

COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD

Summary Report of the Marine Parks Committee

1. Purpose

1.1 This paper aims to inform Members of the major issues discussed at the Marine Parks Committee meeting held on 14 May 2026.

2. Proposal to Designate the Sharp Island Marine Park

2.1 The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) briefed Members on the proposal to designate the Sharp Island Marine Park, including its preliminary boundary and proposed management plan, and sought their views.

2.2 Members unanimously supported the designation of the Sharp Island Marine Park. Members made multiple suggestions on the management and enhancement measures of the proposed Marine Park such as the deployment of artificial reefs, restocking exercises, monitoring surveys, crowd control, and enforcement arrangements. Specific suggestions included introducing ecotour guides, implementing on-site crowd management during peak seasons, introducing technological means to assist in law enforcement, diverting visitors to other less popular spots by providing real-time updates on visitor flow, and implementing long-term ecological monitoring.

2.3 The AFCD said that specific details regarding the management and enhancement measures would be formulated in tandem with the designation procedures, and would consult Members and report on its progress in a timely manner. On the way forward, the AFCD would press ahead at full steam with the relevant designation procedures and planned to launch a public consultation in May 2026, with the aim of completing the statutory procedures for the designation by mid-2027.

3. Any Other Business - Update on Marine Parks 30th Anniversary Celebration Programme

3.1 The AFCD reported on the progress of the marine parks 30th anniversary celebration programme. Regarding a Member's suggestion to increase publicity and education channels, the AFCD said that in addition to broadcasting promotional short videos at schools, it planned to broadcast short videos promoting marine parks and the message of marine conservation on screens in areas with high pedestrian flow, such as MTR stations, commercial buildings and housing estates. Furthermore, the AFCD would actively explore carrying out promotion at public transport interchanges for visiting marine parks.

4. Presentation

4.1 This paper is prepared for Members' information.

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