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We refer to the email on 24 November 2021 from Concentric – Hong Kong River Joint Venture attaching the Coral Translocation Plan (Version 5.0).

We have no further comments and hereby verify the Coral Translocation Plan (Version 5.0) in accordance with Clause 2.16 and 2.17 of the Environmental Permit no. EP-564/2018.

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I refer to the Coral Translocation Plan (Version 5.0) prepared by Concentric – Hong Kong River Joint Venture and by our team's Coral Specialist. Please note that we have no adverse comment on this document. We herewith certify the captioned submission in accordance with Condition 2.16 of Environmental Permit EP-564/2018.

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Contract No. CV/2020/09 Construction of Lei Yue Mun Public Landing Facility

Coral Translocation Plan (Version 5.0)

Endorsed By (Mr. Keith Kei, ET's Coral Specialist)

The information supplied and contained within this report is, to the best of our knowledge, correct at the time of printing.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Background

- 1.1 Lei Yue Mun (LYM) is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Hong Kong, for its pleasant seaside ambience and excellent seafood. LYM was included in the Tourism Commission (TC)'s Tourism District Enhancement Programme to enrich Hong Kong's appeal to visitors. In 2003, initial minor improvements were completed along the LYM waterfront, and further improvement of facilities along the LYM waterfront was planned.
- 1.2 The Project, Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project is a Designated Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO). An EIA Report under Agreement No. CE 54/2015 (EP) (Report No.: AEIAR-219/2018) for the Project was approved under EIAO on 26 October 2018 in accordance with the EIA Study Brief (No. ESB-287/2015) and the Technical Memorandum on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (EIAO-TM). The corresponding Environmental Permit was issued (EP no.: EP-564/2018) by the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) on 10 December 2018.
- 1.3 The works to be executed under Contract No. CV/2020/09 Construction of Lei Yue Mun Public Landing Facility (hereinafter called "the Contract") mainly comprise the construction of a public landing facility, a breakwater, and structural improvement works to an existing viewing platform and a lookout point. Dredging and excavation works for berthing of vessels at the new public landing facility will be involved, which might directly affect the hard coral colonies. Thus, a coral baseline survey that involves a detail coral mapping survey shall be conducted to ascertain the location, sizes, species and health status of the corals with reference to the extent of marine ecological survey indicated at Figure 9.1 of the EIA Report under the Contract.
- 1.4 The Work Area of this Project is illustrated in the site layout plan (**Figure 1**).
- 1.5 Wellab Limited was commissioned by Concentric Hong Kong River Joint Venture (hereinafter called "the Contractor") under Contract No. CV/2020/09 to prepare a detailed Coral Translocation Plan for the Project.

Purpose of the Coral Translocation Plan

- 1.6 This Coral Translocation Plan is prepared by Wellab and the Coral Specialist of the Environmental Team, Mr. Keith Kei, to present the methodology of coral translocation for the Project and to fulfil Conditions 2.16 of the Project's Environmental Permit.
- 1.7 The objectives of the Coral Translocation Plan include the followings:
 - To provide information of coral colonies to be translocated;
 - To identify and propose a "Coral Recipient Site" for coral colonies to be translocated;
 - To provide the translocation methodology;

• To provide a monitoring programme for post-translocation monitoring.

Structure of the Coral Translocation Plan

1.8 The structure of the report is shown as follows:

| Section 1 | Introduction |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Section 2 | Coral Colonies to be Translocated |
| Section 3 | Coral Recipient Site |
| Section 4 | Summary |
| Section 5 | Coral Translocation Methodology |
| Section 6 | Post-Translocation Monitoring |
| Section 7 | References |

Revision History

1.9 The following Sections are updated from the previously approved version:
 Section 6 – The method of selecting 10 translocated coral colonies (21% of all translocated corals) to be monitored during the post-translocation monitoring was supplemented.

Section 1.9 – Revision history was supplemented.

Overall – The footer of the Plan was updated to describe the current revision.

Figures – The Figures were updated to include the correct titles and legends.

