

Ground Investigation Works for Northern Link within Lam Tsuen Country Park and Conservation Area

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1 BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 Project Title

1.1.1 Ground Investigation Works for Northern Link within Lam Tsuen Country Park (LTCP) and Conservation Area (CA) (hereinafter referred to "the Project").

1.2 Purpose and Nature of Project

- 1.2.1 The Northern Link (NOL) is one of the seven railway schemes recommended to be taken under the Railway Development Strategy 2014 ("RDS-2014"). The NOL will be a heavy underground railway line with a route length of about 10.7km between Kam Sheung Road (KSR) Station on the Tuen Ma Line (TML) and Kwu Tung (KTU) Station on the East Rail Line (EAL).
- 1.2.2 The NOL connects the EAL and the TML, forming a railway loop in the Northern New Territories. Passengers will be able to interchange at KSR Station on TML and KTU Station on EAL. The NOL will also serve the transportation needs of the potential New Development Areas (NDAs) in the Northern New Territories and enhance cross-boundary movement.
- 1.2.3 The NOL runs entirely underground in tunnel between KSR(NOL) and KTU(NOL) Stations with three proposed intermediate stations at Au Tau (AUT), Ngau Tam Mei (NTM) and San Tin (SAT) to support the unleashing of the development potential along its alignment. An at-grade depot is proposed at NTM area, and also there would be other aboveground structures including station entrances and ancillary buildings, i.e. ventilation shafts/buildings, Emergency Access Points (EAPs) and Emergency Egress Points (EEPs), as well as enabling works to the south of KSR(NOL) Station, for potential southern extension, to the north of SAT Station for bifurcation to Lok Ma Chau Loop and Huanggang Port, and to the east of KTU(NOL) Station for potential eastern extension to Ping Che areas.
- 1.2.4 Ground Investigation (GI) works along the alignment are required to investigate the geological conditions for identification of existing slope and ground conditions, any potential natural terrain hazard occurrence along the tunnel alignment during the construction of the NOL, constructability of the drill and blast tunnels, and the need for hazard mitigation works in order to reduce the landslide risk, safeguard public safety and also construction safety. The findings of GI works will also facilitate the engineering design of the underground tunnel.
- 1.2.5 In view of the preferred tunnel alignment and insufficient GI records within Conservation Area (CA) and Lam Tsuen Country Park (LTCP), GI works are unavoidably to be conducted within CA and LTCP to obtain sufficient ground condition information at the exact location of underground structure which is crucial for a safe and adequate design of both temporary and permanent stages of the structures. Nevertheless, the location and extent of GI works including working platforms/areas and access ladders (ALs) have been carefully planned and arranged not only to avoid direct impact on any species of conservation of important within CA and LTCP but also minimise impacts to CA and LTCP.
- 1.2.6 This Project Profile (PP) is prepared to establish the environmental acceptability of the Project and to seek permission from the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) to apply directly for an Environmental Permit (EP) for the Project under Section 5(11) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) (Cap. 499).
- 1.2.7 Consent from the Country and Marine Parks Authority and approval from Lands Department for conducting the GI works within Lam Tsuen Country Park (LTCP) would also be obtained separately.

1.3 Name of Project Proponent

1.3.1 The Project Proponent is the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL).



1.4 Description, Scale and History of Project

- 1.4.1 The Project would include temporary site preparation works, set up of ALs, digging of inspection pits (IPs), lifting of drill rig by either helicopter or manual handling, drilling works at drillholes (DHs), and site reinstatement works.
- 1.4.2 The Project will comprise of 47 DHs, 44 IPs and ALs within CA or LTCP as shown in **Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/201**. The IPs will be located at the exact location of the DHs and excavated before the drilling works. Site visits were conducted to identify any species of conservation importance at the locations of proposed IPs, DHs, ALs and to propose adjustment of the locations where necessary to avoid direct impact on any species of conservation importance.
- 1.4.3 The size of each IP is approximately 1.5 m (L) x 1.5 m (W) x 2.5 m (D) (i.e. each about 5.63 m³), and working areas/platform of around 5 to 10 m (W) x 12 to 15 m (L) will be reserved for each of the 47 DHs (Refer to **Table 1.1** for summary). Minor vegetation clearance will therefore be required but tree felling will be avoided. Ranges of the sizes of DHs are 76 mm to 168 mm in outer diameter, with a depth of -21 mPD to -35 mPD approximately. Standpipes and/or piezometer will also be installed and a small concrete surface box (0.5 m x 0.5 m) will be formed for prolonged groundwater monitoring.
- 1.4.4 The total area of working areas/working platforms for all the DHs and material storage is approximately 3,360 m² and the total excavation volume will be approximately 248 m³ (i.e. 44 nos. of IP x 5.63 m³). It is anticipated that a maximum of 10 working areas/platforms would be operated concurrently. After the completion for GI works, the DHs will be filled by a cement-bentonite grout to prevent any long-term groundwater inflow. Reinstatement of the working areas/ platforms and temporary access ladder, except the small concrete surface box (0.5m x 0.5m) for standpipe/piezometer, will be provided. The soil excavated from IPs will be backfilled at their original locations, and the DH locations will be reinstated to their original or agreed condition
- 1.4.5 Although there will be no hoarding erected around the working areas, the working areas will be properly fenced off by safety barrier with tarpaulin, warning signs or notices instead. No haul road will be needed for access to the DHs and IPs. Temporary elevated single row steel AL or double row steel AL will be used for the manual mobilization of the drill rig and the associated equipment. The width of temporary single rowed steel AL and double rowed steel AL is approximately 0.8 m and 1.8 m, respectively, with an approximate length of 1,980 m in total. The total area of temporary AL is about 3,453 m².

Table 1.1 Size of Temporary Working Area / Platform of Drillholes

Drillhole no.	Approx. Size of Temporary Working Area/ Platform	Helicopter ⁽³⁾ Required for Transporting Materials? (Yes/No)
	Within Conservation Area	
1632-NTS-DH04	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH05	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH06	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH07(P)	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH08	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH11	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH15	5 m x 15 m	Yes
1632-NTS-DH16	5 m x 15 m	Yes
1632-NTS-DH17	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH18(P)	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH19	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH20	5 m x 15 m	No
1632-NTS-DH21(P)	5 m x 15 m	No

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Drillhole no.	Approx. Size of Temporary Working Area/ Platform	Helicopter ⁽³⁾ Required for Transporting Materials? (Yes/No)				
1632-NTS-DH22	5 m x 12 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH23	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH24	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH25	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH26	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH27	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH28(P)	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH29	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH30	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH31	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH32	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH33(P)	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH34	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH35	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH36	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH37	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH38	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH39	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH40(P)	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH42 (2)	5 m x 15 m	Yes				
1632-NTS-DH42A (2)	5 m x 15 m	Yes				
1632-NTS-DH43	5 m x 15 m	Yes				
1632-NTS-IDH46	10 m x 15 m ⁽¹⁾	Yes				
1632-NTS-IDH47	10111 × 13111 × 7	Yes				
1632-NTS-IDH48	8 m x 15 m ⁽¹⁾	Yes				
1632-NTS-IDH49		Yes				
1632-NTS-IDH50	8 m x 15 m	Yes				
1632-NTS-IDH51	8 m x 15 m ⁽¹⁾	Yes				
1632-NTS-DH52	O III X 10 III V	Yes				
Within Lam Tsuen Country Park						
1632-NTS-DH09	5 m x 15 m	No				
1632-NTS-DH54	5 m x 15 m	Yes				
1632-NTS-DH55	5 m x 15 m	Yes				
1632-NTS-DH56	5 m x 15 m	Yes				
1632-NTS-DH57	5 m x 15 m	Yes				
1632-NTS-DH58	5 m x 15 m	Yes				

Notes:

- (1) Two drillholes would share one temporary working area/platform.
- (2) Either 1632-NTS-DH42 or 1632-NTS-DH42A would be adopted for the GI works, subject to the transport arrangement by helicopter, but both locations would be utilized as either temporary working platform or storage area.
- (3) The frequency of helicopter flights will be approximate one trip per week, with each trip lasting approximately two hours.

1.5 Number and Types of Designated Projects Covered by the Project Profile

1.5.1 The Project will carry out earthworks within LTCP and CA. The Project is therefore designated project by virtue of Item Q.1 "All projects including earthworks partly or wholly in an existing country park and conservation area", Part 1, Schedule 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (EIAO) (Cap. 499).



1.6 Name and Telephone Number of Contact Person

1.6.1 All queries regarding the Project can be addressed to:

Name of Project Proponent: MTR Corporation Limited

Name of Contact Person: Mr. Rodney Ip
Telephone Number of the Contact Person: 2688 1163



2 OUTLINE OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

2.1 Outline of Planning

2.1.1 The Project will be carried out by qualified contractors to be appointed by the Project Proponent.

2.2 Project Implementation Programme

2.2.1 The anticipated works duration, including setting up and drilling period, for each DH will be about six weeks. The Project is tentatively scheduled to commence in Q2 2024 and will last for about 9 months.

2.3 Project Interface

2.3.1 Based on the tentative implementation programme of the Project, no concurrent project would be carried out in the vicinity.



3 MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

3.1 Air Quality

Representative Air Sensitive Receivers

3.1.1 Representative air sensitive receivers (ASRs) within 500m Assessment Area from the Project have been identified and are listed in **Table 3.1**, with their locations presented in **Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/300**.

Table 3.1 Representative Air Sensitive Receivers (ASRs)

ASR ID	Description	Land Use	Approx. Distance from the Project, m
MF_A01	House 168, Mo Fan Heung	I	36
MF_A02	House 171, Mo Fan Heung	ļ	20
MF_A03	Temporary Structure in Mo Fan Heung	R	25
MF_A04	House 176, Mo Fan Heung	R	30
MF_A05	House 209, Mo Fan Heung	R	82
MF_A06	House 160, Mo Fan Heung		102
MF_A07	Camping site in Mo Fan Heung	REC	33
PW_A01	House 166, Pok Wai	R	93
PW_A02	House 169, Pok Wai	R	49
PW_A03	House 170, Pok Wai	R	40
PW_A04	House 172, Pok Wai	R	60
PW_A05	House 182, Pok Wai	R	137
PW_A06	House 230, Pok Wai	R	201
PW_A07	Temporary Structure in Pok Wai		73
PW_A08	Temporary Structure in Pok Wai		252
PW_A09	Temporary Structure in Pok Wai		290
LH_A01	Temporary Structure in Long Ha	R	167
LH_A02	Temporary Structure in Long Ha	OS	59
LH_A03	Temporary Structure in Long Ha	OS	114
LH_A04	Temporary Structure in Long Ha		240
LH_A05	Temporary Structure in Long Ha	OS	117
NTM_A01	House 339, Wang Ping Shan South Road	R	77
NTM_A02	Wing Ming Farm	I	176
NTM_A03	Temporary Structure along Ching Yau		193
	Road		

Note:

Existing Ambient Air Quality Condition

- 3.1.2 The dominant existing air pollutants sources within the 500m assessment area of the Project are the vehicular emissions from open roads including San Tin Highway and San Tam Road.
- 3.1.3 The closest EPD's air quality monitoring station to the assessment area is the North Air Quality Monitoring Station (AQMS) situated at the Po Wing Road Sports Centre which is operating since July 2020 and is under the land use type "New Town". Owing to insufficient data for time before Year 2020 and in Year 2020, the background observation refers to the next closest station with the same land use type instead, i.e. Yuen Long AQMS at Yuen Long District Office Building as published in *Air Quality in Hong Kong*. The major air pollutants would be the particulates emissions during the GI works. Therefore, the Fine Suspended Particulates (FSP) and Respirable Suspended Particulates (RSP) monitoring data recorded between Year 2018 to 2022 are examined and summarized in **Table 3.2**. It is observed that daily and annual averages of RSP and FSP concentration complied with prevailing AQOs during Year 2018 to 2022.

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⁽¹⁾ I – Industrial; OS – Open Storage; R – Residential; REC– Recreational Use.



The Air Quality Monitoring Data Recorded at EPD's Yuen Long in Year Table 3.2 2018 - 2022

Pollutant	Averaging AQO ^[1]		Data	Year ^[2]				
Poliutant	Time	AQU	Summary	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fine			Max.	80	81	44	75	64
Suspended	24-hr	50 (35)	36 th Max.	34	34	28	31	30
Particulates (FSP) [3]	24-111		No. of Exceedance(s)	5	5	0	3	5
(FSF) [6]	Annual	25	-	20	20	16	17	16
Dogniroblo	24-hr 100 (9)	100	Max.	121	125	97	109	81
Respirable Suspended Particulates (RSP)[3]			10 th Max.	75	83	77	73	56
		No. of Exceedance(s)	4	2	0	1	0	
(130)	Annual	50	-	37	37	30	30	25

Notes:

- [1] Values in () mean the number of exceedances allowed per year.
- [2] Bolded values mean exceedance of the AQO limit values.
- [3] All concentration units are in microgram per cubic metre (µg/m³).

3.2 **Noise**

Representative Noise Sensitive Receivers

- 3.2.1 Representative noise sensitive receivers (NSRs) identified within 300m Assessment Area from the Project are listed in Table 3.3 and presented in Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/301.
- 3.2.2 The Project is located in the northern part of the New Territories where majority of the area is predominantly in rural nature. The existing noise climate in the vicinity of the Project area is dominated by the road traffic noise from San Tin Highway and San Tam Road. In addition, isolated industrial operations scattered in the vicinity of the representative NSRs also contribute to the overall ambient noise levels.

Table 3.3 Representative Noise Sensitive Receivers (NSRs)

NSR ID	Description	Land use ⁽¹⁾	No. of Storey	Approx. Distance from the Project ⁽²⁾ , m
MF_N03	Temporary Structure in Mo Fan Heung	R	2	25
MF_N04	House 176, Mo Fan Heung	R	2	30
MF_N05	House 209, Mo Fan Heung	R	2	82
PW_N01	House 166, Pok Wai	R	2	93
PW_N02	House 169, Pok Wai	R	2	49
PW_N03	House 170, Pok Wai	R	3	40
PW_N04	House 172, Pok Wai	R	1	60
PW_N05	House 182, Pok Wai	R	3	137
PW_N06	House 230, Pok Wai	R	3	201
LH_N01	Temporary Structure in Long Ha	R	1	167
NTM_N01	House 339, Wang Ping Shan South Road	R	3	77

Notes:

- (1) (2) R - Residential.
- Approx. distance between NSR and the nearest access ladder.



3.3 Water Quality

3.3.1 Representative water sensitive receivers (WSRs) identified within 500m Assessment Area from the Project are listed in **Table 3.4** and presented in **Figure Nos. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/302** to **304**.

Table 3.4 Representative Water Sensitive Receivers (WSRs)

WSR ID	Description	Approx. Distance from the Project, m
Watercourse		
W1	Mo Fan Heung Stream	346
W2	Drainage along San Tam Road	98
W3	Downstream rivers of Kai Kung Leng	192
W4	Downstream rivers of Kai Kung Leng	13
W6 ⁽¹⁾	Downstream rivers of Kai Kung Leng	6
W7 ⁽¹⁾	Downstream rivers of Kai Kung Leng	within the Project site
W8	Upstream semi-modified watercourse of Ngau Tam Mei Drainage Channel	214
W9 ⁽¹⁾	Downstream rivers of Kai Kung Leng	within the Project site
W10	Downstream rivers of Kai Kung Leng	155
W11	Downstream rivers of Kai Kung Leng	416
W12	Drainage along Castle Peak Road – Tam Mi	345
W13	Upstream semi-modified watercourse of Ngau Tam Mei Drainage Channel	298
W14	Drainage along San Tin Highway	432
W15	Semi-modified watercourse near Wah On Villa	111
Pond		•
P1	Ponds	363
P2	Ponds	388
P3	Ponds	426
P4	Ponds	83
P5	Ponds	310
P6	Ponds	385
P7	Ponds	268
P8	Ponds	319
P9	Ponds	447
P10	Ponds	105
PS1	Pok Wai Floodwater Pond	53

Note:

3.4 Cultural Heritage

- 3.4.1 There is no Sites of Archaeological Interest (SAI) within the 100m Assessment Area from the Project. The closest declared monument is Tang Kwong U Ancestral Hall which is located at around 1.8km from the Project.
- 3.4.2 According to the List of the 1,444 Historic Buildings with Assessment Results and List of New Items for Grading Assessment with Assessment Results (as of 14 December 2023) prepared by Antiques and Monuments Office (AMO), neither declared monument nor built heritage is located within 100m Assessment Area, and only 1 other identified item (with no grading or no

⁽¹⁾ According to the observation of ecological survey, no surface flow was observed at Watercourses W6, W7 & W9 below the ALs and near working areas/platforms.



grade accorded¹) is located within the 100m Assessment Area of the Project. The location of the other identified item is presented in **Table 3.5** and is shown in **Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/305**.

Table 3.5 Other Identified Item

Reference No.	Description	Status	Approx. Distance from the Project, m
POW17	Pok Wai Public School	No Grade Accorded	3

3.5 Ecology

3.5.1 The Assessment Area is 100 m from the Project (i.e. DHs, working areas/platforms and ALs) (Figure Nos. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/306 to 308 refer), which was covered by the 500 m Assessment Area of the ecological impact assessment under the NOL Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study. Considering that the Project only involves temporary, small and limited areas of access, working area/platform and DH location, a more focal ecological baseline was established within 10 m from the Project (i.e. Surveyed Area) based on literature review (Section 7.1.1 refers) and site surveys to focus specifically on the area that may be impacted by the Project. In view of the Project's nature and the homogeneous vegetation composition within and outside the Surveyed Area, conducting one-off day and night ecological surveys within this area would be adequate to collect representative and detailed ecological baseline information and identify species of conservation importance for the subsequent ecological impact assessment. Day and night ecological site surveys on habitat and vegetation, avifauna, herpetofauna, butterfly and odonate, mammal, firefly and freshwater fauna were conducted between June and November 2023.

Recognised Sites of Conservation Importance

- 3.5.2 Six DHs would fall within Lam Tsuen Country Park (LTCP), including 1632-NTS-DH09, 1632-NTS-DH54, 1632-NTS-DH55, 1632-NTS-DH56, 1632-NTS-DH57 and 1632-NTS-DH58. Designated in 1979, the LTCP commands a total area of 1,520 ha that spans over Tai Po, Fanling and Yuen Long (AFCD, 2023).
- 3.5.3 Majority of the Surveyed Areas in Kai Kung Leng (**Table 1.1** refers) fall within a "Conservation Area" ("CA") gazetted under the approved Kam Tin North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/YL-KTN/10. It is zoned to protect and retain the existing natural landscape, ecological or topographical features of the area for conservation, educational and research purposes and to separate sensitive natural environment such as country park from the adverse effects of development.

Overall Ecological Condition

3.5.4 A total of five habitats, namely woodland, plantation, shrubland, grassland and developed area/wasteland were identified within the Surveyed Area (Figure Nos. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/306 to 308 refer). All of the DHs and IPs and majority of the ALs would fall within the natural habitats i.e. woodland, plantation, shrubland and grassland. Representative photographs showing the habitat types near the proposed DH locations are presented in Appendix 3.1. Flora species recorded is given in Appendix 3.2, and the photos of flora and fauna species of conservation importance is given in Appendix 3.3.

Woodland

3.5.5 The woodland on the lower hillside of Kai Kung Leng largely consisted of relatively young hillside woodland regenerated through succession, which had a semi-open canopy formed by

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¹ Items with No Grade Accorded refer to buildings/structures/sites that are out of the list of the 1,444 historic buildings and has not previously been included under grading assessment by the Antiquities Authority, yet still have possible significance in cultural heritage.



young native pioneer trees e.g. Acronychia (*Acronychia pedunculata*), Aporosa (*Aporosa dioica*) and Yellow Cow Wood (*Cratoxylum cochinchinense*) of about 5 m to 7 m tall, with a few emergent exotic afforestation trees of *Eucalyptus* spp. Common native small trees and shrubs e.g. Thin Evodia (*Melicope pteleifolia*), Wild Coffee (*Psychotria asiatica*) and climbers e.g. Desmos (*Desmos chinensis*), Uvaria (*Uvaria macrophylla*) formed a relatively limited understory. The woodland on the lower hillside of Kai Kung Leng near Wah Shing Tsuen was consisted of fruit tree species such as Wampi (*Clausena lansium*) and Lychee (*Litchi chinensis*). Graves were scattered in the woodland and connected with occasional footpaths.

- 3.5.6 Five mature Incense Tree (*Aquilaria sinensis*), a floral species of conservation importance, of around 5 to 8 m tall, and six seedlings of height ranged from 0.2 m to 1.2 m were recorded next to the ALs and working platforms (**Figure Nos. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/306 to 308** refer). Incense Tree is a common native species in Hong Kong. It is protected under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) and listed as Category II in the Wild Plants under State Protection. This species is classified as "Vulnerable" under the China Plant Red Data Book, the Threatened Species List of China's Higher Plants, and the IUCN Red List (IUCN, 2023). It is also considered as "Near Threatened" status in China by the Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong and National Key Protected Plants in Guangdong.
- 3.5.7 One mature and one seedling of Emarginate-leaved Ormosia (*Ormosia emarginata*), a floral species of conservation importance, were found near the AL between 1632-NTS-DH08 and 1632-NTS-DH07(P) (**Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/306** refers). Emarginate-leaved Ormosia is a common native species in Hong Kong. It is classified as Category II in Wild Plants under State Protection.
- 3.5.8 Four clumps of Lamb of Tartary (*Cibotium barometz*) were recorded near the proposed AL leading to 1632-NTS-DH09, and in between 1632-NTS-DH20 and 1632-NTS-DH30 (**Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/307** refers). The species is given a 'Vulnerable' status in China by the Rare and Precious Plant of Hong Kong, listed under Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586), considered as 'Category II' in List of Wild Plants under State Protection.

Plantation

- 3.5.9 The canopy of the plantation habitat was dominated by exotic plantation trees such as Brisbane Box (*Lophostemon confertus*) and *Eucalyptus* spp. It was discontinuous and around 8 to 10 m tall. The understory was limited and dominated by native pioneer herbs such as Dichotomy Forked Fern (*Dicranopteris pedata*) and Oriental Blechnum (*Blechnum orientalis*), when moving up to hillside plantation.
- 3.5.10 One individual of Incense Tree seedling with 30cm tall was recorded near the AL leading to 1632-NTS-DH08 (**Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/306** refers).

