

Project 4/2008 – Studying landbirds in important bird habitats of Hong Kong, especially in the IBAs

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Project Title	Studying landbirds in important bird habitats of Hong Kong, especially in the IBAs										
Principal Investigator (PI)	Dr. Cheung Ho-fai, The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society										
Project summary	To conduct a systematic and scientific landbird survey in important bird habitats to understand the real picture of bird trends in the important bird habitats. The census will cover every species including breeding and wintering birds throughout the year.										
Project Duration	26 months										
Proposed Budget	<p>The total budget is \$490,750, comprising the following items:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Manpower</td> <td>\$400,050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local Travelling Expenses</td> <td>\$48,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Publication</td> <td>\$3,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Equipment</td> <td>\$20,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General expenditure</td> <td>\$18,100</td> </tr> </table>	Manpower	\$400,050	Local Travelling Expenses	\$48,600	Publication	\$3,500	Equipment	\$20,500	General expenditure	\$18,100
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Assessments/Remarks	<p>AFCD and two external assessors were invited to assess the support worthiness of the project.</p> <p>AFCD supports the proposal in general. Upon AFCD's advice, the PI supplements the frequency and duration of the bird survey in the proposal. The PI also provides maps for the details of the 6 proposed transects.</p> <p>External Assessor 1 initially opines that the project is built on the existing knowledge of landbirds in Hong Kong and is shorter and less intensive than some previous studies in the same habitats and proposes to use less sophisticated methods. In response, the PI clarifies that the recipient organisation intends to continue the same survey every year, or collect several-year data regularly once every 10 years. The PI also explains in details the sampling</p>										

	<p>techniques he would adopt. The Assessor is thus satisfied with the detailed explanation and the revised proposal and supports the proposed study.</p> <p>In response to the request by the External Assessor 2, the PI elaborates on the details about the survey method and adjusts the budget from \$625,900 to \$499,970. Subsequently, the External Assessor 2 is satisfied with the revised proposal and the PI further reduces the budget to \$490,750 by shortening the employment period of the Project Coordinator from 26 months to 17 months so as to save some manpower cost.</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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