

No. 44 - A Chau

Site

The site is an island situated on the south-west part of the Sha Tau Kok Hoi. The area is about 4.4 hectares.

Date of Designation

9 April 1985

Special Scientific Interest

This is an important habitat of birds including Night Heron, Little Egret, Great Egret, Black-Headed Gull and Herring Gull. The presence of Night Heron is of particular interest and the numbers are increasing. The estimated number of this species in February, 1985 is about 800. The isolated condition has provided an excellent breeding sites for the passage migrants. This area has great potential in the study of the population dynamic of birds under the changing land use.

Degree of Hazard

The increasing concentration of birds attract a large number of public who wish to observe and photograph the birds. The land reclamations along the Luk Keng Road have already destroyed part of the feeding habitats of the bird. Further development in the Sha Tau Kok area may disturb the stability of this wildlife habitat.

Recommended Protection Measures

The Agriculture & Fisheries Department should be closely consulted on any development proposals which will affect the site. No other protection or management measures are necessary at the present time.