

No. 9 - Sunset Peak

Site

The north face of Sunset Peak, Lantao is largely covered with natural woodland. Isolated patches of woodlands also occur in the ravines on the north-east face. The area is about 331 hectares.

Date of Designation

23 June 1976

Special Scientific Interest

This is one of the most extensive areas of montane natural woodland in Hong Kong.

The flora is rich and includes rare trees such as <u>Amentotaxus argotaenia</u>, <u>Exbucklandia populnea</u>, <u>Fraxinus formosana and Manglietia fordiana</u>.

Herbs, tree ferns and delicate ferns and mosses are also well represented in this area.

Degree of Hazard

Being a site on Crown Land, the plants are under the general protection of the Forestry Ordinance. However the site is vulnerable to bush-fire.

Recommended Additional Protection Measures

NTA: CPO (NT), DO (Islands), Highways (NT) Division should be made aware of the importance of the site.