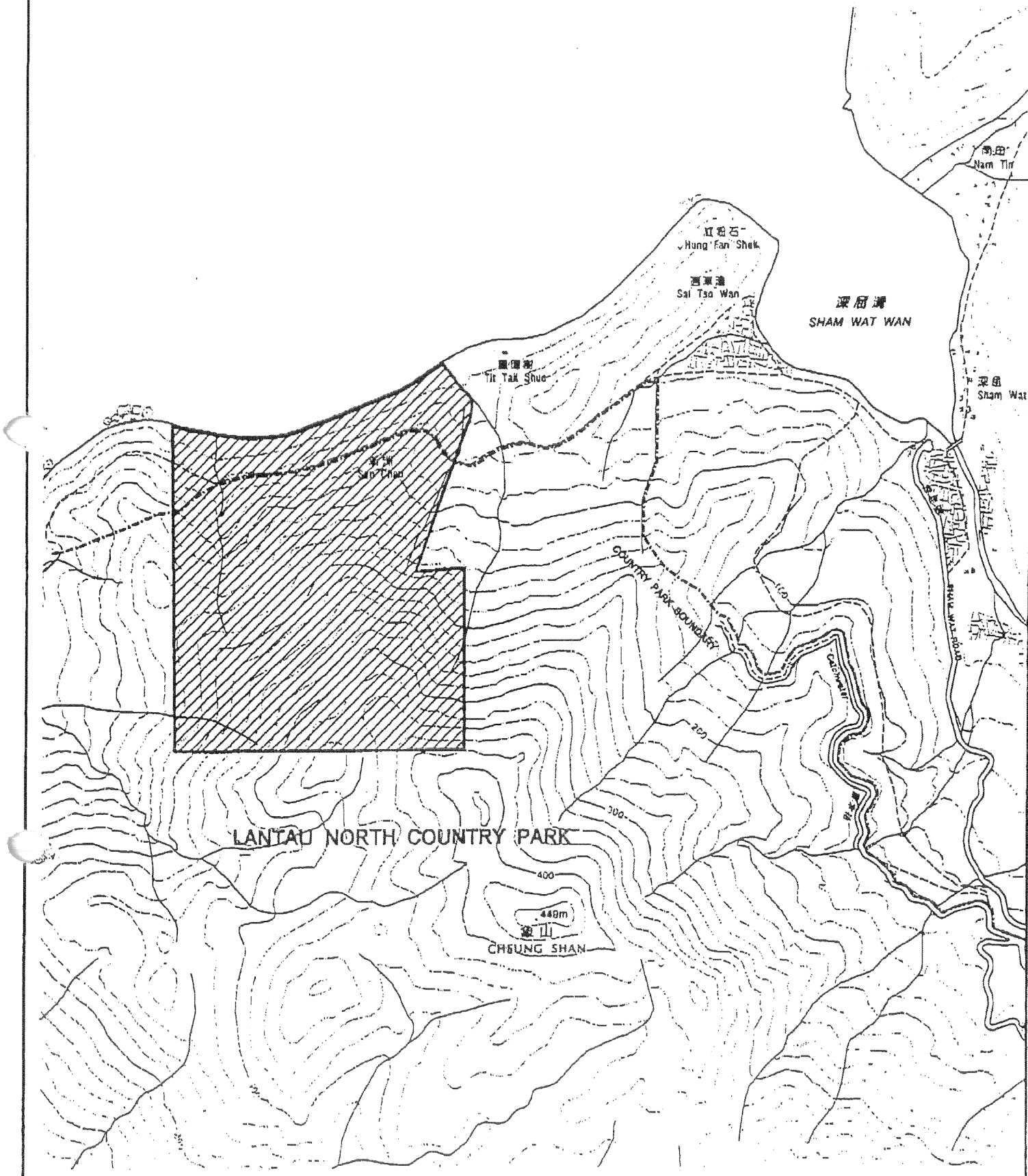



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<p>REFERENCE</p>	<p>SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST - SAN CHAU, LANTAU ISLAND</p>	<p>PLANNING DEPARTMENT </p>	
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No. 61 - San Chau, Lantau Island

The site is a coastal hill slope on the northern Lantau near Tai O. It covers approximately 36 ha of scrubland. The whole site involves only Government land and the upper part of the site falls within the North Lantau Country Park.

Date of Designation

4 May 1999

Special Scientific Interest

The site harbours the largest known population of Rhododendron championae Hook. in Hong Kong. Other limited records of this species in Hong Kong are the scattered individuals found on Ma On Shan and the Victoria Peak. This species was first discovered in Hong Kong in 1849 and at that time it was new to the science. It has subsequently been recorded in various locations but its distribution is restricted to south China and concentrated in Guangdong.

Rhododendron championae is considered as one of the rarest native rhododendrons in Hong Kong. All wild rhododendrons are protected under the Forestry Regulations, subsidiary legislation of the Forests and Countryside Ordinance, Cap. 96.

Degree of Hazard

The site may be affected by a proposed road link between Tung Chung and West Lantau.

Recommended Additional Protection Measures

When opportunity arises, the lower coastal part of the site should be included into the North Lantau Country Park. The Agriculture and Fisheries Department should be consulted for development proposals in or near the site. The statutory requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance should be followed for any designated project that may affect the site.