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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the tenth bi-monthly post-construction ecological monitoring and audit exercise for “Drainage Improvement in Southern Lantau” conducted by AECOM. This report concludes the post-construction phase ecological monitoring and audit requirement for the activities undertaken during the period of 1 April 2014 to 30 April 2014.

Ecological monitoring and ecological water quality monitoring were performed on 14 April 2014 and 24 April 2014, respectively. Results obtained are presented in this report.

The Environmental Team (ET) will continue to implement the environmental monitoring & audit (EM&A) programme in accordance with the EM&A Manual and Environmental Permit requirement. The report is available for public inspection and will be uploaded to the dedicated project website (<http://www.envproject.com/sldiwema.htm>).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

1.1.1. The Drainage Services Department (DSD) has implemented Contract No. DC/2006/11 “Drainage Improvement in Southern Lantau and Construction of Mui Wo Village Sewerage Phase 1”. The monitoring requirements of the drainage improvement works are subject to the conditions specified in Environmental Permit (EP) No. EP-237/2005/B issued by the Environmental Protection Department (25 January 2006). In compliance with the EP, an Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) programme was established during the construction and post-construction phases of the project. The operation of the project is subject to the conditions in EP No. EP-434/2012.

1.1.2. The Post-Construction Ecological Monitoring and Audit of Drainage Improvement Works in Southern Lantau under Agreement No. DP 04/2012, commenced in January 2012. AECOM Asia Co. Ltd. was appointed by DSD as the Environmental Team (ET) to conduct the above captioned monitoring project from October 2012 onwards. This is the tenth bi-monthly post-construction ecological monitoring and audit report under that appointment.

1.2. Project Description

1.2.1. Under Contract No. DC/2006/11, the improvement works were undertaken at Pak Ngan Heung River (PNH), Luk Tei Tong River (LTT) and Tai Tei Tong River (TTT) in Southern Lantau, west of Mui Wo. The works for which the post-construction ecological monitoring required by EP No. EP-237/2005/B covered included:

- the drainage channel and a three-cell box culvert at PNH;
- the drainage channel at LTT; and
- the bypass channel at LTT.

1.2.2. No ecological monitoring and ecological water monitoring was required following the drainage improvement works at TTT and village sewerage works in Mui Wo.

1.2.3. Both PNH and LTT are part of the Mui Wo River (also named as Silver River) in Lantau Island. These two tributaries of Mui Wo River, together with Tai Tei Tong River, then joined and connected to Silver Mine Bay next to Mui Wo.

1.3. Report Objectives

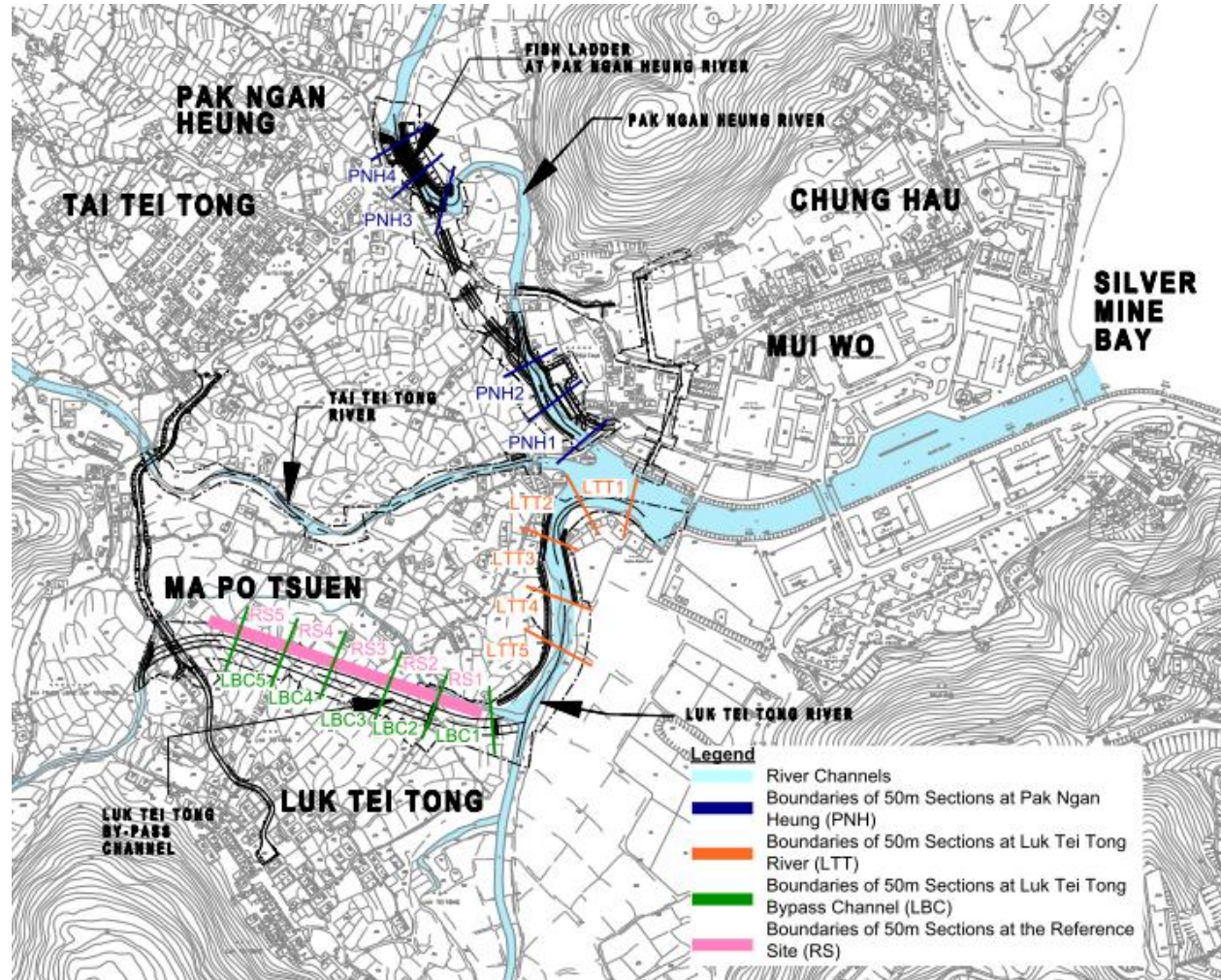
1.3.1. This report presents the findings of the ecological monitoring and the ecological water monitoring conducted in April 2014.

2. ECOLOGICAL MONITORING PARAMETERS

2.1. Ecological Surveys

2.1.1. Details of the monitoring parameters and survey methodology are described below. According to the Final EM&A Manual, a specific ecological monitoring programme of the improved section of PNH, LTT, LTT Bypass Channel (LBC) and its Reference Site (RS) is recommended.

Figure 1 Ecological Monitoring Locations at Pak Ngan Heung River, Luk Tei Tong River, Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and the Reference Site



Pak Ngan Heung River and Luk Tei Tong River

2.1.2. The ecological survey for these two rivers was divided into nine 50 m sections and comprised the following:

- Two sections for downstream of PNH (PNH1 and 2), two sections for upstream of PNH (PNH3 and 4);
- Five sections for LTT (LTT1 to 5).

2.1.3. The location plan is shown in **Figure 1** for reference.

2.1.4. The monitoring parameters and survey methodology for each section are described below:

- (a) Bird species in each 50 m section were surveyed quantitatively using transect count method. Birds within the river channel and on the riverbank were identified to species and their abundance was recorded. Birds that flew over/across the river channel without landing were not considered to be utilising the area and thus excluded from the records. This does not apply to species that rarely land and are associated with specific habitats (e.g. Barn Swallow).
- (b) Surveys on aquatic macroinvertebrate focused on determination of the diversity and abundance. Sampling methods included active searching, direct observation, hand netting and kick sampling. In each section, the macroinvertebrate species composition was identified and their relative abundance was recorded.
- (c) Surveys on fish focused on determination of the diversity and abundance of fish communities. Sampling methods included active searching, direct observation, and hand netting, and were determined in accordance with site conditions. In each section, the fish species composition was identified and their relative abundance was recorded.
- (d) Adult odonate community in each 50 m section were surveyed quantitatively by transect count method. Adult odonates within the river channel and on the riverbank were identified to species and their abundance was recorded. Species requiring close examination were netted.
- (e) Aquatic, emergent and riparian vegetation community was recorded by walk-through survey. Plant species composition and their relative abundance were recorded.

Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel

2.1.5. The ecological survey for the Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel (LBC) and its Reference Sites (RS) were carried out in every 50 m section and comprised the following:

- Five sections for LBC (LBC1 to 5);
- Five sections for RS (RS1 to 5).

2.1.6. The location plan is shown in **Figure 1** for reference.

2.1.7. The monitoring parameters and survey methodology are described below:

- (a) Bird species in each 50 m section were surveyed quantitatively using transect count method. Birds within the river channel and on the riverbank were identified to species and their abundance was recorded. Birds that flew over/across the river channel without landing were not considered to be utilising the area and thus excluded from the records. This does not apply to species that rarely land and are associated with specific habitats (e.g. Barn Swallow).
- (b) Where/when water was present, surveys of aquatic macroinvertebrate focused on determination of their diversity and abundance of stream aquatic communities. Sampling

methods included active searching, direct observation, hand netting and kick sampling. In each section, macroinvertebrate species composition was identified and their relative abundance was recorded.

- (c) Where/when water was present, surveys of fish focused on determination of their diversity and abundance. Sampling methods included active searching, direct observation, and hand netting, were determined in accordance with site conditions. In each section, fish species composition was identified and their relative abundance was recorded.
 - (d) Adult odonate community in each 50 m section were surveyed quantitatively by transect count method. Adult dragonflies within the river channel and on the riverbank were identified to species and their abundance was recorded. Species requiring close examination were netted.
 - (e) Line-intercept method was adopted to determine the relative plant cover of aquatic, emergent and riparian vegetation. One line transect of 10 m was set perpendicular to the stream channel at each section, and five 1 m x 1 m quadrats were placed along the transect. Relative coverage and plant species intercepting the transect line was recorded. Percentage cover of each species within the quadrat was recorded to the nearest 10% (except "1" = present but insignificant cover, normally 1 to 2 individuals, and 5% = up to 5%). The conditions of vegetation were described.
 - (f) Herpetofauna community within LBC and RS were surveyed by active searching in potential habitats. Reptiles were identified and their abundance was recorded. Amphibians were identified by their calls and the number of calling males in each section was recorded.
- 2.1.8. For all surveys, identification of plant species and distribution status in Hong Kong were made with reference to Corlett *et al.* (2000), Hu *et al.* (2003), Hong Kong Herbarium (2012), and Hong Kong Herbarium and South China Botanical Gardens (2007; 2008; 2009; 2011).
- 2.1.9. In terms of assessing geographical distribution, published references specializing in the distribution of specific faunal groups in Hong Kong have been utilized. For general status, these have included Fellowes *et al.* (2002) and the Hong Kong Biodiversity Database (AFCD, 2014), and for specific faunal groups, these have included: Avifauna – Carey *et al.* (2001), Viney *et al.* (2006); Dragonflies – Tam *et al.* (2011); Butterflies – Lo (2005); and Chan *et al.* (2011); Amphibians – Chan *et al.* (2005); Reptiles – Chan *et al.* (2006), Chan *et al.* (2009), and Karsen *et al.* (1998); Terrestrial Mammals – Shek (2006); Freshwater Fish – Lee *et al.* (2004); and Freshwater Community – Dudgeon (2003). The status and rarity of vascular plants has been based on Hu *et al.* (2003) and Corlett *et al.* (2000).

2.2. Ecological Water Quality Monitoring

- 2.2.1. Ecological water quality monitoring along PNH, LTT, LBC, and RS was carried out. Ten locations were selected and comprised the following:
- Three locations for existing PNH (WE1 to 3);
 - Three locations for existing LTT (WE4 to 6);
 - Two locations for RS (WE7 to 8);
 - Two locations for existing LBC (WE9 to 10).
- 2.2.2. The location plan for ecological water quality monitoring is shown in **Figure 2**.
- 2.2.3. Water Quality Monitoring along PNH, LTT, LBC and RS included the monitoring parameters shown below:

- Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅)
- Nitrate
- Ammonia
- Reactive Phosphorus
- Total Suspended Solids (SS)
- Temperature
- Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
- Water Depth* and Water Flow Rate
- Conductivity
- pH
- Salinity
- Sediment Characteristics

Note:

*As referred to in the Final EM&A Manual, Water Depth is required only for LBC.

2.2.4. The DO, water depth and water flow rate, conductivity, pH, temperature, salinity and sediment characteristics were measured in-situ while the other water samples were analyzed in a HOKLAS accredited laboratory and the analyses followed the standard methods according to APHA Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 20th Edition, or equivalent. The limit of reporting for the laboratory analysis is summarized in **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1 Limit of Reporting for Water Quality Parameters

Parameters	Limit of Reporting (mg/L)
Total Suspended Solids	2
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅)	2
Nitrate	0.01
Ammonia	0.01
Reactive Phosphorus	0.01

2.2.5. The instrument for in-situ measurement of temperature, DO, salinity and conductivity is a portable and weather proof Sonde Environmental Monitoring System complete with cable and uses a DC power source, whereas a pH meter is used as for pH measurement. Calibration certificates are attached in **Appendix 1**. The instruments are capable of measuring:

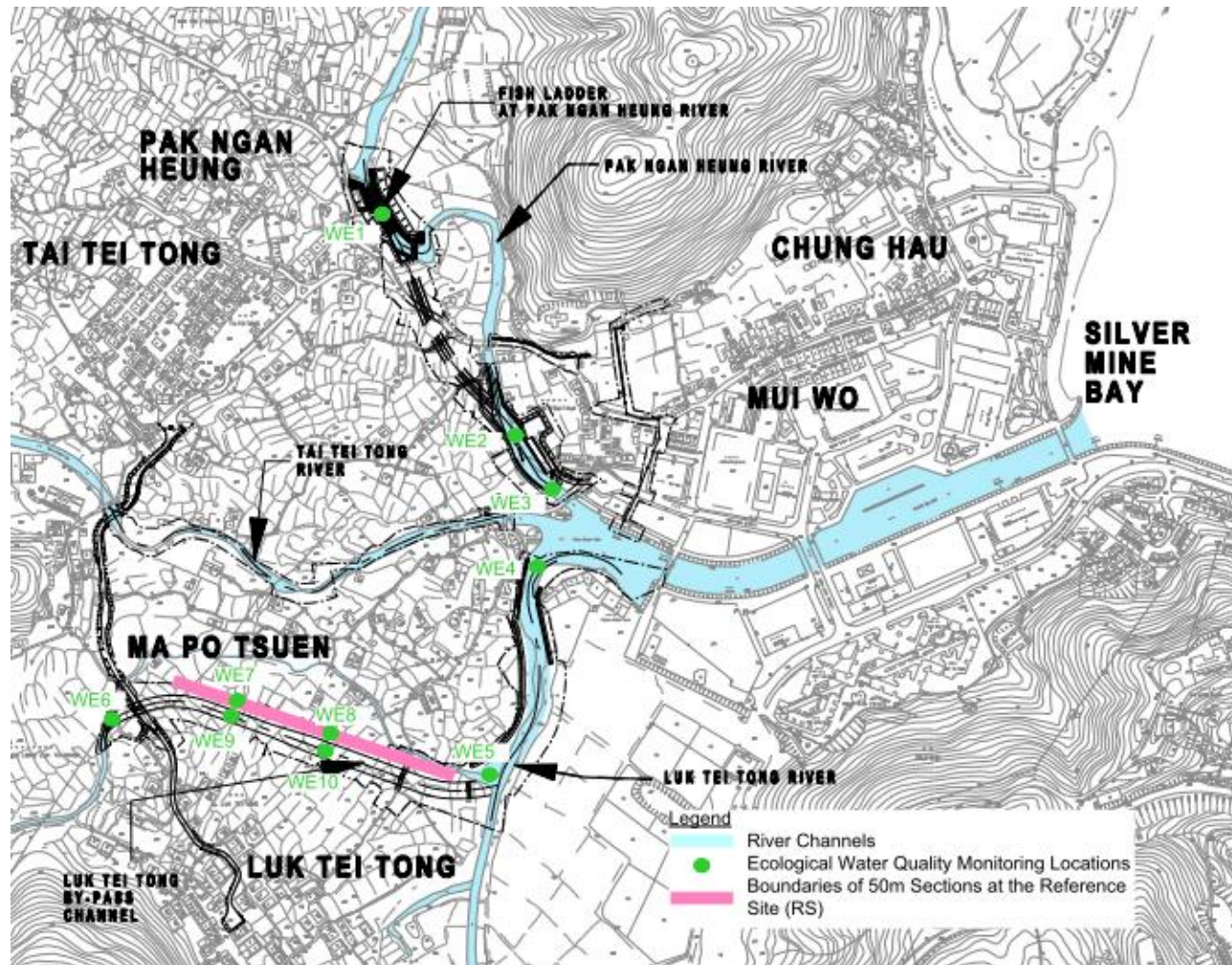
- pH in the range of 0 to 14
- Temperature of -5 to +65⁰C
- DO in the range of 0 to 20 mg/L and 0 to 200% saturation
- Salinity in the range of 0-80ppt
- Conductivity in the range of 0 to 4999 μS/cm

2.2.6. According to the requirement of the Final EM&A Manual, two consecutive measurements for parameters of DO concentration, and DO saturation are required to be taken at each monitoring location. When the difference in value between the first and second reading of DO is more than 25%, the reading was discarded and a further reading taken.

