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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is the seventeenth 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 June 2015 to 30 June 2015.

Ecological monitoring and ecological water quality monitoring were performed on 17 June 2015 and 26 June 2015, 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 response to the latest approval to Variation of an Environmental Permit (VEP) application (VEP-465/2015) regarding Drainage Improvement in Southern Lantau (17 February 2015), the former EP-237/2005/B has been amended to EP-237/2005/C; however, this has not changed the original monitoring requirements. 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. In response to the latest approval to VEP application (VEP-464/2015), the former EP-434/2012 has been amended to EP-434/2012/A.
- 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 seventeenth 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 (amended to EP-237/2005/C) 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

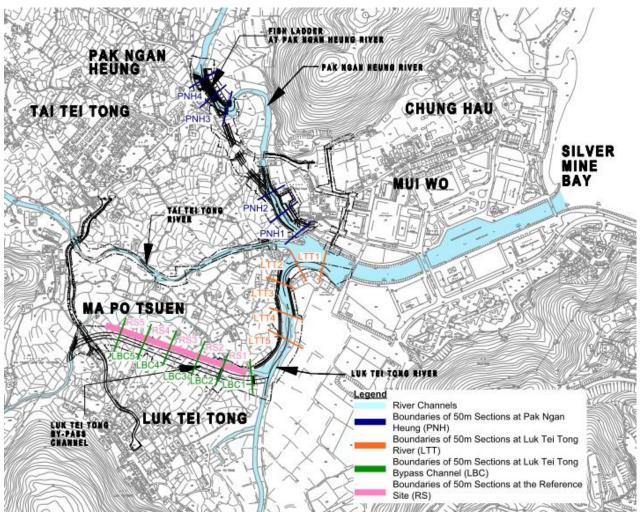
1.3.1. This report presents the findings of the ecological monitoring and the ecological water monitoring conducted in June 2015.

# 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 (BOD<sub>5</sub>)
     Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

- Nitrate
- Ammonia
- Reactive Phosphorus
- Total Suspended Solids (SS)
- Temperature

- Water Depth\* and Water Flow Rate
- Conductivity
- pH
- Salinity
- Sediment Characteristics

\*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

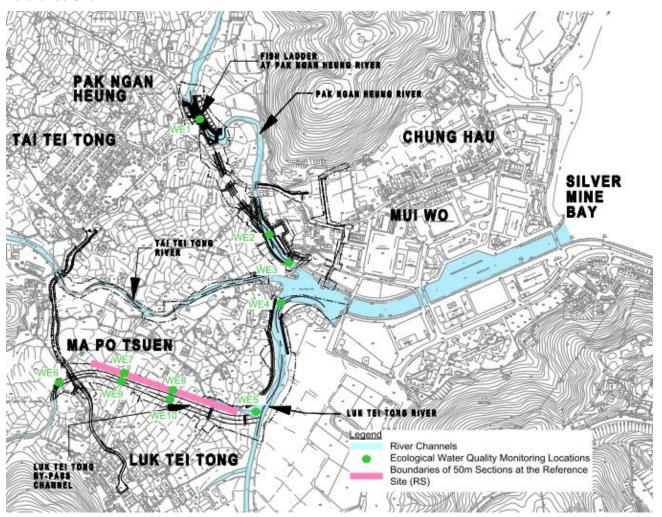
Parameters	Limit of Reporting (mg/L)
Total Suspended Solids	2
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD <sub>5</sub> )	2
Nitrate	0.01
Ammonia	0.01
Reactive Phosphorus	0.01

- 2.2.5. The instrument for in-situ measurement of pH, temperature, DO, salinity and conductivity is a portable and weather proof Multifunctional Meter complete with cable and uses a DC power source. 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 +65°C
  - 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 ecological survey (26 June 2015), therefore aquatic fauna surveys were not undertaken in these locations.
- 2.3.2. No water was present at WE7 to WE10 at the time of water quality monitoring (17 June 2015), 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 PHN4 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, no plant species were recorded within the river channel. The vegetation recorded on the vertical wall included *Wedelia trilobata* and Opposite-leaved Fig (*Ficus hispida*) at PNH1. At PNH2, two seedlings of *Kandelia obovata* were recorded. No significant changes to the plant species were observed compared with last monitoring in April 2015. During the monitoring, the water level at lower PNH was approximately 45 cm during ebbing tide.
- 3.1.5. At PNH3 and PNH4, a total of 22 plant species were recorded. Exotic Mile-a-minute (*Mikania micrantha*) was the dominated species on the banks of the PNH3 pool, the gabion of the PNH4 and the two edges of the cascade/fish ladder. Although Mile-a-minute was overgrown at the edges of the PNH4 cascade/fish ladder, free water flow was still observed. In addition, herb species such as *Bidens alba*, Diffuse Day-Flower (*Commelina diffusa*) and Hairy Knotweed (*Polygonum barbatum*) were also commonly recorded along the gabion of the PNH3, along the sides of PNH3 pool and PNH4 cascade.
- 3.1.6. The list of plant species is presented in **Appendix 2a**.

#### Terrestrial Fauna

- 3.1.7. Eight avifauna species were recorded at PNH, all of which are common or abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014) (**Table 3.1**). One avifauna species of conservation importance, Chinese Pond Heron (*Ardeola bacchus*), were recorded at PNH2.
- 3.1.8. Four avifauna species were recorded at lower PNH (PNH1 and PNH2). Recorded avifauna included generalist species (e.g. Crested Myna, *Acridotheres cristatellus*) and waterbird species (i.e. Chinese Pond Heron). There was no evidence of breeding or nesting activities during the monitoring period. One individual of Chinese Pond Heron, which is listed as "Potential Regional Concern" (Fellowes *et al.*, 2002), was observed foraging at the channel at PNH2.
- 3.1.9. Five avifauna species were recorded at upper PNH (PNH3 and PNH4). The birds at PNH3 and PNH4 were observed along the banks of the river channel or in the trees near the channel, and were generally utilized by generalist species, such as Red-whiskered Bulbul (*Pycnonotus jocosus*).
- 3.1.10. Three odonate species were recorded at PNH during the monitoring. All of them were abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014) (**Table 3.2**). All the odonate species were recorded at upper PNH. Black-kneed Featherlegs (*Copera ciliata*) was dominant species at the upper

PNH (PNH3 and PNH4). No odonate species of conservation importance was recorded during the monitoring.

