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River Revitalisation for the Triple Bottom Line: International Best Practice and Applications in Hong Kong

Abstract

Hong Kong's rivers and streams have been impacted by past human activities including pollution, water abstraction and channelisation. Until recently, efforts to improve rivers have focused largely on water quality, ecological and landscape value. However, international examples show that revitalisation can result in much broader environmental, social and economic benefits. In this presentation, we examine how such benefits can be achieved in a holistic manner. Potential issues with applying international best practice revitalisation strategies in Hong Kong are reviewed, and recommendations for adapting these strategies in the local context are provided.