

**Country and Marine Parks Board (CMPB)**  
**Confirmed Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

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Date : 23 October 2020 (Friday) File Ref.: AF CPA 01/1/0  
Time : 10:00 a.m.  
Venue : Room 701, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)  
Headquarters

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**PRESENT**

**Chairman**

Professor LING Kar-kan, SBS

**Members**

Mr CHEUNG Siu-keung, MH

Dr CHEUNG Ting-on Lewis

Professor HUI Cheuk-kuen Desmond

Dr LAU Tai-wai, David

Dr LEE Nam-yuk, Amelia, MH

Professor LEUNG Mei-yee, Kenneth, JP

Mr SO Kwok-yin, Ken

Ms WONG Pik-yan, Nicole

Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP

Dr LEUNG Siu-fai, JP	Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation
Dr SO Ping-man, JP	Deputy Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation
Ms Bella MUI	Assistant Director (Nature Conservation), Environmental Protection Department (EPD)
Ms CHAN Suet-ching, Angela	Assistant Director of Lands (Specialist 2), Lands Department

(LandsD)

Mr YIP Chi-kwai, Tom                      Assistant Director of Planning (New Territories) (Acting),  
Planning Department

Mr WONG Yan-lok, Roger                      Assistant Director of Water Supplies (Development), Water  
Supplies Department

Secretary

Ms Phyllis CHAN                                      Assistant Secretary (Boards)1, AFCD

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Mr Patrick LAI                                      Assistant Director (Country and Marine Parks)

Mr Alfred WONG                                      Senior Country Parks Officer (Ranger Services 1)

Ms Louise LI    Senior Marine Parks Officer

Mr Alan CHAN                                        Senior Marine Parks Officer (Special Duties)

Mr W K CHOW                                        Senior Marine Conservation Officer (East)

Ms LI Hiu-yan                                        Marine Parks Officer (Development) 1

Dr Ivan CHAN                                        Marine Parks Officer (Development) 2

Dr Alvin HO    Marine Conservation Officer (East1)

Home Affairs Department (HAD)

Ms CHUI Wai-ye, Brenda                      Chief Executive Officer (2)1

Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)



Ecosystems Ltd.

Mr Vincent LAI	Managing Director
Dr Klinsmann CHEUNG	Senior Ecologist

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES**

Mr CHAN Ka-kui, SBS, JP

Ms CHAN Po-kam, Beatrice

Dr CHUI Pui-yi, Apple

Professor HE Shen-jing

Ms KIU Kin-yan, Judy

Mr LEE Yee-keung, Charles

Professor NG Sai-leung

Dr TANG Chin-cheung

Ms YIP Yan-yan

Ms Eugenia CHUNG, JP	Assistant Director of Home Affairs (2), HAD
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Mr LIU Wai-shing, Simon	Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) <sup>3</sup> , LCSD
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Mr LAI Chi-tung, JP	Assistant Director of Marine (Port Control), MD
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**OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

49/20 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the following persons who were attending the meeting for the first time:-

- Ms Bella MUI, Assistant Director (Nature Conservation), EPD

- Mr YIP Chi-kwai, Tom, Assistant Director of Planning (New Territories) (Acting)
- Mr HUANG Jihe, General Manager/Vessel Traffic Services, MD

50/20 The Chairman informed members that, as an established practice and to facilitate the taking of minutes, sound recording would be made during the meeting. The audio records would be destroyed after the minutes were confirmed.

51/20 The Chairman informed members that in view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the meeting was open to the media only so as to reduce social contact and the risk of community transmission. Besides, a special seating arrangement was made in this meeting to maintain suitable distance among attendees.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 19 May 2020**

52/20 The minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 19 May 2020 were confirmed without amendments.

### **II. Matters Arising**

(a) Planning Study on Setting Up a Visitor Hub at Pak Tam Chung, Sai Kung – Inception Phase (Para. 6/20 to 24/20)

53/20 Mr Alfred WONG reported on the progress of the planning study on setting up a visitor hub at Pak Tam Chung (the Study) commissioned by AFCD. He said that public engagement activities were held in August and September 2020 and they collected the views of various stakeholders and the local community on the service requirements of the proposed visitor hub at Pak Tam Chung. He also thanked CMPB members for their participation in the public engagement activities. The consultants would formulate recommendations for the enhancement of Pak Tam Chung, taking into account the baseline review results and views collected from public engagement activities and opinion surveys. AFCD would report the progress and recommendations of the Study in future meetings.

