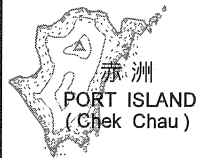


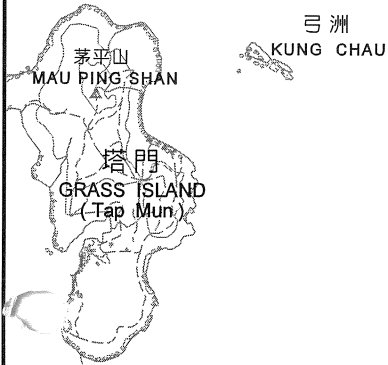
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 MIDDLE CHANNEL
 (Chek Chau Hau)



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 KUNG CHAU
 茅平山
 MAU PING SHAN
 塔門
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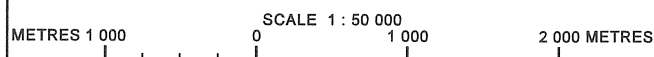
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No. 67 - Shek Ngau Chau

Site

Shek Ngau Chau (石牛洲) which comprises a group of rocky islands is located at Mirs Bay in the Northeastern waters of Hong Kong. The total area of Shek Ngau Chau (the Island) is about 0.92 ha. Buildings on the Island, including a pier, a one-storey hut, a footstep to the peak of the Island and a light beacon, are the aids to navigation of Marine Department.

Date of Designation

30 December 2005

Special Scientific Interest

Shek Ngau Chau has typical geographical feature for tern's breeding and it is the most important breeding ground for terns in Hong Kong.

In Hong Kong, the breeding season of terns begins from May to end of August that terns arrive on the Island in early May, begin egg laying in late May or early June, have downy chicks in mid to late June which fledge in late July to mid August, and depart in mid to late August. Terns lay their eggs everywhere on the rock, under the shrubs, or in the cleft between rocks on the Island.

Shek Ngau Chau regularly supports three species of terns : Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* (褐翅燕鷗), Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana* (黑枕燕鷗) and Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* (粉紅燕鷗) for their breeding and summer visit.

Degree of Hazard

All terns are protected under the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance, Cap. 170, in Hong Kong. However, human activities, including i) potential construction/maintenance works, and development on the Island and ii) human activities such as camping, barbecue, angling on the Island may cause disturbance to the tern's breeding. Human disturbance should be avoided or minimized on the Island during the breeding season of terns (i.e. May to August).

Protection Measure

Departments concerned with planning and development and any construction/ maintenance works of the site should be made aware of its importance so that due consideration of the site will be given when development or works on the Islands are proposed. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department should be consulted for any development that may directly or indirectly affect the site.

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