2 CORAL COLONIES TO BE TRANSLOCATED

Coral Mapping Survey at the Proposed Dredging Area (LYM)

- 2.1 Coral Mapping Survey at LYM was conducted inside a coral mapping area inside the proposed dredging area on 5th and 6th March 2021. The detailed results of the Coral Mapping Survey are presented in a separated Coral Baseline Report. The coral mapping area is shown in **Figure 2**.
- 2.2 The coral mapping area (approx. 120 x 40 m) was further divided into grids for mapping the location of coral colonies inside each grid (**Figure 3**). The mapping area was divided into 20 grids, labelled as columns 1 to 4 and rows A to E.
- 2.3 Locations of corals (except the locally common species *Oulastrea crispata*) and associated substrates found were recorded, size estimated, and health status (including percentage cover of bleaching, mortality and sedimentation) recorded. The feasibility of translocation of each coral colony was evaluated.
- 2.4 Among the 421 coral colonies mapped during the survey, most were attached to hard substrates, 377 colonies were attached to non-movable boulders or trash and 44 colonies were attached to movable rubbles. The location of patches of coral colonies in the mapping area is shown in Figure 4.
- 2.5 The species, number and conditions of the 44 coral colonies found in the mapping area feasible for translocation are presented in **Table 2.1** and summarised in **Table 2.2**.

Table 2.1 Size, Percentage Area of Sedimentation (Sed), Bleaching (B) and Partial Mortality (PM) of Coral Colonies Feasible for Translocation in

| Code | Grid no. | Coral no. | Species | Size: Hard corals: L x W cm Octocorals: L cm | Habitat Conditions | %Sed | %B | %PM | Associated Substrate Type | Translocation Feasibility |
|------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|------|----|-----|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 127 | 1C | 15 | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 132 | 1C | 20 | Echinomuricea sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 147 | 1C | 35 | Echinomuricea sp. | 10 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 148 | 1C | 36 | Echinogorgia sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 160 | 2A | 7 | Echinomuricea sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 164 | 2A | 11 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 169 | 2A | 16 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 170 | 2A | 17 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 175 | 2A | 22 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 176 | 2A | 23 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 183 | 2A | 30 | Echinomuricea sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 189 | 2A | 36 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 192 | 2A | 39 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 247 | 2B | 19 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 253 | 2B | 25 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 256 | 2B | 28 | Echinomuricea sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 258 | 2B | 30 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 259 | 2B | 31 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 265 | 2B | 37 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |

Coral Mapping Area at LYM

| Code | Grid no. | Coral no. | Species | Size: Hard corals: L x W cm Octocorals: L cm | Habitat Conditions | %Sed | %B | %PM | Associated Substrate Type | Translocation Feasibility |
|------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------|------|----|-----|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 266 | 2B | 38 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 272 | 2B | 44 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 275 | 2B | 47 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 276 | 2B | 48 | Echinomuricea sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 277 | 2B | 49 | Echinomuricea sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 293 | 2C | 13 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 295 | 2C | 15 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 304 | 2C | 24 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 319 | 3A | 10 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 320 | 3A | 11 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 321 | 3A | 12 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 323 | 3A | 14 | Echinomuricea sp. | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 344 | 3B | 10 | Echinomuricea sp. | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 350 | 3B | 16 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 352 | 3B | 18 | Echinomuricea sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 353 | 3B | 19 | Echinomuricea sp. | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 354 | 3B | 20 | Echinomuricea sp. | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 360 | 3B | 26 | Echinomuricea sp. | 10 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 363 | 3B | 29 | <i>Menella</i> sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 368 | 3C | 2 | Echinomuricea sp. | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<30cm) | Yes |
| 371 | 3C | 5 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<30cm) | Yes |

| Code | Grid no. | Coral no. | Species | Size: Hard corals: L x W cm Octocorals: L cm | Habitat Conditions | %Sed | %B | %PM | Associated Substrate Type | Translocation Feasibility |
|------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|------|----|-----|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 375 | 3C | 9 | Echinomuricea sp. | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<30cm) | Yes |
| 407 | 4C | 10 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 415 | 4C | 18 | Echinomuricea sp. | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |
| 418 | 4C | 21 | Echinomuricea sp. | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) | Yes |

Note: Code and Coral no. refers to the separated Coral Baseline Survey Report.

| Table 2.2 | Summary of (| Coral Species Found in t | the Coral | Coral Mapping Area that are Feasible for Translocation | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--|----|------------|------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|--|--|
| | | Grid no. | 1A | 1B | 1C | 1D | 1E | 2A | 2B | 2C | 2D | 2E | | |
| Taxon | Family | Species | | No. of Moveable Colonies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Octocoral | Plexauridae | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. C | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1A | 1B | 1C | 1 D | 1 E | 2A | 2B | 2C | 2D | 2E | | |
| | Hard corals | Total no. of movable species; | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Movable colonies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | Octocorals | Total no. of movable species; | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Movable colonies | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | Overall | Total no. of movable species; | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Movable colonies | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | |

| Table 2.2 | Summary of Coral Species Found in the Coral Mapping Area that are Feasible for Translocation (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|----|------------|------------|------------|----|-----------|------------|--|--|
| r | | Grid no. | 3A | 3B | 3C | 3D | 3 E | 4 A | 4B | 4C | 4D | 4 E | | |
| Taxon | Family | Species | No. of Moveable Colonies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 4 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Octocoral | Plexauridae | <i>Menella</i> sp. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 3A | 3B | 3 C | 3D | 3 E | 4 A | 4 B | 4C | 4D | 4 E | | |
| | Hard corals | Total no. of movable species; | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Movable colonies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | Octocorals | Total no. of movable species; | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Movable colonies | 4 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | Overall | Total no. of movable species; | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Movable colonies | 4 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | |

3 CORAL RECIPIENT SITE

Coral Survey at Potential Coral Recipient Site

3.1 A spot-check dive survey and a REA survey were conducted at a potential recipient site at Fat Tong Chau (FTC), Junk Bay. Survey conditions are shown in **Table 3.1**. Location of the potential recipient site is shown in **Figure 5a**.

| Type of dive survey | GPS Coordinates of Transects | | Depth (m) | Visibility (m) | Substrate Type | Presence of Hard Corals? | Presence of Octocorals ? | Degree of Exposure | Degree of Sediment Deposition |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Spot- check | Start End | N 22° 16.530' E114° 15.857' N 22° 16.416' E114° 15.933' | 4.5 – 10.0 | 1.5 - 2 | Rubbles, boulders, bedrocks, sand with gravels | Yes | Yes | 2 - 3 | 2 |
| REA | Start End | N 22° 16.473' E114° 15.890' N 22° 16.423' E114° 15.908' | 8.1 – 9.6 | 1.5 - 2 | Rubbles, boulders, bedrocks, sand with gravels | Yes | Yes | 2 - 3 | 2 |

Table 3.1 GPS Coordinates and Physical Attributes of Dive Survey Locations at FTC, Junk Bay

Spot-check Dive Survey

- 3.2 The spot-check dive survey at Fat Tong Chau (FTC), Junk Bay was conducted on 6th March 2021.The location the spot-check dive survey is shown in Figure 5b.
- 3.3 The substrates of FTC were mainly composed of natural bedrocks and boulders, with sparsely distributed rubbles and sand with gravel. The hard substrates were commonly covered by sediments, with crustose coralline algae, encrusting algae and sessile animals (barnacles, rock oysters, tube worms, bryozoans, octocorals and hard corals) sparsely distributed on the hard substrates.
- 3.4 Octocorals (mainly *Echinomuricea* sp.) were mainly observed at depth from 8 to 10m. Only few hard corals of *Tubastraea* spp. were observed.
- 3.5 Following the spot-check dive survey, FTC was found suitable for being a coral recipient site, a more detailed REA survey was conducted to collect more information on the coral communities at FTC.

Rapid Ecological Assessment (REA) Survey

3.6 The REA survey at Fat Tong Chau (FTC), Junk Bay was conducted on 6th March 2021.

- 3.7 The location the REA survey is shown in **Figure 5b**. Ecological and substrate attributes, and taxonomic Inventories along the REA transects at the sites are presented in **Table 3.2**. Records of coral colonies are presented in **Table 3.3**. The occurrence and size range of each observed coral species at each survey location are summarized in **Table 3.4**. Photos of the survey locations, representative taxa and corals along the transect are shown in **Appendices Ia**, **Ib and Ic**.
- 3.8 The substrates of FTC mainly composed of bedrocks, boulders, rubbles and sand with gravel. These hard substrates were commonly covered by a thin layer of sediments. Crustose coralline algae, encrusting algae and sessile animals (barnacles, rock oysters, tube worms, bryozoans, gorgonians and hard corals) were sparsely distributed on the hard substrates and sandy bottom (**Table 3.2**; **Appendices Ia and Ib**).
- 3.9 A total of one hundred and twenty-one (121) coral colonies including two (2) hard coral species (*Tubastraea* sp. A and *Tubastraea* sp. C) and three (3) octocoral species (*Echinomuricea* sp., *Echinogorgia* sp. A and *Echinogorgia* sp. B) were observed along the REA transect. The size of the hard corals ranged from 25 x 225 cm². The length of octocorals ranged from 10 to 50 cm.
- 3.10 All coral colonies were in good condition with no or low level sedimentation, bleaching or partial mortality (**Table 3.3**; **Appendix Ic**).
- 3.11 The coral colonies recorded along the REA transect were dominated by octocoral *Echinomuricea* sp. (106 colonies); only eight (8) colonies of octocorals *Echinogorgia* spp., and seven (7) colonies of hard corals *Tubastraea* spp., which are locally common, were recorded (**Table 3.4**).
- 3.12 No black coral or other taxon of conservation interest was recorded.