3.1.11. No herpetofauna was recorded at PNH during the monitoring.

Aquatic Macroinvertebrate and Fish

3.1.12. A total of 14 species were recorded within the PNH river, including five fish species and nine aquatic macroinvertebrate species such as worms, snails and insects (**Table 3.3**). Most of the recorded species are commonly found in freshwater and estuarine habitats of Hong Kong (Chan et al., 2003; Williams, 2003; AFCD, 2014). No species of conservation importance was recorded during the monitoring.

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

Common Name (1)	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Status <sup>(3)</sup>	Level of Concern	Protection Status in China <sup>(5)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List (7)	PNH1	PNH2	PNH3	PNH4
Chinese Pond Heron (8)	Ardeola bacchus	Common	Р	PRC (RC)	-	-	-		1		
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-	1			
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-			1	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris	Common	R	-	-	-	-			1	
Crested Myna	Acridotheres cristatellus	Common	R	-	-	-	-	3			2
Black-collared Starling	Gracupica nigricollis	Common	R	-	-	-	-	2			
Blue Whistling Thrush	Myophonus caeruleus	Common	R	-	-	-	-			1	
Fork-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga christinae	Common	R	-	-	-	-			1	

- (1) All wild birds are protected under Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170).
- (2) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.
- (3) R=resident; P=present all year, exact composition unknown.
- (4) Fellowes et al. (2002): PRC=Potential Regional Concern; RC=Regional Concern.

  Letters in parentheses indicate that the assessment is on the basis of restrictedness in nesting 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 (2015). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2015.2.
- (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 Odonate Recorded at Pak Ngan Heung River (PNH)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong <sup>(1)</sup>	Level of Concern <sup>(2)</sup>	Protection Status in China <sup>(3)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List	PNH1	PNH2	PNH3	PNH4
Black-kneed Featherlegs	Copera ciliata	Abundant	-	-	-	-			4	
Black Threadtail	Prodasineura autumnalis	Abundant	-	-	-	-			3	1
Pale-spotted Emperor	Anax guttatus	Abundant	-	-	-	-				1

- (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).
- (4) Zheng and Wang (1998).(5) IUCN (2015). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2015.2.

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	Protection Status in China <sup>(5)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List	PNH1	PNH2	PNH3	PNH4
Fish	Jarbua Terapon, Crescent-banded Grunter	Terapon jarbua	Common	-	-	-	-	++			
Fish	Nile Tilapia	Oreochromis niloticus	Common	-	-	-	-			++	+
Fish	Redbelly tilapia	Tilapia zillii	Common	-	-	-	-				+
Fish	-	Gobiidae	-	-	-	-	-		+		
Fish	Mudskipper	Periophthalmus cantonensis	Common	-	-	-	-	+	+		
Worms	-	Polychaetes	-	-	-	-	-	++	+		+
Worms	Flatworm	Planaria	-	-	-	-	-			+	
Snails	-	Clithon retropictus	Common	-	-	-	-	+++			
Snails	-	Nerita chamaeleon	Common	-	-	-	-	+++	++		
Amphipod	-	Amphipoda	-	-	-	-	-	+			
Insects	Caddisflies	Trichoptera	-	-	-	-	-				+
Insects	Non-Biting Midges	Chironomidae	-	-	-	-	-				+
Insects	Mayfly	Baetidae	-	-	-	-	-			+	+
Insects	Mayfly	Caenidae	-	-	-	-	-				+

- (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 (2015). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2015.2.

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

#### Luk Tei Tong River (LTT)

- 3.1.13. 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.
- 3.1.14. No evidence of maintenance works (including those relevant to Conditions 2.1 to 2.4 of EP No. EP-434/2012 (amended to EP-434/2012/A) was observed during the monitoring period.

#### <u>Vegetation</u>

- 3.1.15. A total of 14 plant species were recorded in LTT. Six out of 14 recorded species were exotic. The majority were herbs or climbers scattered along the gabion such as *Bidens alba*, Manyflowered Silvergrass (*Miscanthus floridulus*), Chinese Silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*) and *Wedelia trilobata*. 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 at LTT1, LTT2, LTT3 and LTT5.
- 3.1.16. The list of plant species is presented in Appendix 2a.

#### Terrestrial Fauna

- 3.1.17. A total of 7 avifauna species were recorded at LTT, all of them are common or abundant in Hong Kong, except Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*) is uncommon in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014) (**Table 3.4**). Waterbird (e.g. Chinese Pond Heron) and generalists (e.g. Red-whiskered Bulbul) were recorded at LTT. One avifauna species of conservation importance, Chinese Pond Heron, was recorded during the monitoring.
- 3.1.18. One individual of Chinese Pond Heron was observed foraging at LTT2. This species was listed as "Potential Regional Concern" by Fellowes *et al.* (2002).
- 3.1.19. Two odonate species, including Common Red Skimmer (*Orthetrum pruinosum neglectum*) and Pale-spotted Emperor (*Anax guttatus*), were recorded in low abundance at LTT during the monitoring. Both of them are abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014) (**Table 3.5**). No odonate species of conservation importance was recorded 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 18 species, including seven fish species, four crustacean species and seven species of other aquatic macroinvertebrates were recorded from LTT (**Table 3.6**). Most of the recorded species are either common or very common in river mouth or estuarine habitats in Hong Kong (Chan *et al.*, 2003; Williams, 2003; AFCD, 2014). No species of conservation importance was recorded during the monitoring.