Shrubland

- 3.5.11 Shrubland was vegetated with native small trees and short shrubs e.g. Aporosa, Oblong-leaved Litsea (*Litsea rotundifolia* var. *oblongifolia*) and Rose Myrtle (*Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*).
- 3.5.12 Seven mature Incense Trees were recorded in proximity to the ALs leading to 1632-NTS-DH26, 1632-NTS-DH34, 1632-NTS-IDH50, 1632-NTS-IDH51, 1632-NTS-IDH52, 1632-NTS-IDH48 and 1632-NTS-IDH49. (Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/307 refers). Nine seedlings of Incense Tree were recorded near the ALs connecting 1632-NTS-DH26,1632-NTS-DH35, 1632-NTS-DH58 (Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/307 refers).
- 3.5.13 Five clumps of Cycad-fern (*Brainea insignis*) were recorded near 1632-NTS-IDH50, 1632-NTS-IDH48, 1632-NTS-IDH49 and the AL to 1632-NTS-DH09 (**Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/307** refers). Cycad-fern is listed under Category 2 of Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong and List of Wild Plants under State Protection. The species is classified as "Vulnerable" under Threatened Species List of China's Higher Plants.

Grassland



3.5.14 Grassland habitat was found at the upper hillside of Kai Kung Leng. It was dominated by pioneer native herb species such as Dichotomy Forked Fern and Oriental Blechnum. Three clumps of Cycad-fern were recorded near 1632-NTS-DH52,1632-NTS-IDH51 and 1632-NTS-DH56 (Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/307 refers).

Developed Area/Wasteland

3.5.15 Developed area/wasteland habitat comprised of a camping site and derelict land, which was under constant disturbance due to human activities. Vegetation recorded in this habitat largely consisted of ruderal species e.g. Ciliate Microstegium, Bidens alba and weed White Popinac (Leucaena leucocephala). No floral species of conservation importance were found in this habitat.

Fauna

- 3.5.16 Avifauna, butterfly, odonate, mammal and amphibian were recorded within the Surveyed Area, of which three avifauna, three mammal species are of conservation importance. A full list of faunal species recorded is given in **Appendix 3.4**.
- 3.5.17 A total of 20 avifauna species were recorded in the Surveyed Area. Most of the species were found in woodland habitat. Most of these species are either abundant or common resident and widely distributed in Hong Kong. Six species of conservation importance, namely Black Kite (Milvus migrans), Black-throated Laughingthrush (Pterorchinus chienesis), Chinese Hwamei (Garrulax canorus), Crested Serpent Eagle (Spilornis cheela), Greater Coucal (Centropus sinensis) and Rufous-capped Babbler (Cyanoderma ruficeps) were recorded. They are in the List of Wild Animals Under State Protection Class II except Rufous-capped Babbler. Black Kite, Chinese Hwamei and Crested Serpent Eagle are protected by the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586). Greater Coucal are regarded as 'Vulnerable' (Zheng and Wang, 1998). Black-throated Laughingthrush, Chinese Hwamei and Crested Serpent Eagle are considered as 'Near Threatened' (Jiang et al, 2016).
- 3.5.18 A total of 21 butterfly species were recorded in the Surveyed Area. Most of them were observed in woodland, while a few of them were found in shrubland, grassland and developed area/wasteland. They are either common or very common and widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
- 3.5.19 Four odonate species were recorded woodland and grassland. One of them is distributed in wetland habitats (e.g. marshes and streams), while the rest are widespread in Hong Kong.
- 3.5.20 Three amphibian species were recorded in developed area and plantation the Surveyed Area. They are common and widely distributed throughout Hong Kong.
- 3.5.21 Four mammal species were recorded. Three of them are species of conservation importance. Red Muntjac (*Muntiacus muntjak*) is of conservation importance and recorded in shrubland (**Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/307** refers). It is considered of potential regional concern (Fellowes et al., 2002) and as 'Near Threatened' (Jiang et al, 2016).
- 3.5.22 Intermediate Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus affinis*) is considered as local concern in the basis of restrictedness of breeding and roosting site (Fellowes et al., 2002).
- 3.5.23 Small Indian Civet (*Viverricula indica*) is listed as Class I on the List of Wild Animals Under State Protection. It is considered as vulnerable in the Red List of China's Vertebrate (Jiang et al, 2016).
- 3.5.24 The ecological importance of the recorded habitats was evaluated in accordance with the EIAO-TM Annex 8 criteria and presented in **Table 3.6**.



Table 3.6 Habitat Evaluation within Surveyed Area

Criteria	Woodland	Plantation	Shrubland	Grassland	Developed
					Area/ Wasteland
Naturalness	Moderate	Low	Moderate to high	Moderate to high	Low
Size (Ha)	Small (Approx. 2.87 ha)	Very small (Approx. 0.68 ha)	Small (Approx. 1.58 ha)	Very small (Approx. 0.42 ha)	Very small (Approx. 0.16 ha)
Diversity	Moderate floral and low faunal diversity	Low floral and faunal diversity	Low floral and faunal diversity	Low floral and moderate faunal diversity	Very low floral (consisting of native ruderal and exotic species) and faunal diversity
Rarity	Three flora species of conservation importance: Incense Tree, Lamb of Tartary, Emarginate- leaved Ormosia Four fauna species of conservation importance: Red Muntjac, Small Indian Civet, Greater Coucal, Black- throated Laughingthrush	One flora species of conservation importance: Incense Tree	Two flora species of conservation importance: Incense Tree, Cycad-fern Three fauna species of conservation importance: Intermediate Horseshoe Bat, Chinese Hwamei, Rufous-capped Babbler	One flora species of conservation importance: Cycad-fern	No species of conservation was recorded
Re-creatability	Low to moderate. Re- creatable if time is given for natural succession	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low
Fragmentation	Low	Low to	Low to	Low to	Low to
Ecological linkage	Within "CA", structurally connected to adjacent plantation, shrubland and grassland areas in LTCP	moderate Within "CA" and LTCP, structurally connected to adjacent woodland, shrubland and grassland	moderate Within "CA" and LTCP, structurally connected to adjacent woodland, plantation and grassland	moderate Within "CA" and LTCP, structurally connected to adjacent shrubland, plantation and woodland	moderate No notable ecological linkage
Potential value	Moderate	Low to moderate	Low to moderate	Low to moderate	Low
Nursery / Breeding Ground	No notable nurse			ouoidto	1
Age	N.A				
Abundance / Richness of Wildlife	Moderate	Low	Low to moderate	Low to moderate	Very low
Ecological Value	Moderate	Low	Low to moderate	Low to moderate	Low



3.6 Landscape and Visual

- 3.6.1 desktop study aerial photograph on on maps. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/310 refers) and ecological surveys within the Surveyed Area mentioned in Section 3.5, the major landscape elements are the existing trees within the landscape resources (LR) (including LR-1 woodland, LR-2 mixed woodland, LR-3 grassland, LR-4 shrubland, LR-5 plantation and LR-6 developed area/ villages) and landscape character area (LCA) (including LCA1 hillside and upland landscape, LCA2 rural inland plain landscape and LCA3 miscellaneous rural fringe landscape) within the 100m assessment area. The proposed works fall within most of the LRs, except LR-2 mixed woodland. Locations of LR and Nos. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/311 shown in **Figure** C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/313 respectively.
- 3.6.2 No Old and Valuable Trees (OVTs) were recorded within the 100m Assessment Area. Rare and protected tree species such as *Aquilaria sinensis* and *Ormosia emarginata* were identified within or in vicinity of the ALs, DHs and IPs. No tree will be removed under the Project.
- 3.6.3 The Project is located within a hilly terrain where it is generally screened by the surrounding terrain and vegetation. The key public viewers such as travellers along San Tin Highway are distant from the Project Site, and are enjoying the major visual resource of greenery hillside backdrop of Kai Kung Leng. The Project is temporary in nature without any permanent structure involved, therefore, it is not pronouncedly visible from key public viewers in the surroundings. There will be also no visual obstruction or loss of visual openness due to the Project. As the Project would not involve tree felling works, the visual resource of greenery will be maintained and therefore no pronounced visual change from key public viewers is anticipated. As such, visual impact assessment is not required with reference to the Appendix B in Annex 18 of the EIAO-TM.

Landscape Resources

LR-1 Woodland

3.6.4 For woodland (LR-1), it refers to the woodland patches at the southwestern side of the Kai Kung Leng's foothill which is adjoining the plantation and grassland. It is also located at the hillside of Kai Kung Leng near Ngau Tam Mei and Pok Wai. The hillside woodland feature with young to relatively mature trees, including native tree species such as *Acronychia pedunculata*, *Aporosa dioica*, *Celtis sinensis*, *Schefflera heptaphylla*, *Cratoxylum cochinchinense* (about 5 m to 7 m tall), with a few emergent exotic afforestation trees of *Eucalyptus* spp. Within the Surveyed Area, rare and protected tree species such as *Aquilaria sinensis* and *Ormosia emarginata* were identified near the AL. Five mature *Aquilaria sinensis* of around 5 to 8 m tall were recorded next to the AL and working platforms. One mature *Ormosia emarginata* was found near the AL between 1632-NTS-DH08 and 1632-NTS-DH07(P). In view of its maturity in vegetation and landscape quality, the sensitivity to change is considered as high. A total of 25 nos. of working areas/platforms and associated ALs are proposed within this landscape resource.

LR-2 Mixed woodland

3.6.5 For mixed woodland (LR-2), it refers to the mixed woodland patches at the foothill of Kai Kung Leng. The mixed woodland patch predominately comprises of fruit trees such as *Dimocarpus longan* and *Clausena lansium* and mixed of young to mature native and exotic trees and shrub. No rare and protected tree species were identified in this LR. Though there were certain levels of human disturbance such as farming and burial ground, the landscape quality is considered as high due to diversity in vegetation. The sensitivity to change is considered as high. No working areas/platforms or AL is proposed within this LR.

LR-3 Grassland

3.6.6 For grassland (LR-3), it refers to both hillside grassland at Kai Kung Leng and was scattered in the east and west of Long Ha Tsuen. Hillside grasslands are susceptible to periodic hill fires, which arrest ecological succession. While low-lying grasslands largely succeeded from fallow



field and dried up ponds, where ruderal herbs and weedy were commonly found. No rare and protected tree species were identified in this LR. The sensitivity to change is considered as low. A total of 4 nos. of working platforms and associated ALs are proposed within this landscape resource.

LR-4 Shrubland

3.6.7 For Shrubland (LR-4), it refers to those shrubland at the hillside of Kai Kung Leng and Ngau Tam Mei/ Pok Wai area. The hillside shrubland was vegetated with native small trees such as Litsea rotundifolia var. oblongifolia and short shrubs. While those in the lowland area appeared to be succeeded from abandoned agricultural land and largely comprised with small trees such as Melia azedarach and Litchi chinensis, and self-seeding species (i.e. Leucaena leucocephala). Within the Surveyed Area, rare and protected tree species such as Aquilaria sinensis were identified in this LR. Seven mature Aquilaria sinensis were recorded in proximity to the ALs. The landscape quality is considered as fair and relatively tolerant to change. Hence, the sensitivity to change is considered as medium. A total of 12 nos. of working platforms and associated access ladder are proposed within this landscape resource.

LR-5 Plantation

3.6.8 For Plantation (LR-5), it refers to the small patch of plantation at the southwestern side of the Kai Kung Leng adjoining the woodland, shrubland and grassland. These vegetated areas are man-made in nature as greenery to be an extension of the abutting woodland and is fair in landscape quality. No rare and protected tree species were identified in this LR. The tolerance of change is relatively medium. The sensitivity to change is considered as medium. A total of 4 nos. of working platforms and associated AL are proposed within this landscape resource.

LR-6 Developed area / Villages

3.6.9 For Developed area / Villages (LR-6), it refers the vegetation found between the villages such as Mo Fan Heung Tsuen. The identified greenery was relatively fragmented and only small cluster of vegetation formed between the village houses. It is mainly composed of exotic species (e.g. Bauhinia spp., Bougainvillea spectabilis and Calliandra haematocephala) and ruderal species such as Leucaena leucocephala and Mikania micrantha. No rare and protected tree species were identified in this LR. In general, its landscape quality is considered as fair to poor with high tolerance to change due to the constant human disturbance. Hence, the sensitivity to change is considered as low. Only ALs are proposed within this LR.

Landscape Character Area

3.6.10 45 out of 47 nos. of DHs are within the LCA1 hillside and upland landscape, while the remaining 2 DHs (1632-NTS-DH04 and 1632-NTS-DH05) are within LCA3 miscellaneous rural fringe landscape. LCA1 refers to area within and adjoining Kai Kung Leng, it is mainly covered in scrub or woodland. This LCA is generally large in scale and considered as high landscape quality with high sensitivity. The LCA3 is referring to the periphery of the major urban areas. This LCA characterized by low-density structure, such as scattered residential development and open storages, and mixture of undeveloped area. The sensitivity is considered as low. A small portion of AL falls within the remaining LCA2 rural inland plain landscape. This LCA is a flat and expansive lowland landscape with scattered groups of vegetation and cluster of squatter huts. The sensitivity is generally medium.



4 POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Potential Impacts from the Project

- 4.1.1 As discussed in **Section 1.4**, the temporary works activities would include the following:
 - Site preparation works;
 - Set up of access ladders (ALs);
 - Digging of inspection pits (IPs);
 - Lifting of drill rig by either helicopter or manual handling;
 - Drilling works at drillholes (DHs); and
 - Site reinstatement works.
- 4.1.2 The potential environmental impacts associated with the GI works have been assessed and are discussed below in accordance with Annex 1 of the *Technical Memorandum on Environmental Impact Assessment Process* (EIAO-TM).

4.2 Potential Environmental Impacts

Air Quality

4.2.1 The proposed GI works will be completed within a span of about 9 months, and the construction works as presented in Section 4.1 are considered to be minor and localized. Potential dust impact may arise from drilling activities and wind erosion of drilled boreholes. However, it is anticipated that the proposed GI works would not result in significant fugitive dust emissions in view of the small borehole size (i.e. sizes of DHs ranges from 76 mm to 168 mm in outer diameter) with limited excavated materials (i.e. approx. 248 m³), setback distances between 20 m and 290 m from ASRs, together with the implementation of good site practices and dust suppression measures as discussed in Section 5.1.1, the potential fugitive dust impact to the ASRs is expected to be minimal. Air emission may occur during the use of helicopters and diesel-powered construction equipment. However, only a drill rig, a water pump (petrol), a water pump (electric) and a generator (portable) would be used at each GI working area/platform, and a maximum of 10 working areas/platforms would be operated concurrently, therefore, the exhaust emission is anticipated to be limited. The Air Pollution Control (Non-road Mobile Machinery) (Emission) Regulation came into effect in June 2015 to control emissions from diesel-powered engines. Only approved or exempted NRMMs with a proper label are allowed to be used in construction sites. Fuel with sulphur content not exceeding 0.005% by weight should be used to minimize SO2 emission in accordance with the Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) Regulation. Given that only a small number of PME will be utilized concurrently for the GI works, and the use of helicopter (Table 1.1 refers) for material delivery would be of short duration and infrequent (i.e. approximate one trip per week, with each trip lasting approximately two hours), the associated air emissions are expected to be minimal. There would be also no anticipated concurrent projects within 500 m of the Project site according to the tentative GI program.

Noise

4.2.2 Setting up of ALs and working areas/platforms as well as site reinstatement works would involve hand-held tools only. The major source of construction noise impact will be the operation of powered mechanical equipment (PMEs) for carrying out GI works including lifting of drill rig by either helicopter or manual handling, and drilling works at DHs. The activities will be conducted daily from 7 am to 7 pm excluding Sundays and public holidays. A drill rig, a water pump (petrol), a water pump (electric) and a generator (portable) would be used at each working area/platform for GI works, and a maximum of 10 working areas/platforms would be operated concurrently. The practicability of the proposed plant inventory was confirmed by the Project Engineer for the construction noise impact assessment. According to the "Technical Memorandum on Noise from Construction Work Other Than Percussive Piling" and "Sound power levels of other commonly used PME" published by EPD, the Sound Power Level (SWL) of a drill rig, rotary type (diesel), a water pump (petrol), a water pump (electric) and a generator (portable) is 110



dB(A), 103 dB(A), 88 dB(A) and 100 dB(A), respectively. The total SWL of items of PME to be used at each working area/platform is estimated to be 111 dB(A). With a 3 dB(A) façade correction and a maximum of 10 concurrent work sites, it is anticipated that the NSRs located at not less than 110m from working area/platform will be subject to construction noise level complying with the criterion set out in the EIAO-TM (i.e. 75 dB(A)) for daytime period. Most of NSRs are located at more than 110 m from the working areas/platforms, except MF_N03, MF_N04, MF_N05 and NTM_N01.

4.2.3 The base case construction noise levels are summarized in Table 4.1, with detailed calculations presented in Appendix 4.1. The predicted noise levels at the representative NSRs would be in the range of 73 – 81 dB(A), which exceed with the noise criterion set out in EIAO-TM (i.e. 75 dB(A)). The use of temporary noise barriers was considered for mitigating the noise from operating PME at 1632-NTS-DH04 & 1632-NTS-DH05 to nearby NSRs. Based on the detailed noise calculation shown in Appendix 4.2, the predicted construction noise levels at the concerned NSRs (i.e. MF_N03, MF_N04, MF_N05 and NTM_N01) would comply with the construction noise criterion of 75 dB(A) after implementation of temporary noise barriers. Noise barriers are more effective when placed immediately adjacent to the PME and can reduce the noise level by up to 10 dB(A) for stationary plants. The provision of temporary noise barriers should be specified in the construction contracts to ensure that they will be duly implemented by the Contractor. Since the NSRs MF N03 and MF N04 are only 2 storeys high and located at a lower level than the working areas 1632-NTS-DH04 and 1632-NTS-DH05, temporary noise barriers with a height higher than the noise emission parts (e.g. diesel engine and rotary driving system) of the drilling rig should be sufficient to block the direct line of sight between the PME and NSRs. The Contractor should also be responsible for taking measures to reduce the noise level to the acceptable level with due consideration given to the use of noise barrier, selection of PME, as well as the requirement of intercepting the line of sight between the NSRs and PME where feasible.

Table 4.1 Predicted Construction Noise Levels Generated from Proposed GI Works

	EIAO-TM	Base Case		Mitigated Scenario	
NAP ID	Noise Criteria, L _{eq 30mins} , dB(A)	Predicted Construction Noise Levels, Leq 30mins, dB(A)	Exceedance, dB(A)	Predicted Construction Noise Levels, Leq 30mins, dB(A)	Exceedance, dB(A)
MF_N03	75	81	6	74	-
MF_N04	75	79	4	73	-
MF_N05	75	73	-	73	-
NTM_N01	75	73	-	73	-

Helicopter (proposed model no.: MD 902 Explorer or similar model) would be used for the 4.2.4 transportation of materials and equipment to some remote working areas/platforms (Table 1.1 refers). Helicopter will fly from the take-off point to the working areas/platforms but will not land anywhere within the Project site. Three modes of operation, including approaching, hovering and flyover, will be conducted for the materials and equipment delivery. The frequency of helicopter flights for the GI works will be approximately one trip per week, with each trip lasting approximately two hours. For conservative assessment approach, it was assumed that the helicopter would hover above the working areas/platforms for about 30 minutes during the loading/unloading of materials. The helicopter will only operate during daytime (0700 - 1900 hours) and maintain a minimum altitude of 152m (i.e. 500 ft) above NSRs as required by the Civil Aviation Department. Based on the construction noise assessment presented in Appendix B3 of the Project Profile of Removal of 132kV Overhead Line and Pylons for P-Line (Register No.: PP-636/2021), the maximum noise level generated from the operation of a helicopter at 152m from the NSRs is 51 dB(A) under flyover mode. Given that noise data for the MD 902 Explorer in hovering mode is not available (Appendix B1 of PP-636/2021 refers), reference was made to another model of helicopter (i.e. Airbus Helicopter H175), of which the noise emission in hovering mode is 5.5 dB(A) higher than that in flyover mode. Therefore, it is anticipated that the maximum noise level from a helicopter operation at 152m from the NSRs would be



- approximately 56.5 dB(A) (i.e. 51 dB(A) + 5.5 dB(A)) in hovering mode. Given the noise from operating helicopter is more than 19 dB(A) below the noise criterion, it is expected that the helicopter noise would not have adverse impacts on NSRs.
- 4.2.5 Given that only small size rotary type drill rigs with the borehole size (outer diameter) ranging from 76 mm to 168 mm will be used, in addition to large setback distances of more than 25m between the drilling locations and the nearby NSRs, it is anticipated that the proposed GI works would not result in adverse ground-borne noise impact.
- 4.2.6 Good site practices listed in **Section 5.1.3** should be implemented as far as practicable to minimize impacts during the GI works. The "Recommended Pollution Control Clauses for Construction Contracts" published by the EPD should be adopted in the Contract Specification for the Contractor to follow and implement relevant measures and good site practices in minimising noise impact.

Water Quality

- 4.2.7 Potential major sources of water quality impacts may arise from the discharge of construction run-off and sewage effluent due to workforce. No working area/platform would encroach into any watercourse while only ALs at some locations would be installed above the Watercourses W7 and W9, nevertheless, no surface water flow was observed at Watercourses W7 and W9 below the ALs and near working areas/platforms according to the observation of ecological survey. With the implementation of good site practices as recommended in EPD's Practice Note for Professional Persons ProPECC PN 2/23 "Construction Site Drainage", adverse water quality impact due to the setting up of ALs and working areas/platforms as well as the proposed GI works is not anticipated.
- 4.2.8 Site run-off would wash away the soil particles on unpaved lands and areas with the topsoil exposed during rainstorms. The run-off is generally characterized by high concentration of SS. Release of uncontrolled site run-off would increase the SS levels and turbidity in the nearby water environment. It is therefore important that good site practices as recommended in ProPECC PN 2/23 "Construction Site Drainage" should be followed to prevent run-off with high level of SS from entering the surrounding waters. Best Management Practices (BMPs) in controlling construction site discharges are also recommended for this Project. The backfilling following the guidelines as suggested in GEO/CEDD Geoguide 2 (2017 version), adverse impacts on aquifer due to poorly compacted backfill is not expected. With the implementation of the good site practices as mentioned in **Sections 5.1.6 to 5.1.8** to control run-off and drainage from the proposed GI works, disturbance of water bodies would be avoided and deterioration in water quality would be limited.
- 4.2.9 Sewage would be generated from the workforce during the GI works. Provided that sewage will not be discharged directly into watercourses, and temporary sanitary facilities (e.g. dry flush portable toilets and chemical toilets) will be used and the sewage collected will be properly handled and disposed of, it is unlikely that sewage generated from the site would have a significant water quality impact. A licensed waste collector should be employed to clean and maintain the chemical toilets on a regular basis. The sewage generated from the construction workforce will be contained and tanked away.