Table 3.2Dive Surveys - Ecological and Substrate Attributes, and TaxonomicInventories Along REA Transect at FTC, Junk Bay

| Substrate Attributes (0 - 6) | FTC | Ecological Attributes (0 – 6) | FTC |
|---|-----|-------------------------------|-----|
| Continuous Pavement | 0 | Hard Coral | 0.5 |
| Bedrock | 3 | Dead Standing Coral | 0 |
| Boulders (>50 cm) | 4 | Soft Coral | 0 |
| Rubble (<50cm) | 3 | Gorgonian | 0.5 |
| Sand with gravel | 3 | Black Coral | 0 |
| Mud & Silt | 0 | Marcoalgae | 0.5 |
| Artificial substrates (marine debris/ anchors) | 0 | Turf Algae/ Cynobacteria | 0 |

| Taxonomic inventories (0 – 5) | FTC |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Other sessile taxa | |
| Sponges | 0.5 |
| Encrusting algae | 0.5 |
| Coralline algae | 3 |
| Barnacles | 2 |
| Sea anemones | 0.5 |
| Zoanthids | 0 |
| Rock oysters | 0.5 |
| Mussels | 0 |
| Bryozoans | 0.5 |
| Tunicates | 0 |
| Tube worms | 0.5 |
| | |
| | FTC |
| *No. of hard coral Species | 2 |
| *No. of octocoral Species | 3 |
| Total no. of coral species | 5 |
| | |
| | FTC |
| *No. of hard coral Colonies | 7 |
| *No. of octocoral Colonies | 114 |
| Total no. of coral colonies | 121 |

| Coral no. | Family | Species | Position on transect (m) | Size: Hard Corals: L x W cm | Health Condition | %Sed | %B | %PM | Associated Substrate Type |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------|----|-----|------------------------------|
| | | | | Octocorals: L cm | | | | | |
| 1 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 98.4 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 2 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 98.4 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 3 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 98.4 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 4 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 98.4 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 5 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 97.5 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 6 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 97.1 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 7 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 96.9 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 8 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 96.8 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 9 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 96.8 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 5 | Bedrock |
| 10 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 96.8 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 11 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 96.8 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 12 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 96.4 | 45 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 13 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 96.4 | 45 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 14 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 96.4 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 15 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 93.8 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 16 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 93.8 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 17 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 93.8 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 18 | Plexauridae | Echinogorgia sp. A | 93.8 | 10 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 19 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 92.5 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |

| Table 3.3 Size, Percentage Area of | Sedimentation (Sed), Bleachin | ng (B) and Partial M | Iortality (PM) of Coral (| Colonies along REA Transects | at FTC, Junk Bay |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | | 0 | | | |

| | | | | Size: | | | | | |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|------|------|----------------------|
| Coral | F9 | S | Position on | Hard Corals: L x W | Health | 0/ C - J | 0/ D | | Associated Substrate |
| no. | Family | Species | transect (m) | cm | Condition | %Sea | %0B | %0PM | Туре |
| | | | | Octocorals: L cm | | | | | |
| 20 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 92.5 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 21 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 92.5 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 22 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 92.5 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 23 | Plexauridae | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. B | 92.5 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 24 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 92.0 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 5 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 25 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 91.2 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 26 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 90.7 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 27 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 90.0 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bedrock |
| 28 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 87.7 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 29 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 82.0 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 30 | Plexauridae | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. B | 82.0 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 31 | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. C | 76.0 | 10 x 10 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 32 | Plexauridae | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. B | 76.0 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 33 | Dendrophylliidae | <i>Tubastraea</i> sp. A | 70.9 | 15 x 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 34 | Plexauridae | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. B | 69.4 | 45 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 35 | Plexauridae | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. A | 68.0 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 36 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 67.3 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 37 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 66.7 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 38 | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. A | 64.3 | 10 x 10 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 39 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 60.0 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |