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

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Status <sup>(3)</sup>	Level of Concern <sup>(4)</sup>	Protection Status in China <sup>(5)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List <sup>(7)</sup>	LTT1	LTT2	LTT3	LTT4	LTT5
Chinese Pond Heron <sup>(8)</sup>	Ardeola bacchus	Common	Р	PRC (RC)	-	-	-		1			
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	Common	R	-	-	-	-				1	2
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-				1	2
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Abundant	SpM,Su	-	-	-	-					2
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	Uncommon	М	-	-	-	-				1	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris	Common	R	-	-	-	-					1
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	Common	R	-	-	-	-			1		

- (1) All wild birds are protected under Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170).
- (2) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.
- (3) R=resident; SpM=spring migrant; Su=summer visitor; P=present all year, exact composition unknown.
- (4) Fellowes et al. (2002): PRC=Potential Regional Concern; RC=Regional Concern.
- Letters in parentheses indicate that the assessment is on the basis of restrictedness in nesting 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 (2015). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2015.2.
- (8) Wetland-dependent species (including wetland-dependent species and waterbirds).

Species of conservation importance is noted in bold type face.

Table 3.5 Number of Odonate Recorded at Luk Tei Tong River (LTT)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong (1)	Level of Concern (2)	Protection Status in China <sup>(3)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List	LTT1	LTT2	LTT3	LTT4	LTT5
Pale-spotted Emperor	Anax guttatus	Abundant	-	-	-	-					1
Common Red Skimmer	Orthetrum pruinosum neglectum	Abundant	-	-	-	-					1

- (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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Table 3.6 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	Protection Status in China (5)	China Red Data Book <sup>(6)</sup>	IUCN Red List	LTT1	LTT2	LTT3	LTT4	LTT5
Fish	-	Sparidae	-	-	-	-	-					+
Fish	Black Porgy	Acanthopagrus schlegelii	-	-	-	-	-				+	
Fish	Jarbua Terapon, Crescent-banded Grunter	Terapon jarbua	Common	-	-	-	-	++	+++	+	+++	
Fish	Nile Tilapia	Oreochromis niloticus	Common	-	-	-	-				+	++
Fish	Bald Glassy	Ambassis gymnocephalus	Common	-	-	-	-				+++	
Fish	Mangrove Snapper	Lutjanus argentimaculatus	Common	-	-	-	-			+		
Fish	-	Gobiidae	-	-	-	-	-	+		+		

Fauna Groups	Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong (1)(2)(3)	Level of Concern	Protection Status in China <sup>(5)</sup>	China Red Data Book <sup>(6)</sup>	IUCN Red List	LTT1	LTT2	LTT3	LTT4	LTT5
Crustacean (Crabs)	-	Hemigrapsus sanguineus	Common	-	-	-	-	+				
Crustacean (Crabs)	-	Sesarma (Perisesarma) bidens	Very common	-	-	-	-	+	++	+		
Crustacean (Hermit Crabs)	-	Pagurus dubius	Common	-	-	-	-	+				
Crustacean (Barnacles)	-	Balanus amphitrite	Very common	1	-	-	-		++			
True Slugs	-	Onchidium spp.	Common	-	-	-	-	++	++			
Snails	-	Clithon oualaniensis	Very common	-	-	-	-	++	++			
Snails	-	Nerita chamaeleon	Common	-	-	-	-	++	+			
Bivalves	Rock oyster	Saccostrea cucullata	Very common	•	-	-	-		++			
Amphipod	-	Amphipoda	-	-	-	-	-	+	++	+++	+	+
Insects	Sea Slater	Ligia exotica	Common	-	-	-	-					+
Insects	-	Ptilomera tigrina	-	-	-	-	-					+

- (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 (2015). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2015.2. Relative abundance: + = occasional, less than 5 individuals were found; ++ = common, 5-20 individuals were found; +++ = abundant, more than 20 individuals were found.

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

- 3.1.22. The LBC links 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, vegetation had been removed in LBC and the vegetation coverage in all sections was low. 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 39 plant species were recorded in LBC, of which 19 species were recorded in the quadrats sampled. The list of plant species is presented in **Appendix 2b**. Among all the recorded species, about 38% were exotic species (**Table 3.7**). Same as the last monitoring survey in April, 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 LBC sections in terms of vegetation type. It adjoined LTT5 and had a pool of open water at the eastern tip. LBC1 may be subject to tidal influence during high tide because it is located immediately next to LTT. The sedge, Ferrugineous-scale Fimbristylis (Fimbristylis sieboldii) was observed in LBC1. Native Leather Fern (Acrostichum aureum) and Ruellia coerulea was also recorded commonly at the dry section west to the open water at LBC1.
- 3.1.26. Exotic species *Wedelia trilobata* was recorded as the dominant species from LBC2 to LBC5. Other herbaceous species commonly encountered along the transects from LBC2 to LBC5 included Glutene-rice Grass (*Apluda mutica*), Interrupted Tri-vein Fern (*Cyclosorus interruptus*), *Bidens alba* and Gairo Morning Glory (*Ipomoea cairica*). 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 LBC4. Wetland species such as Hairy Knotweed (*Polygonum barbatum*), Taro (*Colocasia esculenta*), Spiny Knotweed (*Polygonum perfoliatum*) and Ginger Lily (*Hedychium coronarium*) were occasionally recorded along LBC2 to LBC5.
- 3.1.27. A total of 50 plant species were recorded in the RS, of which 11 species were found in the quadrats (Table 3.7). Among all the recorded species, about 42% were exotic species. 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. Exotic Bidens alba, Hilo Grass (Paspalum conjugatum) and Sensitive Plant (Mimosa pudica); and native Ciliate Sasagrass (Microstegium ciliatum) and Rose Mallow (Urena lobata) 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.