Waste Management

- 4.2.10 As the soil excavated from IPs will be backfilled at their original locations, and the materials of working areas/platforms would also be reused, it is anticipated that inert and non-inert C&D materials would not be generated from the GI works. The generation of chemical waste is also not anticipated.
- 4.2.11 General refuse comprising food scraps, waste paper, empty containers, etc. would be generated from workers; however, the quantities (less than 20 kg per day) would be insignificant due to the limited number of workers required for such small scale of works and limited space at each works area. With the implementation of the mitigation measures in **Section 5.1.9**,



adverse environmental impacts arising from the storage, handling, and transportation of general refuse would not be anticipated.

Cultural Heritage

4.2.12 Neither graded built heritage resources nor SAI are identified within the Project site. There is only one other identified item (i.e. Pok Wai Public School) within 100m from the Project site. Given that there will be only AL to be set up in proximity of Pok Wai Public School, the potential impact on this other identified item is not anticipated. No direct or indirect cultural heritage impacts is anticipated from the Project.

Ecology

Direct and Indirect Impacts to Recognized Sites of Conservation Importance

4.2.13 The proposed GI works (i.e. DHs, IPs and their associated working areas/platforms, ALs and storage area) are located on the western hillside of Kai Kung Leng within the "CA", near Pok Wai Public School and Long Ha and some are located within LTCP further uphill to the "CA". The proposed GI works are temporary in nature and small in scale, with small excavation volume (approximately 248 m³). Backfilling of original materials would be undertaken upon the completion of the GI works. Neither permanent habitat loss nor tree felling would be resulted. Vegetation clearance would also be kept to a minimum. Minimum extent of working platforms and working areas, storage area and ALs have been proposed to minimise direct temporary habitat loss. To minimise the need of vegetation clearance, the use of existing footpaths and single rowed access have been considered as far as practicable for formulating the proposed routing of the ALs. The affected habitats in LTCP i.e. shrubland and grassland have low to moderate ecological values and the affected areas are very small (Table 4.2 refers). In view of the small scale and transient nature of works in both "CA" and LTCP, in addition to the adoption of the protection measures mentioned in Section 4.2.16, direct impacts to these two recognized sites of conservation importance caused by the proposed GI works are anticipated to be minor.

Table 4.2 Areas of Habitats Affected by Works Elements within LTCP

Habitat	Proposed Double and Single Rowed Steel Access Ladders (ha)	Proposed Temporary Working Platforms (ha)
Shrubland	<0.01	0.02
Grassland	0	0.02

- 4.2.14 Helicopter would be used for the transportation of drill rigs to 13 nos. working platforms (**Table 1.1** refers) in short duration and infrequently during daytime only (on average, 1 trip per week and approximately 2 hours per trip). The disturbance impact due to the operation of helicopter would be limited. Given the small scale and transient nature of the proposed GI works, indirect impacts to the surrounding "CA" and LTCP due to the disturbance arising from the operation of helicopter would be minor.
- 4.2.15 In the event that the proposed DH, working areas/platforms and ALs listed in Table 1.1 are required to be adjusted due to site constraints and/or actual site conditions, the adjusted DH, working areas/platforms and ALs should not affect any species of conservation importance according to further ecological survey findings to be taken by the qualified ecologist(s) as mentioned in Section 4.2.16. Tree felling will be avoided as far as practicable by making adjustments of the proposed works, depending on the actual site condition. The adjusted DH, working areas/platforms and ALs should also be agreed by the qualified ecologist(s) and Independent Environmental Checker under this Project. Comments from relevant authorities would be sought for adjustments of the DH, working areas/platforms and ALs within LTCP. Additional ecological surveys would be conducted to verify the ecological conditions of the adjusted sites (if any) and to ascertain whether the adjustment of works would generate additional ecological impacts on LTCP, upon request of relevant authorities.



Impacts to Floral Species of Conservation Importance and Existing Mature Trees and Recommended Protection Measures

- 4.2.16 All the floral species of conservation importance recorded were carefully avoided according to the recommendation made on the joint-site visits with the Contractor. A minimum of 1 to 1.5 m buffer distance between the concerned plants and the temporary working areas of the proposed IPs, DHs and ALs, and storage area will be maintained (See **Table 4.3** for summary). To avoid any unnecessary damage to those recorded floral species of conservation importance and other existing mature trees, qualified ecologist(s) with relevant experience should be deployed to identify, tag and demarcate these floral species of conservation importance located near the working area prior to the commencement of the proposed works. Plant Protection Zones (PPZs), with robust fencing of at least 1 m setback from ferns and stems of tree seedlings, and at least 1.5 m from mature trees, would be set up before commencement of any GI works.
- 4.2.17 No access and construction activities should be allowed within the PPZs. All site staff should be trained to recognize the location of the tagged species of conservation importance and their protection zones. Proposed works should be shifted away from the PPZs to avoid damage to the plant root system/trunk. No material storage and pedestrian access should be allowed within the PPZs to prevent compaction of soil around the plants.
- Protection measures for mature trees, such as protective tree wrapping using non-moisture holding materials and installation of any specified supports or protective structures (CEDD, 2011), and those recommended in 'Tree Management Practice Note No.1: Tree Preservation during Construction' (DEVB, 2019b) and 'Technical Circular (Works) No. 4/2020 - Tree Preservation' (DEVB, 2020) such as no stockpiling around a tree and girdling a tree with wire. The installation of pile of the ALs must avoid damage to the root of tree, especially the Incense Trees and Emarginate-leaved Ormosia. Minimal crown pruning would be performed on the mature trees surrounding the working areas/platforms of DHs to allow room for lifting and unloading of drill rigs by helicopter and manpower transport. Proper pruning would be conducted, such as avoidance of large pruning cut and stub remaining, following 'Tree Management Practice Note No.3: Tree Pruning' (DEVB, 2019a), 'Guidelines on Tree Pruning' (DEVB, 2023) and 'Do's and Don'ts in Pruning' (DEVB, 2010) as far as practicable. Considering the crown pruning would be one-off only and extent would be kept minimal, impacts to the existing mature trees would be minor and acceptable. No trimming would be performed on the mature floral species of conservation importance (e.g. Incense Tree and Emarginate-leaved Ormosia) for the helicopter operation.

Table 4.3 Summary of Floral Species of Conservation Importance Recorded and Plant Protection Zone

Floral Species of Conservation Importance	Approximate Height Recorded	Number of Specimens Recorded	Plant Protection Zone
Cycad-fern (<i>Brainea insignis</i>)	Various	8 clusters	1 m setback from the whole cluster
Emarginate-leaved Ormosia	2 to 4 m tall	1	1.5 m setback from the stem
(Ormosia emarginata)	0.5 to 1 m tall	1	1 m setback from the stem
Incense Tree	5 to 8 m tall	12	1.5 m setback from the stem
(Aquilaria sinensis)	0.5 to 2 m tall	15	1 m setback from the stem
Lamb of Tartary (Cibotium barometz)	Various	4 cluster	1 m setback from the whole cluster

Impacts to Fauna Species of Conservation Importance

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- 4.2.19 Three avifauna (i.e. Black Kite, Chinese Hwamei and Greater Coucal) and three mammal (i.e. Intermediate Horseshoe Bat, Red Muntjac and Small Indian Civet) species of conservation importance were recorded outside the proposed works area. Potential indirect impact to these species would be the temporary disturbance from excavation works and establishment of the ALs. Since all these faunal species of conservation importance are highly mobile, they would move away from the proposed GI works area to adjacent suitable habitats which are readily available. With small scale and localized temporary nature of the GI works, potential indirect impact to these species is anticipated to be minor.
- 4.2.20 The day roost of Himalayan Leaf-nosed Bats (*Hipposideros armiger*) is located in one of the classrooms of the deserted Pok Wai Public School just outside the "CA" and the Surveyed Area, near a short section of the AL (**Figure No. C1603/C/NOL/ACM/1632/307** refers). The installation of AL would involve hand-held tools only and the short section of AL near the classroom would be completed within a few days. The Himalayan Leaf-nosed Bats are widely distributed in countryside areas throughout Hong Kong (AFCD, 2022). While the species roosts in a variety of cave-like structures such as water tunnels and abandoned mine caves, it has also been found roosting in human dwellings or abandoned buildings (AFCD, 2005; Shek, 2006; LCSD, 2010; KFBG, n.d.; 2023), indicating the species has tolerance and adaptability to human activities and associated disturbance to a certain extent. Considering the short duration and low magnitude of disturbance arising from the installation of AL, the indirect impact on the roosting Himalayan Leaf-nosed Bats would be minor.

Potential Water Quality Impact and Recommended Mitigation Measures

- 4.2.21 As discussed in **Sections 4.2.7 4.2.9**, the good site practices as recommended in the ProPECC PN 2/23"Construction Site Drainage" (EPD, 2023) and BMPs should be followed to avoid and minimise the potential water quality impact arising from the setting up of ALs and working areas/platforms and the proposed GI works. With the mitigation measures in place, adverse water quality impact is not anticipated.
- 4.2.22 Potential ecological impacts on the identified habitats within the Surveyed Area associated with the Project were evaluated in accordance with the Annex 8 of the EIAO-TM, as presented in **Table 4.4**.

Table 4.4 Evaluation of Potential Ecological Impacts to Habitats within Surveyed

Criteria	Woodland	Plantation	Shrubland	Grassland	Developed Area/ Wasteland
Habitat Quality	Moderate	Low	Low to moderate	Low to moderate	Low
Species	Moderate floral and low faunal diversity	Low floral and faunal diversity	Low floral and faunal diversity	Low floral and moderate faunal diversity	Very low floral (consisting of native ruderal and exotic species) and faunal diversity
Size/Abundan ce	0.38 ha would be temporarily affected	0.07 ha would be temporarily affected	0.19 ha would be temporarily affected, of which 0.02 ha falls within LTCP	0.04 ha would be temporarily affected, of which 0.02 ha falls within LTCP	0.01 ha would be temporarily affected
Duration	Direct Impact Direct impact would be temporary Indirect Impact Indirect impact (noise and vibration, air/dust) would be temporary				
Reversibility	Direct Impact				

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Criteria	Woodland	Plantation	Shrubland	Grassland	Developed Area/ Wasteland
	Direct impact from Indirect Impact	works site/area w	ould be reversible		
	Indirect impacts (ai	r/dust, noise, glare	e) would be reversib	ole	
Magnitude	Very low	Very low	Very low	Very low	Very low
Regional Significance	Low. Although the habitats are structurally connected, the affected areas are small in scale and the impacts are reversible. The affected habitats are also common in the territory and the region.		Insignificant. The affected areas are small in scale and the impacts are reversible.		
Overall Impact Significance	Low	Low	Low	Low	Minor

Landscape

- 4.2.23 The proposed GI works (i.e. DHs, IPs and their associated working areas/platforms, ALs and storage area) are temporary in nature and small in scale. The duration of GI works will be short, with each DH expected to be completed within approximately 6 weeks. For the temporary works, no permanent loss of landscape resources (i.e. existing trees) will occur. The size of each IP is approximately 1.5 m (L) x 1.5 m (W) x 2.5 m (D) and working area/platform of around 5 to 10 m (W) x 12 to 15 m (L) will be reserved for each of the 47 DHs (Refer to **Table 1.1** for summary). Minor and temporary vegetation clearance will therefore be required but tree felling will be avoided.
- 4.2.24 Helicopter will be used to deliver the equipment and materials, while ALs between the closest access and the temporary scaffold platform will also be erected for manual mobilization. Only minor vegetation clearance of understory shrubs and herbaceous plants are anticipated. The locations and the footprint of the ALs and working areas/platforms as well as DH locations have been carefully selected without affecting the trees due to the proposed works. The installation of the ALs will also avoid damaging to the root of tree, especially those rare and protected tree species (if any).
- 4.2.25 Among the identified LRs and LCAs, it is considered the magnitude of change for mixed woodland (LR-2), developed area/villages (LR-6) and rural inland plain landscape (LCA2) is negligible and the landscape impact is insubstantial as no works in LR-2 and LCA2, and only AL will be proposed in LR-6. For the remaining LRs and LCAs, there are 25 nos. of working areas/platforms proposed in woodland (LR-1), 4 nos. of working areas/platforms proposed in grassland (LR-3), 12 nos. of working areas/platforms proposed in plantation (LR-5), while there are 2 nos. of working areas proposed in miscellaneous rural fringe landscape (LCA3) and 43 nos. of working areas/platforms proposed in hillside and upland landscape (LCA1). Only small excavation works will be involved for the GI works, and the GI works is temporary in nature. The soil excavated from IPs will be backfilled at their original locations, and the DH locations will be reinstated to their original or agreed condition. Tree felling will be avoided, particularly that the identified rare and protected tree species (i.e. Aquilaria sinensis and Ormosia emarginata) will not be affected. The minimum extent of working areas/platforms, storage area and ALs have been proposed to minimise impact on the existing trees and vegetation.
- 4.2.26 As mentioned in **Sections 4.2.16** to **4.2.18**, protective measures for existing trees and Plant Protection Zones (PPZs) would be adopted for protecting the floral species of conservation importance including the rare and protected tree species. The protective measures include protective tree wrapping using non-moisture holding materials and installation of any specified supports or protective structures, and those recommended in *DEVB GLTMS TMPN No.1 -Tree Preservation during Construction and DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2020 Tree Preservation.* Minimal crown pruning will be performed on the mature trees surrounding the working areas/platforms



to allow room for lifting and unloading of drill rigs by helicopter and manpower transport. Proper pruning will be conducted in accordance with *DEVB GLTMS TMPN No.3 - Tree Pruning* as far as practicable, such as avoidance of large pruning cut and stub remaining. Particularly for the rare and protected tree species *Aquilaria sinensis* and *Ormosia emarginata*, no tree trimming will be performed for the helicopter operation and sufficient PPZs (i.e. 1.5m setback from the stem as mentioned in **Table 4.3**) will be adopted to provide adequate protection to the rare and protected tree species.

4.2.27 Therefore, the magnitude of change due to the proposed GI works is considered negligible to small as no existing trees will be felled. The landscape impact for the related LRs and LCAs is considered as insubstantial with the implementation of protective measures mentioned above. In addition, no direct impacts on landscape with distinctive character/resources are anticipated due to the Project.



5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES TO BE INCORPORATED AND FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Environmental Protection Measures

Air Quality

- 5.1.1 Although the potential air quality impact to the surrounding sensitive receivers is considered to be minimal, the following good site practices should be employed and measures stipulated in the Air Pollution Control (Construction Dust) Regulation, Air Pollution Control (Non-road Mobile Machinery (NRMM)) (Emission), and Regulation and Air Pollution Control (Fuel Restriction) Regulation should also be adopted where applicable to minimise air quality impact:
 - Use impervious sheets to cover the drilled boreholes and any dusty material storage piles, if applicable, to reduce emissions;
 - Open stockpiles should be avoided or covered with tarpaulin sheets. Where possible, prevent placing dusty material storage piles near ASRs;
 - Ensure the work area is regularly sprayed to minimise dust generation;
 - Optimize flight paths to enhance fuel efficiency during the planning of flight paths and avoid unnecessary idling during the operation of helicopter;
 - Use electric powered machinery and avoid use of exempted NRMM as far as practicable;
 - · Backfill the drilled boreholes upon the completion of GI works as soon as possible; and
 - Use of liquid fuel, if required, with a sulphur content of less than 0.005% by weight.

Noise

- 5.1.2 Temporary noise barriers would be adopted at 1632-NTS-DH04 & 1632-NTS-DH05 to screen the noise arising from GI works to nearby NSRs MF N03 and MF N04.
- 5.1.3 To further minimize the noise impact to the surrounding environment, the following good site practices should be adopted, where applicable, during construction phase:
 - Only well-maintained plant should be operated on-site and plant should be serviced regularly during construction;
 - Machines that may be in intermittent use should be shut down between works periods or should be throttled down to a minimum; and
 - GI works should not be carried out during 7pm to 7am, and on Sundays and public holidays.
- 5.1.4 In addition, the "Recommended Pollution Control Clauses for Construction Contracts" published by the EPD should be adopted in the Contract Specification for the Contractor to follow and implement the relevant measures and good site practices in minimising noise impact.
- 5.1.5 The Contractor is also responsible to ensure compliance with the construction noise criterion of 75 dB(A) at NSRs as stated in EIAO-TM.

Water Quality

5.1.6 The Contractor should adhere to the borehole refilling guidelines outlined in the GEO/CEDD Geoguide 2 (2017 Version) to mitigate the risk of aquifer contamination due to substandard backfilling. The best approach involves backfilling with a cement-based grout, ideally a cement-bentonite grout, which should be introduced at the borehole's lowest point using a tremie pipe. To ensure a more effective seal, the addition of an expanding agent may be necessary.



5.1.7 The Best Management Practices (BMPs) outlined in EPD's ProPECC PN 2/23 "Construction Site Drainage", and the relevant guideline promulgated by WSD should be followed as far as practicable to minimize surface runoff. The recommended key mitigation measures for minimizing potential water quality impact listed below should be followed throughout the GI works:

Surface run-off

- Exposed soil surface should be covered with tarpaulin or similar fabric as necessary during rainstorms.
- Excavated and filled surfaces that are susceptible to erosion should be consistently protected to prevent any erosion; and
- Good site practices should be adopted to remove rubbish and litter from construction site
 so as to prevent the rubbish and litter from spreading from the site area. It is
 recommended to clean the construction sites on a regular basis.

Sewage from Workforce

- Temporary sanitary facilities, such as dry flush portable toilets and chemical toilets, should be employed on-site to handle sewage from the workers. Those facilities should be well-maintained to avoid watercourse pollution. A licensed waste collector should be employed to clean and maintain the chemical toilets on a regular basis. The sewage generated from the construction workforce will be contained and tanked away. All sludge, wastewater, and cleanup water from the toilets should not be disposed of the surrounding environment; and
- Notices should be posted at conspicuous locations to remind the workers not to discharge any sewage or wastewater into the nearby environment.
- 5.1.8 The practices outlined in ETWB TC (Works) No. 5/2005 "Protection of Natural Streams/Rivers from Adverse Impacts Arising from Construction Works" should also be adopted where applicable, including but not limited to the below measures to minimise the water quality impacts upon any natural streams or surface water systems:
 - Stockpiling of construction materials and spoil, if any, should be properly covered and located away from any natural stream/river; and
 - Construction debris and spoil should be covered up and/or disposed of as soon as possible to avoid being washed into the nearby water receivers.

Waste Management

5.1.9 General refuse should be stored in on-site enclosed bins. This waste should be disposed of daily at the nearest refuse collection points by designated personnel to minimize odour, pest and litter impacts. General refuse, such as waste paper and empty containers, should be recycled as much as possible before disposal.

Cultural Heritage

5.1.10 Impact to cultural heritage resources is not anticipated, hence mitigation measures are considered not necessary.

Ecology

5.1.11 Although the proposed GI works in LTCP is unavoidable, the project footprint has been minimised to the maximum practicable extent. With the implementation of the precautionary measures mentioned in **Sections 4.2.16 – 4.2.18**, ecological impact is anticipated to be minor, further mitigation measures are considered not necessary.

Landscape and Visual



- 5.1.12 Impacts on landscape and visual is minimal and temporary in nature, the following mitigation measures and good site practices should be adopted when applicable and practical to further minimise the landscape impact and avoid any visual impact:
 - Provide protective measures for existing trees and Plant Protection Zones (PPZs) for the
 floral species of conservation importance including the rare and protected tree species Set
 up of tree protection zone for the existing trees near the working areas/platforms according
 to DEVB GLTMS TMPN No.1 -Tree Preservation during Construction and DEVB TC(W)
 No. 4/2020 Tree Preservation.
 - Perform minimal crown pruning on the mature trees surrounding the working areas/platforms in accordance with DEVB GLTMS TMPN No.3 - Tree Pruning as far as practicable, such as avoidance of large pruning cut and stub remaining. Particularly for the rare and protected tree species Aquilaria sinensis and Ormosia emarginata, no tree trimming will be performed for the helicopter operation and sufficient PPZs will be adopted.
 - Reinstate the working areas/ platforms and temporary access to their original or agreed condition;
 - · Maintain site cleanliness and tidiness; and
 - Manage construction materials and waste generated on site properly.

5.2 Severity, Distribution and Duration of Environmental Effects

5.2.1 No adverse residual environmental impacts are anticipated with the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

5.3 Further Environmental Implications

5.3.1 With the implementation of the recommended mitigation measures, no adverse environmental implications are anticipated from the Project.



6 SUMMARY OF POTETNIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASRUES

6.1.1 The potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures to be incorporated Project are summarized in **Table 6.1**.

