Area (ha)	
Main Portal	0.54	
Secondary Portal	0.28	
Along Access Road to Ventilation Shaft	0.1	
Total (ha)	0.92	

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2.3 As more facilities, buildings, landslip prevention measures, slope stabilization works, natural terrain hazard mitigation and geotechnical works are required to be located the Main Portal and Secondary Portal, additional permanent secondary woodland loss would be resulted. The tables below indicate the difference of permanent and temporary woodland loss between Table 8.33 of the approved EIA report and current design. The revised design is showed in **Figure 1a-1e** while the change of woodland loss is shown in **Figure 2a-2c**.

Table 2-3 Difference of Permanent Woodland Loss Proposed under the Project between Approved EIA report and Current Design

Downsont Woodland Logs	Approved EIA Report	Current Design	
Permanent Woodland Loss	Area (ha)		
Main Portal	0.22	0.53	
Secondary Portal	0.35	1.34	
Along Access Road to Ventilation Shaft	0.08	0.09	
Total (ha)	0.65	1.96	

Table 2-4 Difference of Temporary Woodland Loss Proposed under the Project between Approved EIA report and Current Design

Temporary Woodland	Approved EIA Report	Current Design
Loss	Area (ha)	
Main Portal	0.44	0.19
Secondary Portal	0.33	0.22
Along Access Road to Ventilation Shaft	0.1	0.13
Total (ha)	0.87	0.54

- 2.4 To achieve the "no net loss" principle as specified by the approved EIA report, a compensation ratio of approximately 1:1 is proposed for permanent woodland loss. The total compensatory planting area to be provided will be accounted for mitigating only the permanent (1.96 ha) in subsequent sections.
- 2.5 In-situ woodland compensation is generally preferred as it can conserve genetic resources in their natural habitat and maintain interactions with other species. However, due to the insufficient planting space within the Project boundary, ex-situ woodland compensation must therefore be adopted to achieve the "no net loss" basis. The following table shows the current planting space for permanent woodland loss within the Project boundary and a gap of about 0.82 ha was identified.

Table 2-5 Available Planting Space for In-situ Woodland Compensation within Project boundary under Current Design

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Available Planting Space	Current Design (ha)			
Main Portal	0.08			
Secondary Portal	0.01			
Along Access Road to Ventilation Shaft	1.05			
Total (ha)	1.14			

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2.6 **Table 2-6** shows the area of in-situ and ex-situ woodland compensation between the EIA report and this plan.

Table 2-6 Difference in Compensatory Planting Area Proposed under the Design between Approved EIA report and this WCP

Type of Woodland	Planting Locations	Approved EIA Report	This WCP
Compensation		Area (ha)	
In-situ	Main Portal	0.54	0.08
	Secondary Portal	0.28	0.01
	Along Access Road	0.1	1.05
	to Ventilation Shaft		
Ex-situ	Ex-situ Location	Nil	0.86
	Total (ha)	0.92	2.00

2.7 A total of 2.00 ha of woodland compensation area is proposed, with 1.14 ha from in-situ woodland compensation and 0.86 ha from ex-situ woodland compensation.

#### In-Situ Woodland Compensation

- 2.8 Construction of STSTW in Cavern ventilation shaft at Main Portal and A Kung Kok Site requires the removal of secondary woodland for slope cutting, stabilization works, site formation and utilities works. In order to mitigate the loss of existing tree due to the project, the compensatory mix planting with tree whips and seedlings are proposed for fill slopes equal to or less than 35° within the project site boundary upon works completion.
- 2.9 The 1.14 ha area under the management of Drainage Services Department will be provided in-situ for compensating the permanent loss of woodland due to the project as illustrated in **Figure 3a-3c**. The detailed contribution from each Site shall be referred to **Table 2-5**.

# Ex-Situ Woodland Compensation

- 2.10 As there is about 0.82 ha of shortfall in terms of in-situ woodland compensation, ex-situ woodland compensation is required to fill the gap for fulfilling the basis of "no net loss" under Section 8.8.4.1 8.8.4.2 of the approved EIA report. The proposed ex-situ woodland compensation area has a size of 0.86 ha.
- 2.11 In general, the compensated woodland shall be connected to the affected woodland for allowing higher connectivity and supporting higher species richness and diversity. However, the upslope area of the project was relatively steep (28 30 degree in gradient) for proper tree planting. In addition, as reflected from the Detailed Vegetation Survey Report v.9.2 separately submitted under the same EP, the Project Site is overgrown with Small Persimmon *Diospyros vaccinoides*, a shrub species listed as Critically Endangered under the IUCN Red List. Given similar habitat types and ecological connectivity, compensatory planting in the area outside but close to the Project Site is recommended to avoid unnecessary clearance of the Small Persimmon *Diospyros vaccinoides* population.

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- 2.12 The proposed ex-situ planting location is an upslope area of Ma Tai Stream (as shown in **Figure 4**), which is currently managed under Lands Department and falls outside of the WSD Reserved Area. About 0.86 ha area for ex-situ woodland compensation will be provided due to the following major reasons.
  - During the site survey in 4 Dec 2020, this area suffered from hill fire in Feb 2020 and is now exposed with eroded topsoil and patches of shrubland and grassland dominated by pioneer species (e.g. *Dicranopteris pedata*, *Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*). Planting native tree species through woodland compensation at this location would assist recovery, succession and enhance the biodiversity.
  - The selected site has a gentle gradient (17 23 degree) that planted trees can more easily adapt to than steep slopes.
  - It is located in a watershed and contains a watercourse that connects to Ma Tai
    Stream with good access for vehicles and workers. Although no water flow was
    observed in this watercourse during site visit in dry season, the concave
    topography encourages groundwater to gather which would flavour the growth of
    vegetation.
  - Selected location is partly overlapping with the existing woodland which allows higher connectivity to existing community. The existing woodland can also be the seed bank for the woodland compensation area.
  - The selected location is managed under a single government department and does not include private land which flavours the ease of management.
- 2.13 Despite no plant species of conservation importance was found at the proposed ex-situ compensation area during site visit, the following precautionary measures are recommended for any floral species of conversation that is found by the qualified ecologist (as a member of the Environmental Team (ET)) during the compensatory planting process:
  - Set up individual plant protection zone (full canopy for tree species and 1m setback for herbaceous species or immature plant);
  - Erect bright-coloured robust fencing around the plant protection zone to remind workers;
  - Locate temporary storage area away from the plant protection zone.

# **Evaluation of Residual Impact**

- 2.14 The EIA scheme will affect 1.52 ha of secondary woodland (including permanent and temporary losses) while the current scheme will affect 2.51 ha of secondary woodland (**Table 2-3** and **Table 2-4** refers). In both schemes, the temporary affected area will be reinstated. Although the proposed scheme will cause an additional permanent woodland loss of 1.31 ha (see **Table 2-3**), compensatory planting is proposed following the principles stated in the EIA Report: a "no net loss" and "like for like" basis, or by providing a compensation area with equivalent or higher ecological function.
- 2.15 Compensatory planting of a total of 2.00 ha was proposed near within and outside the Project Site to fully compensate the permanent loss of 1.96 ha. As mentioned in the EIA Report, native species found in the vicinity would be planted close to the existing woodland habitats. In addition, transplantation and compensatory planting of plant

- species of conservation importance found in the affected woodland will be carried out as proposed in the Protection & Translocation Proposal (v.8.2). These help maintain the ecological function of secondary woodland.
- 2.16 Although planting in areas adjoining the Project Site cannot be pursued, a suitable ex-situ woodland compensation area, which connects to existing woodland, was selected to improve ecological connectivity. This area had been devastated by hill fires over the past decade and is maintained as a degraded grassland/shrubland. The proposed compensatory planting will accelerate the succession process to a secondary woodland by active planting, management and monitoring of human activity during the establishment period. Furthermore, the proposed fire break along its boundary will help reduce the chance of hill fire. These can provide a compensation area with equivalent or higher ecological function.
- 2.17 With the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, there will be no net loss of secondary woodland and the ecological impact arising from the permanent loss of woodland habitat would be compensated as required in the EIA Report. The residual ecological impact is expected to be acceptable and the conclusion in the EIA Report remains valid.

#### 3 SPECIES SELECTION

3.1 Table 8.43 of the EIA report had listed out the species to be considered for compensatory planting. In general, native flora species used for woodland compensation will be either similar to those native species recorded within the woodland nearby or commonly found from secondary woodland in Hong Kong. The compensatory planting area shall create a habitat with different layers that promotes habitat complexity and thus enhance the ecological values when matured. The reference list from the EIA report is shown as follows:

Table 3-1 Flora Species and their Availability to be considered for Compensatory Planting in the EIA Report

		Growth Form	Availability in HK	
Species Name	Chinese Name		GEO Report no.259	AFCD's Stock Availability
Acronychia pedunculata	山油柑	Tree	Yes	No
Alangium chinense	八角楓	Tree or shrub	Yes	No
Aquilaria sinensis	土沉香	Tree	No	No
Bischofia javanica	秋楓	Tree	Yes	No
Bridelia tomentosa	土蜜樹	Shrub or small tree	Yes	Yes
Canthium dicoccum	魚骨木	Tree or shrub	No info	No
Celtis sinensis	朴樹	Tree	Yes	No
Cinnamomum camphora	樟	Tree	Yes	Yes
Cleistocalyx nervosum	水翁	Tree	No info	Yes
Daphniphyllum calycinum	牛耳楓	Tree	No	Yes
Elaeocarpus chinensis	中華杜英	Tree or small tree	No	No
Ficus microcarpa	細葉榕	Tree	Yes	Yes
Garcinia oblongifolia	黃牙果	Tree	No	Yes
Litsea glutinosa	潺槁樹	Tree	Yes	Yes
Machilus pauhoi	刨花潤楠	Tree	No	Yes
Mallotus paniculatus	白楸	Tree or shrub	Yes	No
Phyllanthus emblica	油甘子	Tree or shrub	Yes	No
Schefflera heptaphylla	鴨腳木	Tree	Yes	Yes
Schima superba	木荷	Tree	Yes	Yes
Sterculia lanceolata	假蘋婆	Semi-deciduous tree	Yes	Yes
Viburnum odoratissimum	珊瑚樹	Shrub or small tree	No	Yes

3.2 In addition to the above list, findings from the vegetation survey in the EIA report and observations in detailed vegetation survey report and site visits to the proposed ex-situ compensation area have been reviewed. A full list of plant species reviewed from these sources is shown in **Appendix B**. A site specific recommended compensatory planting list is proposed in **Table 3-2** below, which that have considered the commonly found species in the affected area, their ecological functions and market availability. The market availability shall be referred to GEO Report No.259. Information from *Guiding Principles on Use of Native Plant Species in Public Works Projects* by Development Bureau shall be referred. Details of the selection shall be referred to **Appendix B**.

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- 3.3 The Contractor is advised to check the most updated market availability before the compensation begins. In addition to the aforementioned sources, the Contractor is recommended to consider other sources available in Hong Kong (e.g. Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden).
- 3.4 It should be kept in mind that the Contractor is not bound to plant all the species listed in **Table 3-2**. **Table 3-2** aims to recommend eco-friendly native species for matrix planting and suggest alternatives when one species is out of stock. Despite some species may being out of stock at the time of preparing this report, they are included to allow more flexibility for the Permit Holder to arrange compensation in the future.