2.3. Limitations

- 2.3.1. No water was present at LBC2 to LBC5 at the time of survey, therefore aquatic fauna surveys were not undertaken in these locations.
- 2.3.2. No water was present at WE7 - WE10 at the time of survey, therefore water quality monitoring was not undertaken at these locations.

Figure 2 Ecological Water Quality Monitoring Locations at Pak Ngan Heung River, Luk Tei Tong River, Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and the Reference Site



3. MONITORING RESULTS

3.1. Ecological Survey Findings

Pak Ngan Heung River (PNH)

- 3.1.1. The lower stream of PNH (PNH1 and PNH2) is subject to tidal influence from Silver Mine Bay. Vertical concrete retaining wall formed the banks of the river channel. The two sections were located at the mouth of the PNH. PNH1 and PNH2 were adjacent to each other. The bridge formed the southern boundary of PNH1 whereas the box-culvert formed the northern boundary of PNH2. Small boulders and sandy substrate formed the main component of the streambed.
- 3.1.2. Rock-filled gabion formed the eastern bank and the gabion and a vertical concrete retaining wall formed the western bank of the upper stream (PNH3 and PNH4). PNH3 and PNH4 are adjacent to each other. PNH4 comprised a man-made cascade, including a fish ladder, while PNH3 comprised a pool below the cascade and was bounded by a bridge at its downstream end. Small boulders and sandy substrate were the main component in the middle streambed which allowed water flow and pool formation, whereas big boulders were scattered on both sides of the streambed and had an absence of water. The width of the fish ladder at PNH4 is approximately 7 m.
- 3.1.3. The cascade/fish ladder at PNH4 was designed to allow open water flow and should be free of vegetation in order to allow fish movement.

Vegetation

- 3.1.4. At PNH1 and PNH2, no plant species were recorded within the river channel. The vegetation recorded on the vertical wall included *Wedelia trilobata* and seedlings of *Kandelia obovata* and Opposite-leaved Fig (*Ficus hispida*). No significant changes to the plant species were observed compared with last monitoring in February 2014. During the monitoring, the water level at lower PNH was approximately 30 cm during ebbing tide.
- 3.1.5. At PNH3 and PNH4, a total of 22 plant species were recorded. It was observed that weed clearance has been undertaken since the last monitoring period (February) at the PNH3 and PNH4 gabion. However, exotic Mile-a-minute (*Mikania micrantha*) is rapidly re-establishing on the banks of PNH3 pool, the gabion of the PNH4 and the two edges of the cascade/fish ladder. Although Mile-a-minute is re-establishing at the edges of the PNH4 cascade/fish ladder, free water flow was still observed. Species such as *Bidens alba*, *Commelina diffusa* and Wild Coxcomb (*Celosia argentea*) were also scattered along the gabion of the PNH4 cascade.
- 3.1.6. The list of plant species is presented in **Appendix 2a**.

Terrestrial Fauna

- 3.1.7. Thirteen avifauna species were recorded at PNH, most of which are common or abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014) (**Table 3.1**). Among them, four species of conservation importance, Chinese Pond Heron (*Ardeola bacchus*), Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Greater Coucal (*Centropus sinensis*) and Lesser Coucal (*Centropus bengalensis*), were recorded.
- 3.1.8. Chinese Pond Heron and Little Egret are considered as “Potential Regional Concern” by Fellowes *et al.* (2002). Greater Coucal and Lesser Coucal were both considered as “Class II” protection status in China and “Vulnerable” in China Red Data Book.
- 3.1.9. Seven avifauna species were recorded at lower PNH (PNH1 and PNH2). One Chinese Pond Heron and Little Egret were recorded foraging at the PNH1 and PNH2 channel, respectively, while one Lesser Coucal was recorded roosting at the short tree next to PNH2. Other recorded birds included: waterbirds (e.g. White-throated Kingfisher (*Halcyon smyrnensis*)), and generalist species (e.g. Large-billed Crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*)), most of which were recorded in low numbers.
- 3.1.10. Seven avifauna species were recorded at upper PNH (PNH3 and PNH4). The birds at PNH3 and PNH4 were mostly observed along the banks of the river channel or at the trees near the

channel, and were dominated by generalist species, such as Common Tailorbird (*Orthotomus sutorius*). One species of conservation importance, Greater Coucal, was recorded roosting on the tree next to PNH3.

- 3.1.11. A total of five odonate species were recorded at upper PNH (PNH3 and PNH4). All the recorded species are abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014) (**Table 3.2**). No odonate species of conservation importance were recorded during the monitoring.
- 3.1.12. No herpetofauna species were recorded at PNH during the monitoring.

Aquatic Macroinvertebrate and Fish

- 3.1.13. A total of 15 species were recorded within the PNH river, including four fish species, four crustacean species, and seven other aquatic macroinvertebrate species such as oligochaeta, snails and insects (**Table 3.3**). Most of the recorded species are commonly found in freshwater and estuarine habitats of Hong Kong (Williams, 2003; Chan *et al.*, 2003; AFCD, 2014), except Predaceous Chub (*Parazacco spilurus*), a fish species of conservation importance, listed as “Vulnerable” under the China Red Data Book. This species was abundant in both upper and lower PNH. At the upper PNH sections, it was recorded in the pool at PNH3, the fish ladder and the pool at PNH4. At the lower PNH sections, it was abundant along the river channel.

Table 3.1 Number of Avifauna Recorded at Pak Ngan Heung River (PNH)

Common Name ⁽¹⁾	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽²⁾	Principal Status ⁽³⁾	Level of Concern ⁽⁴⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁵⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁶⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁷⁾	PNH1	PNH2	PNH3	PNH4
Chinese Pond Heron ⁽⁸⁾	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>	Common	P	PRC (RC)	-	-	-	1			
Little Egret ⁽⁸⁾	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Common	P	PRC (RC)	-	-	-		1		
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Common	R	-	Class II	Vulnerable	-			2	
Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>	Common	R	-	Class II	Vulnerable	-		1		
White-throated Kingfisher ⁽⁸⁾	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Common	AM,P	(LC)	-	-	-	1			
Common Kingfisher ⁽⁸⁾	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Common	AM,P	-	-	-	-	1			
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-	2		1	
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-				1
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Abundant	SpM,Su	-	-	-	-			3	
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-				1
Japanese White-eye	<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>	Abundant	R,?W	-	-	-	-				1
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Uncommon	R	-	-	-	-		15		
Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-			1	

Note:

(1) All wild birds are protected under Wild Animal Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170).

(2) AFCD (2014) Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.

(3) R=resident; Su=summer; M=migrant; Sp=spring; A=autumn; P=present all year, exact composition unknown; ?W=the extent of immigration in winter is unclear.

(4) Fellowes *et al.* (2002); RC=Regional Concern; PRC =Potential Regional Concern; Letters in parentheses indicate that the assessment is on the basis of restrictedness in breeding and/or roosting sites rather than in general occurrence.

(5) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989).

(6) Zheng and Wang (1998).

(7) IUCN (2013). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2013.2.

(8) Wetland-dependent species (including wetland-dependent species and waterbirds).
 Species of conservation importance is noted in bold type face.

Table 3.2 Number of Odonates Recorded at Pak Ngan Heung River (PNH)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	Level of Concern ⁽²⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽³⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁴⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁵⁾	PNH1	PNH2	PNH3	PNH4
Common Blue Jewel	<i>Rhinocypha perforata perforata</i>	Abundant	-	-	-	-			2	1
Orange-tailed Sprite	<i>Ceragrion auranticum ryukyuanum</i>	Abundant	-	-	-	-				2
Black-kneed Featherlegs	<i>Copera ciliata</i>	Abundant	-	-	-	-			3	
Yellow Featherlegs	<i>Copera marginipes</i>	Abundant	-	-	-	-			2	2
Common Red Skimmer	<i>Orthetrum pruinatum neglectum</i>	Abundant	-	-	-	-				1

Note:

(1) AFCD (2014) Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.

