

No. 17 - Mau Ping

Site

The site is a dense woodland near Mau Ping Village. The G.R. is KV159786 and the area is 3.7 hectares.

Date of Designation

16 February 1979

Special Scientific Interest

The woodland consists of many species of trees, shrubs and herbs, but three species are special interest.

A herb of the <u>Impatiens</u> genus occurs in the woodland. Although it has been sent to well-known herbaria overseas for determination, it has so far not been identified. It is very likely that the herb is new to the scientific world.

There are about 58 trees of <u>Camellia crapnelliana</u> in the woodland. Apart from this site, this species is only known from a single tree on Mt. Parker. The species is listed as endangered by the Threatened Plants Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature & Nature Resources (IUCN).

There are also 14 trees of <u>Ailanthus fordii</u> in the woodland. This species is also listed as endangered by IUCN.

Degree of Hazard

The trees in the woodland are vulnerable to firewood collectors from the village nearby.

Recommended Protection Measures

The site should be designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Special protection should be given to the site when the Ma On Shan Country Park will be formally designated. The site is within the proposed Park.