Table 3-2 Recommended Flora Species to be considered for Compensatory Planting in this Woodland Compensation Plan

Species Name	Chinese			Suggested in the approved
Species 1 (unit	Name	010 W 01 1 01 11	GEO Report no.259	EIA
Acronychia pedunculata	山油柑	Tree	Yes	Yes
Alangium chinense	八角楓	Tree or shrub	Yes	Yes
Aporosa dioica	銀柴	Shrub or small tree	No	No
Baeckea frutescens	崗松	Shrub or small tree	No	No
Bischofia javanica	秋楓	Tree	Yes	Yes
Bridelia tomentosa	土蜜樹	Shrub or small tree	Yes	Yes
Castanopsis fissa	黧蒴錐	Tree	Yes	No
Cleistocalyx nervosum	水翁	Tree	No info	Yes
Cratoxylum cochinchinense	黄牛木	tree or shrub	No	No
Cyclobalanopsis glauca	青岡	Tree	No	No
Cyclobalanopsis myrsinifolia	小葉青岡	Tree	No	No
Daphniphyllum calycinum	牛耳楓	Tree	No	Yes
Desmos chinensis	假鷹爪	Woody climbing shrub	No	No
Elaeocarpus chinensis	中華杜英	Tree or small tree	No	Yes
Ficus hispida	對葉榕	Shrub or small tree	No	No
Garcinia oblongifolia	黄牙果	Tree	No	Yes
Helicteres angustifolia	山芝麻	Subshrub	No	No
Homalium cochinchinensis	天料木	Shrub or tree	No info	No
Litsea glutinosa	潺槁樹	Tree	Yes	Yes
Machilus pauhoi	刨花潤楠	Tree	No	Yes
Melastoma malabathricum	野牡丹	Shrub	Yes	No
Melastoma sanguineum	毛菍	Shrub	Yes	No
Ormosisa emarginata	凹葉紅豆	Tree	No	No
Ormosia semicastrata	軟莢紅豆	Tree	No	No
Phyllanthus emblica	油甘子	Tree or shrub	Yes	Yes
Polyspora axillaris	大頭茶	Shrub or small tree	Yes	No
Rhaphiolepis indica	春花	Shrub or small tree	Yes	No
Schefflera heptaphylla	鴨腳木	Tree	Yes	Yes
Schima superba	木荷	Tree	Yes	Yes
Sterculia lanceolata	假蘋婆	Semi-deciduous tree	Yes	Yes
Syzygium hancei	紅鱗蒲桃	Tree	Yes	No

Species Name	Chinese Name	Growth Form	Availability in HK GEO Report no.259	Suggested in the approved EIA
Viburnum odoratissimum	珊瑚樹	Shrub or small tree	No	Yes
Zanthoxylum avicennae	簕欓花椒	Tree	No info	No

- 3.5 Specific planting matrix for each planting area is proposed in **Section 4**. The Contractor shall stick to the proposed species as far as possible. In case the proposed species is unavailable on the market at the time of planting, a replacement species that can provide similar ecological function shall be proposed based on the recommended plant list as shown in **Table 3-2** above. The Contractor should inform and seek approval from Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and Environmental Protection Department (EPD) before the compensatory planting work begins.
- 3.6 In general, exotic species is not allowed to replace any of the proposed species. The Contractor must obtain agreement from AFCD and EPD if the replacement is a must.

#### 4 WOODLAND COMPENSATION PROPOSAL

- 4.1 All parties shall keep in mind that implementation works and management works should make reference to relevant guidelines, especially Section 3 Landscape Softworks and Establishment Works of General Specification for Civil Engineering Works (2006), GEO Publication No. 1/2011 Technical Guideline on Landscape Treatment for Slopes and GEO Publication No.1/2011 Technical Guideline on Landscape Treatment for Slopes.
- 4.2 To ensure the proposed tree species are well-adapted to the specific site conditions, species which are commonly seen in the area will be proposed as far as possible. In general, fast growing pioneer species and species that can provide ecological functions (e.g. fruit and nectar plants for attracting seed dispersers and pollinators) are selected.
- 4.3 Shrub species should be planted between trees to enhance the biodiversity, with the exception of the flat area near access road (**Sections 4.9 4.10** refer) and firebreak at exsitu woodland compensation (detailed in **Sections 4.16 4.17**) due to limited spacing.
- 4.4 The proposed compensation ratio is approximately 1:1.02 in order to achieve the "no net loss" basis. Except for dead trees and invasive species, no trees or shrubs will be felled during woodland compensation (with the exception of thinning process mentioned in **Sections 4.19 4.21**).
- 4.5 The exact planting number, proposed species, matrix spacing and pattern shall be decided based on the actual site condition. A proposal containing the aforementioned items shall be submitted to AFCD and EPD prior to the commencement of woodland compensation by the Project Proponent.

#### Site Preparation Work

- 4.6 The pre-planting works shall follow the instructions of the documents mentioned in **S.4.1**. For this Project, the following works will be conducted before the compensation begins.
  - (i) Removal of material (such as rubbish and weed)
  - (ii) Scarification
  - (iii) Protection of prepared ground with the use mulch or litter

#### In-situ Woodland Compensation

4.7 Most of the in-situ woodland compensation area is located on slope, with the exception of the flat area located at the end of the Access Road near Ventilation Shaft. The following matrix are proposed to enhance local biodiversity and restore woodland.

#### Proposed Tree Planting on Slope

4.8 For in-situ woodland compensation, only slopes with a gradient about or less than 35 degree within the project boundary will be used upon works completion. It would take a long time for roots of heavy and light standard trees to grab hold onto slopes, which may create potential tree failure. Therefore, planting seedlings and whip trees are recommended as they are more adaptable to slope environment when it is maturing.

#### Proposed Tree Planting for Flat Area near Access Road

4.9 A flat area (approximately 0.32ha) is located at the end of the A Kung Kok Shan Road Access Road next to the ventilation shaft. The tree planting shall follow the approved Tree Preservation and Removal Plan (TPRP) as far as possible.

Woodland Compensation Plan

4.10 Referring to the approved TPRP, woodland mixed planting of the following species was suggested at 1m-spacing:

Table 4-1 Proposed In-situ Tree Whip Planting for Flat Area near Access Road

Species Name	Common Name	Chinese Name	Percentage	Remark
Tree Whips in Mix Plantin	g			
Alangium chinensis	Chinese Alangium	八角楓	20	Summer nectar source
Bredelia tomentosa	Pikpoktai	土蜜樹	20	Summer nectar source, Fruit Plant
Elaeocarpus chinensis	Chinese Elaeocarpus	中華杜英	20	Summer nectar source, Fruit Plant
Phyllanthus emblica	Myrobalan	餘甘子	20	Fruit Plant
Viburnum odoratissimum	Sweet Viburnum	珊瑚樹	20	Summer nectar source, Fruit Plant

## Ex-situ Woodland Compensation

- 4.11 The proposed ex-situ WCA is located at a valley that suffered from hill fire in Feb 2020. The site is exposed with eroded topsoil and several patches of pioneer species. To combat such site constraint, planting will be conducted in 2 phases in order to improve soil condition and enhance local biodiversity.
  - Phase 1: Soil Conditioning, Shade-provisioning & Reforestation
- 4.12 Due to the relatively poor soil condition at the proposed ex-situ woodland compensation location, the main goal of Phase 1 is to improve soil condition by preserving soil moisture, reducing soil erosion and improving soil nutrient level. The pioneer and fast-growing species would also provide shade for understorey species which in turn increase the complexity of the compensatory woodland.
- 4.13 In accordance to Appendix C (Recommended Native Plant Species for Use in Soil Erosion Control Planting on Natural Hill Slopes) of Guiding Principles on Use of Native Plant Species in Public Works Projects published by CEDD, it is recommended that a mix of largely native pioneer species and a small proportion of native non-pioneer species is recommended at the moderately eroded and exposed slope. For area with good soil condition (with plant cover), Phase 2 tree planting below can be applied upon the commencement of woodland compensatory planting.
- 4.14 The estimated duration of Phase 1 is 2.5 years (including the transition period). The details of programme for woodland compensation is shown in **Appendix C**.
  - Phase 2: Reforestation and Biodiversity Enhancement
- 4.15 After Phase 1, the soil conditions established by the pioneer species will create more suitable condition for additional species to enhance biodiversity. The following species are proposed to enhance biodiversity:

# Proposed Tree Planting for Firebreak

- 4.16 Due to the history of hill fire, a firebreak is proposed to protect the compensatory woodland. A firebreak consisting of fire-resistant tree species will be planted along the edge of ex-situ compensation area.
- 4.17 To effectively minimize the spread of wildfire, the spacing between each tree shall be smaller. No shrubs will be provided in the understorey, as they are more susceptible to burning than trees in case of hill fire. The fire-resistant species are shown in **Appendix B**.
- 4.18 The estimated duration of Phase 2 is 3 years (including the transition period). The details of programme for woodland compensation is shown in **Appendix C**.

# Thinning Process

- 4.19 After Phase 1 of the ex-situ woodland compensation, thinning process shall be conducted before the commencement of Phase 2 planting. The time for thinning of ex-situ woodland compensation shall be reviewed by the qualified ecologist annually based on the actual condition. The objective of thinning process is to improve the growth rate and health of the targeted native trees as well as allowing space for Phase 2 tree planting. A qualified ecologist / botanist as part of the Environmental Team (ET) shall advise the Contractor on how and which tree shall be felled. Trees with poor structural or health condition shall be felled in priority.
- 4.20 The wood pieces of felled trees shall be scattered in the woodland floor. Not only can they retain soil moisture, they also act as soil conditioners by replenishing soil nutrient when decompose. Furthermore, crevices between the wood pieces can provide niches for small invertebrates for biodiversity enhancement of the area.
- 4.21 No large scale powered mechanical equipment should be employed for thinning work (e.g. excavator). Only hand tools will be allowed. According to EP Condition 2.16 and Section 7.3.13 of the EM&A Manual, the maintenance of compensatory planting shall be monitored by local ecologist with at least 10 years' experience in maintenance works. The Contractor shall then provide a detailed method statement for the thinning process and obtain approval from EPD and AFCD before the commencement of any thinning works.

#### Schedule for Tree Planting

4.22 Except for the flat area located near access road, the woodland compensation of the remaining locations of the Project Site can be initiated in 2022 and 2023. The flat area near access road will be freed up after the completion of blasting and decommissioning of temporary magazine site. The summary of tentative tree planting schedule is summarized as below:

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Table 4-2 Tentative Commencement Year of Tree Planting

Location	Year
Main Portal	2023
Secondary Portal	2023
Along Access Road to Ventilation Shaft	2022
Near Access Road – Flat Area	2027
Ex-situ Compensation Site	2022

- 4.23 As the actual planting time will depend on the construction progress, a general tentative planting programme is now attached to the plan as **Appendix C**.
- 4.24 Tree planting shall be conducted in spring and/or summer, which encourage the growth of vegetation and maximises survivorship.
  - In-situ Woodland Compensation
- 4.25 Upon the approval of this plan, the Contractor shall implement the in-situ woodland compensation after the completion of construction of the access road to the Ventilation Shaft, slope work behind the Main Portal and boulder removal work above the Secondary Portal and decommissioning of the Magazine Site. To shorten the time lag between the occurrence of the ecological impact and establishment of the mitigation measures, tree planting works shall be initiated as the earliest advance.
  - Ex-situ Woodland Compensation
- 4.26 Since no works will be undergoing at the proposed location, the compensation shall be arranged as soon as possible once this plan is approved.

#### 5 IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENT

- 5.1 The contractor will be responsible for the planting and maintenance works during planting and establishment phases, including the 5-year post-planting monitoring period as shown in the following table. They shall be implemented by a landscape contractor engaged by the contractor.
- 5.2 In addition, Condition 2.16 of the EP stated that:

"Upon completion of compensatory planting, monitoring by local ecologist with experience in maintenance works (e.g. irrigation, weeding, pruning, control of pests and diseases, replacement planting, repair of damage, etc.) shall be conducted. The monitoring frequency shall be monthly within the first year after planting. Parameters including health condition, survival rate of the plant and presence of weedy plant shall be monitored."

5.3 Although the EP specifies the monitoring frequency by ET would be once per month during the first year after planting, the monitoring period is proposed to be extended to 5 years to align with the compensatory planting.

