

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

Project Number	EP86/27/24/8-8
Project Proponent	The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society
Project Title	Fishpond Conservation Scheme in Ramsar Site (2021-2023)
Target Site	Ramsar Site
Project Description*	<p>Since Hong Kong Fishpond Conservation Scheme was implemented in 2012, we have cooperated closely with fishpond operators in Deep Bay area for fishpond habitat management, public education, scientific study and local fishery promotion. The main objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage commercial fishpond drain-down to provide feeding and roosting ground for waterbirds; 2. Develop habitat management measure for enhancing ecological value of abandoned fishpond; 3. Conduct baseline surveys and waterbird tracking study to study and monitor the ecological condition of fishpond and fill up the information gap of waterbird in fishpond habitat; 4. Promote local fishpond culture and ecological value of fishpond through the collaboration with fishpond operators and local communities. <p>This project will integrate habitat management, scientific study and monitoring, community and public engagement as well as conservation of cultural sustainability. The ecological value and culture of local fishpond will be conserved and the goal “People and birds living in harmony” will be achieved.</p>
Project Period	1 March 2021 – 28 February 2023
Grant Approved	\$9,706,158

*The project description is provided by the project proponent.