Table 6.1 Summary of Potential Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

Potential		11	T 4
Environmental Impact	Mitigation Measure	Implementation Agent	Text Ref.
Construction Dust and Air Emissions	 Use impervious sheets to cover the drilled boreholes and any dusty material storage piles, if applicable, to reduce emissions; Open stockpiles should be avoided or covered with tarpaulin sheets. Where possible, prevent placing dusty material storage piles near ASRs; Ensure the work area is regularly sprayed to minimise dust generation; Optimize flight paths to enhance fuel efficiency during the planning of flight paths and avoid unnecessary idling during the operation of helicopter; Use electric powered machinery and avoid use of exempted NRMM as far as practicable; Backfill the drilled boreholes upon the completion of GI works as soon as possible; and Use of liquid fuel, if required, with a sulphur content of less than 0.005% by weight. 	Contractor	5.1.1
Construction Noise	 Adopt temporary noise barriers at two working areas of 1632-NTS-DH04 & 1632-NTS-DH05 facing NSRs MF_N03 and MF_N04; Only well-maintained plant should be operated on-site and plant should be serviced regularly during construction; Machines that may be in intermittent use should be shut down between works periods or should be throttled down to a minimum; GI works should not be carried out during 7pm to 7am, and on Sundays and public holidays; "Recommended Pollution Control Clauses for Construction Contracts" published by the EPD should be adopted in the Contract Specification for the Contractor to follow and implement the relevant measures and good site practices in minimising noise impact; and Ensure compliance with the construction noise criterion of 75 dB(A) at NSRs as stated in EIAO-TM. 	Contractor	5.1.2 - 5.1.4



Potential Environmental Impact	Mitigation Measure	Implementation Agent	Text Ref.
Water Quality	 Adhere to borehole refilling guidelines outlined in the GEO/CEDD Geoguide 2 (2017 Version); Follow the BMPs outlined in EPD's ProPECC PN 2/23, ETWB TC(W) 5/2005, and the relevant guideline promulgated by WSD as far as practicable; Cover exposed soil surface with tarpaulin or similar fabric as necessary during rainstorms; Excavated and filled surfaces that are susceptible to erosion should be consistently protected to prevent any erosion; Good site practices should be adopted to remove rubbish and litter from construction site so as to prevent the rubbish and litter from spreading from the site area. It is recommended to clean the construction sites on a regular basis; Temporary sanitary facilities, such as dry flush portable toilets and chemical toilets, should be employed on-site to handle sewage from the workers. Those facilities should be wellmaintained to avoid watercourse pollution. A licensed waste collector should be employed to clean and maintain the chemical toilets on a regular basis. The sewage generated from the construction workforce will be contained and tanked away. All sludge, wastewater, and cleanup water from the toilets should not be disposed of the surrounding environment; Notices should be posted at conspicuous locations to remind the workers not to discharge any sewage or wastewater into the nearby environment; and Practices outlined in ETWB TC (Works) No. 5/2005 should also be adopted where applicable to minimise the water quality impacts upon any natural streams or surface water systems. 	Contractor	5.1.6 - 5.1.8
Waste Management	 General refuse should be stored in onsite enclosed bins. This waste should be disposed of daily at the nearest refuse collection points by designated personnel to minimize odour, pest and litter impacts; and General refuse, such as waste paper and empty containers, should be 	Contractor	5.1.9



Potential Environmental Impact	Mitigation Measure	Implementation Agent	Text Ref.
	recycled as much as possible before disposal.		
Ecology	 disposal. Deploy qualified ecologist(s) with relevant experience to identify, tag and demarcate the floral species of conservation importance located near the working area prior to the commencement of the proposed works; Adopt plant protection zones (PPZs) with robust fencing of at least 1m setback from ferns and stems of tree seedlings of floral species of conservation importance, and at least 1.5 m from mature trees of floral species of conservation importance; No access and construction activities should be allowed within the PPZs; All site staff should be trained to recognize the location of the tagged species of conservation importance and their protection zones; Proposed works should be shifted away from the PPZs to avoid damage to the plant root system/trunk; No material storage and pedestrian access should be allowed within the PPZs to prevent compaction of soil around the plants; and Adopt protective measures for mature 	Contractor	4.2.16 - 4.2.18
Landscape and Visual	trees according to <i>Tree Management Practice Note No.1: Tree Preservation during Construction</i> ' (DEVB, 2019b) and ' <i>Technical Circular (Works) No. 4/2020 – Tree Preservation</i> ' (DEVB, 2020). • Provide protective measures for existing trees and Plant Protection Zones (PPZs) according to <i>DEVB GLTMS TMPN No.1 -Tree Preservation</i> during Construction and <i>DEVB TC(W) No. 4/2020 – Tree Preservation</i> ; • Perform minimal crown pruning on the mature trees in accordance with <i>DEVB GLTMS TMPN No.3 - Tree Pruning</i> as far as practicable. • Particularly for the rare and protected tree species <i>Aquilaria sinensis</i> and <i>Ormosia emarginata</i> , no tree trimming will be performed for the helicopter operation and sufficient PPZs will be adopted; • Reinstate the working areas/ platforms and temporary access to their original or agreed condition; • Maintain site cleanliness and tidiness; and	Contractor	5.1.12



Potential Environmental Impact	Mitigation Measure	Implementation Agent	Text Ref.
	 Manage construction materials and waste generated on site properly. 		

6.1.2 With the implementation of recommended mitigation measures, no adverse environmental impacts are anticipated, environmental monitoring and auditing are therefore not required.

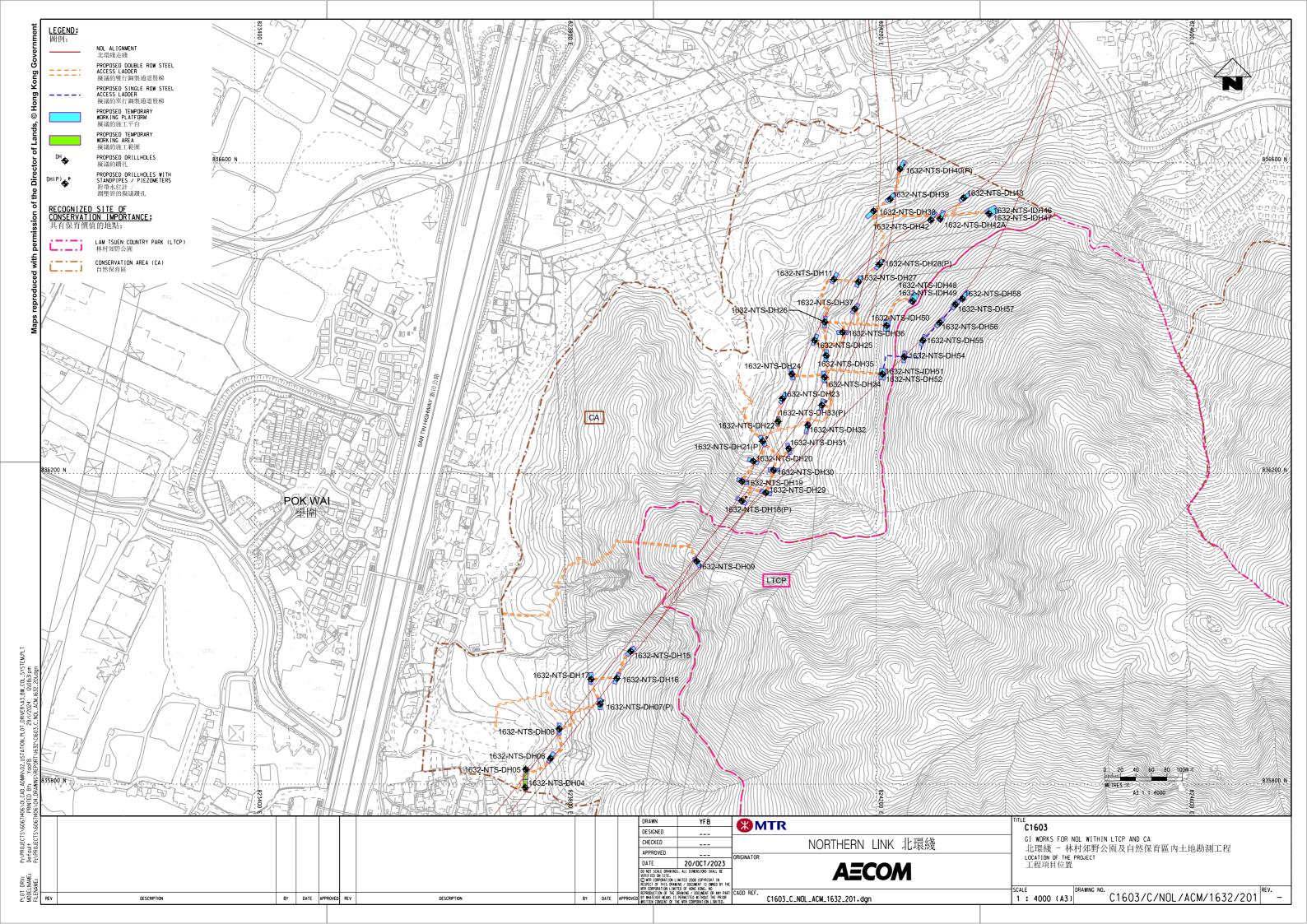


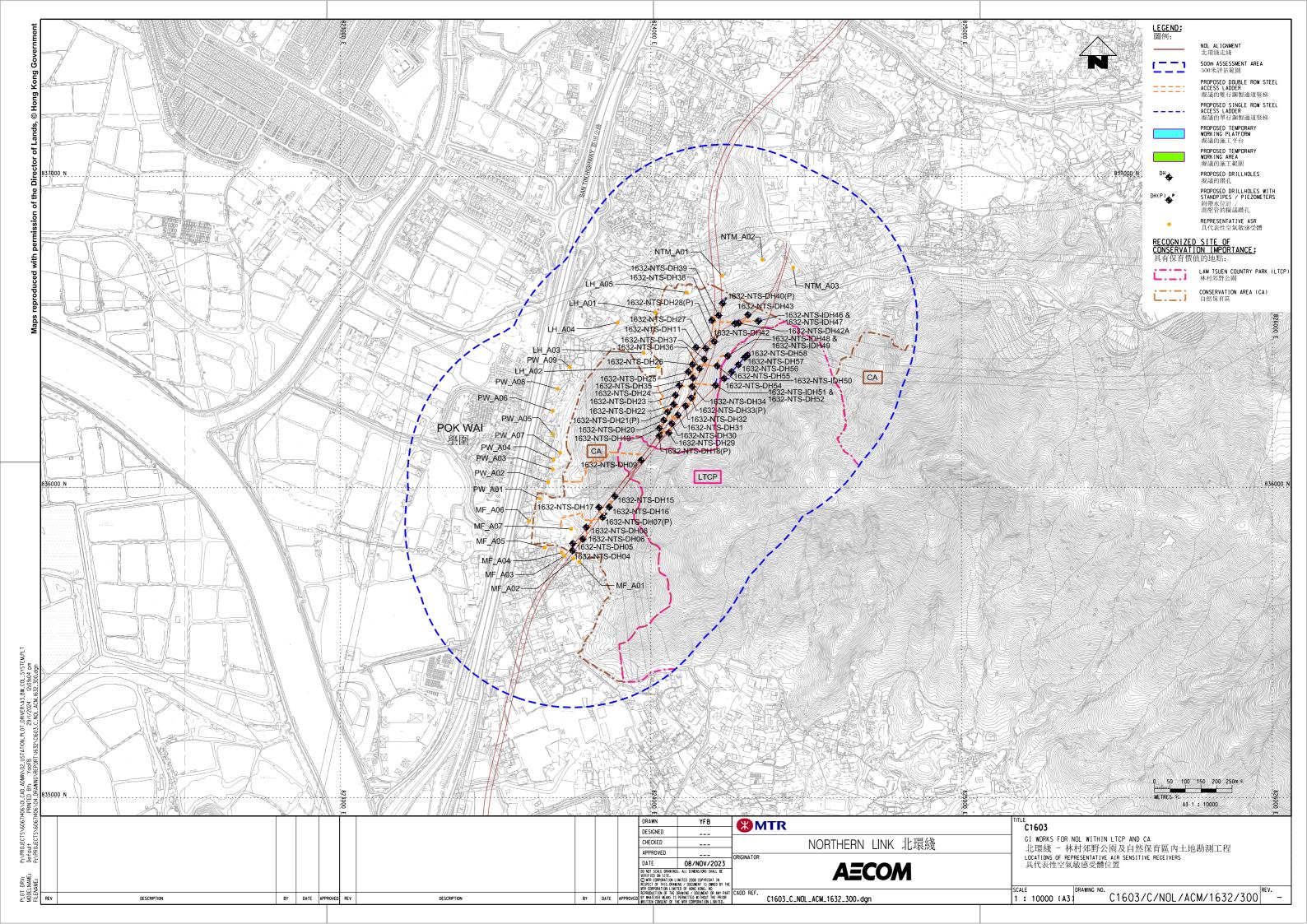
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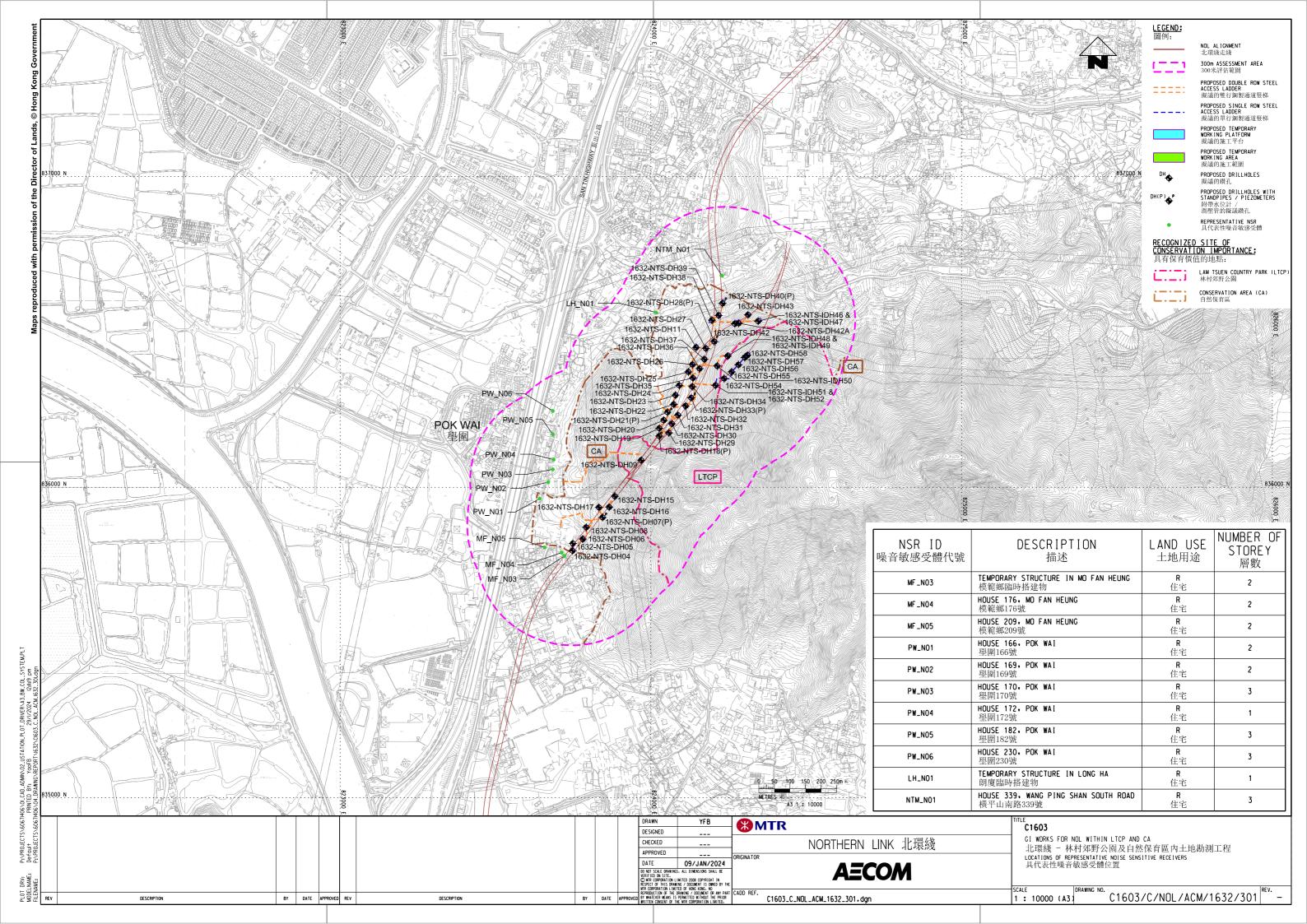
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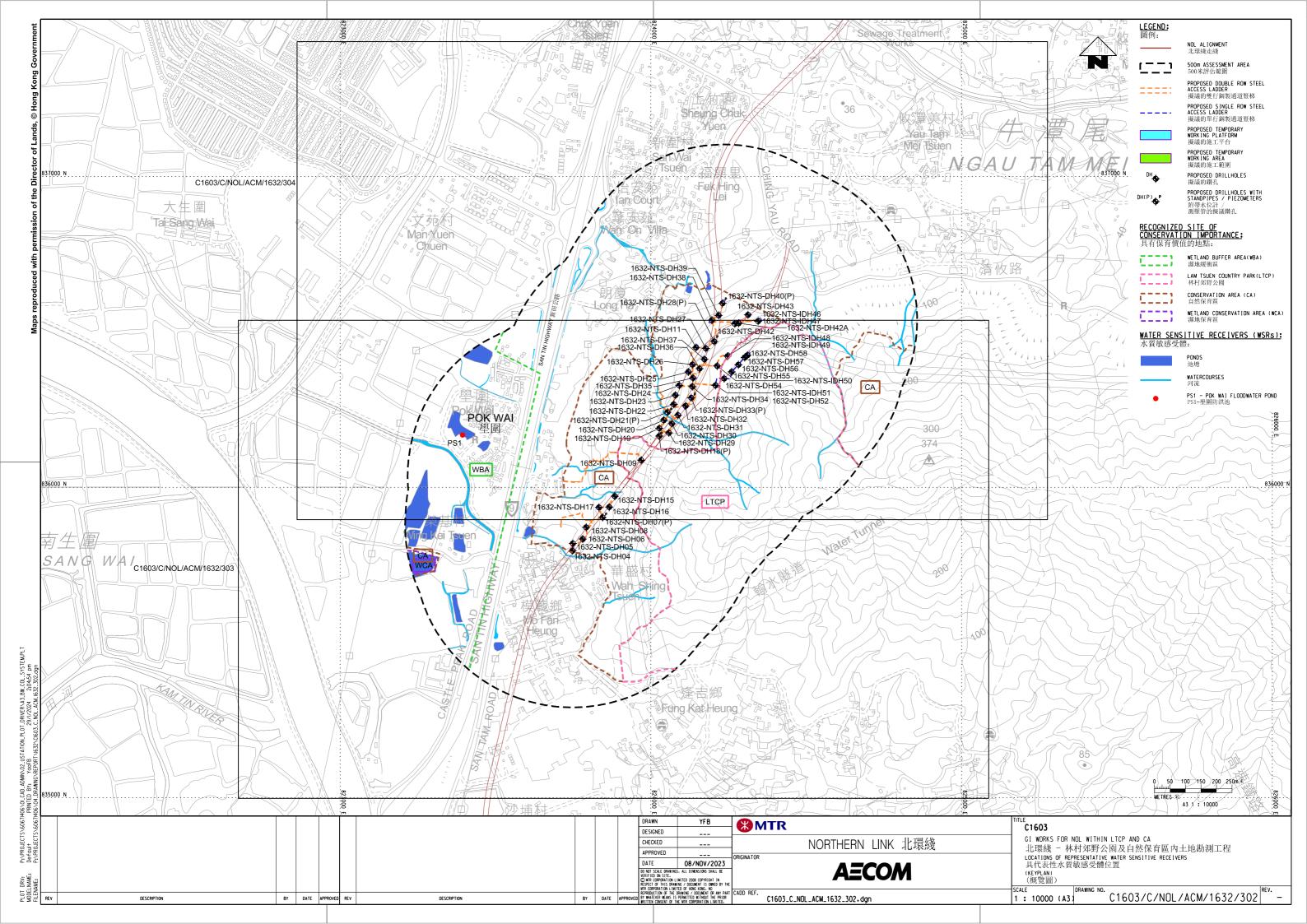


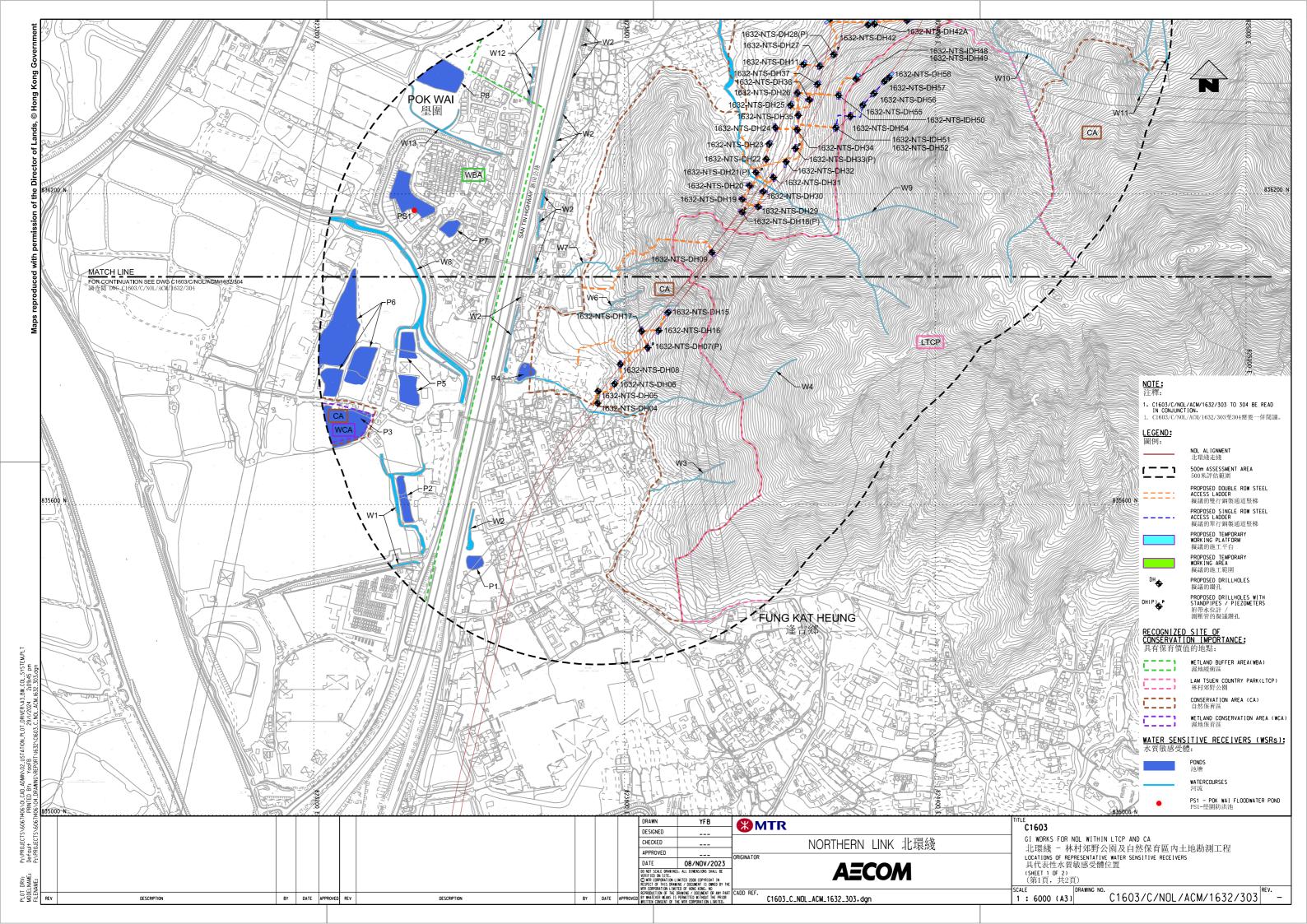
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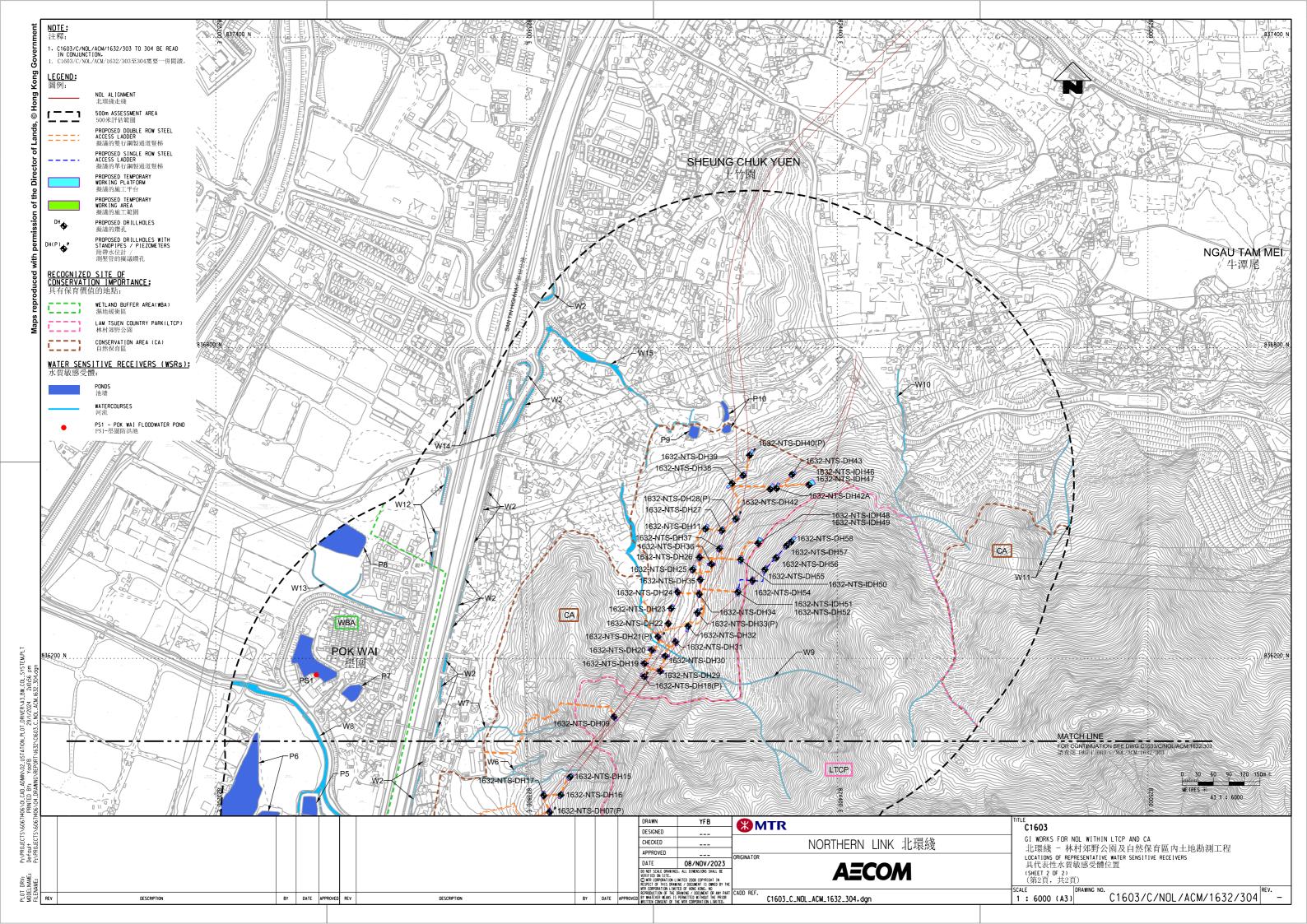