Table 5-1 Inspection and Maintenance during 5-year Post-planting Period

	Post-planting Period		
Inspection	1st year Month 0 - 2	Bi-weekly	
Frequency	1 <sup>st</sup> year Month 3 - 12	Monthly	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Bi-monthly	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> year onwards	Quarterly	
Duration	5-year Establishment Period		
Maintenance &	All necessary regular maintenance in accordance to General Specification for		
Establishment	Civil Engineering Works (2006) Section 3 – Landscape Softworks and		
Works	Establishment Works;		
	As specified in <b>Section 6</b>		
Implementation Agent	Qualified Ecologist of the Environmental Team		

#### **Planting Management**

- 5.4 The purpose of setting up a planting management works is to ensure the compensation meets the planting performance in accordance with the requirements of planting strategy.
- 5.5 The specification for standard practises of inspection and establishment works shall follow General Specification for Civil Engineering Works (2006) Section 3 Landscape Softworks and Establishment Works. The details on watering, weeding and replacement of dead plants shall also follow the aforementioned circular.
- 5.6 A 5-year post-planting monitoring is proposed to ensure proper establishment of the woodland area. In ideal situation, the handing-over will conducted after the 5-year-long monitoring period. However, the authorities (AFCD, DSD, EPD and Lands Department) and qualified ecologist hold the right to extend the post-planting monitoring programme if the performance is unsatisfactory.
- 5.7 To ensure proper maintenance, the following parties shall be responsible for the ad-hoc maintenance during different time period.

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Time Period	Responsible Party
Establishment Period & Maintenance Period	Contractor
After Establishment Period & Maintenance Period, Before Handover Process Ends	Contractor
After Handover Process End	Responsible Government Department (In-situ: Drainage Services Department Ex-situ: Lands Department)

# Control of Invasive Species

5.8 During weeding, invasive and unwanted species such as *Leucaena leucocephala* and *Mikania micrantha* on the whip trees should be removed.

#### 6 MONITORING PROGRAMME

#### Review of Requirement from EM&A Manual and Environmental Permit

- 6.1 Condition 2.16 of the Environmental Permit (Application No.: AEP-533/2017) stated monitoring of woodland compensation shall be conducted by local ecologist with experience in maintenance works (e.g. irrigation, weeding, pruning, control of pests and diseases, replacement planting, repair of damage, etc.) upon completion of compensatory planting.
- 6.2 Condition 2.16 of the EP also stated the monitoring frequency shall be monthly within the first year after planting and parameters such as health condition, survival rate of the plant and presence of weedy plant shall be monitored.
- 6.3 In addition, Section 8.10.1.4 of the approved EIA report specifies that the local ecologist / botanist should have at least 10 years relevant experience.

# **Post-Planting Monitoring**

- 6.4 The post-planting monitoring shall be carried out by a qualified ecologist / botanist with experience in maintenance works as a member of the Environmental Team (ET).
- 6.5 As the woodland compensation area is relatively large (a total of 2.00 ha), inspection walk and quadrat sampling are proposed for monitoring. General health condition (good/fair/poor/dead) and survival rate (%) of individual species of the planted trees and shrubs shall be recorded by direct observation.
- 6.6 Tree tagging shall be performed by the Contractor to maximize monitoring effectiveness and provide a more accurate general overview of the planting areas and inspection.
- 6.7 Areas shown in **Figures 3a-3c, 4** are proposed for detailed sampling, which aims to collect quantitative information for individual plant within the sampling area. To be specific, the following table shows the details of proposed sampling area:

Table 6-1 Details on Proposed Sampling Area

Location	Sampling Area Size	
Near Access Road – Flat Area	400m <sup>2</sup> (20m x 20m)	
Near Access Road – Slope Area	400m <sup>2</sup> (10m x 40m)	
Secondary Portal – Slope Area	Due to small planting area, all plants	
Secondary Portar – Stope Area	should be inspected	
Main Portal – Slope Area	A total of 400m <sup>2</sup>	
Ex-situ Woodland Compensation Area – Downslope	400m <sup>2</sup> (20m x 20m)	
Ex-situ Woodland Compensation Area – Upslope	400m <sup>2</sup> (20m x 20m)	

6.8 A 5-year long post-planting monitoring is proposed. The frequency of the monitoring in the first year is proposed to be bi-weekly in Month 0 – 2 and then monthly in Month 3 – 12 after planting as per the EP. The monitoring frequency should then be reduced to bi-monthly from the second year. The monitoring frequency is proposed to further reduce to quarterly from the third year onwards. Change of monitoring frequency should be advised by the Ecologist of the ET and approved by AFCD and EPD.

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6.9 The Trigger and Action Level of the post-planting monitoring are shown below:

Table 6-2 **Trigger and Action Levels for Post-Planting Monitoring** 

Parameter	Trigger Level	Action Level
General Health	% of individual plant species in poor	% of individual plant species in poor
Condition	health condition >20%	health condition >30%
Survival of Plants	Survival rate of individual plant species	Survival rate of individual plant species
Survival of Plants	< 80%	< 70%

- 6.10 Natural colonization of nearby vegetation into the compensatory woodland area is also a part of the woodland regeneration process. Despite individuals living at the edge of the compensation area are prone to be competition by more tolerant and competitive species, regular removal of naturally occurred native plants is not preferred. Removal of exotic weedy species only is recommended. None the less, the need of weeding native species will be determined by the qualified ecologist and contractor during the monitoring.
- 6.11 The Event and Action Plan of the post-planting monitoring are shown below:

Trigger and Action Levels for Post-Planting Monitoring Table 6-3

Table 0-5 Trigger and Action Levels for 1 ost-1 lanting Monitoring			
Parameter	Trigger Level	Action Level	
General Health Condition	- the ET should inform Independent Environmental Checker (IEC), RE and Contractor immediately; - identify the cause(s) of the increased % in poor condition; - advise Contractor the necessity of replanting; - should replanting be considered necessary, Contractor should start the replanting works within one month or in the appropriate planting season	- the ET should inform IEC, RE and Contractor immediately; - identify the cause(s) of the increased % in poor condition; - advise remedial action and work out solution including change of species in replanting; and seek acceptance from EPD; - Once the remedial action has been accepted by EPD, Contractor should start implementing the remedial action within two weeks or as agreed with EPD.	
Survival of Plants	- the ET should inform IEC, RE and Contractor immediately; - identify the cause(s) of the drop in survival rate; - advise Contractor the necessity of replanting; - should replanting be considered necessary, Contractor should start the replanting works within one month or in the appropriate planting season.	- the ET should inform IEC, RE and Contractor immediately; - identify the cause(s) of the drop in survival rate; - advise remedial action and work out solution including change of species in replanting; and seek acceptance from EPD; - Once the remedial action has been accepted by EPD, Contractor should start implementing the remedial action within two weeks or as agreed with EPD.	

# Post-Planting Maintenance

6.12 The detailed tentative maintenance programme for the 5-year post-planting period is shown below:

**Table 6-4 Timeframe for Maintenance Activities** 

Activity	Timeframe
Planting	Spring & Summer of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year; The next Spring & Summer after thinning
Replacement Planting (if necessary)	Spring & Summer within establishment period
Thinning (for ex-situ woodland compensation only)	Reviewed annually by qualified ecologist after Phase 1 of exsitu woodland compensation
Monitoring & Reporting	Bi-weekly in Month $0-2$ and Monthly in Month $3-12$ during the $1^{st}$ year; Bi-monthly during $2^{nd}$ year; Quarterly from $3^{rd}$ year onwards

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6.13 The Contractor shall be responsible for regular irrigation, weeding, pruning, control of pest and disease, replacement planting and repairing of damage of the vegetation. The approved ecologist (as a member of ET) shall monitor the Contractor as per Condition 2.16 under EP (as shown in **Section 5.2**).

# Reporting

Regular Monitoring Report

- 6.14 After each monitoring, a monitoring report shall be prepared to include at least but not limited to the following:
  - (i) Introduction:
  - (ii) Methodology;
  - Site observation; (iii)
  - (iv) Monitoring results (survival rate, health condition, presence of weedy plant);
  - Analysis of Monitoring Results and Non-compliances; (v)
  - Recommendation (vi)
- 6.15 The report shall be certified by the ET, verified by the IEC and then submitted to the EPD and AFCD for record.

Report on Completion of Establishment

- 6.16 After the completion of establishment for each planting phase, the Permit Holder shall provide reports include at least but not limited to the following to AFCD and EPD for record after the certification of ET and verification of IEC:
  - (i) Introduction:
  - (ii) Methodology;
  - Site photo: (iii)
  - Receipt of the number of seedling and saplings; (iv)
  - Recommendation (v)
- 6.17 The Permit Holder shall fulfil the requirements specified by Clause 3.93 of General Specification for Civil Engineering Works (2006) before submitting the Report on Completion of Establishment

