Hong Kong Wetland Park — A New-Town Ecological Mitigation Area Turned 61-ha Urban Wetland Reserve, With Audited Shortcomings

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

A wetland meant to offset Tin Shui Wai New Town became a 61-ha park in 2006, with a 60-ha reserve and 240+ bird species by 2012. A 2011 audit found falling bird, aquatic-plant and butterfly species counts, unpublished monitoring, and visitors down from 890,000 (2006) to ~440,000.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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