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Table 3.7 Vegetation Coverage at Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel (LBC) and Reference Site (RS)

	LBC	RS
No. of species recorded in quadrats	19	11
Total No. of species	39	50
Total No. of exotic species	15	21
Average vegetation coverage	100%	97%
Bare ground coverage	0%	3%

# Terrestrial Fauna

- 3.1.28. Five species of avifauna were recorded at the LBC (Table 3.8) and six species of avifauna were recorded at the RS (Table 3.9). All recorded species are common or abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014). The dominant avifaunal species in LBC was Crested Myna (Acridotheres cristatellus) while the dominant avifauna species in RS was Red-whiskered Bulbul. One avifauna species of conservation importance, Greater Coucal (Centropus sinensis), was recorded at LBC.
- 3.1.29. Most other avifauna recorded at LBC and RS were generalists that have adapted to disturbed environments such as Red-whiskered Bulbul and Crested Myna. One individual of Greater Coucal was recorded roosting at the tree at LBC5.
- 3.1.30. One odonate species, Common Red Skimmer, was recorded at LBC while no odonates were recorded at RS during the monitoring. This species is abundant in Hong Kong (AFCD, 2014) (Table 3.10). One individual of Common Red Skimmer was recorded at LBC1. No odonate species of conservation importance was recorded 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. A total of five species, including two fish species and three aquatic macroinvertebrates species were recorded at LBC1 (Table 3.11). The recorded species were either very common or common in Hong Kong (Chan et al., 2003; Williams, 2003; AFCD, 2014). 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.

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

Table 3.8 Number of Avifauna Recorded at Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel (LBC)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Status <sup>(3)</sup>	Level of Concern <sup>(4)</sup>	Protection Status in China <sup>(5)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List (7)	LBC1	LBC2	LBC3	LBC4	LBC5
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-				1	
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	Common	R	-	Class II	Vulnerable	-					1
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Abundant	SpM,Su	-	-	-	-				4	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris	Common	R	-	-	-	-					1
Crested Myna	Acridotheres cristatellus	Common	R	-	-	-	-		3		5	

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- (2) AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.
- (3) R=resident; SpM=spring migrant; Su=summer 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).
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- (7) IUCN (2015). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2015.2.

Species of conservation importance is noted in bold type face.

Table 3.9 Number of Avifauna Recorded at Reference Site (RS)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong <sup>(2)</sup>	Principal Status <sup>(3)</sup>	Level of Concern	Protection Status in China <sup>(5)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List	RS1	RS2	RS3	RS4	RS5
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-			5		
Chinese Bulbul	Pycnonotus sinensis	Abundant	R	-	-	-	-				2	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris	Common	R	-	-	-	-					1
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	Common	R	-	-	-	-				1	
Japanese White- eye	Zosterops japonicus	Abundant	R,?W	-	-	-	-					1
Fork-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga christinae	Common	R	-	-	-	-	1				

- (1) All wild birds are protected under Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170).
- AFCD (2014). Hong Kong Biodiversity Database.
- R=resident; ?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 (2015). IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2015.2.

Table 3.10 Number of Odonate Recorded at Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel (LBC)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong <sup>(1)</sup>	Level of Concern (2)	Protection Status in China <sup>(3)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List	LBC1	LBC2	LBC3	LBC4	LBC5
Common Red Skimmer	Orthetrum pruinosum neglectum	Abundant	-	-	-	-	1				

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Table 3.11 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 <sup>(1)</sup>	Level of Concern (2)	Protection Status in China <sup>(3)</sup>	China Red Data Book	IUCN Red List <sup>(5)</sup>	LBC1	LBC2	LBC3	LBC4	LBC5
Fish	Nile Tilapia	Oreochromis niloticus	Common	-	-	-	-	++				
Fish	-	Gobiidae	-		-	-	-	+				
Snails	-	Thiaridae	-	-	-	-	-	+				
Snails	-	Cerithidea cingulata	Very common	-	-	-	-	++				
Snails	-	Cerithidea rhizophorarum	Very common	-	-	-	-	++				

- (1) Williams, G (2003). Hong Kong Field Guides Rocky Shores.
- (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 17 June 2015. The monitoring results are presented in **Appendix 3** and summarised in **Table 3.12**, 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 3.13**.
- 3.2.2. The water quality monitoring results are discussed in **Section 5**.

Table 3.12 Summarized Ecological Water Quality Monitoring Results (June 2015)

Parameters	Key Water Quality Objectives <sup>(1)</sup>	WE1	WE2	WE3	WE4	WE5	WE6
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	<20	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	4.0
Nitrogen (Ammonia) (mg/L)	-	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.18	0.28	0.02
Nitrogen (Nitrate) (mg/L)	-	0.09	0.13	0.12	0.16	0.19	0.14
Reactive Phosphorous (mg/L)	-	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.01
5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD <sub>5</sub> ) (mg/L)	<b>&lt;</b> 5	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0	<2.0
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	>4	5.5	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	5.6
Temperature (°C)	-	29.3	30.1	31.1	31.5	33.3	29.7
pН	6.5 – 8 5	8.0	8.1	7.2	7.2	8.0	7.8
Salinity (ppt)	-	0.03	0.05	0.19	7.51	14.78	0.04
Conductivity (µs/cm)	-	106.8	116.8	410.8	13031.0	24584.5	187.7
Water Flow (m/s)	-	0.27	0.12	0.20	0.03	0.09	0.01
Water Depth (cm)	-	42.0	13.0	32.5	23.0	6.0	33.0

