



31 October 2011

Mr. YAU Tang Wah, Edward, JP
Secretary for the Environment
Environment Bureau
46/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Yau,

Letter of Complaint: Ecological Vandalism in Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po

I am writing to complain about the recent vandalism case found in Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po, which may be an illegal attempt that greatly degrades its ecological conditions and pollutes our source of drinking water. This is witnessed in late-October 2011 on a regular site visit to Yuen Tun Ha.

On 26 October 2011, our staff discovered more than 10 plastic poles (coated with florescent paint) erected along a foot path at Yuen Tun Ha. Probably such poles are used for indicating boundaries of up-coming construction works. In addition, vegetation clearance could also be seen at a site (measuring 15m x 15m) to the right of the foot path. All trees and shrubs within the site were erased massively. Such vandalism might impact the survival of butterflies as well as other wildlife. Please refer to Appendix 1 for photos of the plastic poles, and Appendix 2 for photos of the site of clearance before and after vandalism. Also, Appendix 3 indicates the location of the plastic poles and the site of clearance.

From the lot index plan, lots along the affected foot path are government lands. Any attempt to carry out construction works of any scales should be an illegal act. In addition, the foot path is close to Tai Po River. Any illegal works may pollute our source of drinking water and impact the ecology of Tai Po River.

We strongly urge the government to confront the above case of vandalism; we hope legal action will be taken to hinder any attempts that will destroy the ecological systems in Yuen Tun Ha.



Should you have any inquiries or need any further information, please contact me at 3961 0202 or via email matthews@greenpower.org.hk .

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment – Appendices

Appendix 1 – Photos of plastic poles erected along the foot path

Appendix 2 – Photos of the site before and after vegetation clearance

Appendix 3 – Location map of the plastic poles and site of vegetation clearance

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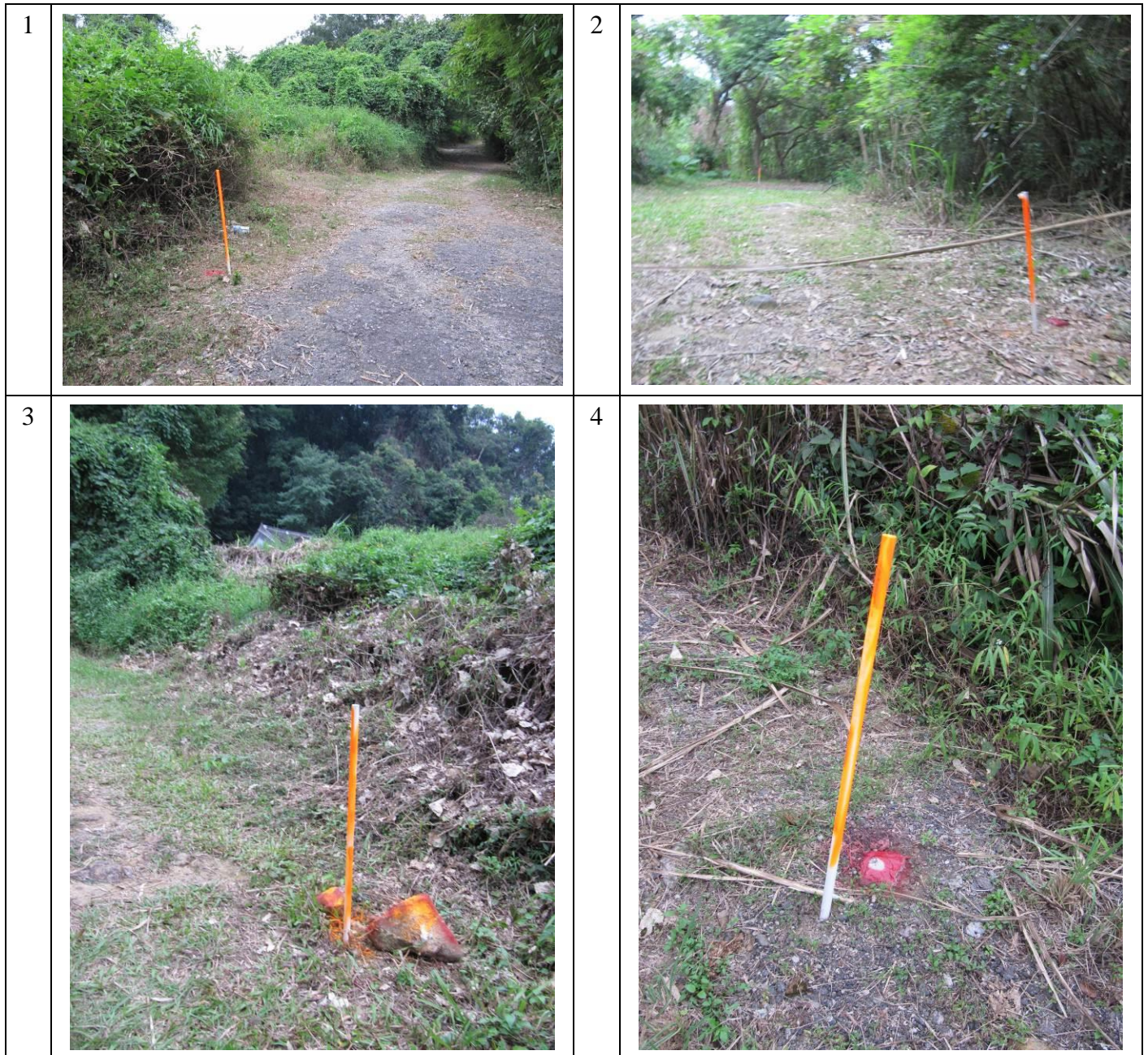
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**Appendix 1 Photos of plastic poles erected along the foot path
(photos taken on 26 October 2011)**



Appendix 2 Photos of the site before and after vegetation clearance

Photos taken on 24 March 2010 (Before clearance)



Photos taken on 26 October 2011 (After clearance)

Area of vegetation clearance: 15m x 15m



Appendix 3 Location map of the plastic poles and site of vegetation clearance