(2) Fellowes et al. (2002); GC=Global concern; RC=Regional Concern; LC=Local Concern; PGC=Potential Global Concern; PRC=Potential Regional Concern.

(3) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989).

(4) Zheng and Wang (1998).

(5) IUCN (2013). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2013.2.

Table 3.3 Relative Abundance of Aquatic Macroinvertebrate and Fish Recorded at Pak Ngan Heung River (PNH)

Fauna Group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong (1)(2)(3)	Level of Concern (4)	Protection Status in China (5)	China Red Data Book (6)	IUCN Red List (7)	PNH1	PNH2	PNH3	PNH4
Fish	Predaceous Chub	<i>Parazacco spilurus</i>	Common	-	-	Vulnerable	-	+++	+++	+++	+++
Fish	Chinese Barb	<i>Puntius semifasciolatus</i>	Common	-	-	-	-	++			
Fish	Jarboa Terapon, Crescent-banded Grunter	<i>Terapon jarbua</i>	Common	-	-	-	-	++			
Fish	Nile Tilapia	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>	-	-	-	-	-			+++	
Crustacean (Crabs)	-	<i>Nanhaipotamon hongkongense</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+	+++		
Crustacean (Crabs)	-	<i>Varuna litterata</i>	-	-	-	-	-		+		
Crustacean (Shrimps)	-	<i>Caridina cantonensis</i>	-	-	-	-	-			+	
Oligochaeta	-	Oligochaeta	-	-	-	-	-		+		
Snail	-	<i>Clithon sp.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+++	+++		
Snail	-	Lymnaeidae	-	-	-	-	-	+			
Snail	-	Planorbidae	-	-	-	-	-			+	
Crustacean	Water flea	Cladocera	-	-	-	-	-		+++		
Insects	Non-Biting Midges	Chironomidae	-	-	-	-	-	+++	++		
Insects	Mayfly	Baetidae	-	-	-	-	-		+	+++	+++
Insects	Mayfly	Caenidae	-	-	-	-	-			+	

Note:

- (1) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.
- (2) Williams, G. (2003). Hong Kong Field Guides – Rocky Shores.
- (3) Chan *et al.* (2003). Hong Kong Field Guides – Sandy Shores.
- (4) Fellowes *et al.* (2002).
- (5) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989).
- (6) Zheng and Wang (1998).
- (7) IUCN (2013). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2013.2.
 Relative abundance: + = occasional, less than 5 individuals were found; ++ = common, 5-20 individuals were found; +++ = abundant, more than 20 individuals were found.
 Species of conservation importance is noted in bold type face.

Luk Tei Tong River (LTT)

- 3.1.14. The LTT is subject to tidal influence from Silver Mine Bay and is estuarine in nature. It is a north-south running river. A vertical concrete retaining wall formed the riverbank of the LTT1 whereas rock-filled gabion formed the riverbank of LTT2 to LTT5. LTT1 was located at the confluence with Pak Ngan Heung River, Tai Tei Tong River and Luk Tei Tong River. Since it is subject to tidal flow, water flowed from south to north during the survey when the tide was going out. LTT1 and LTT2 had sandy substrate whilst LTT3 to LTT5 had muddy substrate. Clusters of boulders occurred at both sides of the river channel. The width of the river channel was approximately 8-10 m.
- 3.1.15. No evidence of maintenance works (including those relevant to Conditions 2.1 to 2.4 of EP No. EP-434/2012) was observed during the monitoring period.

Vegetation

- 3.1.16. A total of 12 plant species were recorded in LTT. Six out of 12 recorded species were exotic. The majority were herbs or climbers scattered along the gabion such as *Bidens alba*, *Wedelia trilobata*, Wild Kudzu Vine (*Pueraria phaseoloides*), Sea Sword Bean (*Canavalia maritima*). In addition to the mangrove stand supporting Spiny Bears Breech (*Acanthus ilicifolius*) and *Kandelia obovata*) that has colonized inside the river channel at LTT2 and LTT3, several seedlings of *Kandelia obovata* have naturally regenerated in LTT1, LTT2, LTT3 and LTT5.
- 3.1.17. The list of plant species is presented in **Appendix 2a**.

Terrestrial Fauna

- 3.1.18. A total of five avifauna species were recorded at LTT, all of them are common or abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014) (**Table 3.4**). Among them, one individual of Little Egret (species of conservation importance) was recorded foraging inside the main river channel at LTT1 and LTT5, respectively. Other recorded species were generalist (e.g. Black-collared Starling (*Gracupica nigricollis*)), or wetland-dependent species (e.g. Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)), mostly recorded in low numbers.
- 3.1.19. No dragonfly species were recorded at LTT during the monitoring.
- 3.1.20. No herpetofauna species were recorded at LTT during the monitoring.

Aquatic Macroinvertebrate and Fish

- 3.1.21. A total of three fish species, one shrimp species and eleven species of other aquatic macroinvertebrates were recorded from the LTT (**Table 3.5**). One species of conservation importance, Predaceous Chub (*Parazacco spilurus*), was recorded in low numbers (<5 individuals) at LTT2, LTT3, LTT4 and slightly higher numbers (5-20 individuals) LTT5. Most of the other recorded species are either common or very common in river mouth or estuarine habitats in Hong Kong (Williams, 2003; Chan *et al.*, 2003; AFCD, 2014).

Table 3.4 Number of Avifauna Recorded at Luk Tei Tong River (LTT)

Common Name ⁽¹⁾	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽²⁾	Principal Status ⁽³⁾	Level of Concern ⁽⁴⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁵⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁶⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁷⁾	LTT1	LTT2	LTT3	LTT4	LTT5
Little Egret ⁽⁸⁾	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Common	P	PRC (RC)	-	-	-	1				1
Common Sandpiper ⁽⁸⁾	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common	M,W	-	-	-	-		3	1		
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-				1	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Abundant	SpM,Su	-	-	-	-	2				
Black-collared Starling	<i>Gracupica nigricollis</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-	6			3	

Note:

(1) All wild birds are protected under Wild Animal Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170).

(2) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.

(3) R=resident; Su=summer; W=winter visitor; Sp=spring; M=migrant; P=present all year, exact composition unknown.

(4) Fellowes *et al.* (2002); RC=Regional Concern; PRC=Potential Regional Concern. Letters in parentheses indicate that the assessment is on the basis of restrictedness in breeding and/or roosting sites rather than in general occurrence.

(5) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989).

(6) Zheng and Wang (1998).

(7) IUCN (2013). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2013.2.

(8) Wetland-dependent species (including wetland-dependent species and waterbirds).
 Species of conservation importance is noted in bold type face.

Table 3.5 Relative Abundance of Aquatic Macroinvertebrate and Fish Recorded at Luk Tei Tong River (LTT)

Fauna Groups	Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Level of Concern ⁽⁴⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁵⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁶⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁷⁾	LTT1	LTT2	LTT3	LTT4	LTT5
Sea Anemone	-	<i>Haliplanella lineata</i>	Common	-	-	-	-	+				
Fish	Grey Mullet, Striped Mullet, Flathead Mullet	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	-	-	-	-	-		+++		++	+++
Fish	Predaceous Chub	<i>Parazacco spilurus</i>	Common	-	-	Vulnerable	-		+	+	+	++
Fish	Chinese Barb	<i>Puntius semifasciolatus</i>	Common	-	-	-	-			+	+	++
Crustacean (Shrimps)	-	<i>Caridina cantonensis</i>	-	-	-	-	-		+		+	
Oligochaeta	-	Oligochaeta	-	-	-	-	-	+++				
Worms	-	<i>Hydroides</i> spp.	Very common	-	-	-	-	+				
True Slugs	-	<i>Onchidium</i> spp.	Common	-	-	-	-		+			
Snails	-	<i>Clithon</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	+++				
Snails	-	<i>Echinolittorina trochoides</i>	Very common	-	-	-	-	+				
Snails	-	Lymnaeidae	-	-	-	-	-			++	+++	+++
Bivalves	Rock oyster	<i>Saccostrea cucullata</i>	Very common	-	-	-	-	+++		+++		
Crustacean (Barnacles)	-	<i>Balanus amphitrite</i>	Very common	-	-	-	-		++			
Crustacean (Barnacles)	-	<i>Chthamalus malayensis</i>	Very common	-	-	-	-	+				
Insects	Non-Biting Midges	Chironomidae	-	-	-	-	-	+	+			

