

**Conditions Imposed by ACE for Endorsing the  
ELA Report on  
Main Drainage Channel for Fanling, Sheung Shui and Hinterland**

1. The meanders will be established and managed as wetlands with the primary objective being to provide wetland habitat for wildlife including waterbirds which may be adversely affected as a result of indirect impacts of the project through changes to the adjacent floodplain, in particular the detailed design should take into account the need to provide suitable wetland habitat for birds including the Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*.
2. Detailed final design of the ecological mitigation works in the meanders, together with clearly stated objectives and a statement as to how the proposed works will meet the objectives, a detailed management programme and supporting monitoring programme which feeds back to the management prescription are to be submitted to ACE for endorsement before engineering works commence, and regular monitoring reports to be submitted to the Council.
3. A detailed ecological EM&A protocol will be submitted to ACE for endorsement before engineering works commence, and regular monitoring reports to be submitted to the Council.
4. The option of future off-site compensation for wetland loss and indirect project impacts on ecology will be kept under review as cumulative impacts become better understood through DSD's routine monitoring and as the AFD wetland study progresses, and Council to receive reports at 6 month intervals.
5. The fish ponds which will be reinstated following completion of the works will be subject to lease which will include conditions to ensure the ecological value of the ponds to wildlife will be maintained, and Council to be kept advised on progress.