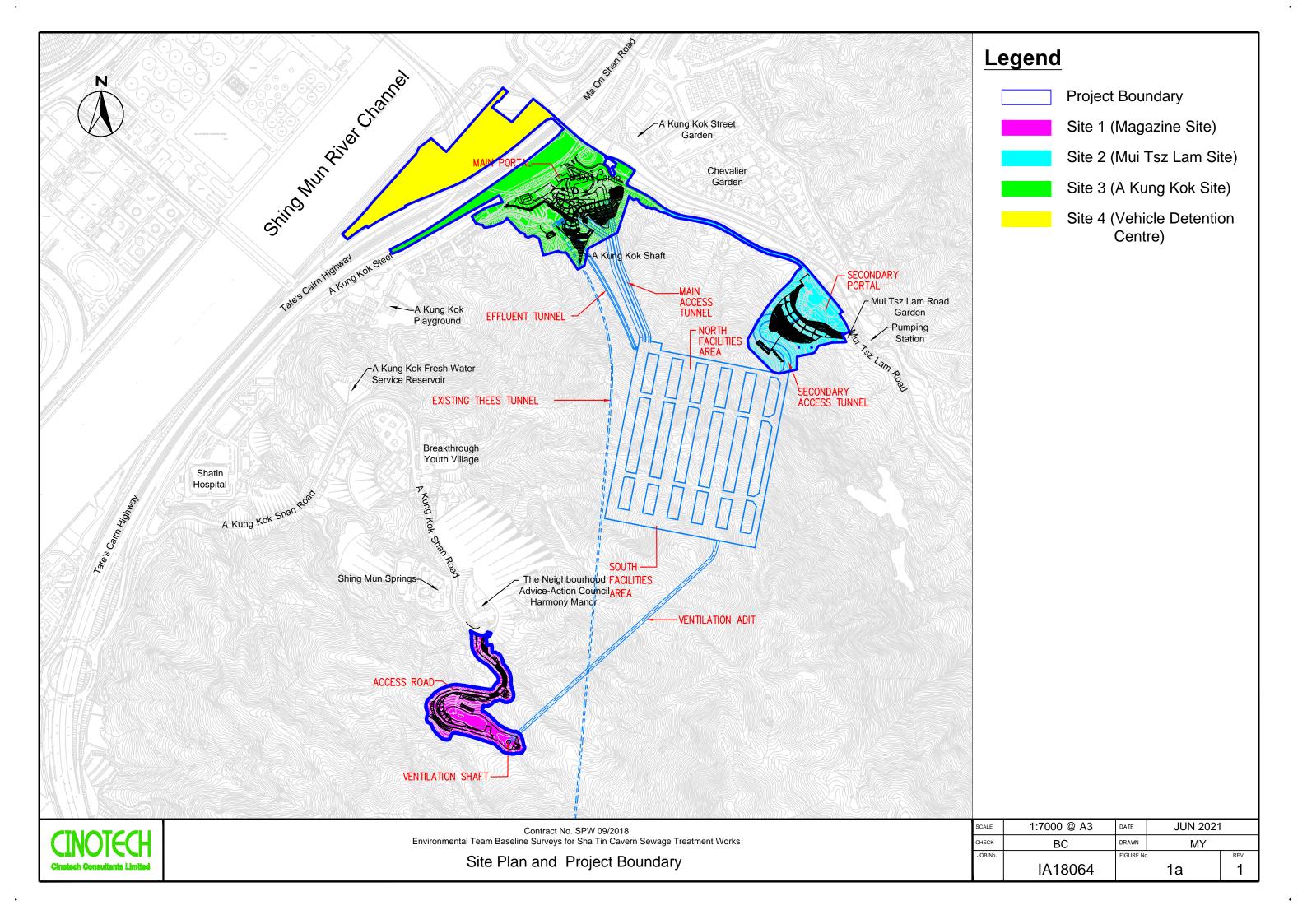
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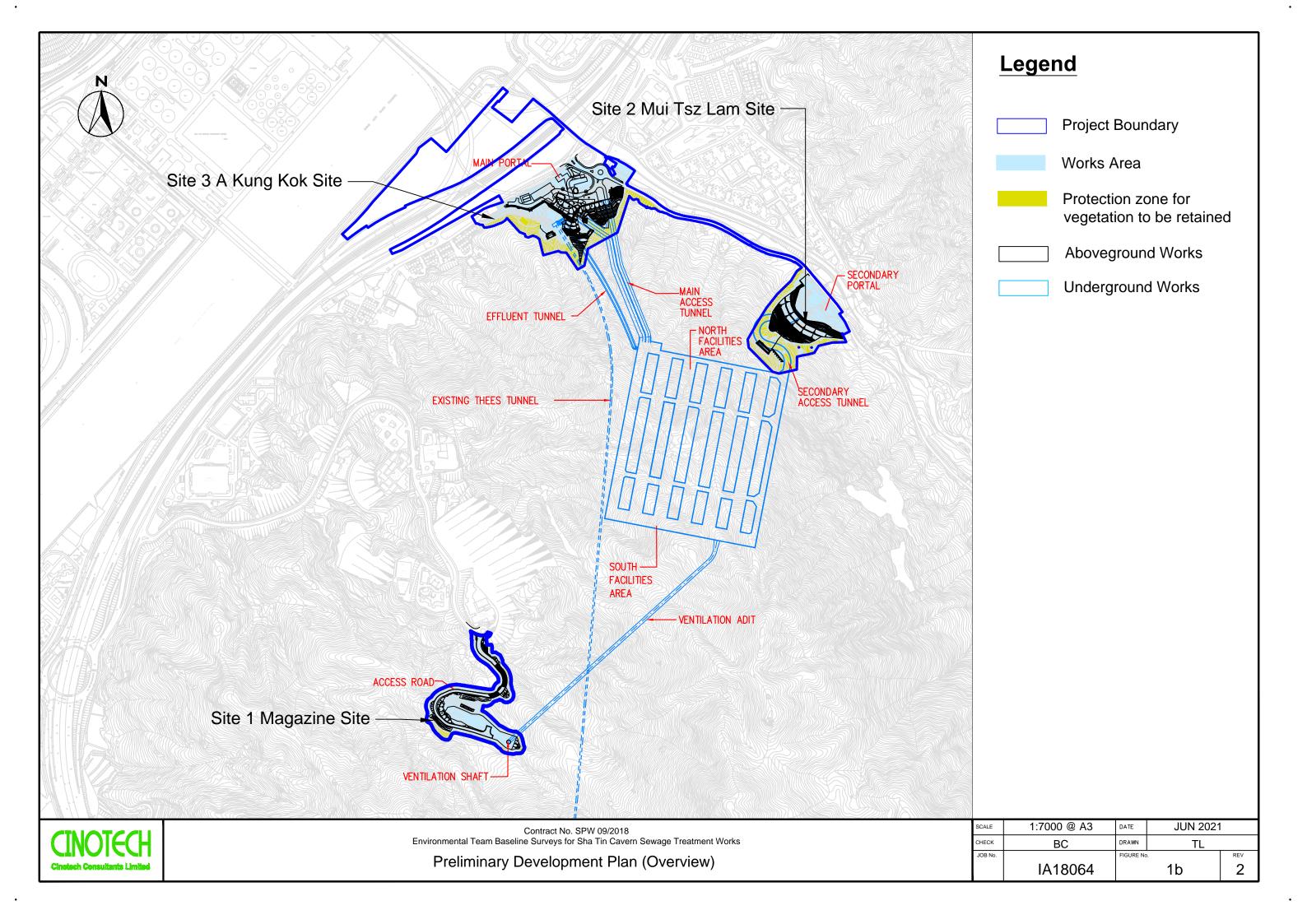
6.18 A final summary report shall be handed in within a month after the completion of the 5 years post-planting monitoring and maintenance. The necessity for further monitoring shall be reviewed in the 5 years post-planting summary report.

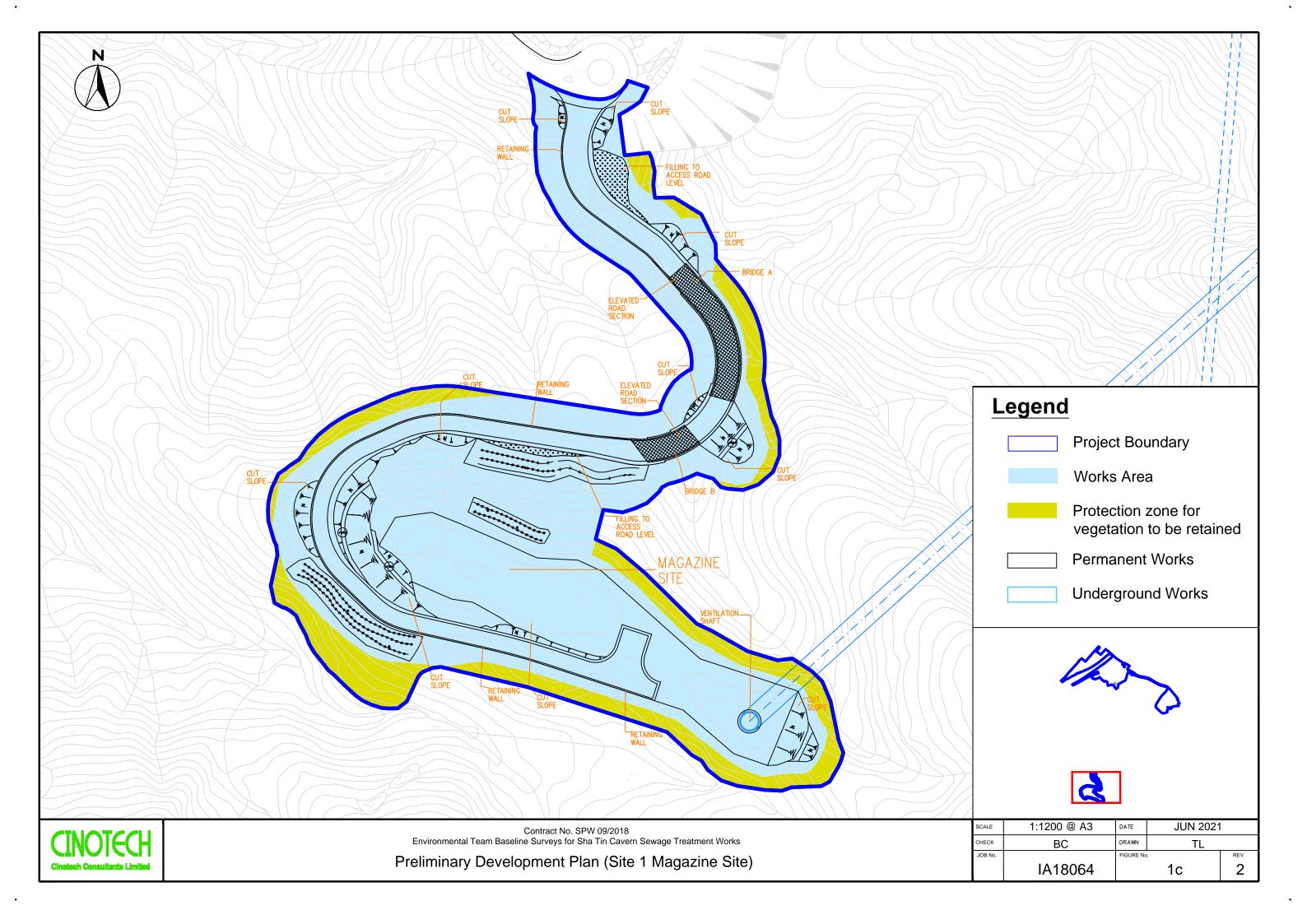
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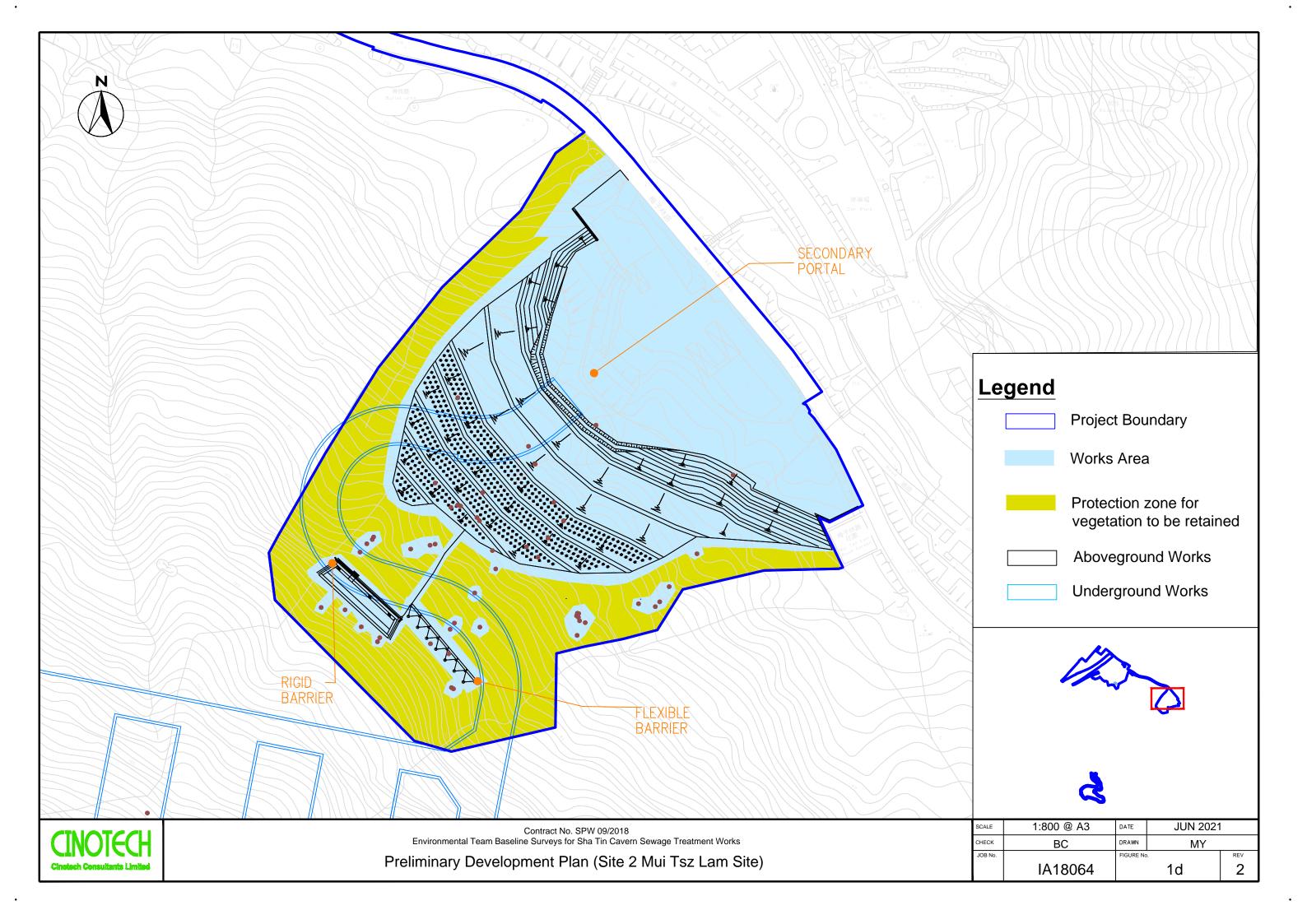
- 7.1 The Woodland Compensation Plan has been developed to facilitate the establishment of woodland compensation areas to mitigate the woodland loss due to the project. The original proposed woodland compensation within the approved EIA report was changed due to the increased loss of woodland due to change of design. In order to maintain the "no net loss" basis, ex-situ woodland compensation was deemed to be a necessity.
- 7.2 Different tree mixes had been proposed in various areas to enhance biodiversity. To ensure the planting works are properly implemented, a 5-year post-planting monitoring had been proposed.

