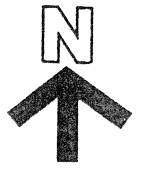
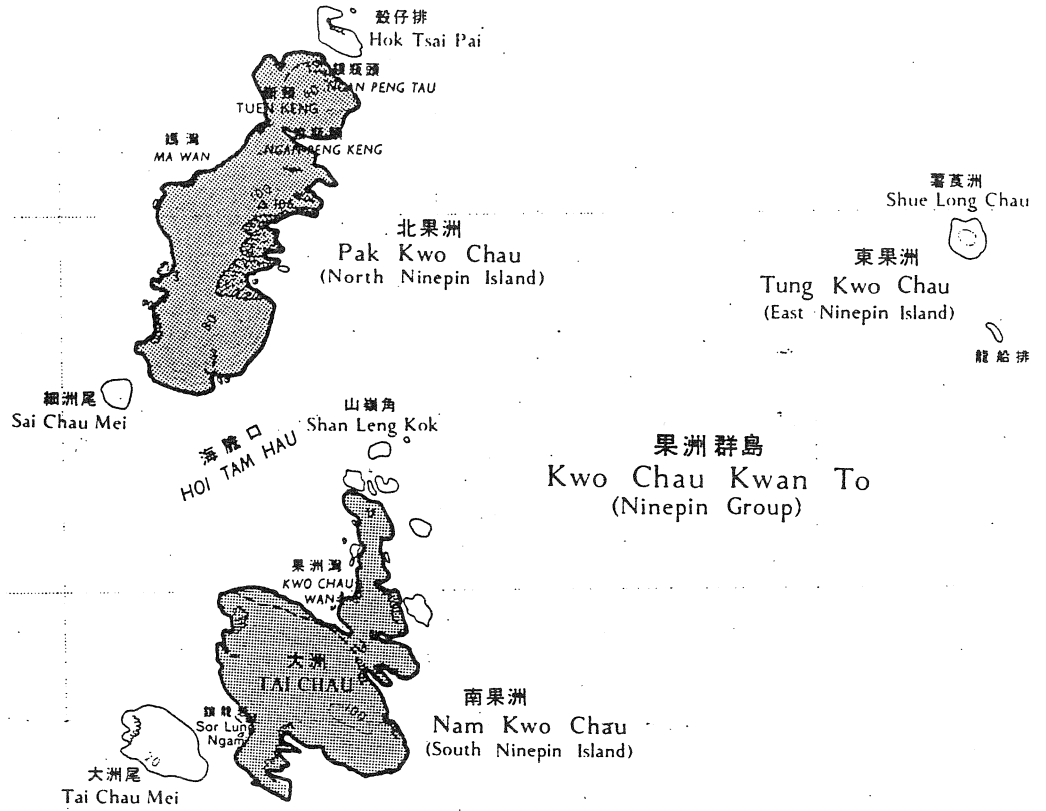

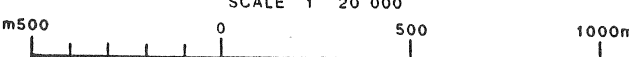


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具特殊科學價值地點的界線只屬指示性質



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<p>REFERENCE</p>	<p>SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST— NINEPIN GROUP</p>	<p>PLANNING DEPARTMENT </p>	
<p>DATE OF DESIGNATION : 16-2-79 BASE PLAN EXTRACTED FROM : HM20C SHEET 12 DATE : 30-9-92</p>		<p>SCALE 1 20 000</p> 	<p>PLAN No. TPB/M/92/6</p>

No. 14 - Ninepin Group

Site

The site consists of the two larger islands of the Ninepin Group in the Eastern Waters of Hong Kong. They are Pak Kwo Chau (G.R. KV265650 and area 24 hectares) and Nam Kwo Chau (G.R. KV267637 and area 21 hectares). (Total area : 45 hectares)

Date of Designation

16 February 1979

Special Scientific Interest

The vegetation of these two islands is representative of many of the off-shore islands adjacent to Hong Kong.

The vegetation on the Nam Kwo Chau is especially interesting. The vegetation on the north-east facing slopes of the three hills on the island is always richer and taller than that on the south-west facing slopes. This relation between vegetation and aspect is also noticed elsewhere in Hong Kong but at this site the relation is very readily apparent.

Two species of plants, Gardenia jasminoides & Rhapis excelsa which are protected under the Forest and Countryside Ordinance and one species of a yet unidentified plant -(probably new to Hong Kong). have been located on Nam Kwo Chau.

The east coast of Pak Kwo Chau displays a spectacular basalt which is of geological interest.

Degree of Hazard

Unknown.

Recommended Protection Measures

The site should be designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Agriculture & Fisheries Department should be consulted when there are development or mining proposals for the islands.