

## No. 19 - Lai Chi Wo Beach

#### Site

The site is the sand flat at Lai Chi Wo in Starling Inlet, the G.R. is KV182939 and the area is 11 hectares.

### Date of Designation

16 February 1979

# Special Scientific Interest

The site is the first and only record of <u>Zostera nana</u> (Marine Eel Grass) from Hong Kong (discovered in 1978).

The discovery of the genus Zostera in Hong Kong is of special interest to the plant geographer as its distribution was thought to be limited to the temperate regions.

<u>Zostera</u> is also interesting zoologically as <u>Zostera</u> beds typically possess a unique associated fauna.

#### Degree of Hazard

Unknown.

## Recommended Protection Measures

The sand flat should be designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The Agriculture & Fisheries Department should be consulted when there are proposals for civic and recreational development in the area.