| | | | | Size: | | | | | |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|------|-----|----------------------|
| Coral | F 1 | G • | Position on | Hard Corals: L x W | Health | 0/ 5 1 | 0/ D | | Associated Substrate |
| no. | Family | Species | transect (m) | cm | Condition | %Sea | %0B | %PM | Туре |
| | | | | Octocorals: L cm | | | | | |
| 40 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 60.0 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 5 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 41 | Plexauridae | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. B | 60.0 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 42 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 53.9 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 43 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 46.5 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 44 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 46.5 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 45 | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. C | 46.1 | 5 x 5 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 46 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 46.1 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 47 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 45.9 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 48 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 45.9 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 49 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 45.8 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 50 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 45.8 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 51 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 45.8 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 52 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 45.8 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 53 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 45.5 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 54 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 44.7 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 55 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 44.7 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 56 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 44.7 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 57 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 30.3 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 58 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 30.3 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 59 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 30.3 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |

| | | | | Size: | | | | | |
|-------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|------|-----|----------------------|
| Coral | T 'I | G • | Position on | Hard Corals: L x W | Health | 0/ 5 1 | 0/ D | | Associated Substrate |
| no. | Family | Species | transect (m) | cm | Condition | %Sed | %B | %PM | Туре |
| | | | | Octocorals: L cm | | | | | |
| 60 | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. C | 29.8 | 15 x 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 61 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 29.5 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 62 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 27.5 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 5 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 63 | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. C | 26.9 | 15 x 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 64 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 25.0 | 50 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 65 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 25.0 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 66 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 25.0 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 67 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 24.8 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 68 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 24.8 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 69 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 24.1 | 45 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 70 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 23.7 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 71 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 23.7 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 72 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 23.3 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 73 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 23.1 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 74 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 22.7 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 75 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 22.7 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 76 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 22.7 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 77 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 22.3 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 78 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 22.3 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 79 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 22.3 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |

| | | | | Size: | | | | | |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|------|-----|----------------------|
| Coral | F9 | S | Position on | Hard Corals: L x W | Health | 0/ S - J | 0/ D | | Associated Substrate |
| no. | Family | Species | transect (m) | cm | Condition | %Sea | %0B | %PM | Туре |
| | | | | Octocorals: L cm | | | | | |
| 80 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 21.6 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 81 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 21.3 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 82 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 21.3 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 83 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 21.3 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 84 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 20.8 | 45 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 85 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 20.5 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 86 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 20.2 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 87 | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. C | 20.2 | 10 x 10 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 88 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 19.6 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 89 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 19.2 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 90 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 18.6 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 91 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 18.3 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 92 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 16.8 | 10 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 93 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 16.8 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 94 | Plexauridae | <i>Echinogorgia</i> sp. B | 15.4 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 95 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 14.2 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 96 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 14.2 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 97 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 13.3 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 98 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 13.3 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 99 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 12.7 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |

| | | | | Size: | | | | | |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Coral | | | Position on | Hard Corals: L x W | Health | | 0 (D | 0 (D) (| Associated Substrate |
| no. | Family | Species | transect (m) | cm | Condition | %Sed | %B | %PM | Туре |
| | | | | Octocorals: L cm | | | | | |
| 100 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 12.7 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 101 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 11.7 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 102 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 11.7 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 103 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 11.7 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 104 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 11.7 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 105 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 11.7 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 106 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 11.0 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 107 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 11.0 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 108 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 10.6 | 15 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 109 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 10.6 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 110 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 7.4 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 111 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 7.4 | 40 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 112 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 7.0 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 113 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 7.0 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 114 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 7.0 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 115 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 2.6 | 35 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 116 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 2.6 | 30 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 117 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 2.6 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rubble (<50cm) |
| 118 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 1.0 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 119 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 0.5 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 5 | Boulder (>50cm) |

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| Coral no. | Family | Species | Position on transect (m) | Size: Hard Corals: L x W cm Octocorals: L cm | Health Condition | %Sed | %B | %PM | Associated Substrate Type |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|------|----|-----|------------------------------|
| 120 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 0.0 | 20 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |
| 121 | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 0.0 | 25 | Good | 0 | 0 | 0 | Boulder (>50cm) |

| 1 abic 3.4 | occurrence and bize hange of coral species at 110, sum bay | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Location | Coral Taxon | Family | Coral species | No. of Colonies | Qualitative Estimate of Coral Coverage (%) in (100x4 m) 400 m ² Survey Area | Size Range in Area (cm ²) for Hard Corals; Area (cm ²) and height (cm) for Octocoral | | | | |
| FTC | Hard coral | Dendrophylliidae | <i>Tubastraea</i> sp. A | 2 | <1% | $100 - 225 \text{ cm}^2$ | | | | |
| FTC | Hard coral | Dendrophylliidae | <i>Tubastraea</i> sp. C | 5 | <1% | $25-225 \text{ cm}^2$ | | | | |
| FTC | Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | 106 | <5% | 10 - 50 cm | | | | |
| FTC | Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinogorgia sp. A | 2 | <1% | 10 - 15 cm | | | | |
| FTC | Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinogorgia sp. B | 6 | <1% | 15 – 45 cm | | | | |

