

No. 45 - Lai Chi Chong

<u>Site</u>

This is a belt of coastal area extending from a river estuary to the eastern side of the ferry pier. The area of the site is about 5 hectares. Most parts of the site is located within Sai Kung West Country Park.

Date of Designation

26 April 1985

Special Scientific Interest

The site is made up of sedimentary rocks with excellent exposures along the coast. The rock contains plant fossils as well as ammonite. The outcrop of sedimentary rocks here has been well preserved and is of special importance to the study of geological history of Hong Kong.

Degree of Hazard

Development in the form of tipping, reclamation, borrowing etc. will damage or destroy the valuable geological features of the site. Recreation development in this area should be restricted to non-intensive type. Furthermore undiscriminated fossil-digging activities could also destroy the site.

Recommended Protection Measures

The Agriculture & Fisheries Department should be advised of and consulted before any development takes place. Part of the site can be protected under the Country Parks Ordinance. Control of unpermitted activities on fossil digging will also be exercised.