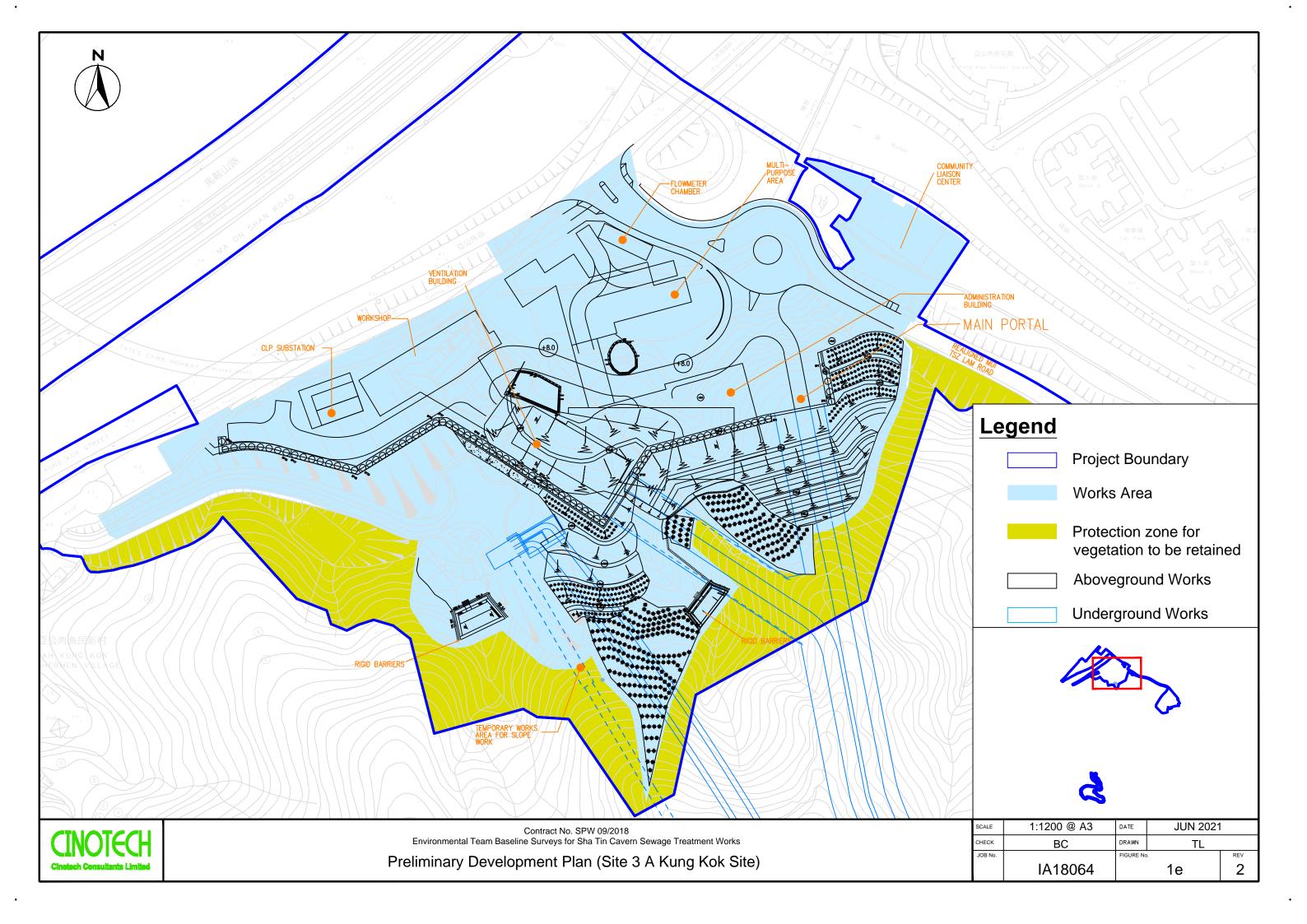
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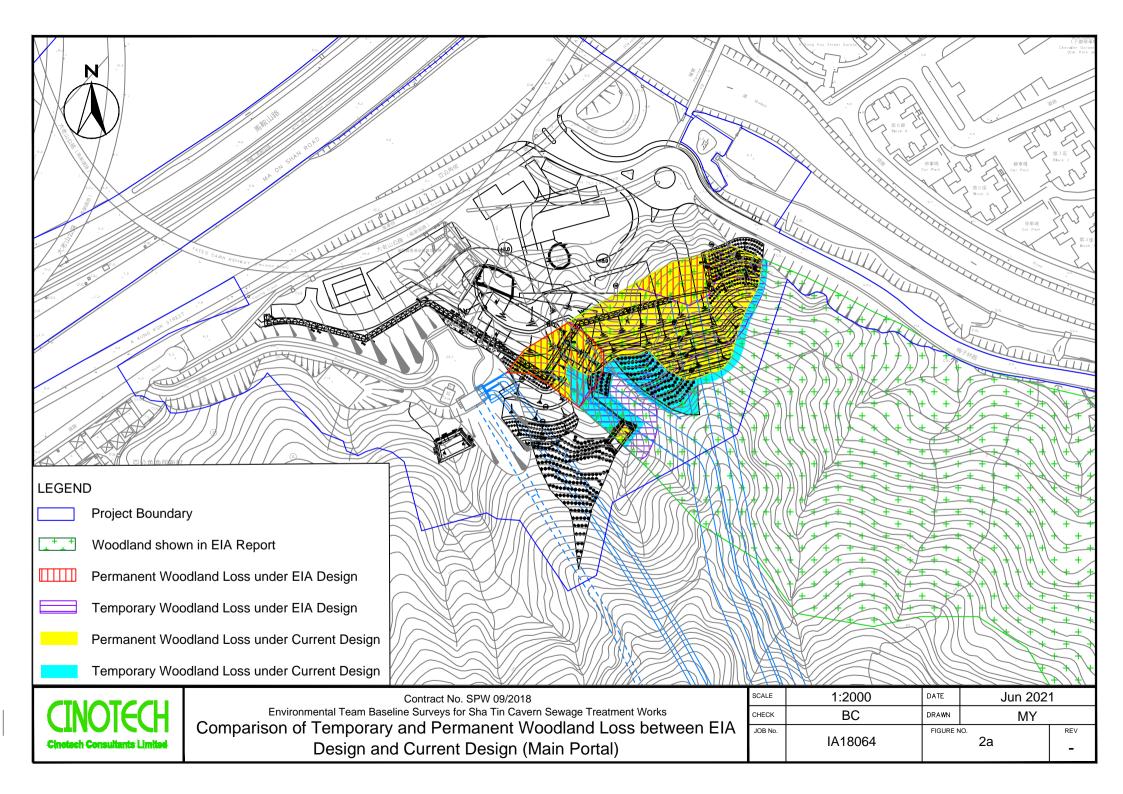