Table 3.4 Occurrence and Size Range of Coral Species at FTC Junk Bay

Recommendation of Coral Recipient Site

- 3.13 Fat Tong Chau (FTC) located at Junk Bay is recommended as a suitable recipient site for octocorals from the donar site Lei Yue Mun (LYM) because:
 - FTC is located at Junk Bay, close to the donar site (distance <2 km) which is favourable for translocation work, but far enough (>500 m) to avoid direct impact from any construction work at the donar site LYM;
 - FTC has similar substrate type (i.e. hard substrates with boulders and rubbles), water depth (>8 m) and wave exposure (i.e. semi-exposed) as the area inhabited by octocorals at the donar site LYM;
 - The sea bottom of FTC has sufficient space available for the newly translocated coral; and
 - The occurrence of coral species at both coral recipient and donar sites are summarised in **Table 3.5**. Same species of the dominant octocoral *Echinomuricea* sp., which are in good and healthy condition, can be found at at both recipient and donar sites, indicating FTC is a habitat suitable for the octocorals to be translocated from the donar site LYM;

| | | | | Recipient Site | Donor Site | | | | |
|------|--|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Taxon | Family | Species | FTC | LYM | | | | |
| Har | d Corals | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Hard Coral | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. A | | | | | | |
| 2 | Hard Coral | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. B | | | | | | |
| 3 | Hard Coral | Dendrophylliidae | Tubastraea sp. C | | | | | | |
| 4 | Hard Coral | Dendrophylliidae | Duncanopsammia peltata | | | | | | |
| 5 | Hard Coral | Merulinidae | Favites pentagona | | | | | | |
| 6 | Hard coral | Plesiastreidae | Plesiastrea versipora | | | | | | |
| 7 | Hard coral | Poritidae | Bernardpora stutchburyi | | | | | | |
| Octo | ocorals | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinomuricea sp. | | | | | | |
| 9 | Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinogorgia sp. A | | | | | | |
| 10 | Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinogorgia sp. B | | | | | | |
| 11 | Octocoral | Plexauridae | Echinogorgia sp. | | | | | | |
| 12 | Octocoral | Plexauridae | <i>Menella</i> sp. | | | | | | |
| 13 | Octocoral | Nephtheidae | Dendronephthya sp. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Total | No. of Hard Coral Species | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| | Total No. of Octocoral Species 3 4 | | | | | | | | |

 Table 3.5
 Occurrence of Coral Species at Coral Recipient and Donar Sites

4 SUMMARY OF CORAL BASELINE SURVEY'S FINDINGS

- 4.1 A total of 10 coral species and 421 coral colonies were found in the coral mapping area in LYM. Among all the 421 coral colonies, it is estimated that a total of 44 coral colonies including 41 colonies of octocoral *Echinomuricea* sp., 2 colonies of octocoral *Echinogorgia* sp. and 1 colony of octocoral *Menella* sp. could be translocated to the coral recipient site.
- 4.2 All these corals are considered as common species in Hong Kong (Chan, et al. 2005, Ang et al. 2010). These species have been commonly recorded in previous surveys in Hong Kong and are not considered to be rare in Hong Kong waters (Table 4.1).
- 4.3 Fat Tong Chau (FTC) located at Junk Bay is recommended as a suitable recipient site for octocorals from the donar site Lei Yue Mun (LYM).

Table 4.1 Current Status of Coral Species Feasible for Translocation in Hong Kong Waters

| No. | Family | Species | Status in Hong Kong | Global Status According to IUCN (2021) (date assessed) | Remarks |
|------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|---|---------|
| Octo | corals | | | | |
| 1 | Dlavouridaa | Echinomuricea | Common | Not available | |
| 1 | Flexauliuae | sp. | (Ang et al. 2010) | Not available | |
| 2 | Dlavauridaa | Echinogorgia | Common | Not available | |
| 2 | Flexauliuae | spp. | (Ang et al. 2010) | Not available | |
| 2 | Dlavouridaa | Manalla | Common | Not available | |
| 5 | riexauridae | menella sp. | (Ang et al. 2010) | not available | |

Note: All species names were reported according to the updates by Hoeksema and Cairns (2021).

