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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN TAIWAN: THE CASE OF ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

EMERGENCE OF AUTONOMOUS SOCIETY

- ✗ How an autonomous society might be able to emerge from an authoritarian regime?
- ✗ Predicaments of the “third-way democratization”:
“Democratization Backwards”
 - + Rule of law
 - + Autonomous society

TYPOLGY OF ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS

✕ Victim Protests

- + Nature: brown agenda, self-interest oriented
- + Appeals: stop suffering and seek compensation

✕ NIMBY Protests

- + Nature: brown agenda, self-interest oriented
- + Appeal: prevent suffering and seek compensation

✕ Civic Environmentalism/Conservation Campaigns

- + Nature: green agenda, altruism oriented
- + Appeal: prevent tragedy and seek solution



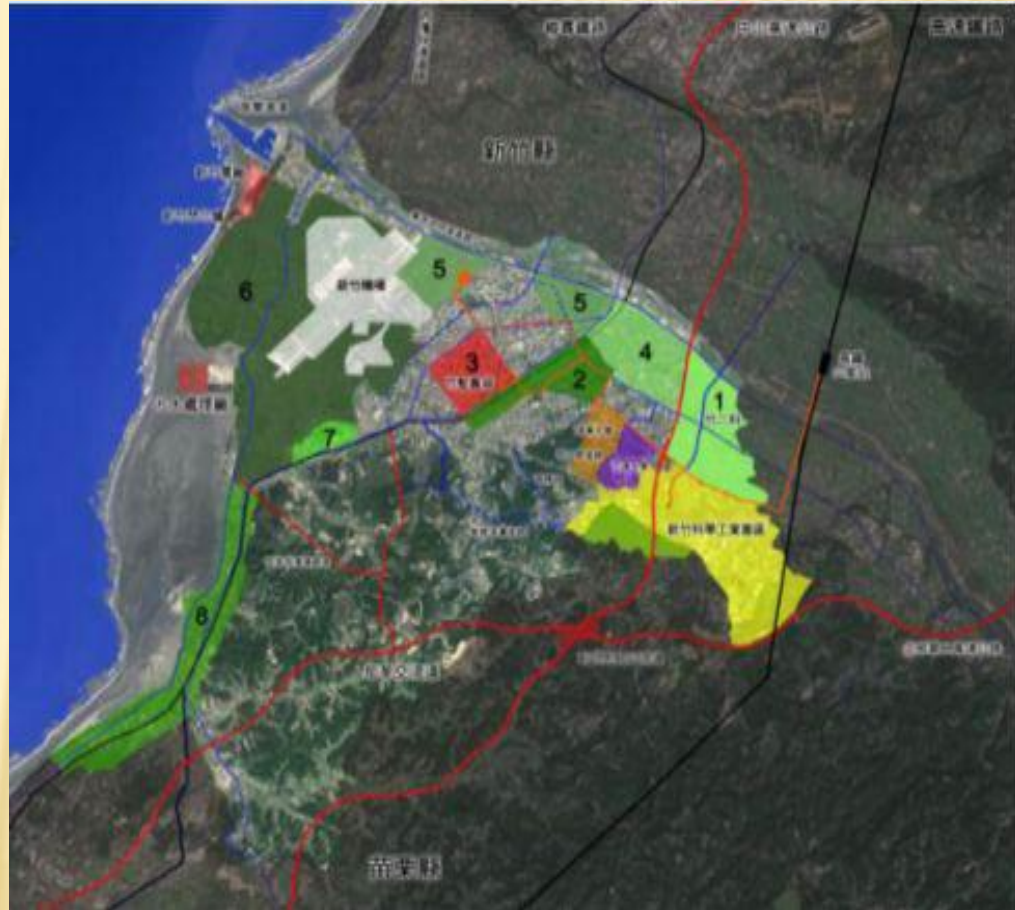


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CIVIC ENVIRONMENTALISM IN HSINCHU

- ◆ Need for Industrial Park
 - ◆ Hills limits the potential for urban development
 - ◆ Science Park as the model
- ◆ The Wish of former Mayors



