

Lantau Conservation Fund

Research Project

Project Number	RE-2021-09
Recipient Organisation	Land Education Foundation Limited
Project Title	Mui Wo Farming Practices and History - An Exploratory Study
Project Description*	<p>Lantau Island was once an important agricultural production area in Hong Kong, but it has since declined along with the overall agricultural activities in the city. Yet in Mui Wo, agricultural practices are still active and sizable, making it a rare case in town that has high conservation value. While conventional agricultural conservation protocols tend to focus on specific crops or farming expertise, we believe that such efforts also need to concern the social and community conditions on which agricultural practices depend. The project will use ethnographic fieldwork, oral history, and archival research to explore the transformation of these conditions since the 1950s. We suggest that a comprehensive analysis of these conditions will help the government, concerned groups, and local residents design effective strategies of conservation. The research output will be presented in the form of community agricultural exhibitions, book and article publications, interactive cultural maps, short films, public forums and press conferences, etc. We will combine these elements with existing folk activities in the community. Aided by the robust social networks that Land Education Fund has established through previous projects, we will guide both Lantau residents and incoming citizens to pay attention to the social and agricultural history of Mui Wo, and the</p>

	agricultural and ecological future of Lantau Island as well.
Project Period	1 September 2022 – 29 February 2024 (18 months)
Approved Grant	\$1,757,946

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