Note:

- (1) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.
- (2) Williams, G (2003). Hong Kong Field Guides – Rocky Shores.
- (3) Chan *et al.* (2003). Hong Kong Field Guides – Sandy Shores.
- (4) Fellowes *et al.* (2002).
- (5) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989).
- (6) Zheng and Wang (1998).
- (7) IUCN (2013). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2013.2.
- (8) Relative abundance: + = occasional, less than 5 individuals were found; ++ = common, 5-20 individuals were found; +++ = abundant, more than 20 individuals were found.
 Species of conservation importance is noted in bold type face

Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel (LBC) and Reference Site (RS)

- 3.1.22. The LBC is linked to the end of LTT5 and runs east to west but the connection with LTT5 is blocked by a layer of gabion wall approximately 1 m in height, which allows water flow between LBC and LTT when water level is higher than the height of the gabion. It is located in the Luk Tei Tong Marsh to the west of the original LTT. Gabion walls formed both sides of the channel bank. Generally, all sections were heavily vegetated except in LBC1 where a small pool of approximately 60 m² in size was located at the western end of LBC1. The pool was separated from the LTT by a weir constructed from a single layer of rock-filled gabion. The substrate comprised soil, which was translocated from the marsh area prior to construction of the bypass. The width of the bypass channel was approximately 15 m.
- 3.1.23. The RS was located parallel to the northern side of the LBC. Next to the RS was village housing. The site was vegetated and did not have any free-standing water at the time of survey.

Vegetation

- 3.1.24. A total of 35 plant species were recorded in LBC, of which 16 species were recorded in the quadrats sampled. The list of plant species is presented in **Appendix 2b**. Among all the recorded species, about 43% were exotic (**Table 3.6**). Same as the last monitoring survey in February, half of the LBC1 section included a patch of open water. Other sections were dry.
- 3.1.25. The habitat at LBC1 differed from the remaining sections in terms of vegetation type. It adjoined LTT5 and had a pool of open water at the western tip. LBC1 may be subject to tidal influence during high tide because it is located immediately next to LTT. The sedge, Ferruginous-scale Fimbristylis (*Fimbristylis sieboldii*), dominated LBC1.
- 3.1.26. The exotic species, *Wedelia trilobata*, continued to be the dominant vegetation species at LBC2 to LBC5. Other herbaceous species commonly encountered along the transects in LBC2 to LBC5 were native Panic Grass (*Panicum repens*), Interrupted Tri-vein Fern (*Cyclosorus interruptus*), exotic Gairo Morning Glory (*Ipomoea cairica*), and *Bidens alba*. Tree seedlings (e.g. Taiwan Acacia (*Acacia confusa*) and Chinese Tallow Tree (*Sapium sebiferum*)) were occasionally recorded at the drier section near the bridge at LBC1, and near the gabion at LBC2 and LBC3. Wetland species such as Hairy Knotweed (*Polygonum barbatum*), Taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) and Ginger Lily (*Hedychium coronarium*) were occasionally recorded along LBC2 to LBC5.
- 3.1.27. A total of 38 plant species were recorded in the RS, of which 10 species were found in the quadrats (**Table 3.6**). Among all the recorded species, about 39% were exotic. The list of plant species is presented in **Appendix 2b**. All sections were dry and were located next to the village housing. The dominant species was exotic *Wedelia trilobata*. Native Chinese Silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*), exotic Sensitive Plant (*Mimosa pudica*) and Panic Grass were commonly recorded along the RS sections. The majority of vegetation recorded at the RS could typically be found in disturbed land. Records of wetland species such as Taro and Ginger Lily were occasional.

Table 3.6 Vegetation Coverage at Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel (LBC) and Reference Site (RS)

	LBC	RS
No. of species recorded in quadrats	16	10
Total No. of species	35	38
Total No. of exotic species	15	15
Average vegetation coverage	100%	69%
Bare ground coverage	0%	31%

Note:

(1) The transect was not laid along any open water, thus open water coverage was not provided in this table.

Terrestrial Fauna

- 3.1.28. Six species of avifauna were recorded at LBC (**Table 3.7**) whereas eleven species were recorded at RS (**Table 3.8**). All recorded species are common or abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014). One individual of Greater Coucal (species of conservation importance) was recorded roosting at a tree at RS3.
- 3.1.29. Other avifauna recorded at LBC and RS were generalists that have adapted to disturbed environments such as Red-whiskered Bulbul (*Pycnonotus jocosus*).
- 3.1.30. No dragonfly species were recorded at LBC and RS during the monitoring.
- 3.1.31. No herpetofauna species were recorded at LBC and RS during the monitoring.

Aquatic Macroinvertebrate and Fish

- 3.1.32. Only one fish species Chinese Barb (*Puntius semifasciolatus*) was recorded at LBC1 with four other macroinvertebrates, which includes a crab species, two snail species and an insect species (**Table 3.9**). No aquatic macroinvertebrate or fish species of conservation importance were recorded.
- 3.1.33. No aquatic fauna was recorded at the RS or the remaining sections of the LBC2 to LBC5 as they were dry during the monitoring.

Table 3.7 Number of Avifauna Recorded at Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel (LBC)

Common Name ⁽¹⁾	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽²⁾	Principal Status ⁽³⁾	Level of Concern ⁽⁴⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁵⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁶⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁷⁾	LBC1	LBC2	LBC3	LBC4	LBC5
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-		2		2	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-				1	
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Common	R	-							1	
Crested Myna	<i>Acridotheres cristatellus</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-			5		
Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-				1	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Common	W,R	-	-	-	-	1		1		

Note:

- (1) All wild birds are protected under Wild Animal Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170).
- (2) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.
- (3) R=resident; W=winter visitor.
- (4) Fellowes *et al.* (2002).
- (5) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989).
- (6) Zheng and Wang (1998).
- (7) IUCN (2013). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2013.2.

Table 3.8 Number of Avifauna Recorded at Reference Site (RS)

Common Name ⁽¹⁾	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽²⁾	Principal Status ⁽³⁾	Level of Concern ⁽⁴⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁵⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁶⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁷⁾	RS1	RS2	RS3	RS4	RS5
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Common	R	-	Class II	Vulnerable	-			1		
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-	1		2		
Chinese Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus sinensis</i>	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-			2		
Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	Common	W	-	-	-	-		1			
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-			1		
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Common	R	-							1	
Japanese White-eye	<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>	Abundant	R,?W	-	-	-	-	1				
Crested Myna	<i>Acridotheres cristatellus</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-	2	10			5
Black-collared Starling	<i>Gracupica nigricollis</i>	Common	R	-	-	-	-					2
Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-					1
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Common	W,R	-	-	-	-	1				

Note:

- (1) All wild birds are protected under Wild Animal Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170).
- (2) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.
- (3) R=resident; W=winter visitor; ?W=the extent of immigration in winter is unclear.
- (4) Fellowes *et al.* (2002).
- (5) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989).
- (6) Zheng and Wang (1998).
- (7) IUCN (2013). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2013.2.
 Species of conservation importance is noted in bold type face.

Table 3.9 Relative Abundance of Aquatic Macroinvertebrate and Fish Recorded at Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel (LBC)

Fauna Groups	Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	Level of Concern ⁽²⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽³⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁴⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁵⁾	LBC1	LBC2	LBC3	LBC4	LBC5
Fish	Chinese Barb	<i>Puntius semifasciolatus</i>	Common	-	-	-	-	+++				
Crustacean (Crabs)	-	<i>Nanhaipotamon hongkongense</i>	-	-	-	-	-	++				
Snails	-	<i>Clithon</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	++				
Snails	-	Lymnaeidae	-	-	-	-	-	+++				
Insects	-	<i>Ptilomera tigrina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	+				

Note:

(1) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.

(2) Fellowes *et al.* (2002).

(3) List of Wild Animals Under State Protection (promulgated by State Forestry Administration and Ministry of Agriculture on 14 January, 1989).

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Relative abundance: + = occasional, less than 5 individuals were found; ++ = common, 5-20 individuals were found; +++ = abundant, more than 20 individuals were found.

3.2. Ecological Water Quality Monitoring (EWQM)

- 3.2.1. The post-construction phase EWQM was conducted on 24 April 2014. The monitoring results are presented in **Appendix 3** and summarised in **Table 3.10**, which includes reference to the key Water Quality Objectives (WQOs). Baseline surveys were conducted in 2007 prior to the start of the drainage improvement works. The baseline survey results are presented in **Table 3.11**.
- 3.2.2. The water quality monitoring results are discussed in **Section 5**.

