

## No. 47 - Tsim Bei Tsui Egretry

#### Site

The site comprises of two Fung Shui Groves south of Tsim Bei Tsui in North Western New Territories and covers an area of 4.8 hectares.

### Date of Designation

5 January 1989

## Special Scientific Interest

This is an important egretry in Hong Kong. It is the nesting and breeding place for several hundred pairs of egrets and herons including the Little Egret, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, the Chinese Pond Heron and the Night Heron. The birds generally congregate at the egretry around April to end of September each year for breeding and raising the young. The egretry and its associated bird community is part of Hong Kong's heritage which should be well protected.

### Degree of Hazard

Development projects in Tin Shui Wai and North West New Territories may pose threats to the site or to the feeding habitat of the birds. Moreover, the large concentration of birds may attract visitors and poaching to the detriment of the birds.

# Recommended Protection Measures

Departments concerned with the planning and devleopment of North West New Territories should be made aware of the importance of the site so that no incompatible developments will be permitted in or near it. The Agriculture & Fisheries Department should be closely consulted on any devleopment proposals which may affect the site or the bird habitats nearby.