5 CORAL TRANSLOCATION METHODOLOGY

Coral Translocation Procedure

Tagging of Reference Coral Colonies at the Recipient Site

- 5.1 To distinguish the effect of the translocation exercise on the translocated coral colonies against the natural variation in health status at the recipient location, comparison of health status between the translocated colonies and original colonies in the recipient location shall be performed. Simultaneous monitoring of the 2 groups of colonies will help evaluating the potential sources of impact to the colonies if deteriorating in health condition is recorded.
- 5.2 At the recipient site, a minimum of 10 coral colonies will be identified to species level, tagged and used as reference colonies for monitoring after the coral translocation. Target species of reference coral colonies will include species which can be found at the corresponding donor location. Colonies will be tagged giving priority to the large, undamaged colonies since damage to these colonies would be more evident compared to smaller colonies or corals with existing damage.
- 5.3 For hard corals, the selected colonies will be tagged with a labelled stone or concrete block placed next to each tagged colony (Photo 5.1) or using plastic tags (~3.5 cm diameter) glued onto boulders adjacent to the coral colonies.
- 5.4 For octocorals, the selected colonies will be tagged with laminated labels or plastic tags using cable ties (**Photo 5.2**).



5.5 For each tagged coral, detailed information will be recorded including its location, species name, size, and health status information including sedimentation level (percentage cover and thickness of sediments), percentage cover of partial mortality and bleaching. The condition of each tagged coral colony will be recorded by taking a photograph from an angle and distance that best

represents the entire colony. All field data will be collected by a qualified marine ecologist using SCUBA dive.

Translocation and Tagging of Coral Colonies From the Donor Site

- 5.6 Coral translocation from donor site to recipient site will be performed with multiple measures to minimize stress and damage to the colonies, under the guidance of a marine ecologist with relevant experience.
- 5.7 All tagged movable boulders with the translocated coral colonies at donor location will be moved entirely as a whole object into a tray or bucket, and lifted from sea bottom to water surface using lifting bag by SCUBA divers. All the coral colonies attached on the boulders will be kept submerged at all time with a brief exposure unavoidable when transferred onto the vessel.
- 5.8 The translocated colonies transferred onto the vessel will be submerged in seawater tanks (of considerable size, e.g. 100 cm x 80 cm x 40 cm in dimension and 32 liters in volume each) with continuous aeration onboard. Each seawater tank held no more than 5 boulders to avoid overcrowding. Shading will be provided by placing the tanks under roof of the vessel to avoid exposure to direct sunlight.
- 5.9 Ambient water quality parameters of sea surface temperature and dissolved oxygen will be measured once (with at least 3 replicate sampling) at donor location the day of coral translocation. The seawater quality in the tank will be checked every 15 minutes to ensure no fluctuation above 10% ambient occurs to the seawater in which the corals were submerged.
- 5.10 Corals will be transported to the recipient site immediately on the same day after the removal. Speed of the vessel will be kept <5 knots during the moving exercise. During the course of transportation, all the coral colonies will be kept submerged at all time; the orientation of boulder and corals in the seawater tanks will be checked every 15 minutes to ensure coral colonies would not be damaged on the way to the recipient location.
- 5.11 Once arrived at the recipient site, translocated colonies will be placed one by one onto the seabed. Colonies will be positioned to similar depths with orientations as their previous location at the donor sites as far as possible. The translocated coral colonies will be tagged as described above (Photo 5.1 and Photo 5.2).
- 5.12 The status of each translocated coral colony including size, location, health conditions (sedimentation, bleaching and partial mortality) will be recorded after the completion of translocation work. Photographs of each translocated coral will be taken as baseline for future monitoring.

6 POST-TRANSLOCATION MONITORING

- 6.1 In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the translocation, regular post-translocation monitoring will be conducted to assess the status of the translocated colonies, using the original coral colonies in the recipient location as reference.
- 6.2 The post-translocation monitoring shall be conducted by experienced marine ecologist(s) with at least 5 years relevant experience to monitor the re-establishment of the translocated coral colonies.
- 6.3 Monitoring will be conducted quarterly for one year at the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th month after the coral translocation work. Any change in health status in both translocated and reference coral colonies should be monitored and compared, to evaluate the effectiveness of the coral translocation work. An additional monitoring will be conducted after the construction work. A sample datasheet for post-translocation monitoring is shown in **Appendix II**.
- 6.4 *Echinomuricea* sp. was the only species present and tagged as natural coral colonies at the translocation recipient location. To better compare between the natural coral colonies and the translocated coral colonies, 10 healthy translocated coral colonies (21% of all translocated corals, *Echinomuricea* sp.) will be selected by the Coral Specialist of ET for the post-translocation monitoring.
- 6.5 The results of the post-translocation monitoring will be reviewed with reference to findings of the baseline survey and the data from naturally occurring colonies at the recipient site, and evaluated against Action and Limit Levels. Evaluation will be based on recorded changes in percentage of partial mortality of the corals. Action and Limit Levels are defined in **Table 6.1** below.