Table 3.10 Summarized Ecological Water Quality Monitoring Results (April 2014)

Parameters	Key Water Quality Objectives ⁽¹⁾	WE1	WE2	WE3	WE4	WE5	WE6
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	<20	3.0	3.0	<2.0	4.0	4.0	<2.0
Nitrogen (Ammonia) (mg/L)	-	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.76	3.78	0.06
Nitrogen (Nitrate) (mg/L)	-	0.42	0.46	0.46	0.60	0.07	0.41
Reactive Phosphorous (mg/L)	-	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.11	0.50	0.01
5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) (mg/L)	<5	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	3.0	<2.0
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	>4	7.0	7.4	7.2	6.5	6.7	7.3
Temperature (°C)	-	22.0	22.3	22.2	22.7	22.5	21.8
pH	6.5 – 8.5	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.5
Salinity (ppt)	-	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	5.1	0.7	<0.1
Conductivity (µs/cm)	-	82.9	217.0	206.4	9051.0	1319.0	81.5
Water Flow (m/s)	-	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	<0.1
Water Depth (cm)	-	16.0	18.0	20.0	20.0	15.0	18.0

Note:

- (1) The available key Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) for River Monitoring Stations at Mui Wo River on Lantau Island (EPD, 2013).

Table 3.11 Baseline Results of Ecological Water Quality Monitoring Results (September 2007)

Parameters	WE1	WE2	WE3	WE4	WE5	WE6
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	<1.0	<1.0
Nitrogen (Ammonia) (mg/L)	0.07	0.12	0.11	0.23	0.03	0.02
Nitrogen (Nitrate) (mg/L)	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.31	0.04	0.05
Reactive Phosphorous (mg/L)	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.05
5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ₅) (mg/L)	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	6.58	6.82	6.37	7.61	6.87	5.70
pH	6.4	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.6	6.1
Salinity (ppt)	<0.1	0.1	0.3	7.6	0.1	<0.1

4. ECOLOGICAL MONITORING SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The next ecological surveys monitoring and ecological water quality is tentatively scheduled for mid-June 2014.

5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1. The aim of the monitoring programme is to provide data on the re-establishment of aquatic/riparian communities in the PNH and LTT, and allow an assessment of the relative success of the mitigation measures to be made. In addition, monitoring of the LBC will assess whether the proposed channel design has provided suitable compensation for the impacts to the Luk Tei Tong Marsh.
- 5.2. Key observations made during the April 2014 monitoring period in relation to the implemented mitigation measures are presented in **Table 5.1**. Where applicable, recommendations for improving the functionality of the mitigation measures have been made for DSD's consideration.
- 5.3. The vegetation composition at LBC2 to LBC5 continues to be dominated by the exotic species, *Wedelia trilobata*. Marsh species *Polygonum barbatum*, Taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) and Ginger Lily (*Hedychium coronarium*) were occasionally recorded at LBC2 to LBC5. The limited occurrence of these species suggested that the water levels/availability within the channel might not be adequate to sustain a marsh habitat.
- 5.4. Tree seedlings (such as Taiwan Acacia (*Acacia confusa*) and Chinese Tallow Tree (*Sapium sebiferum*)) were recorded near the bridge at LBC1, and near the gabion at LBC2 and LBC3. These trees may hinder the re-establishment of marsh habitat.
- 5.5. Mangrove stands of Spiny Bears Breech (*Acanthus ilicifolius*) and *Kandalia obovata* were observed inside the river channel at LTT2 and LTT3. Several *Kandalia obovata* seedlings were observed at LTT1, LTT2, LTT3 and LTT5. This indicated a natural re-colonization of mangrove.
- 5.6. One fish species of conservation importance, Predaceous Chub (*Parazacco spilurus*), was abundant at both upper and lower PNH (i.e. PNH1, PNH2, PNH3 and PNH4) with lower numbers recorded in sections of LTT (i.e. LTT2, LTT3, LTT4 and LTT5). During the post-construction monitoring exercise, this species has been recorded intermittently at PNH and LTT, mostly during the dry season.
- 5.7. Whilst some differences between the original 2007 baseline surveys and the April 2014 monitoring surveys are evident, findings from water monitoring could be attributed to a range of factors including seasonal variations, and climatic conditions and/or the influence of tidal status at the time of survey. Taking this into account, the key Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) for River Monitoring Stations at Mui Wo River (EPD, 2013) have been included to provide a comparison with standard water quality goals applicable to the area (refer to **Table 3.10**).

- 5.8. The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) analyses and presents data from its annual water monitoring programme to express the level of compliance with the statutory WQOs including pH, Suspended Solids (SS), 5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅), and Dissolved Oxygen (DO). These WQOs specify the long-term water quality goals that the Government is to achieve and maintain for individual rivers in Hong Kong, including the Mui Wo River. As part of the programme five locations are sampled from the Mui Wo River, three of which are associated with the monitoring area for the drainage improvement works (MW1, MW2 and MW4). The objectives related to these sampling locations, have been used in this report. Water quality of the subject watercourses has met the WQOs during the survey.
- 5.9. No observable evidence of environmental changes such as odour, or discharge within the surveyed area, were recorded. Nitrogen (ammonia) concentration at WE4 and WE5 increased slightly while that of WE1, WE2, WE3 and WE6 experienced small fluctuation compared to the last monitoring period. Suspended Solids concentration increased slightly at WE1, WE2, WE4 and WE5 and no change at WE3 and WE6 when compared to the last monitoring period, but was still within the EPD key water quality objectives for river monitoring. Nitrogen (nitrate) concentration decreased slightly at all the monitoring stations. Conductivity were observed to increase slightly at WE2 and WE3; drop slightly at WE1 and WE4; and drop significantly at WE5 and WE6. The salinity level decreased slightly at WE4 and decreased significantly at WE5, while salinity level at WE1, WE2, WE3 and WE6 have demonstrated minimal change. The dissolved oxygen level at all the monitoring sites decreased significantly compared to last monitoring, but was still within the EPD key water quality objectives for river monitoring. Other monitoring parameters such as reactive phosphorus, BOD₅ concentrations, flow rate and pH value at all locations have demonstrated minimal change compared to the last sampling record.
- 5.10. The water quality conditions have been monitored for the first 19 months of the 4-year monitoring programme. While fluctuations in water quality have been observed, no trend in water quality decline has been detected. The water quality will continue to be monitored and findings will be presented in subsequent reports as additional information becomes available.

Table 5.1 Key Observations/Comments and Recommendations Arising from the April 2014 Monitoring Period

Location	Mitigation Measure	Observations/Comments	Recommendations
PNH and LTT	Construction of a small fish ladder at the upstream end of the PNH	Recent weed clearance is observed along the upper PNH sections. Although some vegetation has re-established, the fish ladder is not currently overgrown or blocking water flow.	Continued retention of native species, particularly at the edges of the river channel, during any future maintenance activities is recommended, to maintain existing habitat and minimize the re-colonization of exotic species. Some pits have been incorporated into the gabion banks, but do not appear to have been planted up. Planting of riparian vegetation, preferably with native species suggested in the EIA report Section 7.8.17 and Table 2.6 (e.g. <i>Albizia lebbbeck</i> , <i>Sterculia lanceolata</i> , <i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> , <i>Polyspora axillaris</i> , and <i>Rhaphiolepis indica</i>) is recommended.

Location	Mitigation Measure	Observations/Comments	Recommendations
			On-going, regular weed management is recommended, as required, to maintain the open nature of the fish ladder.
		The fish ladder does not meet the lip of the weir at the up-stream end of PNH4 due to a drop of approximately 30 cm. This could limit the overall function of the fish ladder for fish passage/movement up and downstream.	As per the current design of the fish ladder, the gap from the top of the fish ladder and the bottom of the weir is 30-40cm - presenting an obstacle to fish passage. Some improvement may be achieved by stacking additional boulders resembling that in PNH4 to form pools at the top of the fish ladder, which could facilitate fish movement.
	Re-establishment of aquatic / riparian communities	One species of conservation importance, Predaceous Chub (<i>Parazacco spilurus</i>), was recorded at PNH (PNH1, PNH2, PNH3 and PNH4) and LTT (LTT2, LTT3, LTT4 and LTT5) sections during current monitoring. This species was also recorded at PNH3, PNH4 and LTT5 during the last monitoring. Another species of conservation importance Flagtail (<i>Kuhlia marginata</i>) was recorded in the 2003-2004 EIA surveys; however, this species was not recorded during the current monitoring in April 2014.	The presence of species of conservation importance in both PNH and LTT including relative abundance will continue to be monitored.
LBC	Provision of suitable habitat compensation	Continued dominance by the exotic species, <i>Wedelia trilobata</i> , with limited marsh species were recorded. Tree seedlings re-established at LBC1, LBC2 and LBC3 that may hinder the re-establishment of a marsh habitat. The limited occurrence of typical marsh plant species (although this was also limiting in the RS) suggests that the water levels/availability within the channel may not be adequate to sustain a marsh habitat.	The regeneration of marsh species in the LBC is to be monitored. Removal of tree seedling (e.g. Taiwan Acacia and Chinese Tallow Tree) is suggested at LBC1, LBC2 and LBC 3. On-going monitoring of water levels and species composition within the channel are required. Further assessment should take into account the timing of the surveys (wet/dry season).