**III. Proposed Marine Park for the Expansion of Hong Kong International Airport into a Three-runway System  
(Working Paper: WP/CMPB/9/2020)**

54/20 The Chairman reminded members to declare if there were any potential conflicts of interest in the matter to be discussed under this agenda item.

(Mr CHEUNG Siu-keung, MH attended the meeting at this juncture.)

55/20 After Dr Ivan CHAN's briefing to members on Working Paper WP/CMPB/9/2020, the Chairman invited and welcomed the representatives of AAHK and ERM-HK to the meeting.

56/20 Mr Peter LEE gave an opening remark, and with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Dr Jasmine NG briefed members on the results of stakeholder consultations, and the proposed design and management plan of the proposed marine park for the expansion of Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) into a Three-Runway System (3RS) (hereinafter referred to as "the proposed marine park").

57/20 Mr CHEUNG Siu-keung, MH declared that he was a member of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) Management Committee established by AAHK. He remarked that during the stakeholder consultations, the fishermen representatives had suggested that the eco-enhanced seawalls should be located at different water levels rather than just within the high and low intertidal ranges. He asked whether the design of the eco-enhanced seawalls had been modified in this direction. Besides, he said that the fishermen representatives supported the proposed fish restocking and artificial reef (AR) deployment in the proposed marine park. They recommended AAHK to release more fishes in the fish restocking exercise and take into account the degree of mud and sediment deposition in the Pearl River Estuary when planning for the AR deployment. The member said that illegal fishing activities would seriously diminish the effectiveness of the fisheries enhancement measures. He asked whether AAHK's surveillance system in the 3RS project area could help monitor the activities in the proposed marine park.

58/20 Regarding the fish restocking, a member remarked that the objective of the proposed marine park was to conserve Chinese White Dolphins (CWDs). She asked whether

AAHK would consider releasing fish species that would directly benefit CWDs. Mr SO Kwok-yin, Ken, who declared that he was a member of the Marine Ecology Enhancement Fund (MEEF) Management Committee established by AAHK, asked how many released fishes in the pilot test were detected in the post-release monitoring.

59/20 A member advised that the ecological and environmental monitoring should be conducted at different time points, including fishing moratorium, breeding season and non-breeding season of CWDs, as well as before, during and after the 3RS construction. Regarding the fish restocking, he suggested that a mathematical model should be developed to calculate the optimal amount of fishes to be released and toxicological parameters should be established for the post-release monitoring. He elaborated that wastewater discharged from construction activities might contain heavy metal or other harmful substances, which might contaminate the marine environment and cause accumulation of heavy metals in fishes.

60/20 In response to the question about eco-enhanced seawalls, Mr LEE indicated that the first batch of eco-seawall blocks had already been installed at the vertical seawalls of the 3RS land formation area. As revealed by a recent monitoring of the eco-seawall, a relatively high percentage cover of sessile organisms such as barnacles and mussels was already recorded at the eco-seawall blocks. Other organisms including crabs and sea snails were also recorded. Later, eco-seawall blocks would also be installed at the sloping seawalls. Regarding the suggestion from fishermen representatives during the consultations, he said that having sought expert advice, AAHK would consider a trial on placing oyster baskets near the bottom of the seawall. Besides, Mr LEE said that AAHK was aware of the challenges of AR deployment in the western waters of Hong Kong and therefore would determine its performance by evaluating the result of the pilot test. He added that the AR design would take the fluvial sediment accumulations at the Pearl River Estuary into account, and the contractor to be engaged for the project would be requested to monitor the structures and assess the degree of settlement after the deployment of AR.