TIDAL FLAT

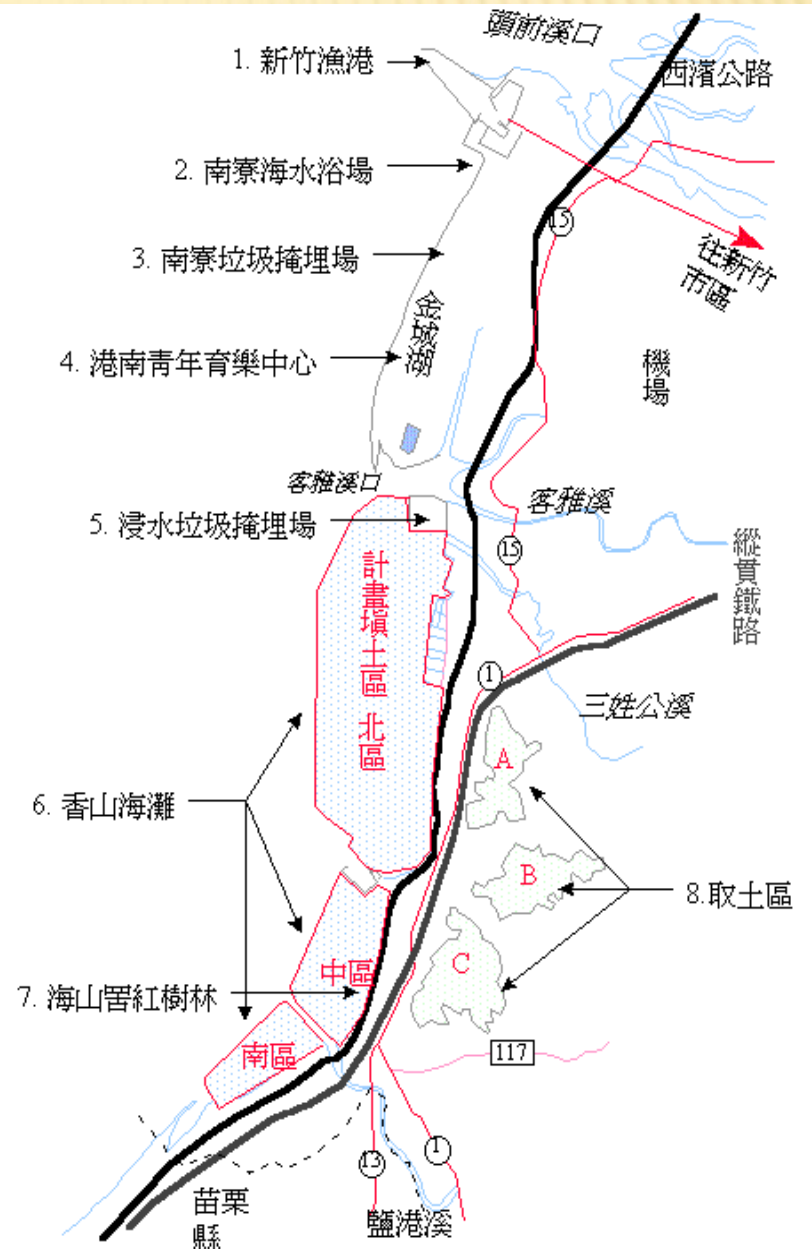


SELECTED SCENE ON TIDAL FLAT



HSIANGSHAN PROJECT

- ◆ Public Interests: Reclaiming Project of Chiba, Japan
- ◆ Sources of gravels
- ◆ Sources of Capital:
 - ◆ Tang Eng Iron Works, CO.
 - ◆ Taiwan Land Corporation
 - ◆ Land Bank
- ◆ Expected Benefits:
 - ◆ **2-3 Hundred Billion NT Dollars Income** (100 times yearly city budget)
 - ◆ New territory for urban plan—land value
 - ◆ Increase in work opportunities
- ◆ **Problems?**



HSIANGSHAN

◆ Environmental Costs

- ◆ 40 species of Crabs
- ◆ 201 species of Birds
- ◆ 26 species of Birds protected by the Conservation Law
- ◆ The last natural coast in Hsinchu City
- ◆ Natural forest for windbreak
- ◆ Environmental aesthetics