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Appendix 1. Calibration Certificate of the Instruments (pH Meter and Sonde Environmental Monitoring System)



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COMMENTS


It is certified that the item under calibration/checking has been calibrated/checked by corresponding calibrated equipment in the laboratory.

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Scope of Test: Conductivity, Dissolved Oxygen, Salinity, Temperature
Equipment Type: Sonde Environmental Monitoring System
Brand Name: YSI
Model No.: Professional Plus
Serial No.: 12M100515
Equipment No.: W.040.01
Date of Calibration: 03 March, 2014

NOTES

This is the Final Report and supersedes any preliminary report with this batch number.
Results apply to sample(s) as submitted. All pages of this report have been checked and approved for release.


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Brand Name: YSI
Model No.: Professional Plus
Serial No.: 12M100515
Equipment No.: W.040.01
Date of Calibration: 03 March, 2014 **Date of next Calibration:** 03 June, 2014

Parameters:

Conductivity

Method Ref: APHA (21st edition), 2510B

Expected Reading (uS/cm)	Displayed Reading (uS/cm)	Tolerance (%)
146.9	151.80	3.3
6667	6575	-1.4
12890	12445	-3.5
58670	54828	-6.5
Tolerance Limit (±%)		10.0

Dissolved Oxygen

Method Ref: APHA (21st edition), 4500: G

Expected Reading (mg/L)	Displayed Reading (mg/L)	Tolerance (mg/L)
2.12	2.18	0.06
6.28	6.10	-0.18
8.49	8.48	-0.01
Tolerance Limit (±mg/L)		0.20

Salinity

Method Ref: APHA (21st edition), 2520B

Expected Reading (ppt)	Displayed Reading (ppt)	Tolerance (%)
0	0.00	--
10	9.71	-2.9
20	19.21	-4.0
30	29.06	-3.1
Tolerance Limit (±%)		10.0

Temperature

Method Ref: Section 6 of International Accreditation New Zealand Technical

Guide No. 3 Second edition March 2008: Working Thermometer Calibration Procedure.

Expected Reading (°C)	Displayed Reading (°C)	Tolerance (°C)
8.0	8.4	0.4
21.0	21.0	0.0
38.0	37.8	-0.2
Tolerance Limit (±°C)		2.0

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COMMENTS

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Scope of Test: pH and Temperature
Equipment Type: pH Meter
Brand Name: WTW
Model No.: pH 3210
Serial No.: 12340605
Equipment No.: W.039.08
Date of Calibration: 06 February, 2014

NOTES

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Equipment Type: pH Meter
Brand Name: WTW
Model No.: pH 3210
Serial No.: 12340605
Equipment No.: W.039.08
Date of Calibration: 06 February, 2014 **Date of next Calibration:** 06 May, 2014

Parameters:

pH Value

Method Ref: APHA 21st Ed. 4500H:B

Expected Reading (pH Unit)	Displayed Reading (pH Unit)	Tolerance (pH unit)
4.0	4.034	0.03
7.0	7.044	0.04
10.0	9.968	-0.03
Tolerance Limit (\pm pH unit)		0.20

Temperature

Method Ref: Section 6 of International Accreditation New Zealand Technical Guide No. 3 Second edition March 2008: Working Thermometer Calibration Procedure.

Expected Reading ($^{\circ}$ C)	Displayed Reading ($^{\circ}$ C)	Tolerance ($^{\circ}$ C)
8.0	8.7	0.7
22.0	22.3	0.3
44.0	43.1	-0.9
Tolerance Limit (\pm° C)		2.0

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Appendix 2a: Plant Species Recorded in Pak Ngan Heung River and Luk Tei Tong River

Scientific Name	Growth Form	Native / Exotic to Hong Kong	Distribution in Hong Kong	PNH1	PNH2	PNH3	PNH4	LTT1	LTT2	LTT3	LTT4	LTT5
<i>Acanthus ilicifolius</i>	shrub	native	common						+	+		
<i>Bidens alba</i>	herb	exotic	very common			+	+			+	+	+
<i>Bidens pilosa</i>	herb	exotic	very common			+						
<i>Brachiaria mutica</i>	herb	exotic	common			+	+					
<i>Canavalia maritima</i>	climber	native	common							+	+	+
<i>Celosia argentea</i>	herb	native	very common			+	+					
<i>Coix lacryma-jobi</i>	herb	native	common				+					
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	herb	native	-			+	+					
<i>Commelina diffusa</i>	herb	native	common			+	+					
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	herb	exotic	very common			+						
<i>Cyperus</i> spp.	herb	-	-			+						
<i>Emilia sonchifolia</i>	herb	native	very common			+						
<i>Praxelis clematidea</i>	perennial herb	exotic	very common				+					
<i>Ficus hispida</i>	tree	native	very common		+	+	+					
<i>Ficus variegata</i>	shrub	native	common				+					
<i>Ipomoea cairica</i>	climber	exotic	very common									+
<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>	perennial herb	native	common			+	+					
<i>Kandelia obovata</i>	shrub or small tree	native	common		+			+	++	+		+
<i>Lantana camara</i>	shrub	exotic	very common									+
<i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i>	perennial herb	native	common			+	+					
<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	climber	exotic	very common			++	++			+	+	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	perennial herb	native	very common			+	+				+	+
<i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i>	herb	native	very common							+	+	+
<i>Panicum maximum</i>	herb	exotic	very common								+	+
<i>Polygonum barbatum</i>	herb	native	common			+	+					
<i>Pueraria phaseoloides</i>	climber	native	very common							+	+	+
<i>Pycnopus flavidus</i>	herb	native	-			+	+					
<i>Rhus hypoleuca</i>	shrub	native	common			+						
<i>Urena lobata</i>	shrub	native	common			+						
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common	+		+	+			+	+	+

Note:

Code for Abundance: +++=abundant; ++=occasional; +=scarce

Appendix 2b: Plant Species Recorded in Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and Reference Site

LTT Bypass Channel (LBC)

Scientific Name	Growth Form	Native / Exotic to Hong Kong	Distribution in Hong Kong	LBC1	LBC2	LBC3	LBC4	LBC5	Average
Species recorded in the quadrats along the transects				Average Percentage Cover					
<i>Apluda mutica</i>	herb	native	very common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
<i>Bidens alba</i>	herb	exotic	very common	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.19	0.12	0.08
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	herb	exotic	very common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
<i>Crotalaria pallida</i>	herb	exotic	common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.01
<i>Cyclosorus interruptus</i>	herb	native	common	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.02	0.00	0.03
<i>Praxelis clematidea</i>	perennial herb	exotic	very common	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
<i>Fimbristylis sieboldii</i>	herb	native	common	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13
<i>Ipomoea cairica</i>	climber	exotic	very common	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	climber	exotic	very common	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	herb	exotic	rare	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
<i>Panicum maximum</i>	herb	exotic	very common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.01
<i>Panicum repens</i>	perennial herb	native	very common	0.00	0.19	0.11	0.04	0.17	0.10
<i>Paspalum conjugatum</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
<i>Ruellia coerulea</i>	herb	exotic	-	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
<i>Urena lobata</i>	shrub	native	common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common	0.00	0.75	0.69	0.69	0.60	0.55
Species recorded during the walk-through survey				Occurrence of the Species					
<i>Acacia confusa</i>	tree	exotic	-	+	+				
<i>Apluda mutica</i>	herb	native	very common		+	+	+	+	
<i>Bidens alba</i>	herb	exotic	very common		+	+	+	+	
<i>Brachiaria mutica</i>	herb	exotic	common		+	+		+	
<i>Celosia argentea</i>	herb	native	very common			+	+	+	
<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	tree	native	common			+	+		
<i>Coix lacryma-jobi</i>	herb	native	common		+	+			
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	herb	native	-				+	+	
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	herb	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+	
<i>Crotalaria pallida</i>	herb	exotic	common		+	+	+	+	
<i>Cyclosorus interruptus</i>	herb	native	common			+	+	+	
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	perennial herb	native	very common		+	+	+	+	
<i>Cyperus sp.</i>	-	-	-		+	+	+	+	
<i>Cyperus flabelliformis</i>	herb	-	-	+					
<i>Praxelis clematidea</i>	perennial herb	exotic	very common			+	+	+	
<i>Fimbristylis sieboldii</i>	herb	native	common	+					
<i>Hedychium coronarium</i>	shrub	exotic	-		+		+	+	