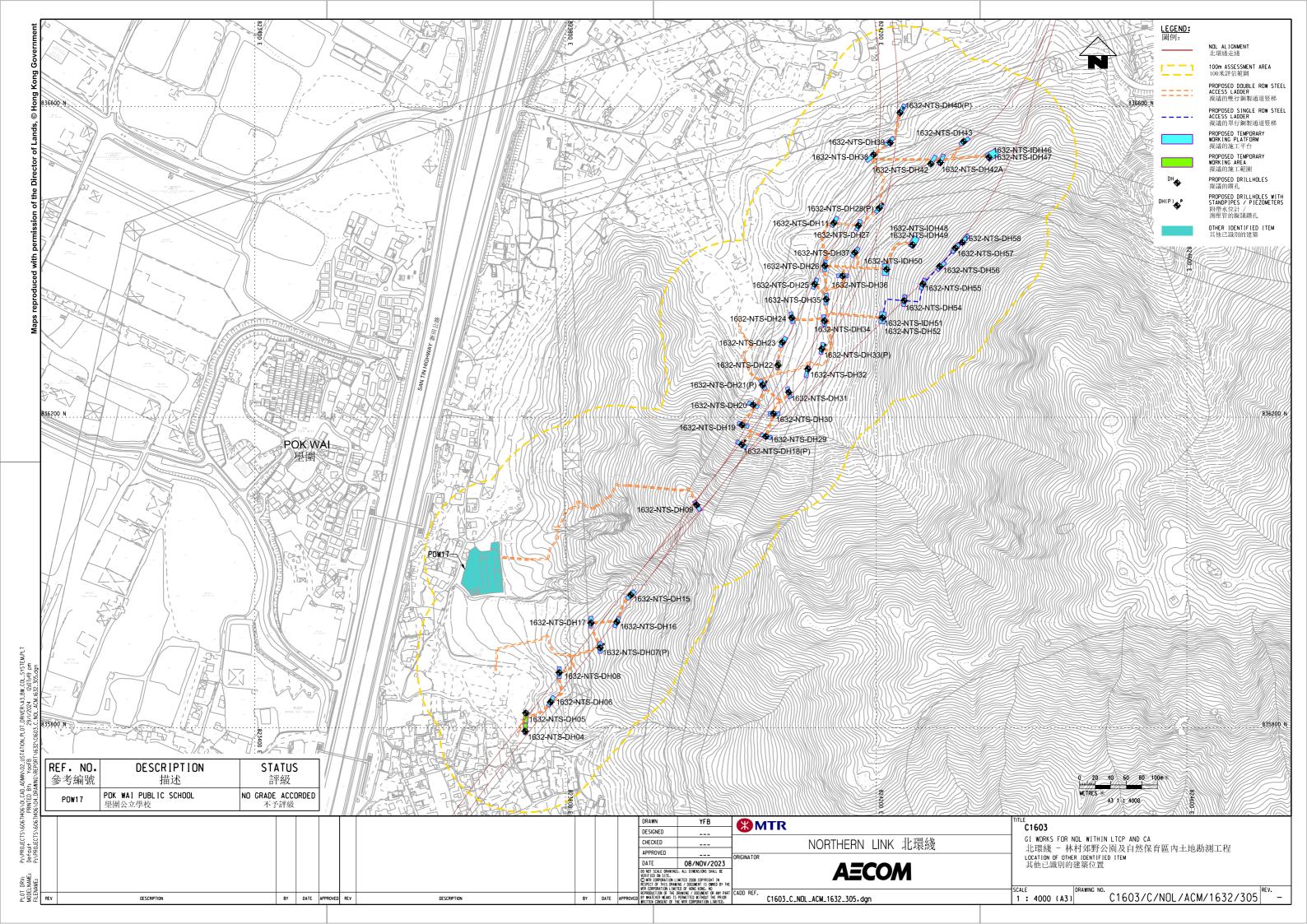


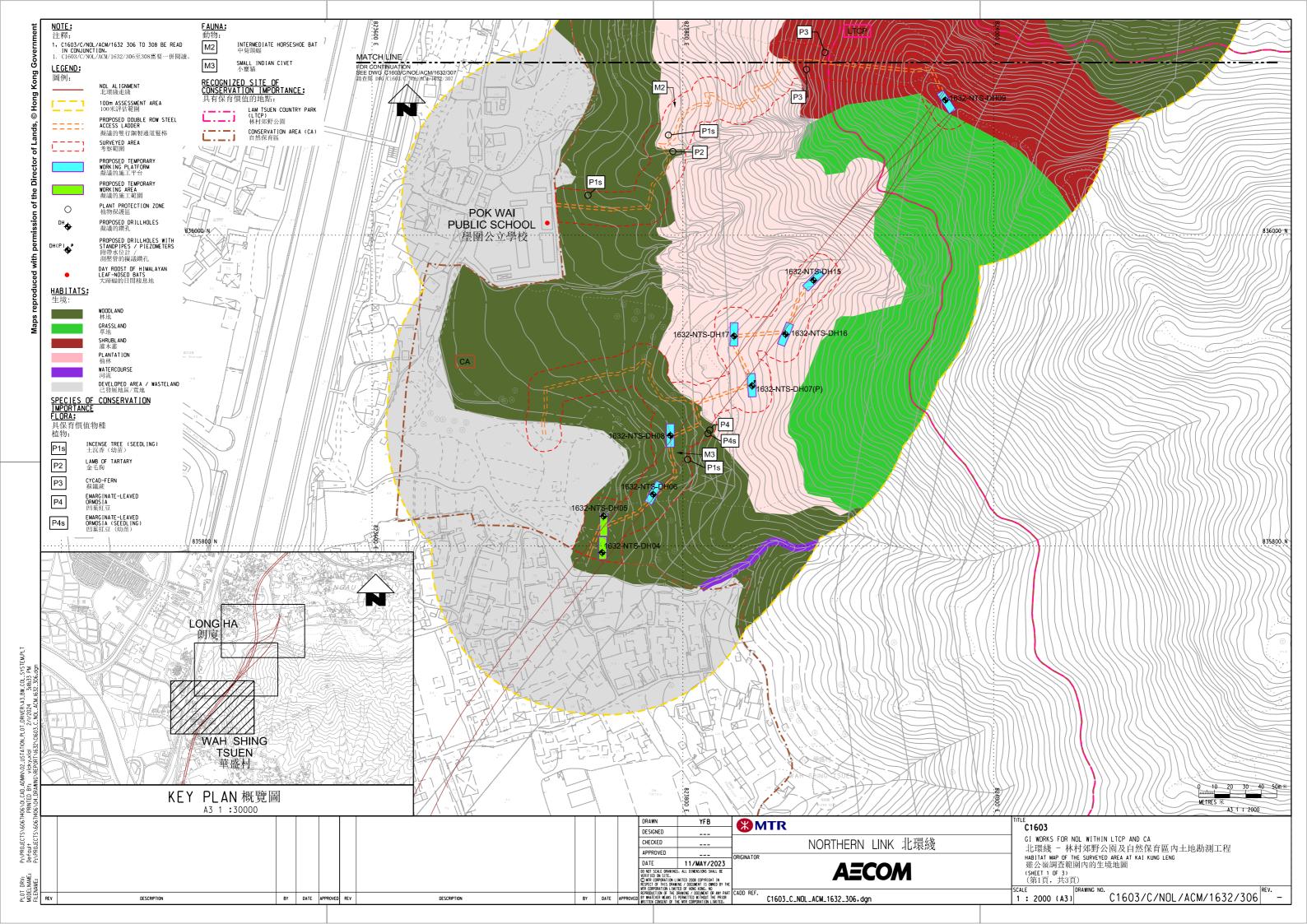


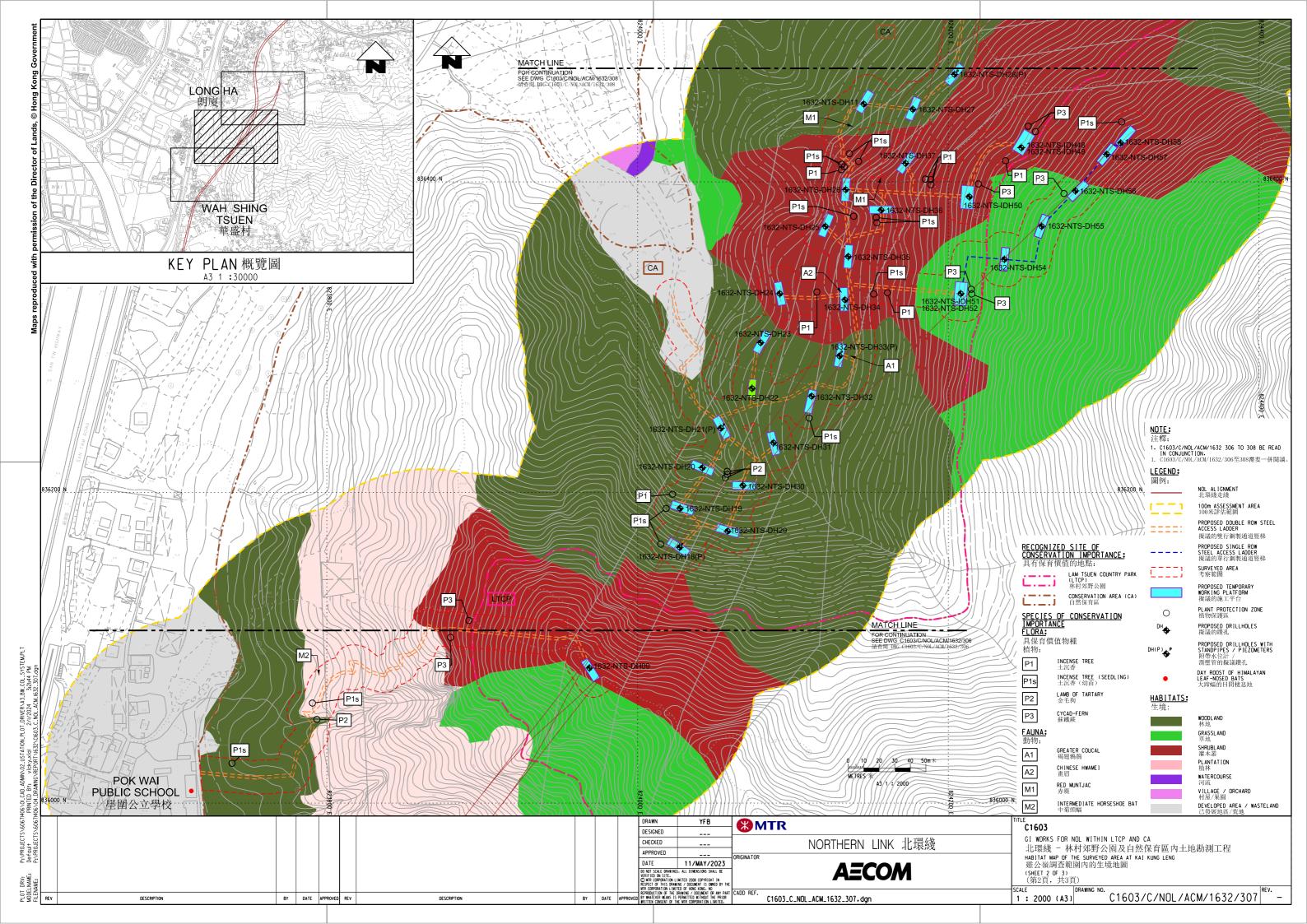


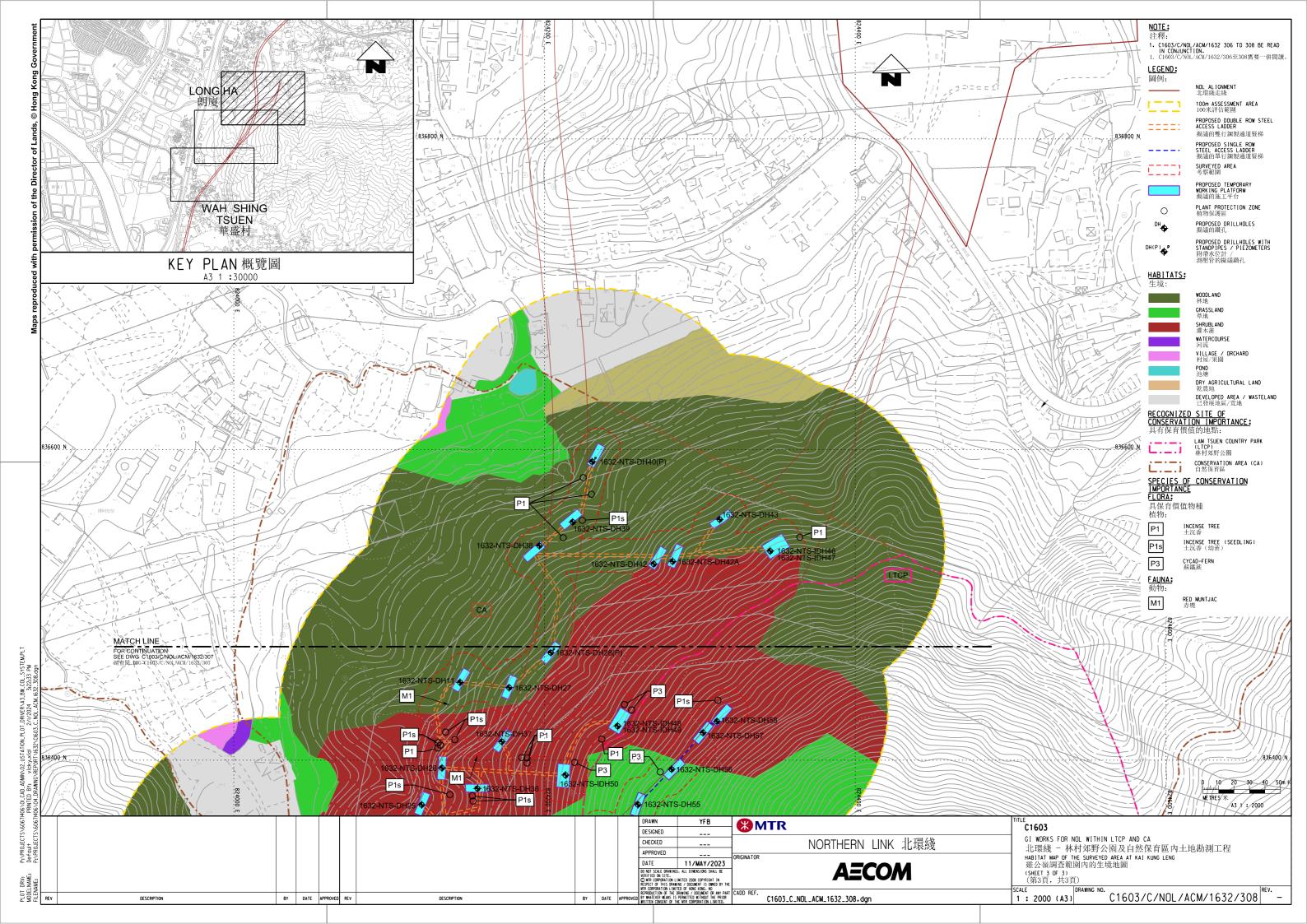


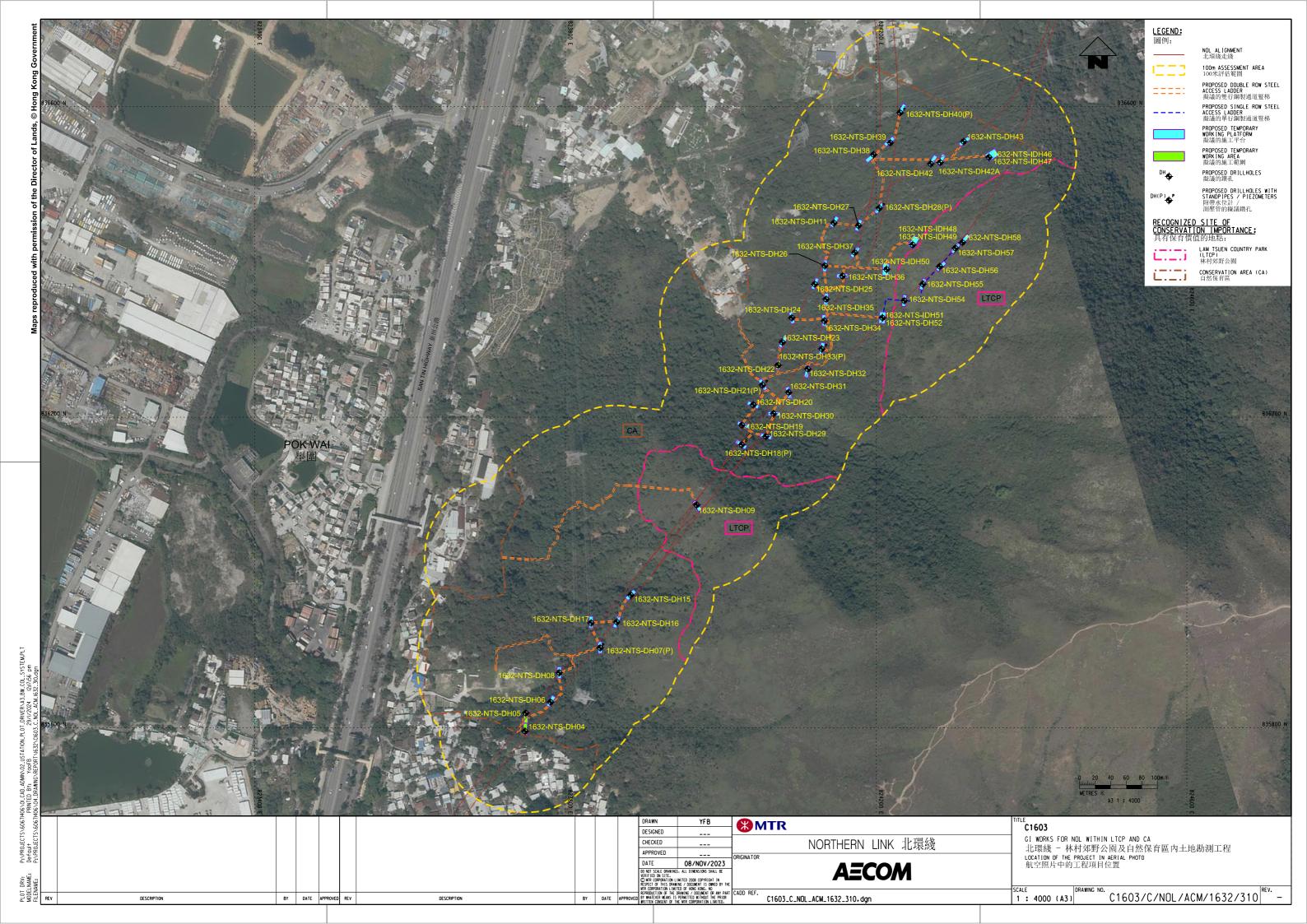


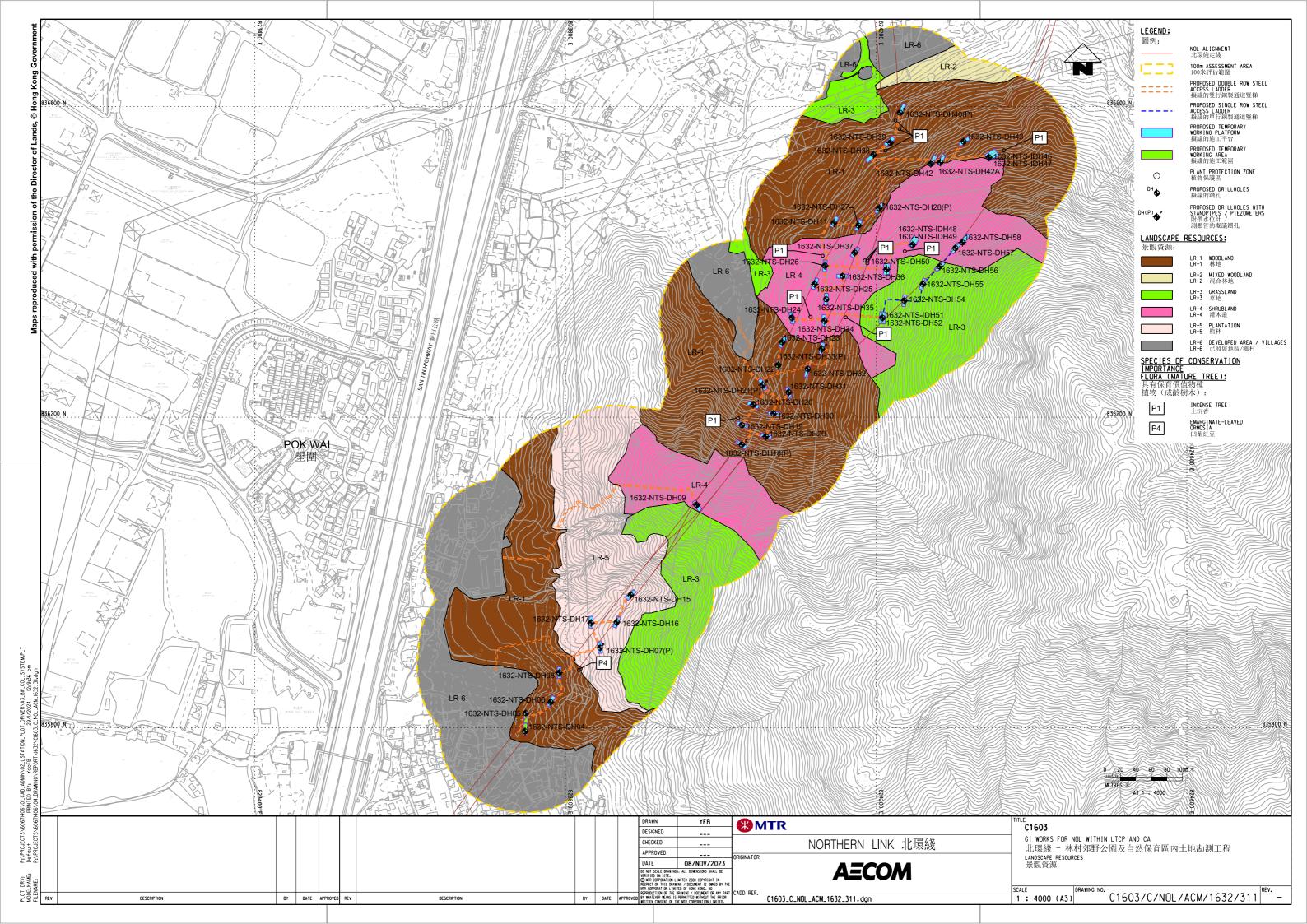


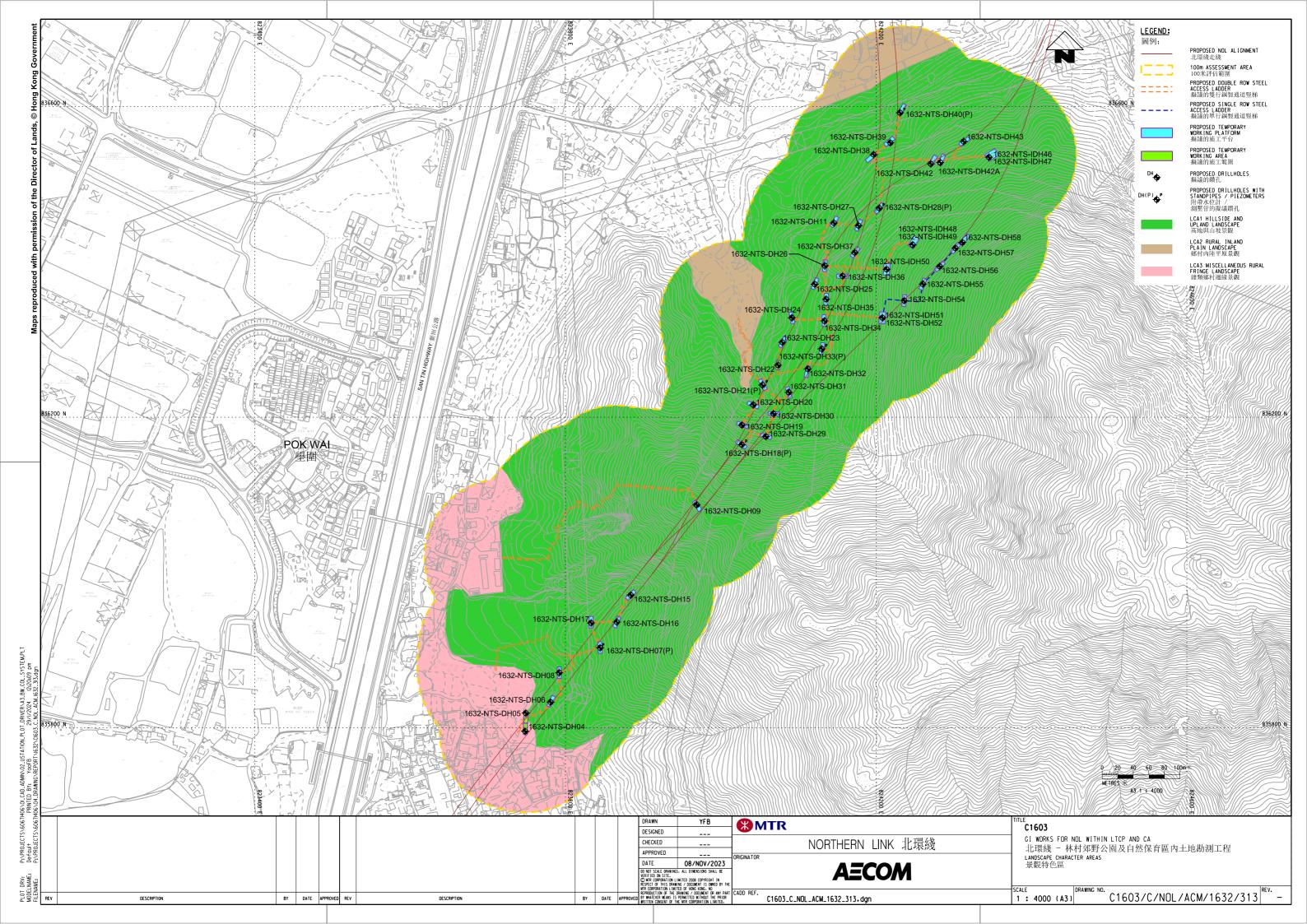














APPENDICES



Appendix 3.1

Representative Photographs of Habitat Types and Drillhole Locations Recorded within the Surveyed Area

