Coastal Management Strategies

Study of Coastal Hazards under Climate Change and Extreme Weather and Formulation of Improvement Measures – Feasibility Study

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Development of Hong Kong Coastline and Role of Port Works Division



Hong Kong Coastline – Early Age



Hong Kong Coastline – 2010s



5 Source: Hong Kong Geographic Data (2019), Survey & Mapping Office, Lands Department



Typhoon Shelters

Beacons

Piers

Breakwaters

Port Works Division



Topography of Hong Kong



⁷ Source: Hong Kong Climate Change Report 2015

Maximum Sea Levels and Hourly Wind Speeds during Super Typhoon Mangkhut (16 Sep 2018)



Enhancement Works at Lei Yue Mun



Before Works

Enhancement Works at Tseung Kwan O South Waterfront Park



Before Works

Enhancement Works at Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter



Before Works

Enhancement Works at Sai Kung Sewage Treatment Works



Before Works

Study of Coastal Hazards under Climate Change and Extreme Weather and Formulation of Improvement Measures – Feasibility Study (Coastal Hazards Study)

- Assessing the impacts of extreme weather and climate change on coastal low-lying and windy areas
- Risk management approach
 - Likelihood of coastal hazards and severity of consequence
 - Identify coastal low-lying and windy areas more vulnerable to higher potential risks
- Enhancement measures





Strategy for Adapting to Coastal Risks



Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050



Medium-to-long-term decarbonisation targets







Four decarbonisation strategies



Net-zero Electricity Generation



Green Transport



Energy Saving and Green Buildings



Waste Reduction





Heavy Rain + Storm Surge + Wind Wave + Sea-level Rise





Climate Change Projection

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- IPCC's Fifth and Sixth Assessment reports (AR5, 2013 & AR6, 2021)
- Paris Agreement (2015) to keep the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels
- COP26 meeting (2021) pledged to achieve the Paris Agreement target

	2081-2100 <i>Very likely</i> range (°C)
SSP1-1.9	1.0-1.8
SSP1-2.6	1.3-2.4
SSP2-4.5	2.1-3.5
SSP3-7.0	2.8-4.6
SSP5-8.5	3.3-5.7



Projection of CO₂ Emissions in Different Scenarios (IPCC AR6)



Strategy For Adapting To Coastal Risks

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Evaluation Method

Extreme weather
(100-year return period)

Climate change effect

(Sea level rise up to 2050 under intermediate greenhouse gas emission scenario)



Reference: The Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Progressive Adaptive Approach



* Remark: Drainage enhancement, such as pumping station, might be needed at the back of the wall



Demonstration of Coastal Marine Structures to deal with Wave Attack



²⁰ *Reference: <u>https://youtube.com/watch?v=4iZ6DlinUqk&feature=share</u>*



Identification of Coastal Areas to be Enhanced



Risk-Management Approach

Risk Assessment - Likelihood x Consequence

Likelihood of Coastal Hazards









26 Coastal Residential Areas for Enhancement



Multi-layered Enhancement Measures



Enhancement Measures

Make reference to overseas and local experience





Multi-layered Enhancement Measures

Improvement Works

- 1 Constructing or raising wave walls along coastline
- 2 Installing fixed and/or demountable flood barriers at suitable places behind coastline
- 3 Installing demountable flood barriers at building frontages

Management Measures

 Action plans with early alert system for areas with 2 / 3





Measure 1 - Constructing / Raising Wave Wall

1. Constructing or raising wave wall along coastline

To reduce coastal hazards





Measures⁽²⁾ and ⁽³⁾ - Flood Barriers

- 2. Fixed and/or demountable flood barriers behind coastline
 - To cut off water pathway



- 3. Demountable flood barriers at building frontages
 - Self-protection





Examples of Demountable Flood Barriers in Hong Kong





South Horizons Resident Club







Management Measures

Action plans on early alert system and emergency preparedness

- Triggering level of early alert system
- Sandbags and demountable flood gates
- Opening of temporary shelters and pumping facilities
- Emergency preparedness gangs



Provision of Sandbag at Designated Locations





Action Plan – Early Alert System





Implemented Action Plans

- 26 coastal residential areas
- Formulated management measures and action plan
- Informed relevant residents' representatives
- Drilled and implemented in May 2022









Examples of Schematic Design of Enhancement Measures



Lei Yue Mun



Reason of Coastal Flooding – Storm Surge Increase and Overtopping Wave



Recommended Enhancement Measures (Sam Ka Tsuen)

- 2. Installing demountable flood barriers at suitable places behind the coastline to cut off water pathway towards inlands; and/or
- 3. Installing demountable flood barriers at building frontages



Recommended Enhancement Measures (Ma Wan Tsuen)

- 1. Constructing wave wall along the coastline; and/or
- Installing demountable flood barriers at suitable places behind the coastline to cut off water pathway towards inlands; and/or
- 3. Installing demountable flood barriers at building frontages



Tseung Kwan O South (Tsueng Kwan O Waterfront Park)



Completed improvement measures

TKO Waterfront Park – Concrete Wave Wall

After the passage of Super Typhoon

New concrete wave



Recommended Enhancement Measures (TKO South)

- 1. Wave wall along the coastline (Constructed); and/or
- 2. Installing fixed and/or demountable flood barriers at suitable places behind the coastline to cut off water pathway towards inlands



Way Forward



Innovation in Coastal Enhancement



Real-time water level monitoring





Electronic panel



Real-time wave monitoring



Nature-based solution



Long-term planning





Way forward

Target to implement the enhancement in 5 years

Monitor and review climate change continuously

Collaboration among stakeholders

Enhance public awareness and education





We should bear in mind !





Thank you

