

Country and Marine Parks Board
Report on Annual Field Visit held on Friday, 6 December 2013

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VISIT DETAILS

1. Dolphin Sighting at Northwestern Waters and Inspection of Development Projects in the area

1.1 Members departed Tung Chung Public Pier and proceeded to Tai O on board a chartered vessel and watched Chinese white dolphins at Tseng Kwan Shek (Old Man Rock) near Tai O. They were briefed about the marine-based guided tours to explore fishermen culture, marine and geo-resources in Hong Kong under the pilot scheme to help fishermen switch to fisheries related ecotourism activities. They were also introduced the regular dolphin monitoring work undertaken by AFCD colleagues and their contractors, and the functions and management of the Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park.

1.2 Members were then briefed about the background and progress of the major planning development in the north-western part of Lantau waters, including the HZMB project as well as the proposed Third Runway project, and the key ecological concerns brought about by these development projects.

1.3 Members were also briefed about the latest development of the proposed Marine Park at the Brothers.

2. Tai Tong Management Centre

2.1 After lunch, members then visited the Tai Tong Regional Workshop at Tai Tong Management Centre as well as barbecue site no. 6. They were given an introduction about the management of country parks in general, and the daily work at the Centre which included making and management of recreational facilities, construction and maintenance of hiking trails, hill fire prevention and fighting and tree management work among others.

3. Tai Tong Nursery and the Site of Red Sweet Gum

3.1 Members visited the Tai Tong Nursery and also tree seeds bank therein. AFCD colleagues briefed members on the seedling production and operations in the Nursery. Members toured the seedbeds and watched a demonstration of seedling production operations.

3.2 Members then tour around the site of Red Sweet Gum (Red Maple Leaves) in Tai Lam Country Park.

4. Mountain Bike Practice Loop near Twisk Management Centre, Tsuen Kam Au

4.1 Members set off to the Mountain Bike Practice Loop near Twisk Management Centre. They were briefed about the background of mountain biking activities in country parks, recent work as well as future work on the development of mountain bike trails. They also watched a demonstration of mountain biking at Mountain Bike Practice Loop.

4.2 Overall, members were of the view that the visit provided a good opportunity to better understand AFCD's work and challenges in country parks and the marine park.

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