Habitats





Woodland Shrubland

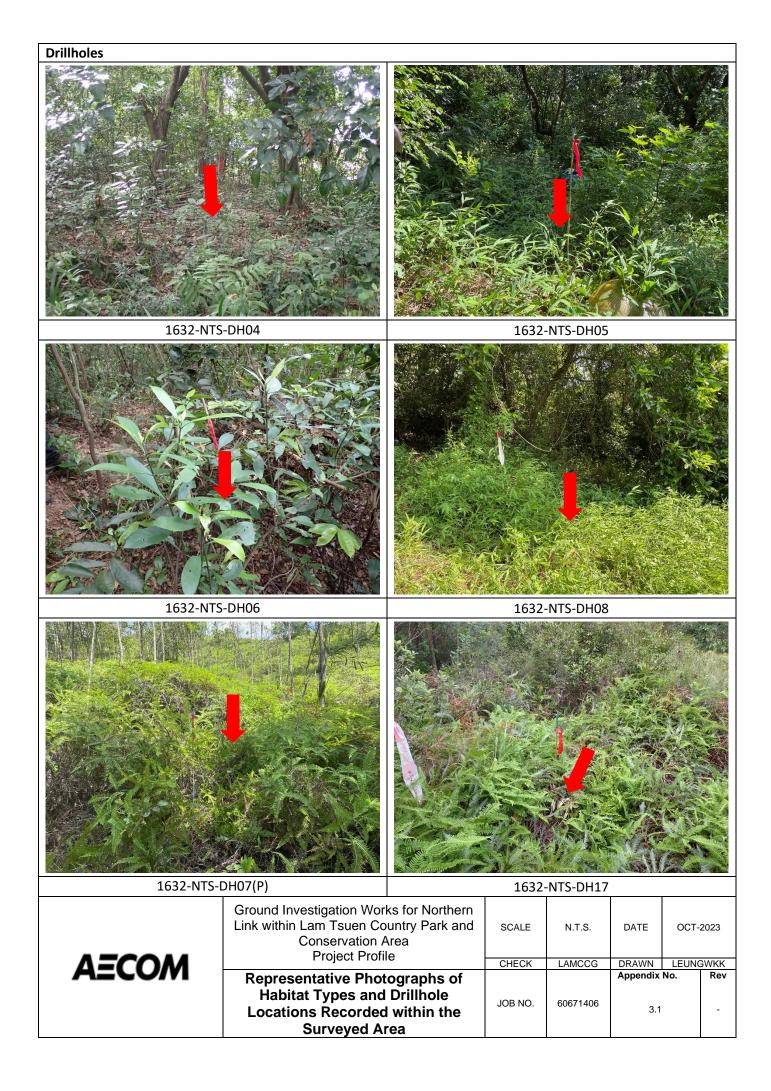


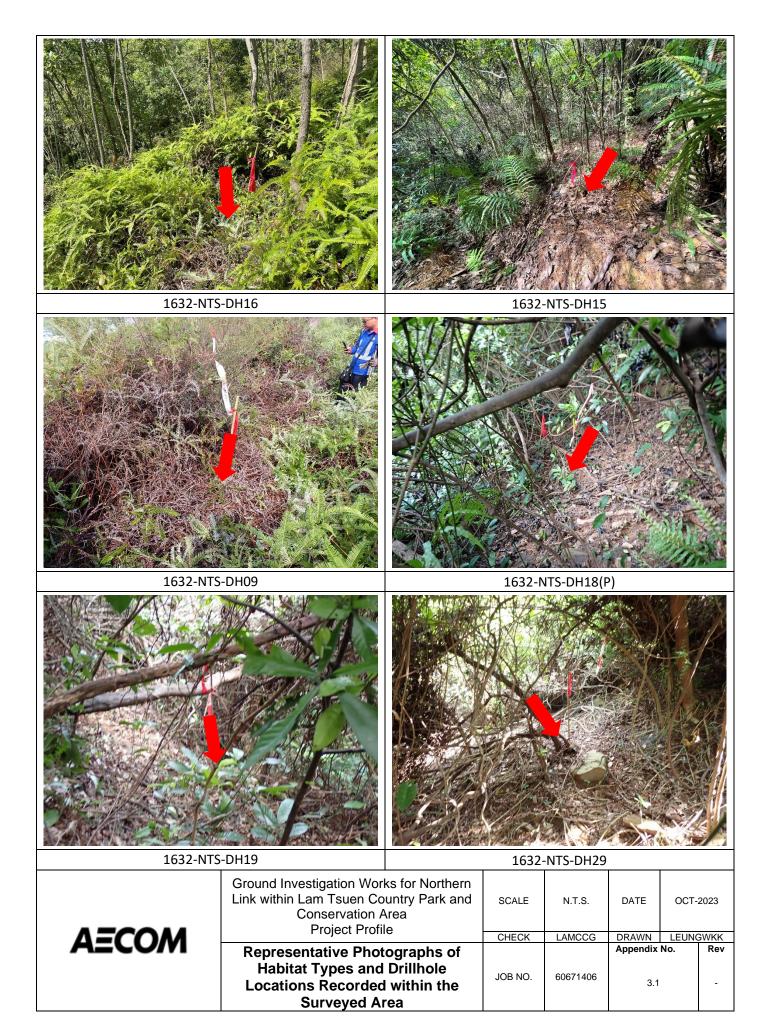


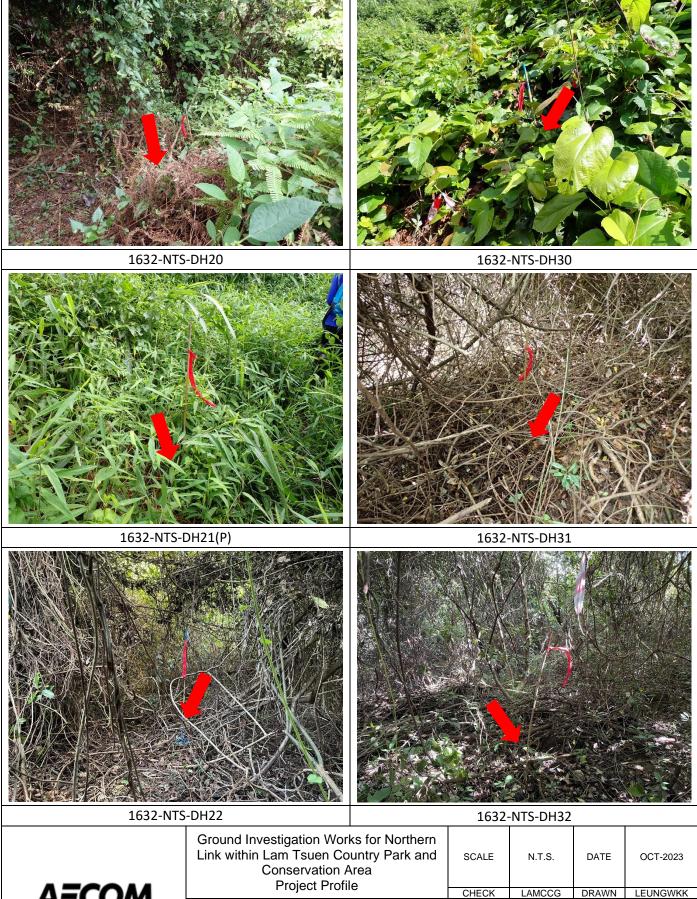
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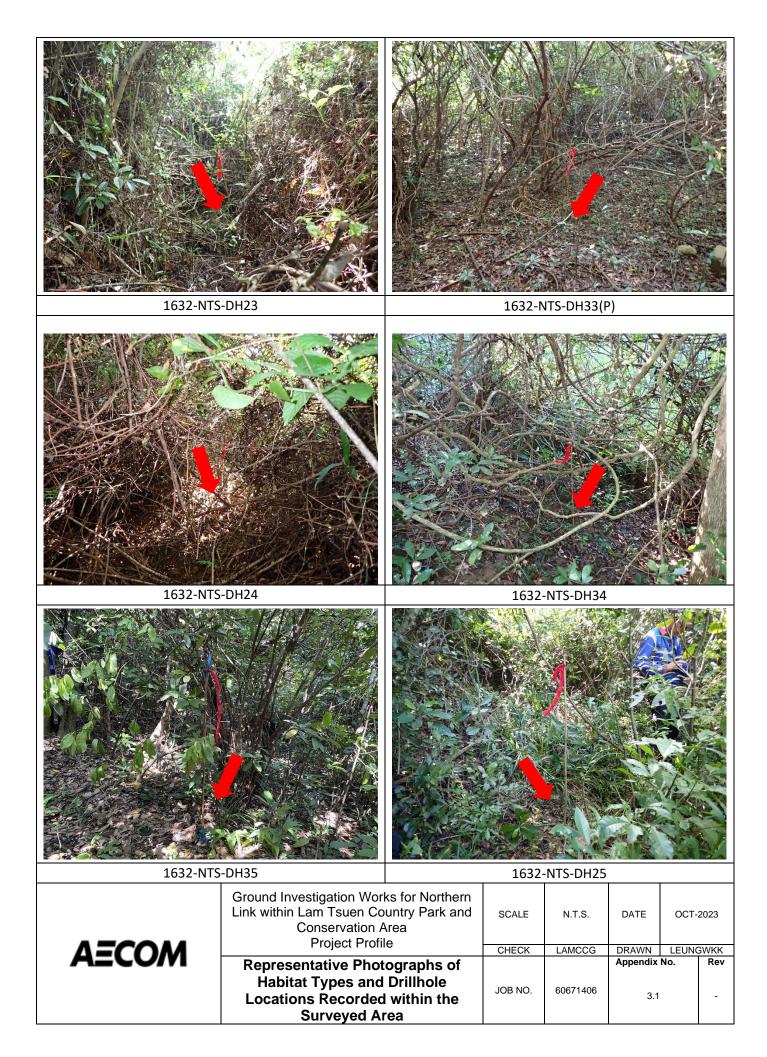
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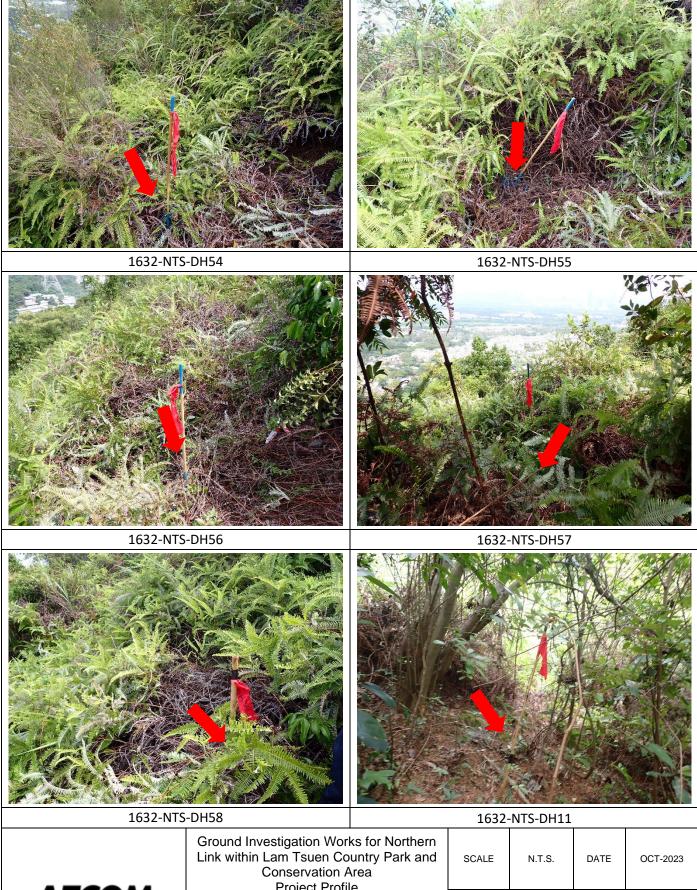


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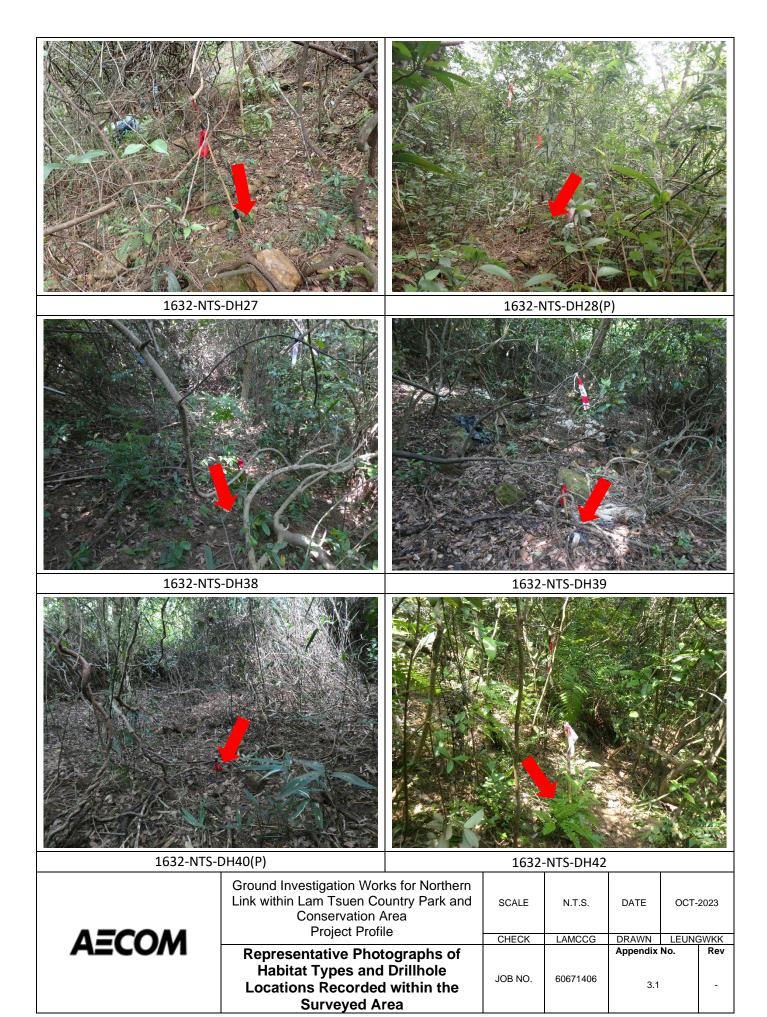


