

**Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme
Nature Conservation Management Agreement Projects**

Project Number	EEB(EB) 27/24/8-17
Project Proponent	The Conservancy Association
Project Title	Nature and Human in Harmony – Nature Conservation Management for Ho Sheung Heung 2023 – 2026
Target Site	Ho Sheung Heung
Project Brief *	<p>Since the Long Valley Management Agreement (MA) pilot project was implemented in 2005 (with extension of the project area to Ho Sheung Heung (HSH) in 2008), it has become a role model for habitat conservation in Hong Kong. It integrates agriculture, biodiversity, landscape and cultural heritage conservation, education and local-community-building on the same land. This makes the MA project in Long Valley an excellent demonstration of the idea of ‘Nature-and-Human-in-Harmony’. The creation of paddy rice habitat in HSH was also the pioneer project in conservation of the globally threatened Yellow-breasted-Bunting. Such conservation practice aroused public awareness, eventually the uplisting of this species from Endangered to Critically-Endangered in 2017.</p> <p>HSH is also an important site for conserving locally concerned fish species Rosy Bitterling and the declining traditional watercress habitat for wintering birds. Tailor-made species and habitat conservation works are proposed for preserving the unique eco-agriculture habitats in HSH. In addition, the project provides educational opportunities to empower people with knowledge, an optimistic attitude, practical skills, and constructive solutions for sustainable development in the countryside. The project demonstrates how a harmonious relationship between nature and humans can be achieved through collaborative conservation efforts between scientists, local tenants and public participants.</p>
Project Period	15 October 2023 to 14 October 2026 (36 months)

Grant Approved	\$12,076,995
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