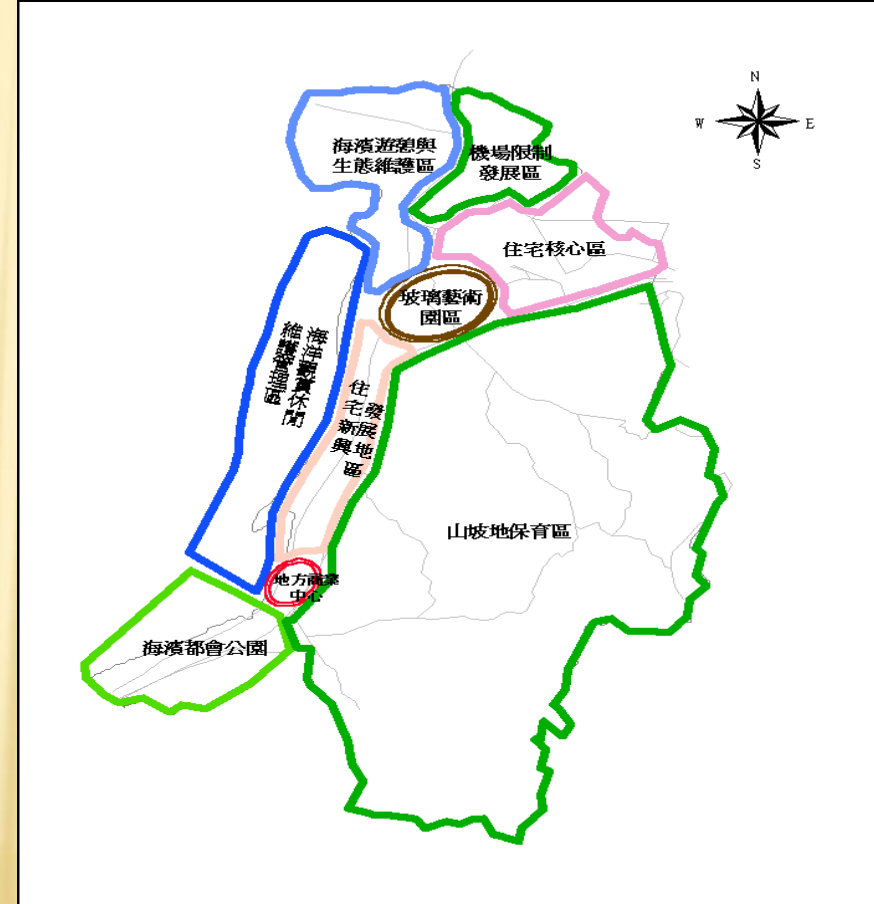
THE FATE OF CRABS



Fiddler Crabs, more specific Monk Crabs, Soldier Carbs or Sea Pearl. The Population is estimated about 0.25 to 1 billion in Hsiangshan, according to Dr. Liu Hung-Chang

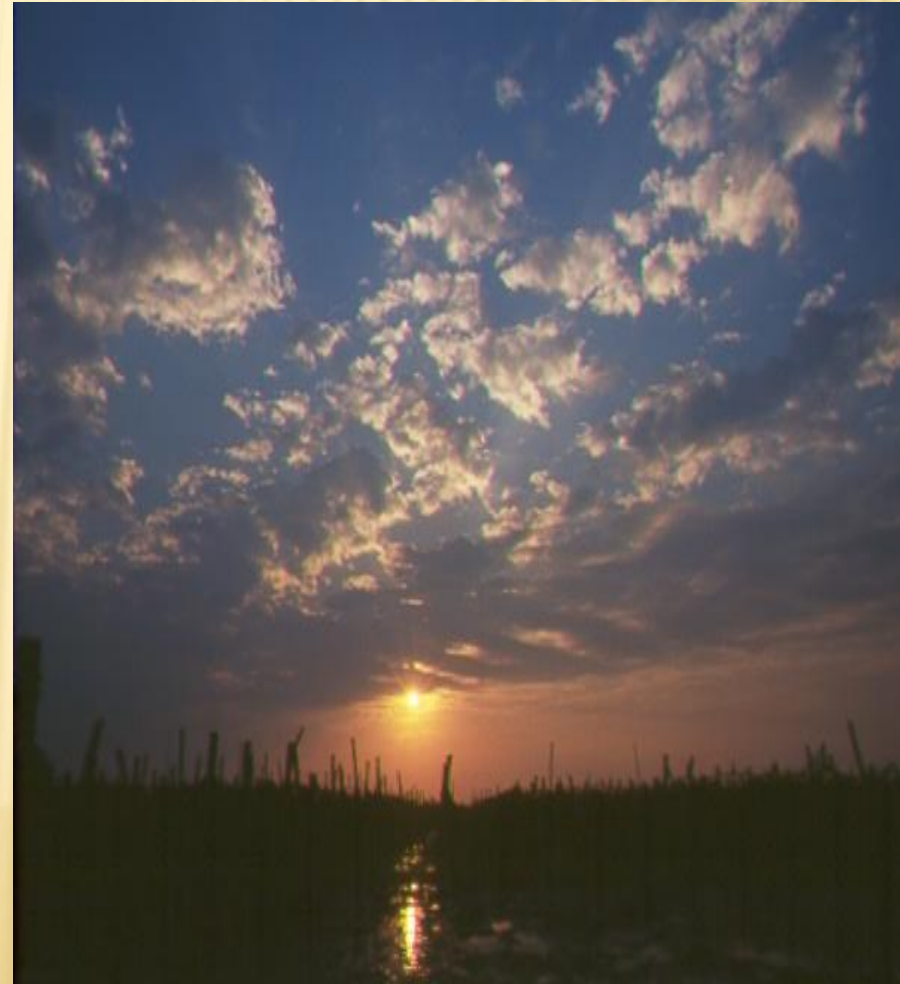
POLITICAL STRUGGLES

- ✘ Engagement of Civic Groups
 - + Wild-Bird Society 鳥會
 - + Cultural Association 文化協會
 - + Public Nuisance Prevention Association 公害防治協會
 - + Fishermen's Association 漁會
- ✘ Environmental Protection Administration: Implementation of EIA 環境影響評估法
- ✘ WBS participated into the EIA reports
- ✘ Confrontation in EIA Reviewing Committee
 - + Scholars: key for legitimacy
 - + Royal 御用
 - + Conscious 社會良心



EMPOWERMENT OF CIVIC SOCIETY

- ◆ Environmental Movement in an **Acupunctural mode**
- ◆ Political Efficacy and Social Learning



CHANGING STATE-SOCIETAL RELATIONS

- ✕ From Confrontational to Cooperative
 - + Rotation of Power
- ✕ Implication
 - + Hong Kong
 - + Mainland China