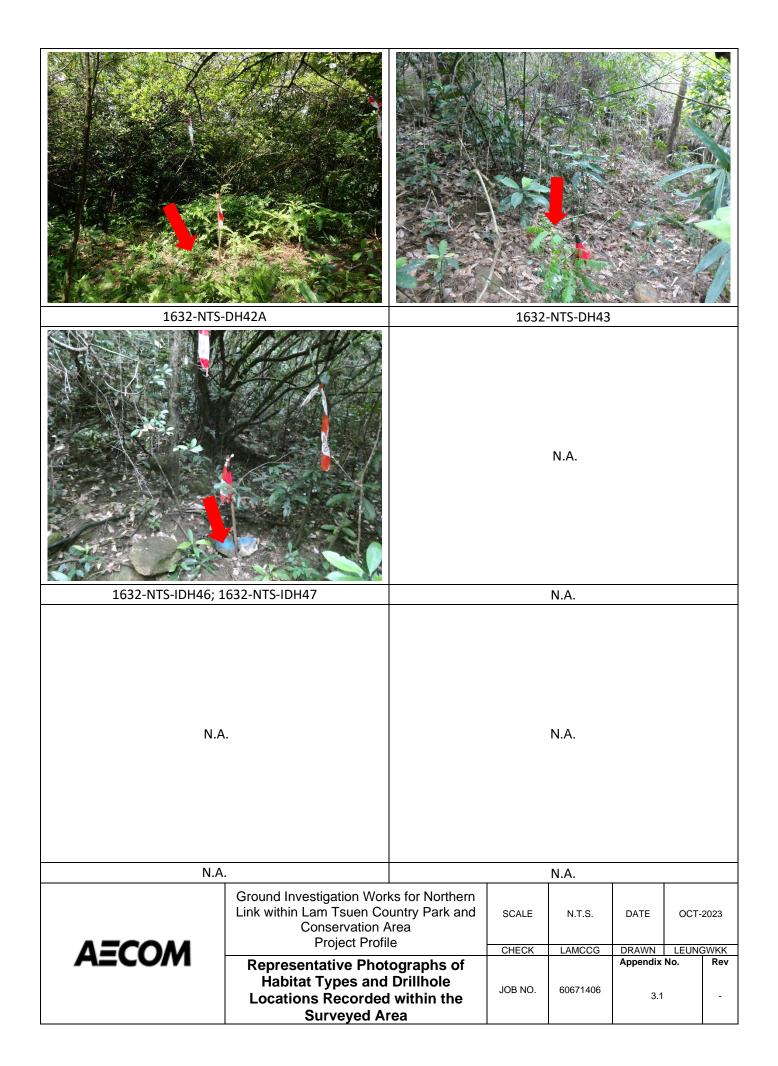


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Appendix 3.2 Flora Species Recorded within the Surveyed Area

Appendix 3.2: Flora Specie Scientific Name	Common Name	Growth Form	Native / Exotic to Hong Kong	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	Protection / Conservation Status ⁽³⁾	WL	PL	SL	GL	DA
Acacia confusa	Taiwan Acacia	tree	exotic	Widely cultivated in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+	+			
Achyranthes aspera	Common Achyranthes	perennial herb	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+				
Acronychia pedunculata	Acronychia	tree	native	Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.	++		+		
Adenosma glutinosum	Adenosma	herb	native	Kong Common in Hong	2022.2): Least Concern	+		+	+	
Adiantum capillus-veneris	Maidenhair	herb	native	Kong	IUCN Red List (ver.	+				
Adiantum flabellulatum	Fan-leaved Maidenhai		native	-	2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Adinandra millettii	Millett's Adinandra	shrub or small tree	native	Hong Kong Island, Sai Kung, Tai Mong Tsai, Ma On Shan, Fanling, Tai Lam Chung, Lantau Island				+		
Ageratum conyzoides	Billygoat-weed	herb	exotic	Naturalized and widely distributed in Hong Kong	-			+		
Alpinia zerumbet	Shell Ginger	perennial herb	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Data Deficient	+				
Alyxia sinensis	Bead Vine	woody vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Ampelopsis cantoniensis	Canton Ampelopsis	woody vine	native	Common in Hong	-	+				
Antirhea chinensis	Chinese Antirhea	shrub or tree	native	Kong Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.			+		
Aporosa dioica	Aporosa	tree	native	Kong Common in Hong Kong	2022.2): Least Concern	++	+	+	++	
Aquilaria sinensis	Incense Tree	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	Protected under Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586); Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong (Status of China): Category 2 & 3 (Near Threatened); Listed in Wild Plants under State Protection: Category II; China Plant Red Data Book: Vulnerable; Rare and Endangered Plants and National Key Protected Plants in Guangdong: Near Threatened; Recorded in Illustration of Rare and Endangered Plants in Guangdong Province; Threatened Species List of China's Higher Plants: Vulnerable; IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2); Vulnerable	**		+		
Archidendron clypearia	Monkey-pod	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Archidendron lucidum	Chinese Apea Ear-ring	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+		+		
Archontophoenix alexandra	Alexandra Palm	tree palm	exotic	Commonly cultivated	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern					+
Ardisia crenata	Hilo Holly	shrub	native	Common in Hong	-	+	+	+		
Ardisia lindleyana	Spotted Ardisia	shrub	native	Kong Widely distributed	-	+		+		
Ardisia quinquegona	Asiatic Ardisia	small tree	native	in Hong Kong Widely distributed		+	+			
Aster baccharoides		perennial herb	native	in Hong Kong Common in Hong	2022.2): Least Concern			+		
		perennial		Kong Cultivated or				H . H		
Asystasia micrantha	-	ascending herbs	exotic	naturalized Hong Kong Island,	-	+	+			
Atalantia buxifolia	Box-leaved Atalantia	shrub	native	Kowloon, Sai Kung, Lantau Island	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern			+		
Baeckea frutescens	Dwarf Mountain Pine	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern		++	+	+	
Bauhinia spp.	-	-	-	-	-					+
Berchemia floribunda	Japanese Supple-jack	climbing shrub: vine	native	Hong Kong Island, Tai Mo Shan, Ma On Shan, Sai Kung, Tai Long Sai Wan, Chek Keng, Kiu Tsui, Lantau Island	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+		+		
Distance all a	-	herb	exotic	Naturalized and widely distributed	-	+			+++	++
Bidens alba		i .	1		1		ı		1	l
Blechnum orientale	Oriental Blechnum	herb	native	in Hong Kong	-	++	+	++	+	

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Brainea insignis	Cycad-fern	herb	native	-	Rare and Precious Plants of Hong Kong (Status in China): Category 2 (Vulnerable); List of Wild Plants under State Protection: Category II; Threatened Species List of China's Higher Plants: Vulnerable	+		**	+	
Breynia fruticosa	Waxy Leaf	shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+	+		+	
Bridelia tomentosa	Pop-gun Seed	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	++	+		+	
Broussonetia papyrifera	Paper Mulberry	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern				+	+
Brucea javanica	False Sumac	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Byttneria grandifolia	Spiny-fruited Vine	woody vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+				
Caesalpinia crista	Wood Gossip Caesalpi	climber: vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+				
Camonea pilosa	Umbellate Merremia	climber: twining	native	Common in Hong	-	+			+	
Carallia brachiata	India Carallia	tree	native	Kong Common in Hong	-			+		
Carica papaya	Papaya	tree	exotic	Kong Cultivated	IUCN Red List (ver.					+
Cassytha filiformis	Cassytha	parasitic climber:	native	Common in Hong	2022.2): Data Deficient		++	+	+	
Castanopsis fissa	Castanopsis	twining herb tree	native	Kong Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.	+				
Celastrus monospermus	Bentham's Bitter-sweet	woody climber:	native	Kong Common in Hong	2022.2): Least Concern	+				
		vine		Kong Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.					
Celtis sinensis Centotheca lappacea	Chinese Hackberry Common Centotheca	tree perennial herb	native	Kong and widely planted common	2022.2): Least Concern	+	+	+	++	
Cibotium barometz	Lamb of Tartary	large herb	native	-	Protected under Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586); Rare and Precious Plants in Hong Kong (Status in China): Category 2 (Vulnerable): Listed in Wild Plants under State Protection: Category II	+				
Cinnamomum camphora	Camphor Tree	large tree	native	Common in Hong Kong. Also widely cultivated	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+		+		
Clausena lansium	Wampi	small tree	exotic	Cultivated	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Clerodendrum cyrtophyllum	Mayflower Glorybower	shrub or tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Coccinia grandis	lvy-gourd	herbaceous vines	native	Wong Chuk Hang, Tsuen Wan, Shan Liu, Ping Shan	-				+	
Cocculus orbiculatus	Snail Seed	climber: vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	++	+			
Conyza canadensis	-	herb	exotic	Naturalized and widely distributed in Hong Kong	-					+
Crateva unilocularis	Spider Tree	tree	exotic	Cultivated Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.					+
Cratoxylum cochinchinense	Yellow Cow Wood	shrub or tree	native	Kong Common in Hong	2022.2): Least Concern	++	+	+		
Cuscuta campestris Cyclosorus parasiticus	- Wood-fern	herb herb	native	Kong	-	+		+	+	
Cyperus odoratus	-	herb	exotic	-	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern					+
Dalbergia benthamii	Bentham's Rosewood	climber: vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+		+		
Daphniphyllum calycinum	-	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern			+		
Dendrotrophe varians	-	woody vine	native	Aberdeen, Findlay Rd., Mount Collinson Rd., Pok Fu Lam Reservoir, Stanley, Tai Mo Shan, Sha Tau Kok, Lantau Island	-	+				
Desmos chinensis	Desmos	woody vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	++			+	
Dianella ensifolia	Dianella	herb	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+	+	+	+	
Dicranopteris pedata Dimocarpus longan	Dichotomy Forked Fen	herb	native exotic	very common Cultivated	Threatened Species List of China's Higher Plants: Vulnerable; Rare and Endangered Plants and National Key Protected Plants in Guangdong: Near Threatened; IUCN Red List (ver. 2022 2): Near Threatened	+	++	+++	+++	

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Dioscorea bulbifera	Air Potato	climber: vine	native	Hong Kong Island, Tai Po Kau, Lam Tsuen, Sham Tseng, Ta Kwu Ling	-	+				
Diplospora dubia	Common Tricalysia	shrub or tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern			+		
Duhaldea cappa	Elecampane	subshrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-			+		
Elephantopus tomentosus	-	perennial herb	native	Common in Hong	-	+				
Embelia laeta	Twig-hanging Embelia	climber: vine	native	Kong Widely distributed	_	+		+	+	
Embelia ribes	White-flowered Embeli		native	in Hong Kong Widely distributed	_		+	+	+	
Epipremnum aureum	lvy-arum	tall climbing plant		in Hong Kong -	-					+
Epipremnum pinnatum	Taro Vine, Centipede	Climber	exotic	New Territories cultivated;	-	+				
Eucalyptus spp.	-	tree shrub or small	exotic	common Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.		+			
Eurya nitida	Shining Eurya	tree	native	Kong	2022.2): Least Concern	+	+	+	+	
Ficus hirta	Hairy Fig	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+	+	+	+	
Ficus hispida	Opposite-leaved Fig	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	++	+	+	+	
Ficus variegata	Common Red-stem Fig	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+			+	
Ficus variolosa	Varied-leaf Fig	shrub or tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern			+		
Gardenia jasminoides	Cape Jasmine	shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+		+		
Glochidion eriocarpum	Hairy-fruited Abacus P	shrub	native	Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	++		+		
Glochidion wrightii	Wright's Abacus Plant		native	Kong Common in Hong	- Least Concern	+		+		
Gnetum luofuense	Luofushan Joint-fir	woody vine	native	Kong Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.	++	+	+		
Gymnema sylvestre	Australian Cow-plant	woody vine	native	Kong Common in Hong	2022.2): Near Threatened				+	
Hedychium coronarium	Ginger Lily	perennial herb	exotic	Kong Cultivated	-	+				
Hedyotis hedyotidea	White Ox Creeper	climbing subshrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+				
Helicteres angustifolia	Narrow-leaved Screwtr		native	Common in Hong	-	+	+	+	+	+
Heterosmilax japonica	Heterosmilax	climbing shrub	native	Kong Pok Fu Lam	-	++	+	+		
Homalium cochinchinense	Cochin-china Homaliur	shrub or tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+				
Hymenocallis littoralis	American Hymenocalli		exotic	Cultivated Common in Hong	-					+
Hypserpa nitida Ilex asprella	Shining Hypserpa Rough-leaved Holly	woody vine shrub	native	Kong very common	-	++	+	+	+	
llex pubescens	Downy Holly	shrub	native	Common in Hong	-	++	+			
Indocalamus sinicus	Chinese Cane	running shrubby bamboo	native	Kong Common in Hong Kong	-	+++				
Indocalamus spp. Ipomoea cairica	- Gairo Morning Glory	climber: twining	- exotic	- Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.	+			++	
	Gail o Morning Glory	herb herbaceous		Kong Naturalized in	2022.2): Least Concern IUCN Red List (ver.					
Ipomoea triloba	-	climber	exotic	Hong Kong Cultivated and	2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Kalanchoe pinnata	Air-plant	herb	exotic	naturalized	-					++
Kyllinga polyphylla	Aromatic Kyllinga	herb	exotic	Victoria Park, Tsiu Hang, Tai Po Kau	-					+
Lantana camara	Lantana	shrub	exotic	Naturalized in Hong Kong	-	+			+	++
Leucaena leucocephala	White Popinac	small tree	exotic	Cultivated and naturalized	-	+			+	++
Ligustrum sinense	Chinese Privet	shrub or small tree	exotic	Common in Hong Kong and widely cultivated	-	+	+	+	+	
Lindsaea ensifolia Lindsaea orbiculata	Sword-leaved Lindsaea Orbicular Lindsaea	herb herb	native native	-	-	+	+			
Liriope spicata	Lily Turf	perennial herb	native	Common in Hong	-	++	+	+		
Litchi chinensis	Lychee	tree	exotic	Kong Cultivated	List of Wild Plants under State Protection: Category II; Threatened Species List of China's Higher Plants: Endangered; Rare and Endangered Plants and National Key Protected Plants in Guangdong: Near Threatened	+				+
Litsea cubeba	Fragrant Litsea	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+		+		
Litsea rotundifolia var. oblo	Oblong-leaved Litsea	shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	++	+	+	+	
Lonicera macrantha	Large-flowered Honeys	climber: vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+				
Lophatherum gracile	Common Lophantheru		native	Common in Hong	-	++	+	+		
Lophostemon confertus	Brisbane Box	tree	exotic	Kong Cultivated	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern		++	+		
Ludwigia erecta Lygodium flexuosum	- Flexuose Climbing Fer	herb climbing herb	exotic native	-	-	+	+		+	
Lygodium japonicum Lygodium scandens	Climbing Fern Scansorial Climbing Fe	climbing herb	native	-	-	++	+	_	+	
Macaranga tanarius var. to		climbing herb tree	native	Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.	+	+	+		+
Macrothelypteris torresiana			native	Kong -	2022.2): Least Concern -	+				

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Modestorma machinary Facility Microscopy	Mallotus paniculatus	Turn-in-the-wind	shrub or tree		Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.	++			+	
Medicardina applications Common Medicardina C	Malvastrum coromandelian	False Mallow	herb	native	Common in Hong	2022.2): Least Concern				+	
Monte accession December Ten	Melastoma malabathricum	Common Melastoma	shrub	native	Common in Hong	-	+				
Adelica paraderech Olima-berly tree exolic continuation of con	Melastoma sanguineum	Blood-red Melastoma	shrub	native	Common in Hong		+	++	++	+	
Adelegace pelesiafolia Thin Evola and no remail not be remail herb					Cultivated or	IUCN Red List (ver.					
Membra regens Redition permitted herborisms and permitted herborisms herboris		-	shrub or small		Common in Hong	IUCN Red List (ver.	++	+	+		+
Microcas nervosa Microcas subtra or mail procurs procurs of the pr					Common in Hong	2022.2): Least Concern					
Microstegium promission promissio	*		shrub or small		Common in Hong	_				+	
Mains anicorantha Mille-a-minute Weed climbring harb exotic workly distributed in Hong Kong Kong Milletia speciose Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Advantage Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly distributed in Hong Kong Kong Milletia (Inter-vine Advantage Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly distributed in Hong Kong Common in Hong Kong Milletia (Inter-vine Advantage Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly distributed in Hong Kong Milletia (Inter-vine Advantage Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly distributed in Hong Kong Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly distributed in Hong Kong Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly distributed in Hong Kong Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Showy Milletia) and the workly of Showy Milletia (Inter-vine Agents of Sh			perennial		Common in Hong	_					++
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Miscontinus invaluation in Mary inversal solvering potential notice Miscontinus information in Market Miscontinus in Market	Millettia speciosa	Showy Millettia	climber: vine	native	Kong	-	+				
Muraya panculata Orange-jessamine small tree dimbing shrub Allee-leased indian-mic dimbing shrub Allee oxidic Orange-jessamine small tree dimbing shrub Allee oxidic Outwinded or shan it and indianch or shan it and	Miscanthus floridulus	Many-flowered Silverg	perennial herb	native	Kong	-	+	+	+	++	++
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Aussaenda erosa Erose Mussaenda climbing shrub native native native Neng Kong laind, Ma On Shan, Tail Ping Shan Chai, Faniling Pat Sin Leng, Lantau Island Common in Hong Common in	Morinda parvifolia	Little-leaved Indian-mu	climbing shrub	native		-			+		
Mussaenda erosa Erose Mussaenda climbing shrub Aussaenda pubescens Splash-of-white dimbing shrub native Common in Hong	Murraya paniculata	Orange-jessamine	small tree	exotic		-				+	
### Applications of the processor of the	Mussaenda erosa	Erose Mussaenda	climbing shrub	native	Ma On Shan, Tai Po, Ng Tung Chai, Ping Shan Chai, Fanling, Pat Sin Leng, Lantau				+		
Commonia marginata Commoni	Mussaenda pubescens	Splash-of-white	climbing shrub	native		-	+		+		
Common C	Oplismenus compositus	Composite Oplismenu:	herb	native			+				
Common in Hong Comm	Ormosia emarginata	Emarginate-leaved O	small tree	native	Hong Kong	State Protection:	+		+		
Deaderia scandens Chinese Fevervine Climber: vine Anative Common in Hong Kong Common in Hong Kong Kong Kong Kong Kong Kong Kong K	Oxalis comiculata	Sorrel	perennial herb	native	Kong	-					++
Paederia scardens Variable	Oxalis debilis subsp. corym	Lavender Sorrel	perennial herb	exotic		-					++
Paederia scandens var. tor Tomentose Fevervine Climber: vine native Po Kau, Tai Mo Shan, Lantau Island	Paederia scandens	Chinese Fevervine	climber: vine	native		-	+			+	+
Panicum brevifolium Panic Grass Perennial herb Panicum maximum Guinea Grass Perennial herb Pericampylus glaucus Pericampylus Pericampyl					Po Kau, Tai Mo Shan, Lantau	-					+
Panicum maximum Guinea Grass perennial herb exotic Cultivated for forage Fericampylus glaucus Pericampylus woody vine Native Pericampylus glaucus Pericampylus Pericampylus Pericampylus Pericampylus Pericampylus Pericampylus Pericampylus Pericampylus Noody vine Native So Kon Po, Tai Hang, Mount Cameron, Tai Po Common in Hong Kong Phyllanthus cochinchinensis Vietnam Leaf-flower Shrub Native Noody vine Noody		_				-	+		+		
Pericampylus glaucus Pericampylus woody vine native So Kon Po, Tai Hang, Mount Cameron, Tai Po Common in Hong Kong Phyllanthus cochinchinensis Vietnam Leaf-flower shrub native Common in Hong Kong Common in Hong Kong IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern Happy Valley, Harlech Rd., Pok Fu Lam Reservior Rd., Subbs Rd., Ling Nam San Tsuen, Kowloon Reservoir, Fanling, Sha Tin, Lantau Island Pinus elliottii Slash Pine tree exotic Videly planted in countryside Common in Hong Kong UUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern ++ UICN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern ++ UICN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern + countryside UICN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern + countryside UICN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern + countryside UICN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern + countryside UICN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern + countryside - common in Hong Kong, also widely planted in countryside - common in Hong Kong, also widely planted in countryside - common in Hong Kong, also widely planted in countryside - countryside - common in Hong Kong, also widely planted in countryside - countryside					Cultivated for	-	+		+		++
Cameron, Tai Po Common In Hong Kong -					So Kon Po, Tai						
Phyllanthus emblica Myrobalan shrub or tree native Common in Hong Kong ULCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern ++	Pericampylus glaucus	Pericampylus	woody vine	native	Cameron, Tai Po	-	+				
Phyllanthus urinaria Night-closing Leaf herb native Happy Valley, Harlech Rd., Pok Fu Lam Reservior Rd., Stubbs Rd., Ling Nam San Tsuen, Kowloon Reservoir, Farling, Sha Tin, Lantau Island Lunch Rd. Item Pinus elliottii Slash Pine tree exotic widely planted in countryside Chinese Red Pine tree native Common in Hong IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	Phyllanthus cochinchinensi	Vietnam Leaf-flower	shrub	native	Kong	-	+			+	
Harlech Rd., Pok Fu Lam Reservior Rd., Stubbs Rd., Ling Nam San Tsuen, Kowloon Reservoir, Fanling, Sha Tin, Lantau Island Ling Nam San Ling Nam L	Phyllanthus emblica	Myrobalan	shrub or tree	native	Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	++				
Pinus emiotur Stash Pine tree exotic countryside 2022.2): Least Concern T T Common in Hong Kong, also widely planted in countryside Plectranthus amboinicus Fragrant Coleus herb - Naturalized and	Phyllanthus urinaria	Night-closing Leaf	herb	native	Harlech Rd., Pok Fu Lam Reservior Rd., Stubbs Rd., Ling Nam San Tsuen, Kowloon Reservoir, Fanling, Sha Tin, Lantau Island	-	+				
Pinus massoniana Chinese Red Pine tree native Rong, also widely luCN Red List (ver. planted in countryside Plectranthus amboinicus Fragrant Coleus herb + Naturalized and	Pinus elliottii	Slash Pine	tree	exotic			+		+		
Plectranthus amboinicus Fragrant Coleus herb + Naturalized and	Pinus massoniana	Chinese Red Pine	tree	native	Kong, also widely planted in		+				
	Plectranthus amboinicus	Fragrant Coleus	herb	-	-	-					+
Praxelis clematidea - perennial herb exotic widely distributed - + in Hong Kong + +	Praxelis clematidea	-	perennial herb	exotic	widely distributed in Hong Kong	-	+				
Psychotria asiatica Wild Coffee shrub or tree native Common in Hong Kong 1UCN Red List (ver. +++ + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	Psychotria asiatica	Wild Coffee		native	Kong		+++	+	+	++	
Psychotria serpens Creeping Psychotria semi-woody climber: vine native Kong - + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +			climber: vine			-					
Pteris ensiformis Sword Brake herb native - - + Pteris semipinnata Semi-pinnated Brake herb native - - ++ -					-	-					
Pueraria lobata var. monta Montane Kudzu climber: vine native Common in Hong Kong +						-	+				
Rhamnus crenata Buckthorn shrub native Mount Davis, Tai Mo Shan, Wu Kau Tang, Lai Chi Wo, Luk Keng, Lantau Island 10202.2): Least Concern	Rhamnus crenata	Buckthorn	shrub	native	Mount Davis, Tai Mo Shan, Wu Kau Tang, Lai Chi Wo, Luk Keng, Lantau	IUCN Red List (ver.			+		
Rhaphiolepis indica Hong Kong Hawthorn shrub or small tree native Common in Hong Kong + + + +	Rhaphiolepis indica	Hong Kong Hawthorn		native		-	+		+	+	

