

## Approved Pilot Conservation Management Agreement Projects

<b>Project Proponent</b>	Tai Po Environmental Association (TPEA)
<b>Project Title</b>	A Pilot Scheme of Management Agreement on the Private Land with High Conservation Value at Fung Yuen Valley in Tai Po, Hong Kong
<b>Site involved</b>	Fung Yuen
<b>Description</b>	Lands in Fung Yuen will receive proactive management for butterfly conservation. TPEA will also cooperate with landowners or land operators to apply “Good Practices for Butterfly Conservation” in all private lots in Fung Yuen Valley.
<b>Duration</b>	1 November 2005 – 31 January 2008
<b>Approved Amount</b>	\$1,743,630.00
<b>Short Summary of the Findings / Outcomes of the Project</b>	<p>In order to reduce the negative impact of over-visit, Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve (FYBR) controlled the visitor number by setup of an entrance pass system in the last two years.</p> <p>Volunteers and staff had planted different species of larval food plants and nectar plants. After the two-year project period, recorded butterfly species in Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve had increased from 162 (before MA project) to 181 (October 2007) .</p> <p>Over 6,000 people had joined the workshop for species conservation or habitat management. Fung Yuen Butterfly festival started from January 2007, in every last Sunday of each month; we provided exhibition games (hosted by Hong Kong Institute of Education student and FYBR volunteers) and free eco-tours (led by well-trained eco-tour guides). FYBR had also cooperated with Hong Kong Lepidopterists’ Society, Hong Kong Bird Watching Society and Department of Biology, CUHK and carried out butterfly, bird and vegetation survey. The information collected was used to further understand biodiversity and to monitor the eco-system in Fung Yuen.</p>