61/20 Moreover, Mr LEE said that post-release monitoring by acoustic telemetry surveys, which aimed to provide better information about the whereabouts of the released fishes, was conducted to monitor the effectiveness of the fish restocking pilot test. Mr LEE also said that the second phase of fish restocking pilot test was under planning by AAHK, which would include a further pilot trial on fish restocking upon deployment of ARs. Subject to the trial results, AAHK would implement further fish restocking exercises in the proposed marine park and / or the adjacent waters. As regards the concern about illegal fishing activities, he said that

the Marine Traffic Control Centre, which was established for the 3RS project, monitored the activities of vessels equipped with automatic identification system (AIS) in the nearby waters, including Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park (SCLKCMP). He said that monitoring results were shared with relevant government departments to facilitate consideration of using similar technologies to strengthen the monitoring of vessel activities in the proposed marine park.

62/20 Regarding the fish restocking pilot test, Dr NG supplemented that in the first phase, more than 8 000 black seabream, yellowfin seabream and green grouper fingerlings were released. AAHK was planning for the second phase of fish restocking pilot test and would explore the possibility of releasing more fishes as suggested by a member. In response to the question about the selection of fish species, she explained that the fish restocking exercise aimed to enhance the marine ecology, rather than feeding CWDs directly. In addition, prey fishes of CWDs, such as lion-head fish (*Collichthys lucida*) and croakers (*Johnius* spp.), had lower site fidelity and were seasonal in terms of availability. Moreover, many studies suggested that food availability was not the major threat to the survival of CWDs in Hong Kong. For these reasons, prey fishes of CWDs were considered low priority for the fish restocking exercise in question. The three selected fish species were all native fish species that had relatively high site fidelity. Some of these species had been released in AFCD's restocking exercises in the past and were able to survive in the habitat of the western waters of Hong Kong. Regarding the results of the first phase pilot test, Dr NG indicated that the fish fingerlings were released in two batches in May and September 2019 respectively and acoustic telemetry surveys were conducted for the following six months to monitor the effectiveness of the pilot test. It was found that about 72% of the tagged fishes were detected around the release site on the first day of release and about 22% of the tagged fishes were detected once or multiple times during the period of one day to six months after the release.

63/20 Dr NG noted the suggestion of developing a mathematical model to determine the restocking density. In response to the advice on monitoring, she said that the potential impact from the 3RS construction works to the fish restocking pilot test had been considered and the pilot test was carried out outside the construction area. Besides, she said that the fish fingerlings were accompanied with an official animal health certificate when they were imported to Hong Kong and they were inspected and quarantined before they could be used for the exercise. Mr LEE added that heavy metals was one of the parameters in the water quality monitoring during Deep Cement Mixing works, which covered locations around the construction area, upstream, downstream and water sensitive receivers. As at this meeting, no project-related exceedance of the limit level of heavy metals had been recorded.



64/20 Professor LEUNG Mei-yee, Kenneth, JP declared that he was the Chairman of the FEF Management Committee established by AAHK and his university team was commissioned by AAHK to monitor the biodiversity of the eco-seawall mentioned in the Working Paper. The member provided three recommendations for the protection of fisheries resources and CWDs. Firstly, he advised AFCD to consider introducing restrictions on fishing gear that was likely to create excessive fishing effort, such as snake cages and purse seiners. He considered that appropriate control on fishing effort was essential to the sustainability of fisheries resources. Secondly, he supported the idea of having a trial on placing oyster baskets. According to his experience in eco-shoreline projects, oyster baskets were more effective than concrete AR units in attracting a varied assemblage of marine organisms. Besides, he suggested that instead of placing all the ARs at one location, the ARs should be scattered across the region to better promote fish assemblages. As regards fish restocking, he suggested AAHK to consider releasing a bigger variety of fish species, including prey fishes of CWDs, such as ponyfish (*Leiognathus* spp.), rabbitfish (*Siganus* spp.), lion-head fish (*Collichthys lucida*) and croakers (*Johnius* spp.). Thirdly, he pointed out that recent surveys found that the occurrence of CWDs increased noticeably as a result of the sharp reduction in vessel traffic between Hong Kong and Macau during the pandemic. Considering the improvement brought about by the reduction in vessel traffic, he suggested that AFCD should consider a lower speed limit in the proposed marine park for the protection of CWDs. Moreover, he asked whether there was any vessel speed limit in the core zone of the Pearl River Estuary Chinese White Dolphin National Nature Reserve (PRECWDNNR).

65/20 A member asked for details of how eco-tours would be encouraged in area concerned.

