

No. 52 - Shuen Wan Egretry

Site

The site is a small fung shui woodland situated behind the villages of Shuen Wan Tsim Uk and Shuen Wan Li Uk. The area of the site is about 2.1 hectares.

Date of Designation

13 August 1994

Special Scientific Interest

The fung shui woodland is used by a colony of Little Egrets (Egretta garzetta), Great Egrets (Egreeta alba), Cattle Egrets (Bubulcus ibis), Night Herons (Nycticorax nycticorax) and Chinese Pond Herons (Ardeola bacchus) as nesting site during the breeding season.

Degree of Hazard

Threats include the possible loss of feeding grounds due to development projects around Tolo Harbour such as the filling of ponds and marshes adjacent to the site. Poaching of eggs and chicks may also be a problem.

Recommended Protection Measures

Departments concerned with planning and development of the area should be made aware of the importance of the site, so that no incompatible development will be permitted in or near it. The Agriculture & Fisheries Department should be closely consulted on development proposals which may affect the site or the birds habitats nearby.