Table 3.13 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 <sub>5</sub> ) (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

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

#### 4. ECOLOGICAL MONITORING SCHEDULE

4.1. The next ecological surveys and ecological water quality monitoring are tentatively scheduled for mid-August 2015.

#### 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 June 2015 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. Exotic species *Wedelia trilobata* was still the dominant species at LBC2 to LBC5. Marsh species including Hairy Knotweed, Taro and Ginger Lily 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. LBC1 differed from LBC2 to LBC5 in terms of vegetation composition. LBC1 was dominated by wetland dependent species Ferrugineous-scale Fimbristylis and was the best representation of re-established marsh habitat in LBC. While, LBC2 to LBC5 supported flora species mostly occurred at dry land such as *Wedelia trilobata* and limited marsh species. As any vegetation clearance at LBC1 would result in the removal of the established marsh habitat, it is recommended that future vegetation clearance avoids LBC1 to protect and maintain this habitat.
- 5.5. Tree seedlings (such as Taiwan Acacia and Chinese Tallow Tree) were recorded near the bridge at LBC1, and near the gabion at LBC2 and LBC4. Such tree species may hinder the re-establishment of marsh habitat.
- 5.6. Significant coverage of exotic Mile-a-minute (*Mikania micrantha*) is observed on the banks of PNH3 pool, the gabion of the PNH4 and the two edges of the cascade/fish ladder. Although Mile-a-minute was overgrown at the edges of the PNH4 cascade/fish ladder, free water flow was still observed. The presence of vegetation growing on the fish ladder can hinder the use and movement by fish or freshwater community along PNH3 and PNH4, therefore regular weed removal is recommended to keep the fish ladder open of vegetation.
- 5.7. Mangrove stands of Spiny Bears Breech and *Kandelia obovata* were observed inside the river channel at LTT2 and LTT3. Several *Kandelia obovata* seedlings were observed at LTT1, LTT2, LTT3 and LTT5. This indicated a natural re-colonization of mangrove.
- 5.8. Whilst some differences between the original 2007 baseline surveys and the June 2015 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 3.12**).
- 5.9. 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 (BOD<sub>5</sub>), 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.

- 5.10. As no water quality monitoring was conducted at WE2 to WE4 due to low water level, only water quality monitoring results obtained at WE1, WE5 and WE6 during the last monitoring was available to use and compare with recent monitoring results. No observable evidence of environmental changes such as odour, or discharge within the surveyed area were recorded. When compared with the EPD key water quality objectives for river monitoring (2013), the parameters (SS, BOD<sub>5</sub>, DO and pH) complied with the statutory WQOs. When compared to the last monitoring period, nitrogen (ammonia) concentration increased slightly at WE5; decreased significantly at WE6, and remained unchanged at WE1. Suspended Solids concentration decreased significantly at WE1, WE5 and WE6. Nitrogen (nitrate) concentration increased slightly at WE1, WE5 and WE6. Conductivity was observed to increase significantly at WE5: but decrease significantly at WE1 and WE6. Dissolved oxygen level increased significantly at WE6, but decreased slightly at WE1 and significantly at WE5. The salinity level showed minimal change in all monitoring sites, except WE5 where it increased significantly. Reactive Phosphorus and BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration demonstrated minimal change at all monitoring sites. Other monitoring parameters such as flow rate and pH value at all locations demonstrated minimal change compared to the last sampling record.
- 5.11. The water quality conditions have been monitored for the first 33 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 June 2015 Monitoring Period

Location	Mitigation Measure	Observations/Comments	Recommendations
PNH and LTT	Construction of a small fish ladder at the upstream end of the PNH	Rapid re-establishment of Mile-aminute ( <i>Mikania micrantha</i> ) is observed at upper PNH, but free water flow was still observed at the fish ladder.	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. Albizia lebbeck, Sterculia lanceolata, Cinnamomum
			camphora, Polyspora axillaris, and Rhaphiolepis indica) is recommended.  On-going, regular weed
			management is recommended, as required, to maintain the open nature of the fish ladder.

Location	Mitigation Measure	Observations/Comments	Recommendations
		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	No species of conservation importance was recorded during current monitoring.  Two species of conservation importance, Flagtail ( <i>Kuhlia marginata</i> ) and Predaceous Chub ( <i>Parazacco spilurus</i> ), were recorded in the 2003-2004 EIA surveys; however, these species were not recorded during the current monitoring in June 2015.	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	Marsh vegetation is supported by LBC1 including native species Leather Fern.  Continued dominance by the exotic species, <i>Wedelia trilobata</i> , with limited marsh species were recorded from LBC2 to LBC5.  The presence of regenerated tree seedlings at LBC1, LBC2 and LBC4 may hinder the re-establishment of a marsh habitat.	The establishment and the coverage of this species will continue to be monitored.  Future vegetation clearance should avoid LBC1 to protect and maintain the marsh habitat  The regeneration of marsh species in the LBC is to be monitored.  Removal of tree seedlings (e.g. Taiwan Acacia and Chinese Tallow Tree) is suggested at LBC1, LBC2 and LBC4.
		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.	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 Instrument (Multifunctional Meter)



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WORK ORDER: HK1514515

SUB-BATCH:

0

LABORATORY: DATE RECEIVED: HONG KONG 05/05/2015

DATE OF ISSUE:

11/05/2015

#### **COMMENTS**

The performance of the equipment stated in this report is checked with independent reference material and results compared against a calibrated secondary source.

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The "Next Calibration Date" is recommended according to best practice principals as practised by the ALS Hong Kong laboratory or quoted from relevant international standards.

Scope of Test:

Conductivity, Temperature , Dissolved Oxygen, Salinity, pH and Turbidity

Description:

Multifunctional Meter

Brand Name:

YSI

Model No.:

6820 V2 12A101545

Serial No.:

W.026.35

Equipment No.:

Date of Calibration: 05 May, 2015

# **NOTES**

This is the Final Report and supersedes any preliminary report with this batch number.