66/20 The Chairman remarked that the general public would likely see the number of CWDs using the North Lantau waters as an indicator of the effectiveness of the marine ecological and fisheries enhancement measures. He enquired which measures were expected to be the most effective in encouraging CWDs to return to and use the North Lantau waters more.

67/20 Mr LEE noted the recommendations for the protection of fisheries resources and CWDs and he said that a trial on placing oyster baskets would be carried out within the next few years. In response to the Chairman's comment, he indicated that AAHK was committed to CWD monitoring covering Northeast Lantau and Northwest Lantau waters for six years following the designation of the proposed marine park with a view to evaluating the

effectiveness of the proposed marine park on CWD conservation. Besides, he said that many of the MEEF funded projects were studies and surveys on the status of CWDs in the Pearl River Delta region. They could help enhance the understanding of CWDs in the Pearl River Delta region and provide useful information for the development of conservation strategies in the future.

68/20 Dr NG also thanked for the recommendations for the protection of fisheries resources and CWDs. She remarked that the suggestion of releasing a bigger variety of fish species to enhance the whole marine ecosystem would be taken into account in the design of the fish restocking pilot test. Regarding eco-tours, she said that they received opinions from eco-tour operators and green groups during the stakeholder consultations that the special geographical features of The Brothers Islands, Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau had eco-tourism potential. AAHK would study the possibility of supporting geology and conservation-related eco-tours in the area concerned. She added that after the expansion of the Hong Kong International Airport, space could be provided for public exhibitions in the airport to promote the three marine parks in the North Lantau waters. In response to the Chairman's question, Dr NG said that in her opinion, the vessel speed limit would be particularly helpful to the protection of CWDs, as it could lessen the major disturbance to the species. Other controls over activities in the proposed marine park would also help improve the marine environment and create a better habitat for CWDs.

[Post-meeting note: In response to members' question concerning the core zone of PRECWDNNR, AAHK advised after the meeting that based on the available information, vessels were prohibited from entering the PRECWDNNR core zone to engage in activities that might cause direct harm or adverse impact on resources. If anyone needed to enter the core zone for scientific research, he/she must submit an application to the management authority of the nature reserve.]

69/20 A member suggested that eco-tours in the North Lantau waters could also introduce to visitors the latest infrastructure development there, including the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and the 3RS projects.

70/20 As members made no further enquiries and comments, the Chairman thanked the representatives of AAHK and ERM-HK for attending the meeting.

(The representatives of AAHK and ERM-HK left the meeting at this juncture.)

71/20 Mr Patrick LAI said that the new fisheries management strategy in marine parks (hereinafter referred to as “the new strategy”) became effective from 1 April 2020. Commercial fishing in four specified marine parks, namely Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park, Yan Chau Tong Marine Park and Tung Ping Chau Marine Park in the eastern waters and SCLKCMP in the western waters, would be banned starting from 1 April 2022. Before the formulation of the new strategy, AFCD had carried out fisheries resources surveys at all the existing and proposed marine parks to collect baseline data. The Department would continue to carry out the surveys for assessing the effectiveness of the new strategy. The Department would review the fisheries management in marine parks at suitable juncture, and if necessary, consider adjustments in consultation with relevant stakeholders. Besides, he said that AR deployment in the proposed marine park aimed at enhancing the habitat diversity of marine environment. AAHK could look at the results of the pilot tests and the to-be-commenced AR deployment in The Brothers Marine Park to decide on the most suitable AR design and method for use in the proposed marine park. Moreover, Mr LAI concurred with the Chairman’s view on the importance of dolphin monitoring. He said that AFCD had a marine mammals monitoring programme and the monitoring reports were available on AFCD’s website for public inspection. Apart from AFCD’s monitoring, AAHK would also carry out CWD monitoring in Northeast Lantau and Northwest Lantau waters for six years following the designation of the proposed marine park. The data collected from these monitoring programmes would provide information on the changes in the occurrence of CWDs after the designation of the proposed marine park.

(Professor HUI Cheuk-kuen Desmond left the meeting at this juncture.)

#### **IV. Preparation of Draft Map for the Proposed South Lantau Marine Park (Working Paper: WP/CMPB/10/2020)**

72/20 The Chairman invited and welcomed the representatives of EPD to the meeting.