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Rhodomyrtus tomentosa	Rose Myrtle	shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+	++	++	+	
Rhus chinensis	Sumac	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern			+		
Rhus hypoleuca	Sumac	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+		++	+	
Rhus succedanea	Wax Tree	shrub or small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+	++	++	+	
Rourea microphylla	Little-leaved Rourea	climbing shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+		++	+	
Rubus reflexus	Rusty-haired Raspberr	climbing shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-			+		
Sapium discolor	Mountain Tallow Tree	small tree	native	Common in Hong Kong. Also planted	-	+	+	+		
Sapium sebiferum	Chinese Tallow Tree	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong. Also planted	-	+		+		
Sarcandra glabra	Sarcandra	subshrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+				
Schefflera heptaphylla	Ivy Tree	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	++	+	+		
Scleria ciliaris	Ciliate Razorsedge	herb	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+		+		
Sida rhombifolia	Sida Hemp	erect subshrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-				+	
Smilax china	Greenbrier	climbing shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+	+	+		
Smilax glabra	Glabrous Greenbrier	climbing shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+	+	+		
Solanum americanum	Shining-fruit Nightshad		exotic	Naturalized in Hong Kong	-		+			
Sphenomeris chinensis	Fairy Fern	herb	native	-	-	+				
Sporobolus fertilis	Australian Smut-grass	perennial herb	native	Common in Hong Kong	- HICN Dad List (van	+				+
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis	Jamaica Vervain	herb	exotic	Naturalized in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Stephania longa	Long Stephania	climber: vine	native	Aberdeen, Tai Po Kau, Ma On Shan, Sheung Shui, Tai Mong Tsai	-	+				
Sterculia lanceolata	Lance-leaved Sterculia	semi-deciduous tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	++	+			
Strophanthus divaricatus	Goat Horns	woody vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+	+	+		
Syzygium jambos	Rose Apple	tree	exotic	Cultivated & naturalized	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+				
Tectaria subtriphylla	-	herb	native	-	-	+				
Tetracera asiatica	Sandpaper Vine	woody vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	++		+	+	
Tetradium glabrifolium	Melia-leaved Evodia	tree	native	Hong Kong Island, Sai Kung, Tai Po, Bride's Pool, Lantau Island	-	+				
Tridax procumbens	Tridax	perennial herb	exotic	Naturalized and widely distributed in Hong Kong	-					+
Tylophora ovata	Ovate Tylophora	slender woody vine	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	+				
Uvaria macrophylla	Uvaria	woody climbing shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	++				
Vernonia solanifolia	Large-leaved Iron-wee	Densely woolly shrubby lianas	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	++				
Wedelia trilobata	-	perennial herb	exotic	Naturalized and widely cultivated	-					++
Wikstroemia indica	Indian Wikstroemia	shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	-			+	+	
Youngia japonica	Hawk's Beard	herb	native	Common in Hong Kong	-					+
Zanthoxylum avicennae	Prickly Ash	tree	native	Common in Hong Kong	-	++		+	++	+
Zanthoxylum nitidum	Shiny-leaved Prickly A	climbing shrub	native	Common in Hong Kong	IUCN Red List (ver. 2022.2): Least Concern	+		+		

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Appendix 3.3

Representative Photographs of the Species of Conservation Importance Recorded within the Surveyed Area

Floral and Faunal Species of Conservation Importance





Lamb of Tartary (Cibotium barometz)

Mature Incense Tree (Aquilaria sinensis)





Incense Tree Seedling (Aquilaria sinensis)

Cycad-fern (*Brainea insignis*)



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Floral and Faunal Species of Conservation Importance





Emarginate-leaved Ormosia (Ormosia emarginata)

Emarginate-leaved Ormosia Seedling (Ormosia emarginata)





Red Muntjac
(Muntiacus muntjac

Small Indian Civet (Viverricula indica)



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Appendix 3.4

Fauna Species Recorded within the Surveyed Area

Appendix 3.4: Fauna Species Recorded within the Surveyed Area

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Common Name ⁽¹⁾	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽³⁾	Principal Status ⁽⁴⁾	Level of Concern ⁽⁵⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁶⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁷⁾	Red List of China's Vertebrates ⁽⁸⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁹⁾	WL	SL	GL	IF
Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus	Common resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	Su,R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+			
Black Kite ⁽²⁾⁽¹⁰⁾	Milvus migrans	Common resident and winter visitor. Widely distributed in Hong Kong	W,R	(RC)	Class II	-	Least Concern	Least Concern				+
Black-throated Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus chinensis	Common resident. Widely distributed in woodland and shrubland throughout Hong Kong.	R	-	Class II	-	Near Threatened	Least Concern	+			
Chinese Bulbul	Pycnonotus sinensis	Abundant resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	++			
Chinese Hwamei ⁽²⁾	Garrulax canorus	Common resident. Widely distributed in hillside shrubland througthout Hong Kong.	R	-	Class II	-	Near Threatened	Least Concern		+		
Cinereous Tit	Parus cinereus	Common resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+			
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	Common resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+	+	+	
Crested Myna	Acridotheres cristatellus	Abundant resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern		+		
Crested Serpent Eagle ⁽²⁾	Spilornis cheela	Common resident. Widely distributed in shrublands on hillsides throughout Hong Kong.	R,M	(LC)	Class II	Vulnerable	Near Threatened	Least Concern				+
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	Common resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R	-	Class II	Vulnerable	Least Concern	Least Concern	+			
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus	Common migrant and winter visitor, and locally common resident. Widely distributed in wooded area throughout Hong Kong.	M,Su,W	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+			
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	Common resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern		+		
Masked Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus perspicillatus	Abundant resident. Widely distributed in shrubland throughout Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	++	+		
Oriental Magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis	Abundant resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+			
Red-billed Blue Magpie	Urocissa erythroryncha	Common resident. Widely distributed in woodland edges throught Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+	+		
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	Abundant resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	++	+		
Rufous-capped Babbler	Cyanoderma ruficeps	Common resident. Found in Shing Mun, Tai Po Kau, Tai Mek Tuk, Ng Tung Chai, Fo Tan, Tai Mo Shan, The Peak, Kadoorie Agricultural Research Centre.	R	LC	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern		+		
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum cruentatum	Common resident. Widely distributed in wooded area throughout Hong Kong.	R	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+			
Swinhoe's White-eye	Zosterops simplex	Abundant resident. Widely distributed in Hong Kong.	R,?W	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+			
Yellow-browed Warbler	Phylloscopus inornatus	Abundant winter visitor and migrant. Widely distributed in woodland throughout Hong Kong.	w	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern		+		

Note:

- (1) All wild birds are Protected under Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170).
- (2) Protected under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586).
- (3) AFCD (2023). Hong Kong Biodiversity Information Hub.
- (4) Carey et al. (2001): R=resident; W=winter visitor; Su=summer visitor; M = migrant; A = autumn; P = present all year, exact composition unknown; ?W = extent of migration in winter is unclear
- (5) Fellowes, J.R., Lau, M.W.N., Dudgeon, D. et al. (2002). Wild Animals to Watch: Terrestrial and Freshwater Fauna of Conservation Concern in Hong Kong. Memoirs of the Hong Kong Natural History Society 25:123-159: LC=Local 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.

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Butterfly

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	Level of Concern ⁽²⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽³⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁴⁾	WL	SL	GL	DA
Angled Castor	Ariadne ariadne	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			
Chinese Peacock	Papilio bianor	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-		+		
Common Five-ring	Ypthima baldus	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			
Common Grass Yellow	Eurema hecabe	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			+
-	Eurema spp.	-	-	-	-	+			
Common Jay	Graphium doson	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	=	-	-				+
Common Jester	Symbrenthia lilaea	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			
Common Mormon	Papilio polytes	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+	+		+
Common Sailer	Neptis hylas	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-			+	
Dark-brand Bush Brown	Mycalesis mineus	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+	+		
Great Eggfly	Hypolimnas bolina	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			
Great Mormon	Papilio memnon	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			+
Great Orange Tip	Hebomoia glaucippe	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-			+	
Lemon Emigrant	Catopsilia pomona	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			+
Lime Butterfly	Papilio demoleus	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			
Paris Peacock	Papilio paris	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Plum Judy	Abisara echerius	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			
Punchinello	Zemeros flegyas	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			
Red-base Jezebel	Delias pasithoe	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	+			
Tawny Rajah	Charaxes bernardus	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	=	-	-				+
White-edged Blue Baron	Euthalia phemius	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-		+		

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Odonate

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	Level of Concern ⁽²⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽³⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁴⁾	WL	GL
Green Skimmer	Orthetrum serapia	Widely distributed in all wetland habitats throughout Hong Kong; Widespread	-	-	Least Concern		+
Red-faced Skimmer		Widely distributed in pools and marshy areas adjacent to flowing streams throughout Hong Kong; Very Widespread	-	-	Least Concern	+	
Russet Percher	Neurothemis fulvia	Found in marshes, cultivated areas, streams, tanks and irrigation feeders, sometimes even found in nearly dried out marshy areas. Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong; Widespread	-	-	Least Concern	+	
Wandering Glider	Pantala flavescens	Widely distributed all over Hong Kong; Widespread	-	-	Least Concern	+	+

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Amphibian

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽¹⁾	Level of Concern ⁽²⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽³⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁴⁾	Red List of China's Vertebrates ⁽⁵⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁶⁾	PL	DA
Asian Common Toad	Duttaphrynus melanostictus	Widely distributed in Hong Kong	-	-	Least Concern	-	Least Concern	+	
Brown Tree Frog	Polypedates megacephalus	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	Least Concern	-	Least Concern		+
Greenhouse Frog	Eleutherodactylus planirostris	Widely distributed throughout Hong Kong	-	-	Least Concern	-	-		+

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Mammal

Common Name	Scientific Name	Distribution in Hong Kong ⁽²⁾	Level of Concern ⁽³⁾	Protection Status in China ⁽⁴⁾	China Red Data Book ⁽⁵⁾	Red List of China's Vertebrates ⁽⁶⁾	IUCN Red List ⁽⁷⁾	WL	PL	SL
Eurasian Wild Pig		Very widely distributed in countryside areas throughout Hong Kong	-	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern	+		+
Intermediate Horseshoe Bat ⁽¹⁾	Rhinolophus affinis	Widely distributed in countryside areas throughout Hong Kong	(LC)	-	-	Least Concern	Least Concern		+	
Red Muntjac	Muntiacus muntjak	Very widely distributed in countryside areas throughout Hong Kong	PRC	-	-	Near Threatened	Least Concern	+		+
Small Indian Civet	Viverricula indica	Very widely distributed in countryside areas throughout Hong Kong, except for Lantau Island	-	Class I	-	Vulnerable	Least Concern	+		

Notes:

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Appendix 3.6 Key Ecological Field Surveyors

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Faunal/floral		Key Ecological Field Sur	veyor
group under study	Full Name	Brief description of relevant experience	No. of years of relevant experience
Flora and Fauna	Gigi Lam	Ecological Team Leader	>20 years
Flora	Shirley Mak	Flora identification in different ecological surveys, EIA, EcoIA and DIR	10
Flora	Kenny Leung	Flora identification in different ecological surveys, EIA, EcolA and DIR	2
All Fauna Group	Alex Ng	Fauna identification in different ecological surveys, EIA, EcolA and DIR	4

Survey data presented in Appendices 3.1 to 3.4 are:

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Appendix 4.1
Detailed Calculation of Construction Noise Impact
(Base Case)

NSR ID	Drillhole No.	Sound Power Level(1), dB(A)	Horizontal Distance, m	Distance Correction, dB(A)	Correction,		Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)	
MF_N03	1632-NTS-DH04	111	25	-36.0	0	3	78.0	
	1632-NTS-DH05	111	35	-38.9	0	3	75.1	
	1632-NTS-DH06	111	71	-45.0	0	3	69.0	
	1632-NTS-DH07(P)	111	165	-52.3	0	3	61.7	
	1632-NTS-DH08	111	106	-48.5	0	3	65.5	
	1632-NTS-DH09	111	386	-59.7	0	3	54.3	
	1632-NTS-DH15	111	241	-55.6	0	3	58.4	
	1632-NTS-DH16	111	203	-54.1	0	3	59.9	
	1632-NTS-DH17	111	182	-53.2	0	3	60.8	
	1632-NTS-DH18(P)	111	486	-61.7	0	3	52.3	
		Tot	al Predicted C	onstruction Noise	Level, Leq (30)	mins), dB(A)	81	
	Daytime Noise Criteria, dB(A)							
		·		<u> </u>		Compliance	No	

NSR ID	Drillhole No.	Sound Power Level(1), dB(A)	Horizontal Distance, m	Distance Correction, dB(A)		,	Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)
MF_N04	1632-NTS-DH04	111	34	-38.6	0	3	75.4
	1632-NTS-DH05	111	37	-39.4	0	3	74.6
	1632-NTS-DH06	111	74	-45.4	0	3	68.6
	1632-NTS-DH07(P)	111	166	-52.4	0	3	61.6
	1632-NTS-DH08	111	105	-48.4	0	3	65.6
	1632-NTS-DH09	111	386	-59.7	0	3	54.3
	1632-NTS-DH15	111	240	-55.6	0	3	58.4
	1632-NTS-DH16	111	203	-54.1	0	3	59.9
	1632-NTS-DH17	111	180	-53.1	0	3	60.9
	1632-NTS-DH18(P)	111	484	-61.7	0	3	52.3
		Tot	al Predicted Co	onstruction Noise	Level, Leq (30)	mins), dB(A)	79
				D	aytime Noise Cr	iteria, dB(A)	75
				•	(Compliance	No

NSR ID	Drillhole No.	Sound Power Level(1), dB(A)	Horizontal Distance, m	Distance Correction, dB(A)	Barrier Correction, dB(A)		Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)
MF_N05	1632-NTS-DH04	111	86	-46.7	0	3	67.3
	1632-NTS-DH05	111	87	-46.8	0	3	67.2
	1632-NTS-DH06	111	118	-49.4	0	3	64.6
	1632-NTS-DH07(P)	111	203	-54.1	0	3	59.9
	1632-NTS-DH08	111	142	-51.0	0	3	63.0
	1632-NTS-DH09	111	413	-60.3	0	3	53.7
	1632-NTS-DH15	111	270	-56.6	0	3	57.4
	1632-NTS-DH16	111	236	-55.5	0	3	58.5
	1632-NTS-DH17	111	210	-54.4	0	3	59.6
	1632-NTS-DH18(P)	111	508	-62.1	0	3	51.9
	•	To	tal Predicted Co	onstruction Noise	Level, Leq (30)	mins), dB(A)	73
				D	aytime Noise Cr	iteria, dB(A)	75
						Compliance	Yes

NSR ID	Drillhole No.	Sound Power Level(1), dB(A)	Horizontal	Distance Correction, dB(A)	Correction,	Façade	Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)
NTM_N01	1632-NTS-DH11	111		` '			58.6
	1632-NTS-DH27	111	230	-55.2	0	3	58.8
	1632-NTS-DH28(P)	111	204	-54.2	0	3	59.8
	1632-NTS-DH38	111	142	-51.0	0	3	63.0
	1632-NTS-DH39	111	118	-49.4	0	3	64.6
	1632-NTS-DH40(P)	111	76	-45.6	0	3	68.4
	1632-NTS-DH42	111	149	-51.5	0	3	62.5
	1632-NTS-DH43	111	147	-51.3	0	3	62.7
	1632-NTS-IDH46 and 1632-NTS-IDH47	111	179	-53.1	0	3	60.9
	1632-NTS-IDH48 and 1632-NTS-IDH49	111	246	-55.8	0	3	58.2
		Tot	al Predicted C	onstruction Noise	Level, Leq (30	nins), dB(A)	73
	•			Da	aytime Noise Cr	iteria, dB(A)	75
	•			•		Compliance	Yes

Note:

(1) The major source of construction noise impact will be the operation of powered mechanical equipment (PMEs) for carrying out GI works including lifting of drill rig by either helicopter or manual handling, and drilling works at DHs. A drill rig, a water pump (petrol), a water pump (electric) and a generator (portable) would be used at each working area/platform for GI works. According to the "Technical Memorandum on Noise from Construction Work Other Than Percussive Piling" and "Sound power levels of other commonly used PME" published by EPD, the Sound Power Level (SWL) of a drill rig, rotary type (diesel), a water pump (petrol), a water pump (electric) and a generator (portable) is 110 dB(A), 103 dB(A), 88 dB(A) and 100 dB(A), respectively. The total SWL of items of PME to be used at each working area/platform is estimated to be 111 dB(A).



Appendix 4.2 Detailed Calculation of Construction Noise Impact (Mitigated Scenario)

NSR ID	Drillhole No.	Sound Power Level(1), dB(A)	Horizontal Distance, m	Distance Correction, dB(A)	Noise Mitigation Measure	Barrier Correction, dB(A)	Façade Correction,	Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)
MF_N03	1632-NTS-DH04	111	25	-36.0	Noise Barrier	-10	3	68.0
	1632-NTS-DH05	111	35	-38.9	Noise Barrier	-10	3	65.1
	1632-NTS-DH06	111	71	-45.0	-	0	3	69.0
	1632-NTS-DH07(P)	111	165	-52.3	-	0	3	61.7
	1632-NTS-DH08	111	106	-48.5	-	0	3	65.5
	1632-NTS-DH09	111	386	-59.7	-	0	3	54.3
	1632-NTS-DH15	111	241	-55.6	-	0	3	58.4
	1632-NTS-DH16	111	203	-54.1	-	0	3	59.9
	1632-NTS-DH17	111	182	-53.2	-	0	3	60.8
	1632-NTS-DH18(P)	111	486	-61.7	-	0	3	52.3
			To	tal Predicted Con	struction Noise	e Level, Leq (30)	mins), dB(A)	74
		·			D	aytime Noise Cr	iteria, dB(A)	75
		•					Compliance	Yes

NSR ID	Drillhole No.	Sound Power Level(1), dB(A)	Horizontal Distance, m	Distance Correction, dB(A)	Noise Mitigation Measure	Correction,	Façade Correction,	Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)
MF_N04	1632-NTS-DH04	111	34	-38.6	Noise Barrier	-10	3	65.4
	1632-NTS-DH05	111	37	-39.4	Noise Barrier	-10	3	64.6
	1632-NTS-DH06	111	74	-45.4	-	0	3	68.6
	1632-NTS-DH07(P)	111	166	-52.4	-	0	3	61.6
	1632-NTS-DH08	111	105	-48.4	-	0	3	65.6
	1632-NTS-DH09	111	386	-59.7	-	0	3	54.3
	1632-NTS-DH15	111	240	-55.6	-	0	3	58.4
	1632-NTS-DH16	111	203	-54.1	-	0	3	59.9
	1632-NTS-DH17	111	180	-53.1	-	0	3	60.9
	1632-NTS-DH18(P)	111	484	-61.7	-	0	3	52.3
Total Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)								
Daytime Noise Criteria, dB(A)								75
Compliance							Yes	

NSR ID	Drillhole No.	Sound Power Level(1), dB(A)	Horizontal Distance, m	Distance Correction, dB(A)	Noise Mitigation Measure	Barrier Correction, dB(A)	Façade Correction,	Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)
MF_N05	1632-NTS-DH04	111	86	-46.7	-	0	3	67.3
	1632-NTS-DH05	111	87	-46.8	-	0	3	67.2
	1632-NTS-DH06	111	118	-49.4	-	0	3	64.6
	1632-NTS-DH07(P)	111	203	-54.1	-	0	3	59.9
	1632-NTS-DH08	111	142	-51.0	-	0	3	63.0
	1632-NTS-DH09	111	413	-60.3	-	0	3	53.7
	1632-NTS-DH15	111	270	-56.6	-	0	3	57.4
	1632-NTS-DH16	111	236	-55.5	-	0	3	58.5
	1632-NTS-DH17	111	210	-54.4	-	0	3	59.6
	1632-NTS-DH18(P)	111	508	-62.1	-	0	3	51.9
	Total Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)							
Daytime Noise Criteria, dB(A)								75
	Compliance							Yes

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NTM_N01	1632-NTS-DH11	111	234	-55.4	-	0	3	58.6
	1632-NTS-DH27	111	230	-55.2	-	0	3	58.8
	1632-NTS-DH28(P)	111	204	-54.2	-	0	3	59.8
	1632-NTS-DH38	111	142	-51.0	-	0	3	63.0
	1632-NTS-DH39	111	118	-49.4	-	0	3	64.6
	1632-NTS-DH40(P)	111	76	-45.6	-	0	3	68.4
	1632-NTS-DH42	111	149	-51.5	-	0	3	62.5
	1632-NTS-DH43	111	147	-51.3	-	0	3	62.7
	1632-NTS-IDH46 and 1632-NTS-IDH47	111	179	-53.1	-	0	3	60.9
	1632-NTS-IDH48 and 1632-NTS-IDH49	111	246	-55.8	-	0	3	58.2
Total Predicted Construction Noise Level, Leq (30mins), dB(A)								73
Daytime Noise Criteria, dB(A)								75
Compliance							Yes	

Note

(1) The major source of construction noise impact will be the operation of powered mechanical equipment (PMEs) for carrying out GI works including lifting of drill rig by either helicopter or manual handling, and drilling works at DHs. A drill rig, a water pump (petrol), a water pump (electric) and a generator (portable) would be used at each working area/platform for GI works. According to the "Technical Memorandum on Noise from Construction Work Other Than Percussive Piling" and "Sound power levels of other commonly used PME" published by EPD, the Sound Power Level (SWL) of a drill rig, rotary type (diesel), a water pump (petrol), a water pump (electric) and a generator (portable) is 110 dB(A), 103 dB(A), 88 dB(A) and 100 dB(A), respectively. The total SWL of items of PME to be used at each working area/platform is estimated to be 111 dB(A).