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Client: AECOM ASIA COMPANY LIMITED

Description:

Multifunctional Meter

Brand Name: YSI Model No.: 6820 V2 Serial No .: 12A101545 W.026.35 Equipment No.:

Date of Calibration: 05 May, 2015 Date of next Calibration: 05 August, 2015

Parameters:

Conductivity

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

Expected Reading (uS/cm)	Displayed Reading (uS/cm )	Tolerance (%)
146.9	145.0	-1.3
6667	6610	-0.9
12890	12680	-1.6
58670	58050	-1.1
	Tolerance Limit (%)	±10.0

Dissolved Oxygen Method Ref: APHA (21st edition), 45000: G

Expected Reading (mg/L)	Displayed Reading (mg/L)	Tolerance (mg/L)	
3.35	3.32	-0.03	
5.75	5.71	-0.04	
7.80	7.77	-0.03	
	Tolerance Limit (mg/L)	±0.20	

**Temperature** 

Method Ref: Section 6 of International Accreditation New Zealand Technical

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

Reading of Ref. thermometer (°C)	Displayed Reading (°C)	Tolerance (°C)		
13.0	12.85	-0.2		
26.0	25.91	-0.1		
38.0	37.93	-0.1		
	T. I (96)	.20		
	Tolerance Limit (°C)	±2.0		

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Multifunctional Meter

Brand Name: Model No.:

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Serial No.:

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Equipment No.:

Date of Calibration: 05 May, 2015

Date of next Calibration:

05 August, 2015

Parameters:

Salinity

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

Expected Reading (g/L)	Displayed Reading (g/L)	Tolerance (%)
0	0.00	
10	10.05	+0.5
20	20.08	+0.4
30	30.06	+0.2
	Tolerance Limit (%)	±10.0

Turbidity

Method Ref: APHA (21st edition), 2130B

Expected Reading (NTU)	Displayed Reading (NTU)	Tolerance (%)	
0	0.0		
4	4.1	+2.5	
10	10.2	+2.0	
20	20.1	+0.5	
50	50.5	+1.0	
100	100.8	+0.8	
	Tolerance Limit (%)	±10.0	

pH Value

Method Ref: APHA (21st edition) 4500H:R

Expected Reading (pH Unit)	Displayed Reading (pH Unit)	Tolerance (pH unit	
4.0	4.01	+0.01	
7.0	6.96	-0.04	
10.0	9.99	-0.01	
	Tolerance Limit (pH Unit)	±0.20	

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Appendix 2a: Plant Species Recorded in Pak Ngan Heung River and Luk Tei Tong River in June 2015

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Scientific Name	Growth Form	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	PNH1	PNH2	PNH3	PNH4	LTT1	LTT2	LTT3	LTT4	LTT5
Acanthus ilicifolius	shrub	native	common						+	+		
Alocasia odora	perennial herb	native	very common			+	+					
Amaranthus viridis	herb	native	very common			+						
Bidens alba	herb	exotic	very common			++	++		+	+	+	+
Brachiaria mutica	herb	exotic	common			+	+					
Canavalia maritima	climber	native	common							+		
Celosia argentea	herb	native	very common			+	+					
Coix lacryma-jobi	herb	native	common				+					
Colocasia esculenta	herb	native	-			+	+					
Commelina diffusa	herb	native	common			++	++					
Cyperus spp.	herb	-	-					+				
Ficus hispida	tree	native	very common	+		+	+					
Ficus variegata	shrub	native	common			+						
Ficus variolosa	tree or shrub	native	common			+						
Hedychium coronarium	shrub	exotic	=			+	+					
Ipomoea cairica	climber	exotic	very common								+	+
Ipomoea pes-caprae	perennial herb	native	common			+	+					
Kandelia obovata	shrub or small tree	native	common		+			+	++	+		+
Lantana camara	shrub	exotic	very common							+	+	
Macaranga tanarius	tree	native	common			+						
Microstegium ciliatum	perennial procumbent herb	native	very common			+	+					
Mikania micrantha	climber	exotic	very common			+++	+++			+		+
Miscanthus floridulus	climber	native	common							+	+	+
Miscanthus sinensis	perennial herb	native	very common			+	+	+		+	+	+
Neyraudia reynaudiana	herb	native	very common			+	+			+	+	
Panicum maximum	herb	exotic	very common			+	+			+		+
Polygonum barbatum	herb	native	common			+	+					
Pueraria phaseoloides	climber	native	very common								+	
Rhus hypoleuca	shrub	native	common			+						
Wedelia trilobata	perennial herb	exotic	common	+		+	+		+	+	+	+

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

Appendix 2b: Plant Species Recorded in Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and Reference Site in June 2015