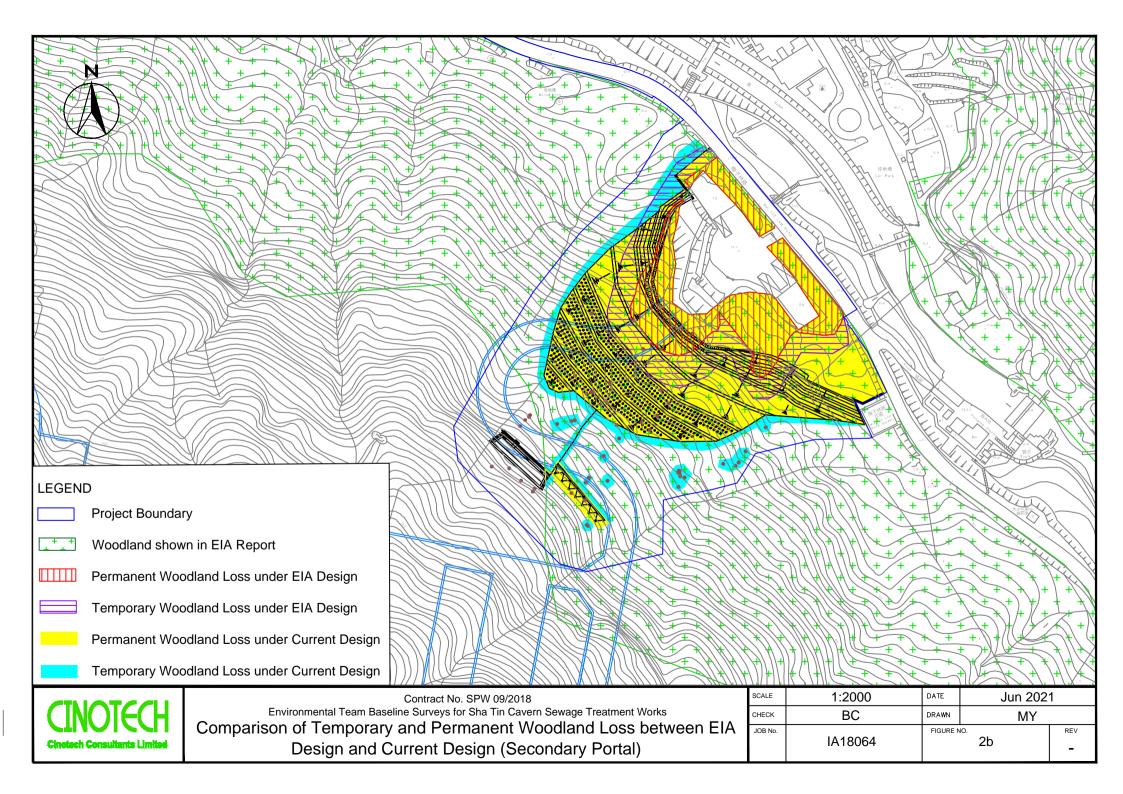


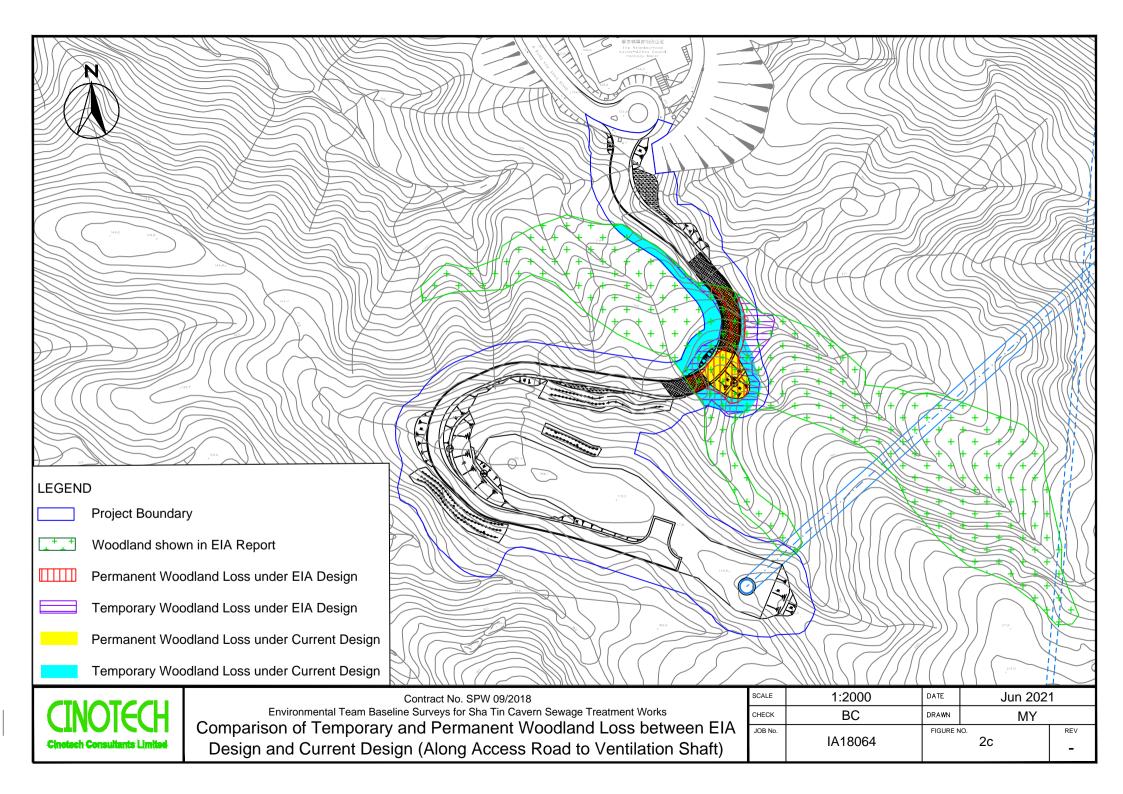


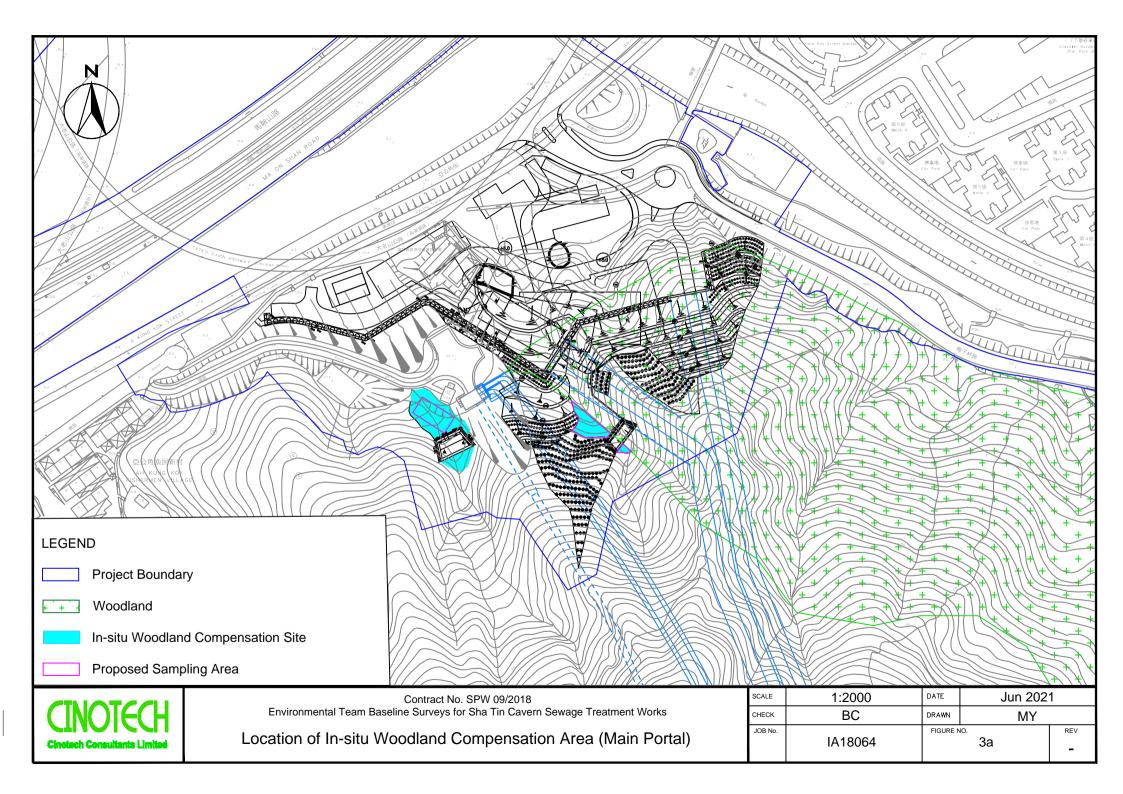


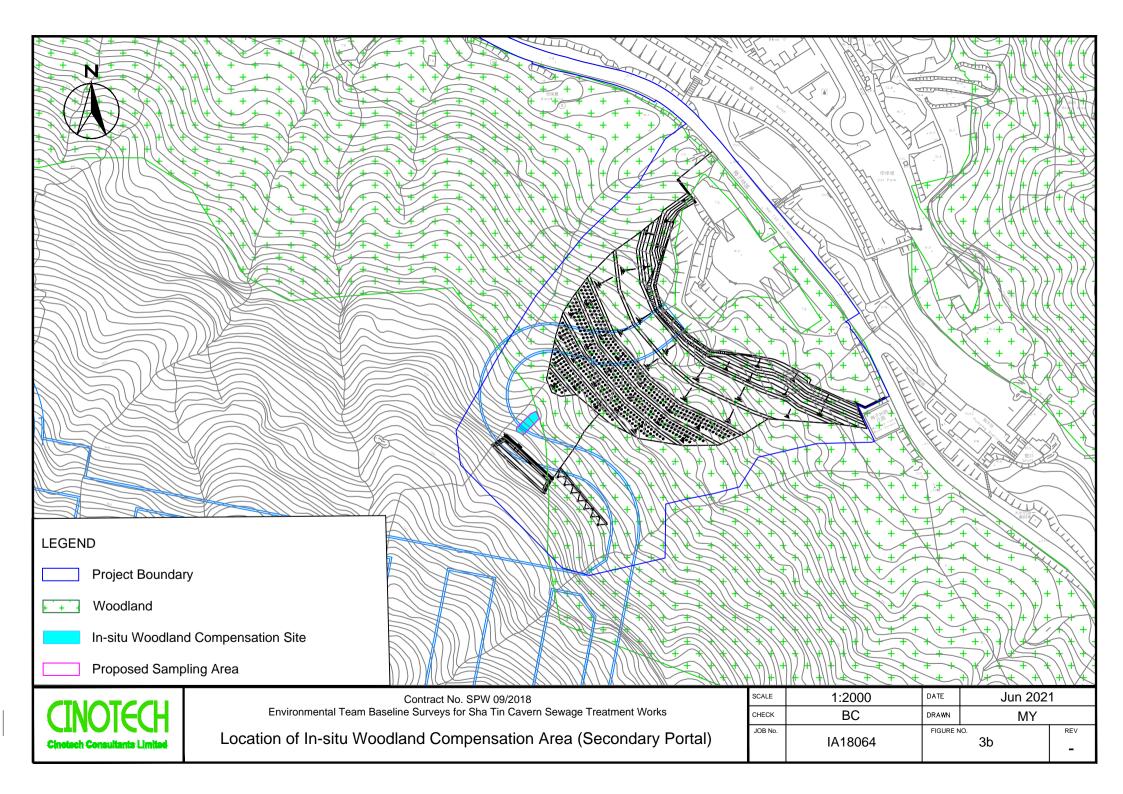


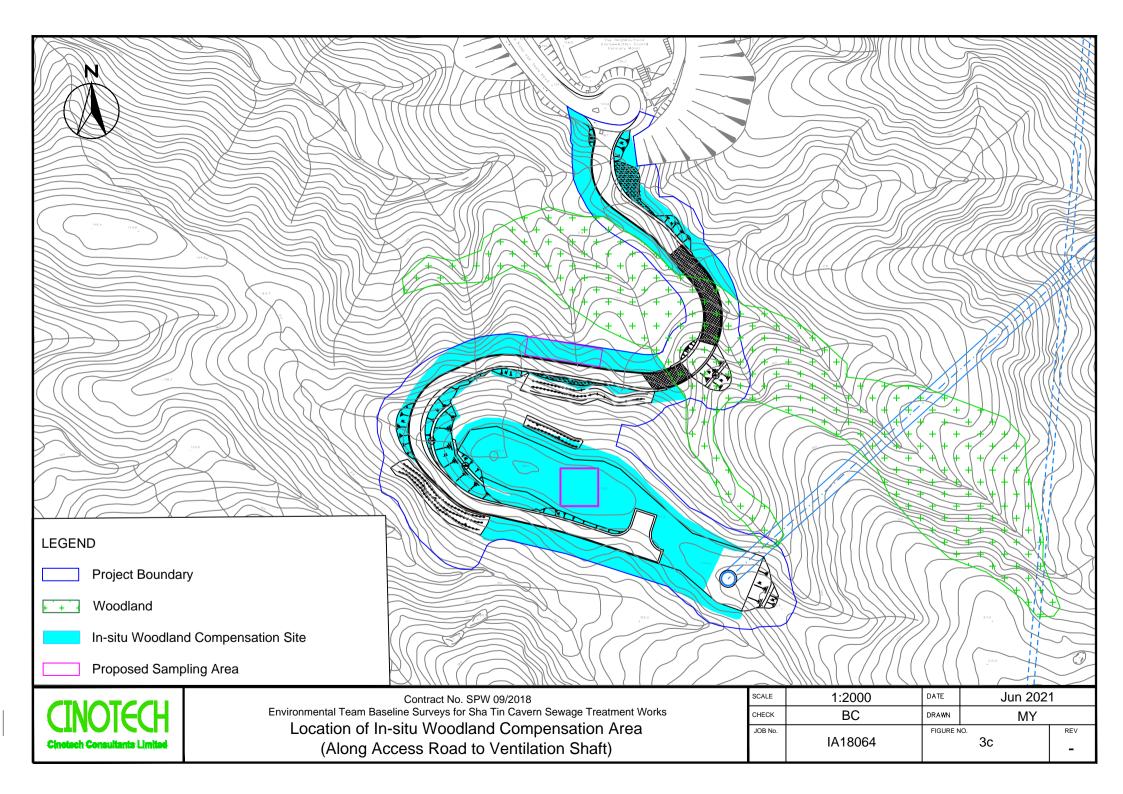


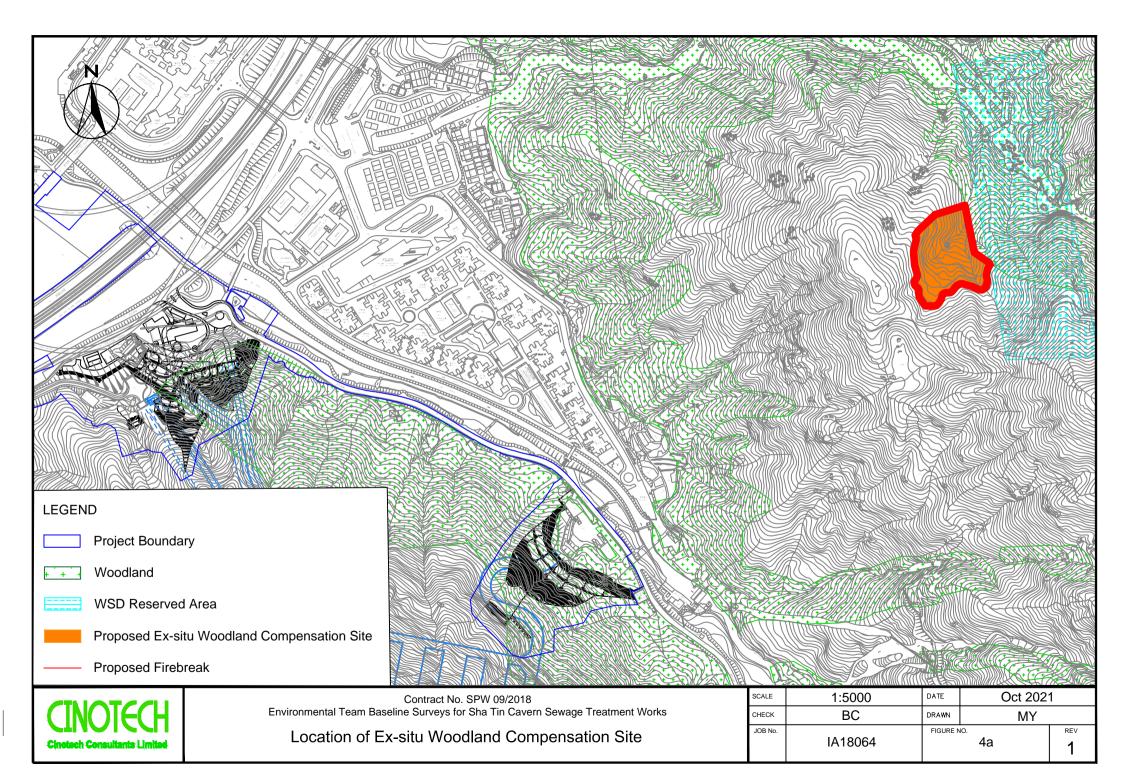


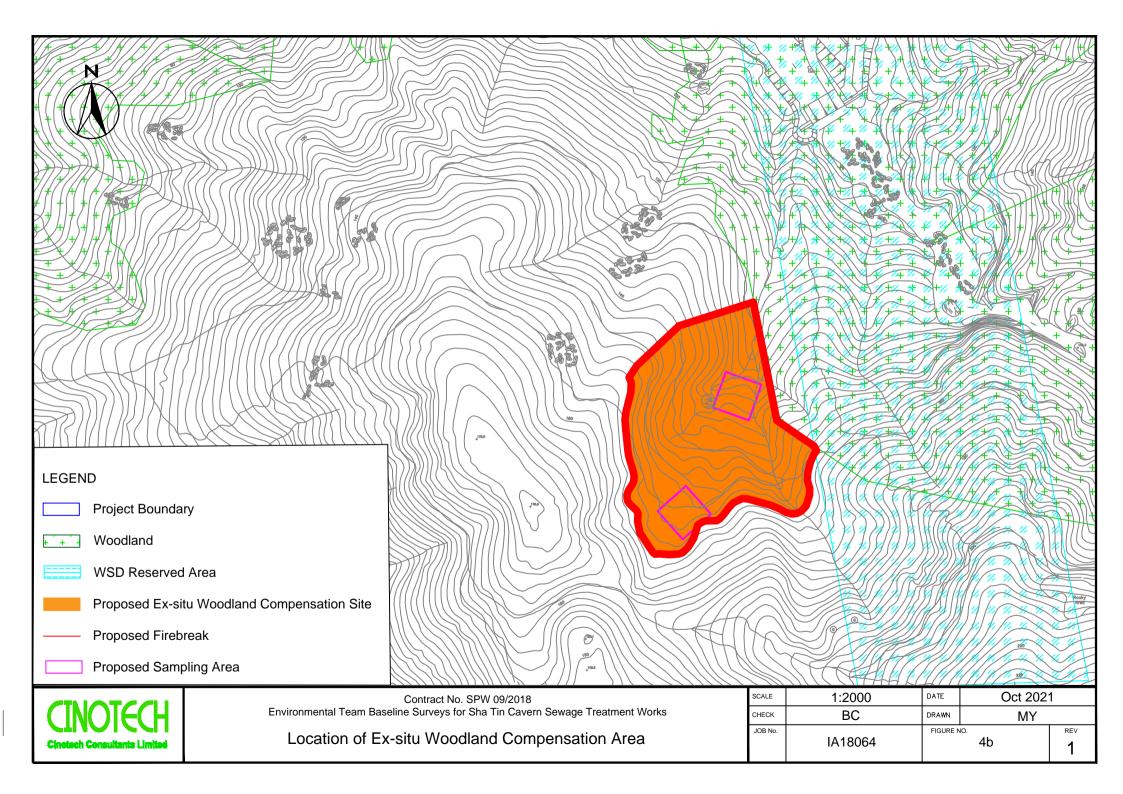




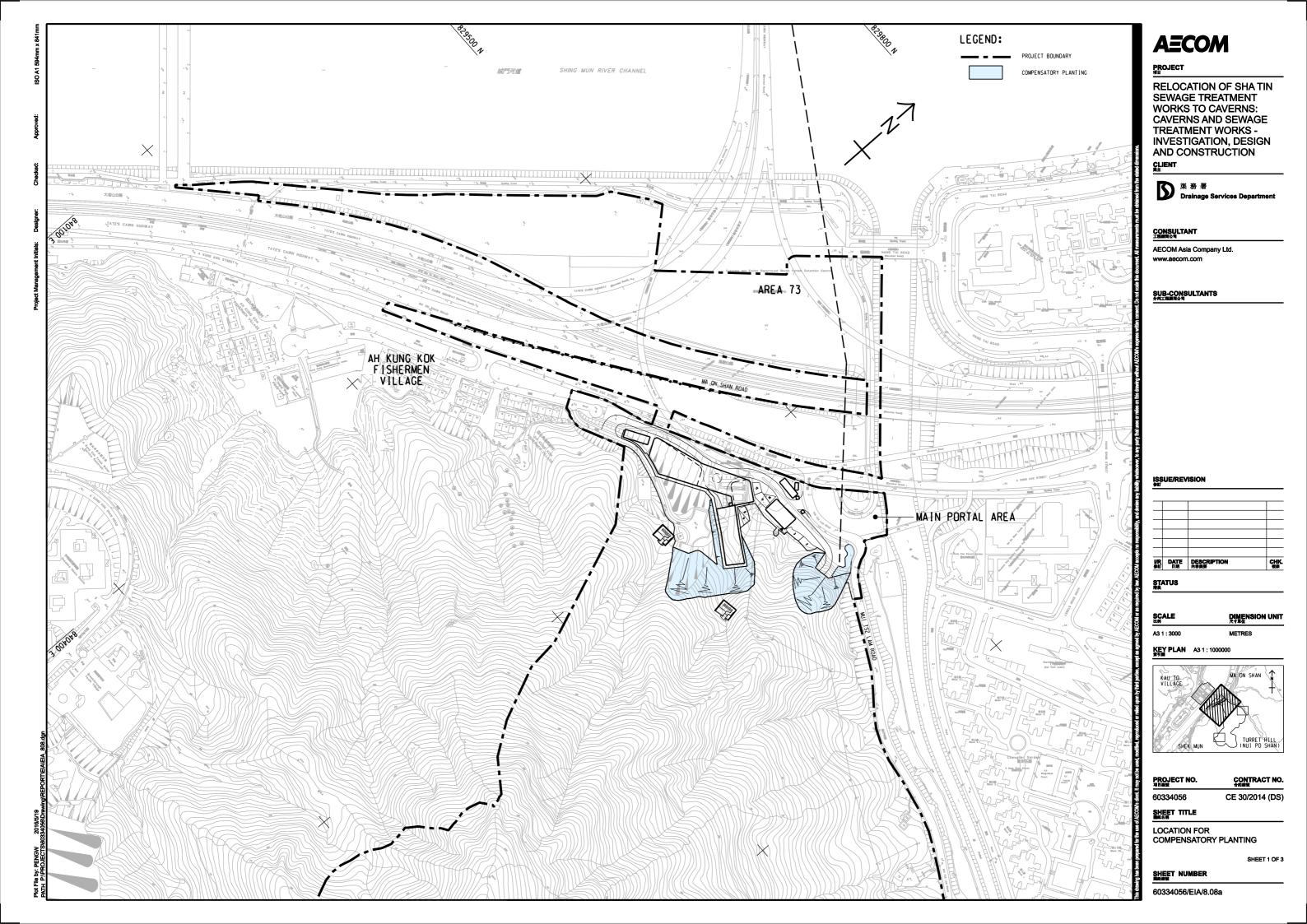


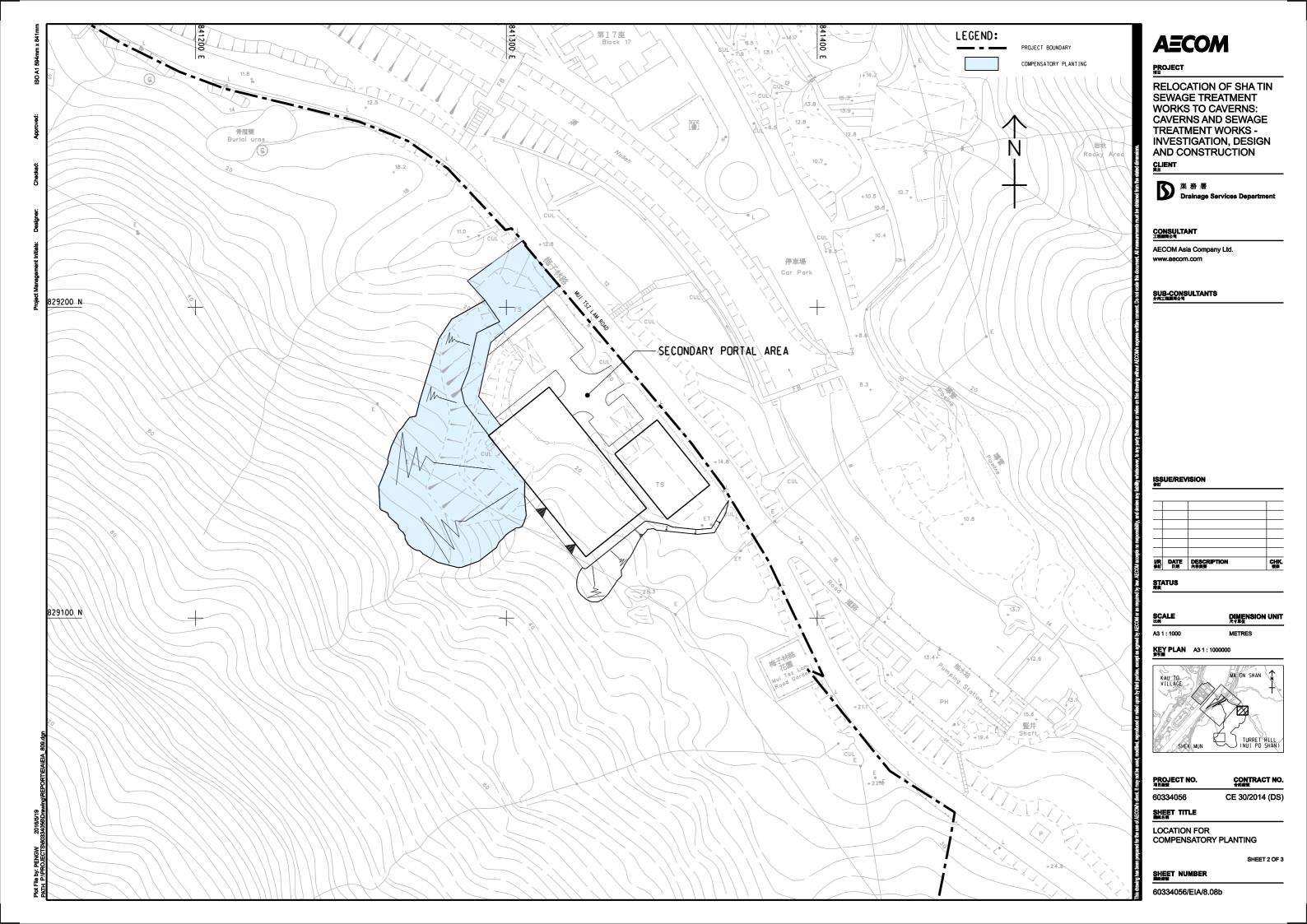


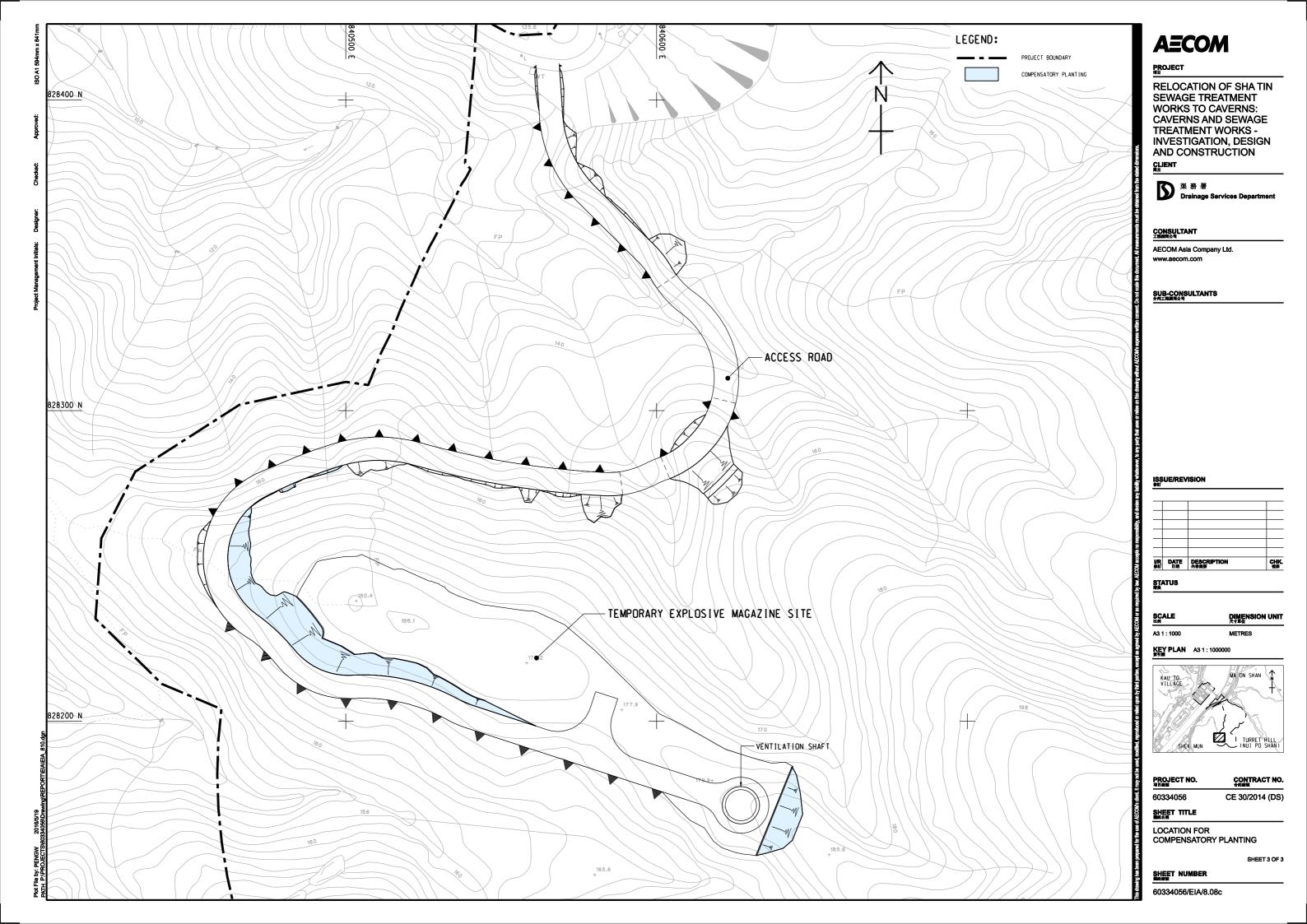




APPENDIX A LOCATION FOR WOODLAND COMPENSATION PROPOSED IN THE APPROVED EIA REPORT







### APPENDIX B PROPOSED SPECIES AND JUSTIFICATIONS

### APPENDIX B - SELECTED SPECIES LIST

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Species Name	English Name	Chinese Name	Growth Form	Е	F	FB	G	Н	N	V
Sterculia lanceolata	Lance-leaved Sterculia	假蘋婆	Semi-deciduous tree	Y	Y		Y			Y
Syzygium hancei	Hance's Syzygium	紅鱗蒲桃	Tree		Y		Y			Y
Ternstroemia gymnanthera	Naked Anther Ternstroemia	厚皮香	Shrub or small tree		Y					Y
Tetradium glabrifolium	Melia-leaced Evodia	棟葉吳茱萸	tree		Y			Y		Y
Trema tomentosa	India-charcoal Trema	山黄麻	shrub or small tree		Y			Y		Y
Tylophora ovata	Ovate Tylophora	娃兒藤	slender woody vine					Y		Y
Uvaria grandiflora	Large-flower Uvaria	大花紫玉盤/山椒	woody climbing shrub		Y			Y		Y
Uvaria macrophylla	Uvaria	紫玉盤	woody climbing shrub		Y			Y		Y
Viburnum odoratissimum	Sweet Viburnum	珊瑚樹	Shrub or small tree	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Vitex negundo	Yellow Bramble	黄荊	shrub or small tree		Y				Y	Y
Zanthoxylum avicennae	Prickly Ash	簕欓花椒	Tree		Y			Y	Y	Y
Zanthoxylum nitidum	Shiny-leaved Prickly Ash	兩面針	Climbing Shrub		Y			Y		Y

E: Suggested in EIA Study; F: Produce fruits for wild animals with ecological values;

FB: Reported as a fire-resistance species; G:Available in accordance to GEO Report No.259; H: Host plants for butterfly;

N: Nectar plants for incests; P: Categorized as pioneer species; V: Recorded in Vegetation Survey from EIA study

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# APPENDIX C TENTATIVE PLANTING PROGRAMME

#### Appendix C - Tentative Planting Programme

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# APPENDIX D IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

## Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns Implementation Schedule (IS) – Woodland Compensation Plan (WCP)

Recommended Mitigation Measures	Objective of the Measures	Who to	Location of the Measures	When to Implement	Reference to
(What Measures)	(What Requirements)	Implement /	(Where)	the Measures?	paragraph(s)
		Maintain the		(When)	in this WCP
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Reinstatement of Temporary Woodland and In-situ Woodland	To plan and implement the	Permit holder /	N. T.	(1) Pre-planting	S.2.8 - 2.9
Compensation nearby Main Portal Area	planting requirements for	Resident Site		(within Year 2022-	S.3
	achieving successful woodland	Engineer to		2023)	S.4.1 - 4.10
Pre-planting Pre-planting	development	assign/plan the		(2) Planting works	S.4.22 – 4.25
To clearly demarcate the planting area and location		works		(within Year 2022-	S.5.3 - 5.8
