

CHAPTER TWELVE

PORT RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. There are no differences between the three medium-term options in terms of the distribution and the extent of areas proposed for port back-up uses.
2. Port back up areas are assumed to be container sites used for parking, vehicle repair, parking with repair services and container storage. Particular environmental issues relating to the provision of port related facilities include the elevation in ambient noise levels and vehicle emissions in addition to loss of ecologically valuable habitats and visual intrusion especially in the scenic New Territories and congestion of local roads by trucks and other trailers transporting goods and containers. apart from the actual on-site impacts, careful consideration also needs to be given to the identification of off-site impacts and the minimisation of these effects.
3. In the development of the port back-up strategies one of the primary aims must be to rationalise the existing areas, discontinue the temporary use of some areas which are unsuitable for port back up.