

# Geoconservation Considerations for Reclamations



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## Principle of "Nature in the City"

- **Conserve and promote appreciation of geodiversity**
- **Enhance landscape, aesthetics, traditional culture, amenity and built heritage**
- **Foster a sense of place and belonging**
- **Create Hong Kong's uniqueness and superiority over other cosmopolis**



## Order of Preference in case reclamation is inevitable

### Preferred

- Offshore reclamation around developed areas
- Extension from existing reclamations

### May be considered

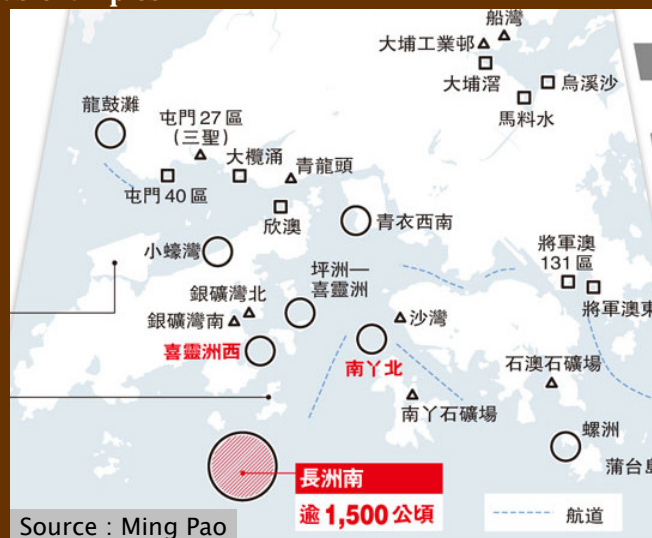
- Extension from short stretches of natural shorelines in degraded conditions e.g. heavily weathered coastal slopes

### Objected

- Reclamation along natural shorelines, notably remaining ones in the City and in pristine area

## Latest Information from Government

- This presentation will not comment on the proposal but will address the key considerations using some of the proposed sites as examples



## Pristine Areas

- No reclamation will be agreeable

Po Toi Groups of Islands



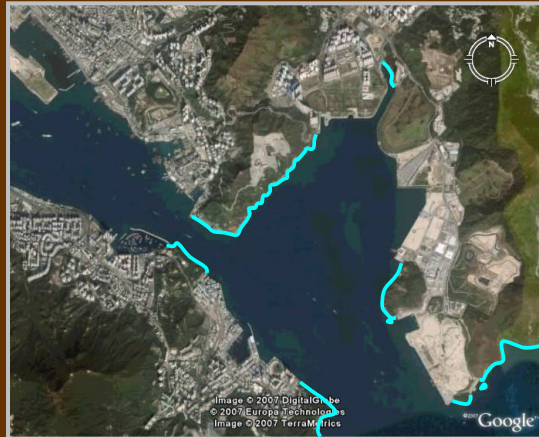
## Around Developed Areas

- Any remaining shorelines should be preserved
- Any reclamation should be offshore reclamations or an extension from existing developed areas
- Visual implications from, towards and across reclamations should be well evaluated to create attractive scenery and to avoid adverse visual impacts



## Natural shorelines in the City Centre

- sharp contrast to artificial constructions and contribute to a uniquely attractive scenery for Hong Kong
- already very rare and therefore need to be strictly preserved



Source map: Google Earth 2007

## Tseung Kwan O Area 131

- A gem of coastal geodiversity in the City
- Any reclamation will be strongly objected



## Tolo Harbour

- Any remaining natural shorelines are valuable assets for the new towns
- Adequate buffer from the geological heritage/Geopark of Ma Shi Chau/Centre Island is essential



## Creating Interesting Environment where Reclamation is adopted

- Diversity of layout and seawall types should be encouraged
- Creation of indentations- marinas, promontories, piers, lagoons, channels contribute to interesting built- environment, provided that this is also highly accessible
- Natural materials from nearby excavations should be adopted to reflect local geology
- Accessibility to shoreline by the public should always be considered

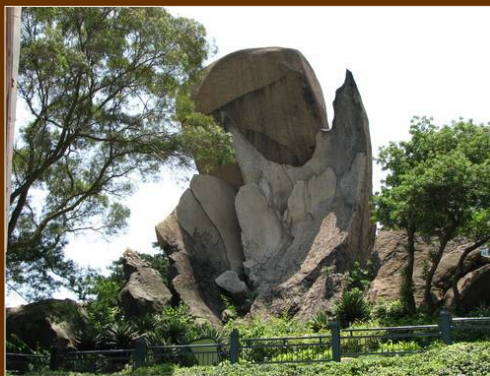
## Other Considerations

- Separation distance from natural shorelines should be proportionate

Good initiative to preserve the natural shoreline but separate distance could have been increased and the promenade of the reclamation should be well accessible.



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