73/20 With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms Louise LI briefed members on the draft map and management plan of the proposed South Lantau Marine Park (SLMP) (Working Paper WP/CMPB/10/2020). After the presentation, she sought members’ comments on the draft map of the proposed SLMP. She informed members that subject to their comments, the

draft map would be made available for public inspection in accordance with Section 8 of the Marine Parks Ordinance (the Ordinance).

74/20 Mr Patchill P Y KWONG remarked that EPD would be responsible for the implementation of fisheries enhancement measures, including AR deployment and fish restocking programmes, within the core area of the proposed SLMP where all fishing activities were prohibited. EPD would engage consultants for AR deployment and fish restocking programmes and aimed at commencing them soon after the designation of the proposed SLMP.

75/20 A member said that there had already been thorough discussion on the proposed SLMP in the Marine Parks Committee (MPC) meetings in the past few years. He supported the designation of the proposed SLMP.

76/20 Another member also supported the designation of the proposed SLMP for marine conservation purpose, and advised AFCD to maintain good communication with people engaging in the fisheries industry about the management plan of the proposed SLMP, especially the core area.

77/20 The Chairman concluded that the Board supported the draft map put forwarded by the Country and Marine Parks Authority (the Authority) and agreed that the Authority could proceed to make it available for public inspection in accordance with Section 8 of the Ordinance. He also invited AFCD to continue to communicate with people engaging in the fisheries industry during the process. He thanked the representatives of EPD for attending the meeting.

(The representatives of EPD left the meeting at this juncture.)

78/20 A member pointed out that the Government aimed to develop Hong Kong into a smart city. He suggested that AFCD should explore using remote sensing and real-time monitoring systems to help manage marine parks. In response, Dr Ivan CHAN indicated that AFCD suggested installing a smart surveillance system at EPD's low-level radioactive waste storage facility at Siu A Chau, to help the Department to monitor the activities inside the core area of the proposed SLMP. It would help collect intelligence of suspected prohibited activities in that area and facilitate law enforcement by AFCD. EPD agreed to the suggestion in principle

and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department would invite quotations for the provision of smart surveillance system in due course.

(Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP left the meeting at this juncture.)

79/20 The Chairman remarked that in this and the previous Agenda Item, members had similarly suggested the use of surveillance systems to strengthen the monitoring of activities within marine parks. He invited AFCD to explore the possibility of a wider use of technology in the management of marine parks.

**V. Pier Improvement Projects at Lai Chi Wo and Tung Ping Chau  
(Working Paper: WP/CMPB/11/2020)**

80/20 Dr Alvin HO's briefed members on the background and progress of the pier improvement projects at Lai Chi Wo and Tung Ping Chau (Working Paper WP/CMPB/11/2020). After that, the Chairman invited and welcomed CEDD's representatives and consultants from Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd. and Ecosystems Ltd. to the meeting.

81/20 Mr Thomas YUNG gave an opening remark, and with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Terence LEUNG briefed members on the proposed improvement works to Lai Chi Wo Pier and Tung Ping Chau Public Pier in detail, the possible environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures, and the results of stakeholder consultations. He informed members that the environmental impact assessment (EIA) reports of the two projects were available for public inspection from 8 October to 6 November 2020.

(Ms CHAN Suet-ching, Angela of LandsD and Dr LEE Nam-yuk, Amelia, MH left the meeting at this juncture.)

82/20 A member remarked that his colleagues had seen juvenile green turtles near the existing Tung Ping Chau Public Pier in October 2019 and had reported the sighting to CEDD. He asked whether CEDD had conducted any green turtle surveys for the pier improvement project, and if affirmative, what potential impacts to the species were identified. Mr Vincent LAI responded that they were aware of the sighting report of green turtles in the area concerned. However, during the marine surveys of the project, including dive surveys and benthic grab

surveys, no green turtle was seen and recorded there. He said that as precautionary measures, the piling works would be done inside a pile casing to reduce the impact to the marine environment and species. Besides, the contractor would be requested to cease construction activity if green turtles were observed near the construction site.

83/20 The member said that according to his colleagues and local residents in Tung Ping Chau, green turtles usually occurred between 7 to 8 a.m. during the period from August to October.