To identify planting species and spacing				2023)	S.6.4 - 6.18
Site preparation		Contractor &		(3) Post-planting	
n		his Arborist to		monitoring (Year	
Planting		execute the	LEGEND Project Boundary	2024-2028)	
To execute woodland compensation		works	Woodland shown in EIA Report		
		Em. 0 1'' 1	Temporary Woodland Loss under EIA Design		
Post Planting Monitoring (5 years)		ET's Qualified	Permanent Woodland Loss under Current Design Temporary Woodland Loss under Current Design		
Checking of general health condition and survival rate		Ecologist to	(See Figure 2a for the location of Temporary Woodland)		
• Inspection Frequency:		monitor the	N. T.		
○ Bi-weekly during Month 0 – 2 in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year;		works			
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• Quarterly from 3 <sup>rd</sup> year onwards.		uie works			
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			LEGEND Provide Provider		
			Project Boundary  Woodland		
			In-situ Woodland Compensation Site Proposed Sampling Area		
			(See Figure 3a for the location of In-situ Woodland compensation)		

Recommended Mitigation Measures (What Measures)	Objective of the Measures (What Requirements)	Who to Implement / Maintain the Measures? (Who)	Location of the Measures (Where)	When to Implement the Measures? (When)	Reference to paragraph(s) in this WCP
Reinstatement of Temporary Woodland and In-situ Woodland Compensation nearby Secondary Portal Area  Pre-planting  • To clearly demarcate the planting area and location • To identify planting species and spacing • Site preparation  Planting  • To execute woodland compensation  Post Planting Monitoring (5 years)  • Checking of general health condition and survival rate • Inspection Frequency:  • Bi-weekly during Month 0 – 2 in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year;  • Monthly during Month 3 – 12 in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year;  • Bi-monthly during 2 <sup>nd</sup> year;  • Quarterly from 3 <sup>rd</sup> year onwards.	To plan and implement the planting requirements for achieving successful woodland development	Permit holder / Resident Site Engineer to assign/plan the works  Contractor & his Arborist to execute the works  ET's Qualified Ecologist to monitor the works  IEC to verify the works  (Maintenance Parties: DSD)	LEGENO  Proport Boundary  Woodland shown in EIA Report  Temporary Woodland Loss under EIA Design  Permittered Woodland Loss under Clarent Design  Temporary Woodland Loss under Clarent Design  Temporary Woodland Course Clarent Design  Tempor	<ul> <li>(1) Pre-planting (within Year 2023- 2024)</li> <li>(2) Planting works (within Year 2023- 2024)</li> <li>(3) Post-planting monitoring (Year 2024-2028)</li> </ul>	S.2.8 – 2.9 S.3 S.4.1 - 4.10 S.4.22 – 4.25 S.5.3 – 5.8 S.6.4 – 6.18

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Reinstatement of Temporary Woodland and In-situ Woodland	To plan and implement the	Permit holder /	N CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR	Nearby Access Road	S.2.8 – 2.9
