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**By e-mail & fax**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Ecological Vandalism in Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po**

Green Power would like to report a recent vandalism case found in Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po, which involved over 1,000 square metres of vegetation clearance and soil cutting. We are concerned that such a massive vandalism may be an illegal development that greatly degrades the ecological conditions and pollutes the source of drinking water in Yuen Tung Ha.

The case was discovered by Green Power's regular site visit at Yuen Tung Ha on 31 May 2012. We found a large piece of shrubland near the footpath leading to the village had been cleared. The cleared land is estimated to be at 35m x 35m in area. All trees and shrubs within the area were erased massively. As Yuen Tun Ha is one of the recognized butterfly hotspots in Hong Kong, such vandalism has reduced the food plants for adult butterflies and their larvae and threatens their survival as well as other wildlife there. In addition, the vandalized area is located within Water Services Department's water gathering ground, any unauthorized development or agricultural activities may pollute the water source.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for photos showing the vandalism at Yuen Tun Ha, Appendix 2 for a map indicating the location of the vandalized area and Appendix 3 for showing the lot index plan for your reference and follow-up.



In fact, Yuen Tuen Ha was vandalised repeatedly in recent years (e.g., in July 2010 and October 2011) and it is worrisome such destructive activities have already impacted the ecology and river water quality in that area. We urge your department to investigate the vandalism at Yuen Tun Ya and advise us whether any an illegal development/ activity is involved. If so, please inform us what enforcement actions your department will take to stop the illegal development/ activity and whether the site is required to be reinstated.

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

Thank you for your attention and we look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours faithfully,

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Attachment – Appendices

Appendix 1 – Photos showing vandalism at Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po

Appendix 2 – Location map of the vandalised site in Yuen Tun Ha

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Appendix 1      Photos showing vandalism at Yuen Tun Ha, Tai Po  
(photos taken on 31 May 2012)



Appendix 2 Location map of the vandalized site in Yuen Tun Ha.