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	ne transects					Average Per	centage Cove	r	
Acrostichum aureum	herb	native	restricted	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
Apluda mutica	herb	native	very common	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.21	0.14	0.08
Bidens alba	herb	exotic	very common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.02	0.02
Colocasia esculenta	herb	native	-	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crotalaria pallida	herb	exotic	common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Cyclosorus interruptus	herb	native	common	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.02
Fimbristylis sieboldii	herb	native	common	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12
Ipomoea cairica	climber	exotic	very common	0.08	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03
Ludwigia octovalvis	perennial herb	native	common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.01
Mikania micrantha	climber	exotic	very common	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.01
Panicum maximum	herb	exotic	very common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01
Panicum repens	perennial herb	native	very common	0.00	0.35	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.11
Paspalum conjugatum	perennial herb	exotic	common	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
Paspalum orbiculare	herb	native	-	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Phragmites vallatorius	herb	native	very common	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Polygonum perfoliatum	climbing herb	native	common	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
Pycreus polystachyus	herb	native	common	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Ruellia coerulea	herb	exotic	-	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
Wedelia trilobata	perennial herb	exotic	common	0.00	0.52	0.66	0.59	0.77	0.51
Species recorded during the walk-through	h survey			Occurrence of the Species					
Acacia confusa	tree	exotic	-	+	+				1
Acrostichum aureum	herb	native	restricted	+					1
Alocasia odora	perennial herb	native	very common				+		1
Apluda mutica	herb	native	very common		+	+	+	+	1
Bidens alba	herb	exotic	very common		+	+	+	+	1
Brachiaria mutica	herb	exotic	common			+			1
Celtis sinensis	tree	native	common				+	+	
Colocasia esculenta	herb	native	-			+	+	+	
Conyza canadensis	herb	exotic	very common		+				1
Crotalaria pallida	herb	exotic	common				+	+	1
Cyclosorus interruptus	herb	native	common		+	+			1
Cynodon dactylon	perennial herb	native	very common				+		1
Cyperus flabelliformis	herb	=	-	+					1
Desmodium heterocarpon	herb	native	very common		+				]
Fimbristylis sieboldii	herb	native	common	+	+				]
Hedychium coronarium	shrub	exotic	-		+	+			]
Ipomoea cairica	climber	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+	╛

Note:

Code: +=occurrence of the species

Appendix 2b: Plant Species Recorded in Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and Reference Site in June 2015

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-throu	igh survey (Continue)			Occurrence of the Species				
Kandelia obovata	shrub or small tree	native	common	+				
Lantana camara	shrub	exotic	very common			+	+	
Ludwigia octovalvis	perennial herb	native	common			+	+	
Microstegium ciliatum	perennial procumbent herb	native	very common		+	+	+	+
Mikania micrantha	climber	exotic	very common		+	+	+	+
Mimosa pudica	herb	exotic	very common			+	+	
Neyraudia reynaudiana	herb	native	very common					+
Panicum maximum	herb	exotic	very common				+	+
Panicum repens	perennial herb	native	very common		+	+	+	+
Paspalum conjugatum	perennial herb	exotic	common		+	+	+	+
Paspalum orbiculare	herb	native	-	+	+			
Paspalum paspaloides	herb	native	-		+			
Phragmites vallatorius	herb	native	very common	+	+			
Polygonum barbatum	herb	native	common				+	+
Polygonum perfoliatum	climbing herb	native	common			+	+	+
Praxelis clematidea	perennial herb	exotic	very common					+
Pueraria phaseoloides	climber	native	very common		+		+	+
Pycreus polystachyus	herb	native	common	+	+	+	+	
Ruellia coerulea	herb	exotic	-	+				
Sapium sebiferum	tree	native	common		+		+	
Urena lobata	shrub	native	common	+	+	+	+	+
Wedelia trilobata	perennial herb	exotic	common		+	+	+	+

Note:

Code: +=occurrence of the species

Appendix 2b: Plant Species Recorded in Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and Reference Site in June 2015

Reference Site (RS)

Reference Site (RS)		Native / Exotic to	Distribution in						
Scientific Name	Growth Form	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	RS1	RS2	RS3	RS4	RS5	Average
Species recorded in the quadrats along the	transects	, <b>yy</b>			Average Percentage Cover				
Bidens alba	herb	exotic	very common	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.04
Colocasia esculenta	herb	native	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01
Hedychium coronarium	shrub	exotic	-	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.01
Lantana camara	shrub	exotic	very common	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.01
Microstegium ciliatum	perennial procumbent herb	native	very common	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.03
Mimosa pudica	herb	exotic	very common	0.08	0.04	0.08	0.02	0.05	0.05
Paspalum conjugatum	perennial herb	exotic	common	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.06	0.03	0.04
Pueraria phaseoloides	climber	native	very common	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.02
Sida rhombifolia	herb	native	common	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.02
Urena lobata	shrub	native	common	0.03	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.04
Wedelia trilobata	perennial herb	exotic	common	0.71	0.67	0.71	0.69	0.75	0.71
Other species recorded during the walk-thro		Occur	rence of the S	pecies					
Acacia confusa	tree	exotic	=	+	+				
Aeschynomene indica	shrubby herb	native	very common	+	+	+	+	+	
Allamanda cathartica	climbing shrub	exotic	=		+				
Alocasia odora	perennial herb	native	very common	+	+	+			
Apluda mutica	herb	native	very common			+			
Bambusa ventricosa	bamboo	exotic	-					+	
Bauhinia blakeana	tree	native	common		+				
Bidens alba	herb	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+	
Breynia fruticosa	shrub	native	very common				+		
Bridelia tomentosa	tree	native	very common				+		
Canna indica	herb	exotic	-			+	+		
Celosia argentea	herb	native	very common		+	+	+	+	
Celtis sinensis	tree	native	common	+			+		
Colocasia esculenta	herb	native	-		+	+	+		
Conyza canadensis	herb	exotic	very common	+		+	+	+	
Crotalaria pallida	herb	exotic	common	+	+				
Cynodon dactylon	perennial herb	native	very common	+	+	+	+		
Dactyloctenium aegyptium	herb	native	common	+	+				
Desmodium heterocarpon	herb	native	very common	+		+			
Diospyros kaki	shrub	native	-		+				
Duranta erecta	shrub	exotic	common				+		
Eucalyptus robusta	tree	exotic	-	+					
Ficus hispida	tree	native	very common	+	+	+	+		
Ficus variegata	shrub	native	common			+			
Hedychium coronarium	shrub	exotic	-			+	+		
Hymenocallis littoralis	herb	exotic	-			+			

Note:

Code: + = the occurrence of the species

Appendix 2b: Plant Species Recorded in Luk Tei Tong Bypass Channel and Reference Site in June 2015

