

Project 07/2007 – A study of the biodiversity of coral-associated polychaetes in Sharp Island

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Project Title	A study of the biodiversity of coral-associated polychaetes in Sharp Island						
Principal Investigator (PI)	Dr. Jian-wen QIU of the Hong Kong Baptist University						
Project summary	<p>The purposes of this project are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) establish a collection of voucher specimens for coral-associated polychaetes, which can allow retrospective examination; (b) provide detailed text description and line-drawings of the key features to each species; (c) provide a list of polychaetes that are suitable for live display, which can be used to enhance the public appreciation of the beauty and diversity of coral-associated animals; (d) produce an educational leaflet to show the diversity and function of polychaetes in coral ecosystems, and the common species in local waters, and (e) provide information for AFCD to update the webpages relating to the diversity of coral-associated animals 						
Project Duration	24 months						
Proposed Budget	<p>The total budget is \$471,859, comprising the following items:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>1 Research Assistant</td> <td>\$343,920</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equipment</td> <td>\$9,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Expenses</td> <td>\$118,839</td> </tr> </table>	1 Research Assistant	\$343,920	Equipment	\$9,100	General Expenses	\$118,839
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Assessments/Remarks	<p>Members examined the proposal at the meeting held on 25.2.2008 and considered the project worthy of support in principle. The PI has been requested to provide (i) details on the different characteristics of the five different sites in Sharp Island and (ii) the identification of potentially invasive polychaete species to live corals and their relationship with the coral sites. In response to Members'</p>						

	<p>comments, the PI has revised the proposal accordingly.</p> <p>Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department (AFCD) has studied the revised proposal and made no further comments.</p> <p>As overseas expenses are generally not supported, the proposed sum of \$50,839 for the PI to visit University of Amsterdam should not be supported.</p> <p>Members are invited to advise whether the application for ECF should be supported and if supported, the exact amount of fund to be granted.</p>
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Secretariat, ECF Research Projects Vetting Subcommittee
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