84/20 In response to a member's enquiry on the ability of the proposed floating platforms to withstand typhoons, Mr Terence LEUNG indicated that floating platform was not a new feature in piers in Hong Kong and it could be found in Wan Chai and Tsuen Wan. For the pier improvement projects in question, a feasibility study on the effects of winds and waves on the proposed floating platforms was conducted. Taking the present preliminary design of Tung Ping Chau Public Pier as an example, he said that the walls beneath the new pierhead could function as breakwaters to protect the floating platform from strong winds and waves during typhoons, which mostly struck Hong Kong from the southeast. The walls would not extend to the seabed so as to allow water to flow under the pier and reduce effect on water current.

85/20 Professor LEUNG Mei-yee, Kenneth, JP declared that he was engaged in a few projects of CEDD, and two of which involved collaboration with Ecosystems Ltd. He remarked that the fairly wide new pier structures would keep the seawater underneath out of sunlight. He suggested that some parts of the pier structures could be constructed of glass blocks, so that sunlight could penetrate and facilitate the growth of corals underneath the piers. Besides, he asked whether all coral colonies around Tung Ping Chau Public Pier would be translocated as mentioned in the presentation at this meeting. Mr Terence LEUNG thanked for the member's suggestion and said that the use of glass blocks would be considered in the detailed design stage. Mr Vincent LAI answered in the affirmative to the member's question with regard to the coral translocation plan for Tung Ping Chau Public Pier. He said that all coral colonies within the proposed pier and temporary pier would be translocated.

86/20 In response to a member's enquiry, Mr Terence LEUNG indicated that the existing landing steps of the Lai Chi Wo Pier and Tung Ping Chau Public Pier would be retained. Villagers and fishermen could continue to use them for loading or unloading goods.

87/20 As members made no further enquiries and comments, the Chairman concluded that the Board supported the pier improvement projects at Lai Chi Wo and Tung Ping Chau in principle. He thanked CEDD's representatives and consultants from Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd. and Ecosystems Ltd. for attending the meeting.

(CEDD's representatives and consultants from Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd. and Ecosystems Ltd. left the meeting at this juncture.)

**VI. Summary Report of Country Parks Committee  
(Working Paper: WP/CMPB/12/2020)**

88/20 In the absence of Professor NG Sai-leung, Chairman of the Country Parks Committee (CPC), Mr Patrick LAI briefed members on Working Paper WP/CMPB/12/2020, which provided members with a summary of the issues discussed at the CPC meeting held on 16 June 2020. Members noted the Report.

**VII. Summary Report of Marine Parks Committee  
(Working Paper: WP/CMPB/13/2020)**

89/20 Professor LEUNG Mei-ye, Kenneth, JP, Chairman of MPC, briefed members on Working Paper WP/CMPB/13/2020, which provided members with a summary of the issues discussed at the MPC meeting held on 14 July 2020.

90/20 Referring to the consultancy study on enhancement of the recreation and education potential of Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park, the Chairman invited AFCD to engage EPD and CEDD to improve the sewage treatment facilities in Hoi Ha Wan as soon as possible, as the number of visitors would probably increase after the enhancement of visitor services.

(Dr SO Ping-man, JP of AFCD left the meeting at this juncture.)

**VIII. Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report  
(Working Paper: WP/CMPB/14/2020)**

91/20 Mr Patrick LAI briefed members on the Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report for the period from 1 April to 31 August 2020 (Working Paper: WP/CMPB/14/2020). He informed members that in light of the third wave of the COVID-19

epidemic in Hong Kong, barbecue sites and campsites remained closed since mid-July, whereas country park visitor centres, after closure since mid-July, were reopened in early September. Members noted the Report.

**IX. Any Other Business**

(a) Annual Field Visit 2020

92/20 Mr Alfred WONG and Mr Alan CHAN briefed members on the itinerary of the Annual Field Visit scheduled for 29 December 2020 (Tuesday) and the transport arrangement.

[Post-meeting note: In view of the local epidemic situation, the Annual Field Visit scheduled for 29 December 2020 (Tuesday) was postponed until further notice.]

**X. Date of Next Meeting**

93/20 The Chairman informed members that the Secretary would inform them of the date of the next meeting in due course.

94/20 The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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