



OLD AND VALUABLE TREES

The Government introduced the Register of Old and Valuable Trees(OVTs) in 2004 to provide priority protection to registered valuable trees.

They are located on unleased Government land within built-up areas and tourist attraction spots in village areas. At present, there are around 500 OVTs on the register.

How could OVTs be identified?

Trees of large size

- Trunk diameter of 1 m or more when measured at 1.3 m above ground level
- Height at 25 m or over
- Canopy spread of 25 m or more in diameter



Trees of precious or rare species



Trees of particularly old age (e.g. aged 100 or above)

Trees of cultural, historical or memorable significance

Trees of outstanding form. Examples of such are: The hollow tree at Lai Chi Wo



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Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) or Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department(AFCD) will arrange to erect signs for the registered trees which contain information such as name of species and reasons for inclusion in the Register.

Besides, no construction activity is allowed normally inside OVT protection zone and audit inspection will be carried out at least once a year by LCSD/AFCD to appraise the conditions of OVTs.

For more info, click: <http://ovt.lcsd.gov.hk/ovt>