Note:

Code: +=occurrence of the species

Appendix 2b: Plant Species Recorded in Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and Reference Site

LTT Bypass Channel (LBC)

Scientific Name	Growth Form	Native / Exotic to Hong Kong	Distribution in Hong Kong	LBC1	LBC2	LBC3	LBC4	LBC5
Other species recorded during the walk-through survey (Continue)				Occurrence of the Species				
<i>Ipomoea cairica</i>	climber	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Kandelia obovata</i>	shrub or small tree	native	common	+				
<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	climber	exotic	very common		+	+	+	+
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	herb	exotic	rare		+	+	+	+
<i>Neyraudia reynaudiana</i>	herb	native	very common	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Panicum maximum</i>	herb	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Panicum repens</i>	perennial herb	native	very common		+	+	+	+
<i>Paspalum conjugatum</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common			+	+	+
<i>Paspalum orbiculare</i>	herb	native		+	+			
<i>Polygonum barbatum</i>	herb	native	common			+	+	+
<i>Polygonum spp.</i>	herb	-	-		+			
<i>Pueraria phaseoloides</i>	climber	native	very common				+	+
<i>Pycreus polystachyus</i>	herb	native	common	+	+			
<i>Ruellia coerulea</i>	herb	exotic	-	+				
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	tree	native	common		+	+		
<i>Solanum torvum</i>	shrub	exotic	common			+		
<i>Urena lobata</i>	shrub	native	common		+	+	+	+
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common		+	+	+	+

Note:

Code: +=occurrence of the species

Appendix 2b: Plant Species Recorded in Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and Reference Site

Reference Site (RS)

Scientific Name	Growth Form	Native / Exotic to Hong Kong	Distribution in Hong Kong	RS1	RS2	RS3	RS4	RS5	Average
Species recorded in the quadrats along the transects				Average Percentage Cover					
<i>Hedychium coronarium</i>	shrub	exotic	-	0	0	0.03	0	0	0.01
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	herb	exotic	rare	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	herb	exotic	very common	0.04	0.04	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	perennial herb	native	very common	0.07	0.02	0	0	0	0.02
<i>Panicum maximum</i>	herb	exotic	very common	0	0.02	0	0	0	0.00
<i>Panicum repens</i>	perennial herb	native	very common	0	0	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03
<i>Paspalum conjugatum</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common	0	0	0	0.02	0	0.00
<i>Pueraria phaseoloides</i>	climber	native	very common	0	0	0	0.02	0	0.00
<i>Urena lobata</i>	shrub	native	common	0	0.05	0	0.02	0	0.01
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common	0.46	0.56	0.59	0.75	0.56	0.58
Other species recorded during the walk-through survey				Occurrence of the Species					
<i>Acacia confusa</i>	tree	exotic	-	+					
<i>Alocasia odora</i>	perennial herb	native	very common		+	+	+		
<i>Bauhinia blakeana</i>	tree	native	common	+	+				
<i>Bidens alba</i>	herb	exotic	very common	+	+		+	+	
<i>Bidens pilosa</i>	herb	exotic	very common	+					
<i>Bridelia tomentosa</i>	tree	native	very common				+		
<i>Celosia argentea</i>	herb	native	very common		+	+	+	+	
<i>Celtis sinensis</i>	tree	native	common	+			+		
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	herb	native	-			+	+		
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	herb	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+	
<i>Crotalaria pallida</i>	herb	exotic	common	+	+	+	+	+	
<i>Dactyloctenium aegyptium</i>	herb	native	common	+	+	+			
<i>Emilia sonchifolia</i>	herb	native	very common	+	+		+		
<i>Praxelis clematidea</i>	perennial herb	exotic	very common	+	+		+		
<i>Ficus hispida</i>	tree	native	very common	+		+	+		
<i>Hedychium coronarium</i>	shrub	exotic	-		+	+	+		
<i>Imperata koenigii</i>	perennial herb	native	very common					+	

Note:

Code: + = the occurrence of the species

Appendix 2b: Plant Species Recorded in Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and Reference Site

Reference Site (RS)

Scientific Name	Growth Form	Native / Exotic to Hong Kong	Distribution in Hong Kong	RS1	RS2	RS3	RS4	RS5
Other species recorded during the walk-through survey (Continue)				Occurrence of the Species				
<i>Ipomoea cairica</i>	climber	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>	perennial herb	native	common	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Lantana camara</i>	shrub	exotic	very common		+	+		+
<i>Ludwigia octovalvis</i>	perennial herb	native	common		+		+	
<i>Mallotus paniculatus</i>	tree	native	very common					+
<i>Melastoma sanguineum</i>	shrub	native	common				+	
<i>Microstegium ciliatum</i>	perennial procumbent herb	native	very common			+		+
<i>Mikania micrantha</i>	climber	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>	herb	exotic	rare	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	herb	exotic	very common			+	+	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i>	perennial herb	native	very common	+				
<i>Panicum maximum</i>	herb	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Panicum repens</i>	perennial herb	native	very common	+		+		+
<i>Paspalum conjugatum</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common	+		+		
<i>Paspalum orbiculare</i>	herb	native	-		+	+		
<i>Pueraria phaseoloides</i>	climber	native	very common	+	+		+	+
<i>Sageretia thea</i>	shrub	native	very common	+	+			
<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>	tree	native	common		+	+	+	
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i>	herb	native	common				+	
<i>Urena lobata</i>	shrub	native	common	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i>	perennial herb	exotic	common	+	+	+	+	+

Note:

Code: +=occurrence of the species

Appendix 3: Ecological Water Quality Monitoring Raw Data (April 2014)

Date of Monitoring: 24 April 2014

Weather : Sunny

Monitoring Location	Suspended Solids (mg/L)	Nitrogen (Ammonia) (mg/L)	Nitrogen (Nitrate) (mg/L)	Reactive Phosphorous (mg/L)	5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD ⁵) (mg/L)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	
						M1	M2
WE1	3.0	0.06	0.42	0.04	<2.0	7.00	6.93
WE2	3.0	0.05	0.46	0.06	<2.0	7.40	7.43
WE3	<2.0	0.06	0.46	0.04	<2.0	7.17	7.14
WE4	4.0	0.76	0.60	0.11	<2.0	6.49	6.45
WE5	4.0	3.78	0.07	0.50	3.0	6.67	6.64
WE6	<2.0	0.06	0.41	0.01	<2.0	7.38	7.31
WE7	No water - Not sampled						
WE8	No water - Not sampled						
WE9	No water - Not sampled						
WE10	No water - Not sampled						

Monitoring Location	Temperature (°C)		pH	Salinity (ppt)		Conductivity (µs/cm)		Water Flow (m/s)		Water Depth (cm)
	M1	M2		M1	M2	M1	M2	M1	M2	
WE1	22.0	22.0	7.3	0.04	0.04	83.0	82.8	0.128	0.127	16.0
WE2	22.3	22.3	7.7	0.08	0.08	217.3	216.6	0.064	0.052	18.0
WE3	22.2	22.2	7.6	0.06	0.06	207.4	205.3	0.193	0.195	20.0
WE4	22.7	22.7	7.3	5.05	5.05	9053.0	9049.0	0.169	0.163	20.0
WE5	22.5	22.5	7.4	0.66	0.66	1320.0	1318.0	0.094	0.093	15.0
WE6	21.8	21.8	7.5	0.04	0.04	80.9	82.0	0.020	0.022	18.0
WE7	No water - Not sampled									
WE8	No water - Not sampled									
WE9	No water - Not sampled									
WE10	No water - Not sampled									

Note:

Where more than one measurement was taken, the data is represented by Measurement M1 and M2.



PNH1 and PNH2



PNH3 and PNH4



LTT1



LTT2



LTT3 and LTT4



LTT5



LBC1



LBC2 and LBC3



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LBC4 and LBC5



RS1



RS2



RS3 and RS4



RS5



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