

**Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme**  
**Research Activities on Countryside Conservation and Revitalisation**

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>EP86/27/24/11-23</b>
<b>Project Proponent</b>	<b>Environmental Association Limited</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Conservation and Revitalisation Strategies for Historical and Ecological Heritages of Grass Island: A Case Study of a More Than 400 Years of History Island's Sustainability</b>
<b>Target Site</b>	<b>Grass Island (Tap Mun)</b>
<b>Project Description*</b>	<p>Grass Island (also named as Tap Mun) is located in Sai Kung North at the northeastern part of Hong Kong, between Mirs Bay and the Tolo Channel. Chasing back to the history of the island, in 1573 it was registered under the administration of the Dongguan County as part of Mirs Bay. The Tin Hau Temple built in late Ming and early Qing is historical evidence to show the vital and significant position in fishing industry in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. At its peak, Grass Island had 2,000 residents, however, the population and culture are diminishing due to the outflow together with the sunset fishing industry. Nowadays, there are still residents running a couple of stores and restaurants on the island and it is a popular camping and tourist spot. Unfortunately, the island is facing the loss of traditional custom and decline of ecological resources. To conserve and revive the valuable historical and ecological heritages to be recognised and utilized by the public, we propose a comprehensive and feasible research on the (1) revitalisation on cultural heritages; (2) conservation of the biodiversity and (3) find out the feasible solution and implementation strategies to reduce the anthropogenic influence. With the benefits of public engagements, the project is able to raise the public awareness and their supporting on sustainability rural island.</p>
<b>Project Period</b>	<b>1 April 2022 –31 March 2025</b>
<b>Grant Approved</b>	<b>\$2,988,200</b>

\*The project description is provided by the project proponent.