



Year	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
%	38.92	38.43	39.84	39.77	40	39.40	39.40	39.40	39.30	39.30	39.20	39.10	39.18	39.19

  

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
%	41.37	41.37	41.37	43.39	43.39	41.37	41.37	41.38	41.37

### Operational Definitions

The area of Country park, Special Area, Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and Ramsar sites are counted as percentage of total land area. Effort was taken to avoid double counting where some of these four categories of protected area overlapped. Country parks include scenic hills, woodlands, reservoirs and coastline in all parts of Hong Kong. As of Dec 2016, out of the 1106 square kilometers of Hong Kong land, 44,300 hectares belongs to 24 Country Parks and 22 Special Areas (11 of them overlapped with Country Parks). These cover around 40.1% of Hong Kong land. SSSIs are areas with special flora, fauna, or geological/geomorphological importance. As of Dec 2016, there are 67 SSSIs (double counting is avoided on those SSSIs overlapping with the other three categories of protected areas). The Mai Po Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site was designated under the Ramsar Convention as a wetland of international importance. All Marine Park/Marine Reserve/SSSIs occupying sea area were excluded from these calculations. No Country Park or Special Area fall within sea areas. Please note that this definition is different from the ones adopted in for year 2011 and 2012 when marine protected area were included.

### Footnote

All figures are collected from Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department since 1986.

Operational Definitions for year 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (revised in 2018)

Figure for 1981 is not available.