| Parameter | Action Level Definition | Limit Level Definition |
|-----------|---|--|
| Mortality | If during Post-translocation Monitoring | If during the Post-translocation Monitoring a |
| | a 15% increase in the percentage of | 25% increase in the percentage of partial |
| | partial mortality on the corals occurs at | mortality at more than 20% of the selected |
| | more than 20% of the selected | translocated coral colonies occurs that is not |
| | translocated coral colonies that are not | recorded at the original corals at the recipient |
| | recorded on the original corals at the | site, then the Limit Level is exceeded. |
| | receptor site, then | |
| | the Action Level is exceeded. | |

Table 6.1 Action and Limit Levels for Coral Post-translocation Monitoring

Event and Action Plan

6.6 If observations of any die-off / abnormal conditions of the translocated corals are made during the post-translocation monitoring, the Environmental Team (ET) should inform the Independent Environmental Checker (IEC), main contractor, EPD and AFCD, and liaise with AFCD to

investigate any mitigation measures needed.

- 6.7 Post-translocation monitoring results will be evaluated against Action and Limit Levels. Evaluation will be based on recorded changes in percentage of partial mortality of the corals. Action and Limit Levels are defined in Table 6.1.
- 6.8 If the defined Action Level or Limit Level for coral monitoring as listed in **Table 6.1** is exceeded, the actions as set out in **Table 6.2** will be implemented.

| | Action | | | | | |
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| Event | ET Leader | IEC | Main Contractor | | | |
| Event Action Level Exceedance | ET Leader 1. Check monitoring data; 2. Identify the source(s) of impact; 3. Inform the IEC and main contractor of the findings; 4. Increase the monitoring to at least once a month to confirm findings; 5. Liaise with AFCD to investigate any mitigation measures needed; and 6. Propose mitigation | IEC 1. Discuss monitoring with the ET; 2. Review proposals for additional monitoring and any other measures and advise the main contractor accordingly. | Main Contractor1. Discuss with the IECadditional monitoringrequirements and any othermeasures proposed by theET;2. Make the agreement onthe measures to beimplemented. | | | |
| Limit Level Exceedance | measures for consideration. 1. Undertake Steps 1-5 as in the Action Level Exceedance. If further exceedance of Limit Level, propose enhancement measures for consideration. | Discuss monitoring with the ET; Review proposals for additional monitoring and any other measures and advise the main contractor accordingly. | Discuss with the IEC additional monitoring requirements and any other measures proposed by the ET; Make the agreement on the measures to be implemented. | | | |

Table 6.2Event and Action Plan for Coral Post-translocation Monitoring

Reporting for Post-translocation Monitoring

6.9 Coral survey reports for post-translocation monitoring shall be submitted to the Project Manager, EPD and AFCD within 10 working days of completion of the coral surveys. The reports shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- General environmental conditions;
- Location of the selected translocated corals; and
- Condition of selected translocated coral colonies and assessment on the health condition of the corals;

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APPENDIX Ia PHOTOS OF SPOT DIVE AND REA SURVEY LOCATIONS AT FTC, JUNK BAY Appendix Ia Photos of the Dive Survey Locations at FTC, Junk Bay.



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Appendix I



APPENDIX Ib PHOTOS OF REPRESENTATIVE TAXA AT FTC, JUNK BAY







Hard corals (Tubastraea sp. A)

Gorgonians



Crustose coralline algae

Rock oysters



Hard substrates covered by sediments

Sponges



Sea anemones

Barnacles



APPENDIX IC PHOTOS OF CORAL COLONIES FOUND AT FTC, JUNK BAY



APPENDIX II SAMPLE DATASHEET FOR POST-TRANSLOCATION MONITORING

| A sample datasheet for coral monitoring survey | of original and translocated corals |
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| at recipient site. | |

| | Site | Coral tag no. | Species | % Sedimentation | % Mortality | % Bleaching |
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