

COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD

**Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report
(1.9.2025 – 31.12.2025)**

Purpose

This paper aims to provide members a general overview on management and protection work conducted by the Country and Marine Parks Authority during the period between 1.9.2025 and 31.12.2025. It provides various figures and information for facilitating members to understand and offer advice to the Authority regarding the management of country and marine parks.

A. Country Parks & Special Areas

1. Country Parks Management

1.1 Management Services

Routine maintenance of all recreational facilities within county parks and special areas was carried out regularly for public enjoyment. Major country parks facilities provided and amount of refuse collected are shown below.

Major facilities provided for public enjoyment

Item	Total no. as at 31.12.2025	Item	Total no. as at 31.12.2025
Barbecue Site	155	Shelter	291
Picnic Site	154	Refreshment Kiosk & Cafeteria	8
Camp Site	41	Public Toilet	87
Morning Walker Garden	19	Portable Toilet	131

Amount of refuse collected (metric tonnes)

Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Total
136 (143)	192 (198)	216 (215)	255 (285)	799 (841)

() denotes figures of the same month last year

1.2 Fire Protection

The 2025-2026 fire season commenced on 1.10.2025 and will end on 30.4.2026. Detailed figures during the reporting period are summarised below:

Month	No. of fires inside or threatening country park		Area affected (ha)		No. of trees affected	
Sep 2025	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Oct 2025	1	(1)	0.1	(0.2)	15	(3)
Nov 2025	2	(2)	6.7	(3.9)	250	(20)
Dec 2025	0	(6)	0	(85.8)	0	(3,560)
Total	3	(9)	6.8	(89.9)	265	(3,583)

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1.3 Permitted Events

During the reporting period, 102 permits were issued under Reg. 11 of the Country Parks and Special Areas Regulations to hold events in country parks. The monthly breakdown of permits issued during the reporting period is provided below:

Month	Sporting competition	Location filming	Other events
Sep 2025	22	10	5
Oct 2025	12	5	2
Nov 2025	13	6	5
Dec 2025	14	4	4
Total	61	25	16

1.4 Control of Development

A total of 129 development proposals were handled during the reporting period. This included 26 new proposals and 103 proposals carried forward from the last reporting period. Most of the proposals were related to minor works concerning slope works. The breakdown of all proposals is provided below:

District	No. of Cases	Electric Supply	Telephone Supply	Water Supply	Road/Path Improvement	Slope Works	Others *	No Objection	Being Processed	Withdrawn /Cancelled
Central	24	1	1	0	2	14	6	3	19	2
Hong Kong	11	0	0	0	2	8	1	3	8	0
Lantau	25	4	0	0	0	21	0	10	15	0
North	14	2	4	0	1	2	5	1	13	0
Sai Kung	24	4	0	0	6	4	10	4	18	2
West	31	2	1	0	0	28	0	17	14	0
Total	129	13	6	0	11	77	22	38	87	4

*Other proposals mainly included installation of mobile radio station/solar power system, environmental monitoring, site reconstruction, small house development, erection of agricultural and fisheries structure and provision/improvement of public utilities and facilities.

2. Visitor Services / Education

2.1 Visitor Statistics

In the reporting period, a total of 3,949,000 persons visited the country parks and special areas. The monthly breakdown is provided below:

Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Total
676,000 (816,000)	974,000 (1,011,000)	1,114,000 (1,078,000)	1,185,000 (1,236,000)	3,949,000 (4,141,000)

() denotes figures of the same month last year.

2.2 Visitor Centres

The monthly visitor statistics of the Country Park Visitor / Education Centres are summarised below:

Country Park Visitor Centre / Education Centre	No. of Visitors			
	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
Lions Nature Education Centre	18,840	32,552	40,056	42,304
Clear Water Bay Country Park Visitor Centre	579	910	938	1,072
Sai Kung Country Park Visitor Centre*	2,894	1,404	1,238	858
Shing Mun Country Park Visitor Centre@	0	0	3,835	3,137
Tai Mo Shan Country Park Visitor Centre@	0	1,123	1,246	1,390
Ngong Ping Nature Centre	1,080	2,052	2,384	2,224
Woodside Biodiversity Education Centre	694	2,243	3,228	2,789
Aberdeen Tree Centre#	0	0	0	0
Volcano Discovery Centre	5,833	8,917	8,053	6,368
Total	29,920	49,201	60,978	60,142

*The centre was partially closed for repair works.