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-throu	igh survey (Continue)			Occurrence of the Species				
Ipomoea cairica	climber	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
Ipomoea pes-caprae	perennial herb	native	common	+	+	+	+	+
Kyllinga brevifolia	herb	native	common		+		+	
Lantana camara	shrub	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
Livistona chinensis	tree	exotic	cultivated				+	
Mallotus paniculatus	tree	native	very common					+
Microstegium ciliatum	perennial procumbent herb	native	very common	+	+	+	+	+
Mikania micrantha	climber	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
Mimosa diplotricha	herb	exotic	rare			+		+
Mimosa pudica	herb	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
Miscanthus floridulus	perennial herb	native	common	+		+		+
Miscanthus sinensis	perennial herb	native	very common		+	+		+
Oxalis corymbosa	perennial herb	exotic	common			+		
Panicum maximum	herb	exotic	very common	+	+	+	+	+
Panicum repens	perennial herb	native	very common			+		+
Paspalum conjugatum	perennial herb	exotic	common	+	+	+	+	+
Polygonum chinense	herb	native	very common			+		
Pueraria phaseoloides	climber	native	very common	+	+	+	+	+
Saccharum arundinaceum	herb	native	-		+	+	+	+
Sageretia thea	shrub	native	very common					+
Sapium sebiferum	tree	native	common	+	+	+		
Sida rhombifolia	herb	native	common	+	+	+	+	+
Urena lobata	shrub	native	common	+	+	+	+	+
Wedelia trilobata	perennial herb	exotic	common	+	+	+	+	+

Note:

Code: +=occurrence of the species

# Appendix 3: Ecological Water Quality Monitoring Raw Data (June 2015)

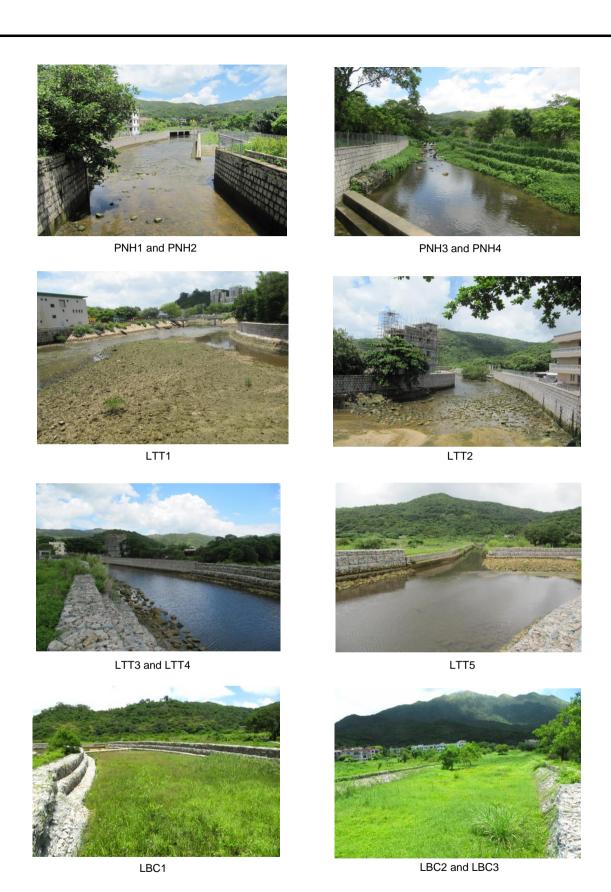
Date of Monitoring: 17 June 2015 Weather: Sunny

Monitoring Location <sup>(1)</sup>	Suspended Solids (mg/L)	Nitrogen (Ammonia) (mg/L)	Nitrogen (Nitrate) (mg/L)	Reactive Phosphorous (mg/L)	5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD <sup>5</sup> ) (mg/L)		d Oxygen g/L)		
					(505 ) (mg/L)	M1	M2		
WE1	3.0	0.03	0.09	0.04	<2.0	5.50	5.56		
WE2	4.0	0.07	0.13	0.04	<2.0	5.28	5.25		
WE3	4.0	0.11	0.12	0.04	<2.0	4.61	4.62		
WE4	3.0	0.18	0.16	0.04	<2.0	4.53	4.53		
WE5	5.0	0.28	0.19	0.04	<2.0	4.28	4.29		
WE6	4.0	0.02	0.14	0.01	<2.0	5.59	5.57		
WE7			No	o water - Not sar	mpled				
WE8		No water - Not sampled							
WE9		No water - Not sampled							
WE10			No	o water - Not sar	mpled				

Monitoring Location <sup>(1)</sup>	Temperature (°C)		рН			Conductivity (µs/cm)			· Flow /s)	Water Depth (cm)
	M1	M2		M1	M2	M1	M2	M1	M2	
WE1	29.3	29.3	8.0	0.03	0.03	106.8	106.8	0.273	0.276	42.0
WE2	30.1	30.1	8.1	0.05	0.05	116.8	116.7	0.127	0.122	13.0
WE3	31.1	31.1	7.2	0.19	0.19	410.7	410.9	0.201	0.200	32.5
WE4	31.5	31.5	7.2	7.51	7.50	13033.0	13029.0	0.031	0.031	23.0
WE5	33.2	33.3	8.0	14.78	14.78	24586.0	24583.0	0.084	0.087	6.0
WE6	29.7	29.6	7.8	0.04	0.04	187.5	187.9	0.007	0.007	33.0
WE7		No water - Not sampled								
WE8	No water - Not sampled									
WE9		No water - Not sampled								
WE10		•	•		No wate	r - Not samp	led		•	

<sup>\*</sup> Where more than one measurement was taken, the data is represented by Measurement M1 and M2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> As no water was present at WE7 to WE10 at the time of survey, no water quality monitoring was undertaken at these water quality monitoring stations.



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