Compensation along Access Road to Ventilation Shaft	planting requirements for achieving successful woodland	Resident Site Engineer to		(1) Pre-planting (within Year 2023-	S.3 S.4.1 - 4.10
Pre-planting	development	assign/plan the		2024)	S.4.22 – 4.25
To clearly demarcate the planting area and location	r	works		(2) Planting works	S.5.3 – 5.8
<ul> <li>To identify planting species and spacing</li> </ul>				(within Year 2023-	S.6.4 – 6.18
Site preparation		Contractor &		2024)	
Planting		his Arborist to execute the		(3) Post-planting monitoring (Year	
To execute woodland compensation		works	LEGEND Project Boundary Woodland shown in EIA Report	2024-2028)	
Post Planting Monitoring (5 years)  Checking of general health condition and survival rate  Inspection Frequency:  Bi-weekly during Month 0 – 2 in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year;  Monthly during Month 3 – 12 in the 1 <sup>st</sup> year;  Bi-monthly during 2 <sup>nd</sup> year;  Quarterly from 3 <sup>rd</sup> year onwards.		ET's Qualified Ecologist to monitor the works  IEC to verify the works  (Maintenance Parties: DSD)	Permanent Woodland Loss under EIA Design  Temporary Woodland Loss under EIA Design  Temporary Woodland Loss under Current Design  Temporary Woodland  Temporary Magazine Site and Ventilation Shaft  See Figure 3c for the location of In-situ Woodland compensation)	Temporary Magazine Site and Ventilation Shaft (1) Pre-planting (within Year 2026-2027) (2) Planting works (within Year 2027) (3) Post-planting monitoring (Year 2027-2031)	

Recommended Mitigation Measures (What Measures)	Objective of the Measures (What Requirements)	Who to Implement / Maintain the Measures? (Who)	Location of the Measures (Where)	When to Implement the Measures? (When)	Reference to paragraph(s) in this WCP
Ex-situ Woodland Compensation near Ma Tai Stream  Pre-planting  To clearly demarcate the planting area and location To identify planting species and spacing Site preparation  Planting Phase 1: Tree Planting for Firebreak Phase 2: Reforestation and Biodiversity Enhancement  Post Planting Monitoring (5 years) Checking of general health condition and survival rate Inspection Frequency: Bi-weekly during Month 0 – 2 in the 1st year; Monthly during Month 3 – 12 in the 1st year; Bi-monthly during 2nd year; Quarterly from 3rd year onwards.	To plan and implement the planting requirements for achieving successful woodland development	Permit holder / Resident Site Engineer to assign/plan the works  Contractor & his Arborist to execute the works  ET's Qualified Ecologist to monitor the works  IEC to verify the works  (Maintenance Parties: DSD during planting and establishment period and return to LandsD for self-sustain afterwards)	LESSID Project Soundary Wild Describe Area Proceed Precises (See Figure 4a and 4b for the location of Ex-situ Woodland compensation)	(1) Pre-planting (within Year 2022) (2) Planting works Phase 1: 2022-2023 Phase 2: 2023-2024 (3) Post-planting monitoring (Year 2024-2028)	S.2.6 S.2.10 - 2.13 S.3 S.4.1 - S.4.6 S.4.11 - S.4.24 S.4.26 S.5.3 - 5.8 S.6.14 - 6.18