@The centre had completed renovation/repair works and reopened.

#The centre was temporarily closed for renovation works.

2.3 Country Park Volunteer Scheme

Detailed figures of the Country Park Volunteer Scheme in the reporting period are summarised below:

Country Park Volunteer Scheme	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
No. of volunteers/trainees	520	520	520	462
Total volunteer service hours	484.5	1,562	1,992	2,217.5

2.4 Other Education Activities

Details of the education activities organised in the reporting period are summarised below:

Name of the Activity	Date	No. of Participants
“Take Your Litter Home” Photo Exhibition	Sep–Dec 2025	16,724
Country Parks Fixed Point Interpretation	Sep–Dec 2025	3,822
Fireflies at Tai Po Kau	Sep 2025	124
Mountaineering Safety Promotion Day 2025	19 Oct 2025	780
Tsuen Wan District Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Day	19 Oct 2025	485
Excursion in Country Park - “Step by Step” at Hong Kong Trail – Trail Maintenance Workshop	15 Nov 2025	15
Excursion in Country Park - The Woods and Battery	16 Nov 2025	20
Shing Mun Country Park Visitor Centre Special Public Guided Tour	15-16 Nov 2025	44
Excursion in Country Park - Birds Round the Corner	29 Nov 2025	20
“Unlocking Hong Kong Trail” Hiking Challenge (Nov-Dec)	Nov-Dec 2025	7,415
Red-Leaf Season at Tai Tong	Dec 2025	8,489

2.5 Assistance

Assistance was offered to the public during the reporting period.

Nature	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
First aid	4	8	7	11
Handicapped persons	1	2	4	1
Return of lost properties	1	3	1	3

2.6 Free Distribution of Publicity Materials

Nature	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
Pamphlets	1,695	2,114	1,973	1,988
Posters	56	51	20	25
Booklets	269	340	441	457

3. Law Enforcement

A total of 190 enforcement actions were taken in connection with the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208) and other relevant legislation. The details are as follows:

Nature of offence	No. of cases
Illegal entry of bicycle	46
Illegal entry of vehicle	52
Illegal possession of hunting appliance	3
Illegal possession of cooking apparatus	4
Illegal use of fire	1
Damaging / cutting of plant	9
Illegal digging of soil	5
Illegal construction of building or shelter	3
Illegal construction of grave	2
Illegal holding of public meeting / sporting competition	1
Illegal commercial filming	1
Illegal camping	27
Littering	10*
Spitting	10*
Illegal feeding of wild animals	6# + 4
Others	6
Total	190

Remarks: * Fixed Penalty Notice @\$3,000
Fixed Penalty Notice @\$5,000

B. Marine Parks and Marine Reserve

1. Marine Parks and Marine Reserve Management

1.1 Facilities

As at 31.12.2025, the following facilities had been installed in Marine Parks and Marine Reserve:

Facilities	Total no.	Facilities	Total no.
Warning Sign	149	Boundary Marker Post	65
Information Sign Board	58	Marine Buoy	239

1.2 Litter Collection

In the reporting period, the amount of litter collected in Marine Parks and Marine Reserve is as follows:

Marine Park/ Marine Reserve	Amount of litter collected (tonnes)				
	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Total
Hoi Ha Wan	0.93 (0.47)	0.83 (0.40)	1.03 (0.52)	1.04 (0.49)	3.83 (1.88)
Yan Chau Tong	1.07 (0.93)	1.24 (0.83)	1.03 (0.98)	0.92 (1.30)	4.26 (4.04)
Tung Ping Chau	1.08 (1.13)	1.04 (1.97)	0.90 (1.18)	1.10 (1.54)	4.12 (5.82)
Cape D'Aguilar	0.35 (0.51)	0.46 (0.65)	0.09 (0.39)	0.31 (0.20)	1.21 (1.75)
Southwest Lantau	0.60 (1.72)	0.95 (1.14)	0.22 (1.56)	1.51 (0.16)	3.28 (4.58)
South Lantau	0.30 (0.39)	0.31 (0.41)	0.88 (0.58)	0.55 (0.75)	2.04 (2.13)
Marine parks matrix in north Lantau*	3.86 (2.58)	4.50 (3.14)	3.45 (2.84)	2.55 (2.96)	14.36 (11.52)
Total	8.19 (7.73)	9.33 (8.54)	7.60 (8.05)	7.98 (7.40)	33.10 (31.72)

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* Covers Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park, The Brothers Marine Park and North Lantau Marine Park (designated on 1 November 2024) which are linked together.

2. Visitor Services / Education

2.1 Visitor Statistics

In the reporting period, the monthly visitor statistics are summarised below:

Marine Park/ Marine Reserve	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Total
Hoi Ha Wan	1,525 (2,319)	2,173 (3,239)	1,951 (1,371)	644 (909)	6,293 (7,838)
Yan Chau Tong	270 (453)	343 (365)	431 (482)	562 (711)	1,606 (2,011)
Tung Ping Chau	1,268 (872)	570 (562)	672 (394)	1,072 (576)	3,582 (2,404)
Cape D'Aguilar Marine Reserve and nearby areas	1,190 (1,103)	2,469 (3,615)	4,174 (3,825)	4,493 (4,681)	12,326 (13,224)
Southwest Lantau	4 (126)	71 (177)	63 (145)	108 (203)	246 (651)
South Lantau	0 (32)	0 (73)	9 (52)	35 (35)	44 (192)
Marine Parks matrix in north Lantau*	31 (615)	309 (211)	134 (1,005)	281 (625)	755 (2,456)
Total	4,288 (5,520)	5,935 (8,242)	7,434 (7,274)	7,195 (7,740)	24,852 (28,776)

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2.2 Visitor Centre

The monthly visitor statistics of the Hoi Ha Visitor Centre are summarised below:

	No. of Visitors			
	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025*
Hoi Ha Visitor Centre*	122	767	912	132
Public eco-tour	27	22	39	40

*Hoi Ha Visitor Centre had been temporarily closed from 8 December 2025 for maintenance works. During this period, limited visitor service and eco-tours were provided on Sundays and Public Holidays.

2.3 Marine Parks Ambassador Scheme

The Marine Parks Ambassador Scheme commenced in 2005. Up to 31 December 2025, there were a total of 657 Marine Parks Ambassadors. During the reporting period, one learning activity and one voluntary service, including Hoi Ha Wan Glass-Bottom Boat Coral Ecology Exploration Tour and Shui Hau Beach Cleaning Activity were conducted. Ambassadors learned about coral ecology and took part in protecting coastal ecosystems.

2.4 Education Programmes and Publicity

Details of seminars and eco-tours in the reporting period are summarised below:

Activity	Total No. of Participants
School Educational Seminar	1311
Guided eco-tour for school / communities	495
School field study	0*

*No field study was arranged during the period due to tidal conditions.

2.5 Enquiries

In the reporting period, enquiries were received and resolved. Details are listed below:

Nature	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Total
General information	22	60	15	12	109
Visitor Centre and Education	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22	60	15	12	109

2.6 Free Distribution of Publicity Materials

Items	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
Leaflets	203	328	763	393
Others	147	229	664	88

3. Enforcement

The department established the taskforce on sea enforcement work related to the Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476) and Fisheries Protection Ordinance (Cap. 171) to enhance synergistic effect. During the reporting period, there was 1 successful prosecution related to Cap. 171, while 5 suspected cases were under investigation. In addition, 8 suspected cases related to Cap. 476 were under investigation.

C. Advice Sought

Members are invited to comment on the management and protection work conducted by the Country and Marine Parks Authority in the country parks and marine parks.

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