

COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD**Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report
(1.1.2026 – 30.4.2026)****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 from 1.1.2026 to 30.4.2026. 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 park facilities provided and amount of refuse collected are shown below.

Major facilities provided for public enjoyment

Item	Total no. as at 30.4.2026	Item	Total no. as at 30.4.2026
Barbecue Site	155	Shelter	294
Picnic Site	154	Refreshment Kiosk & Cafeteria	8
Camp Site	41	Public Toilet	88
Morning Walker Garden	19	Portable Toilet	128

Amount of refuse collected (metric tonnes)

Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Total
245 (253)	200 (204)	179 (200)	182 (191)	806 (848)

() denotes figures of the same month last year

1.2 Fire Protection

The 2025-2026 fire season commenced on 1.10.2025 and ended 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	
Jan 2026	1	(4)	5	(505.4)	1	(560)
Feb 2026	2	(1)	2.1	(0.2)	10	(0)
Mar 2026	2	(4)	1.4	(1.9)	31	(55)
Apr 2026	0	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Total	5	(9)	8.5	(507.5)	42	(615)

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1.3 Permitted Events

During the reporting period, 142 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
Jan 2026	19	16	3
Feb 2026	18	9	3
Mar 2026	22	10	2
Apr 2026	30	9	1
Total	89	44	9

1.4 Control of Development

A total of 116 development proposals were handled during the reporting period. This included 29 new proposals and 87 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	23	1	1	0	0	16	5	4	17	2
Hong Kong	14	0	1	0	1	10	2	7	7	0
Lantau	18	3	0	0	2	13	0	1	17	0
North	15	2	5	0	1	2	5	5	10	0
Sai Kung	23	3	2	0	4	3	11	2	21	0
West	23	2	0	0	0	20	1	9	14	0
Total	116	11	9	0	8	64	24	28	86	2

* Other proposals mainly include installation of mobile radio station/solar system, 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 4,258,000 persons visited the country parks and special areas. The monthly breakdown is provided below:

Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Total
1,215,000 (1,176,000)	1,075,000 (934,000)	1,029,000 (1,061,000)	939,000 (963,000)	4,258,000 (4,134,000)

() 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			
	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
Lions Nature Education Centre	40,496	40,248	41,008	45,880
Clear Water Bay Country Park Visitor Centre	940	754	806	994
Sai Kung Country Park Visitor Centre*	1,373	909	622	976
Shing Mun Country Park Visitor Centre	3,315	2,353	1,889	1,425
Tai Mo Shan Country Park Visitor Centre	1,065	865	945	660
Ngong Ping Nature Centre	2,212	2,424	1,818	1,860
Woodside Biodiversity Education Centre	3,215	2,950	2,775	1,752
Aberdeen Tree Centre [#]	0	0	0	0
Volcano Discovery Centre	798	1,275	2,005	1,183
Total	53,414	51,778	51,868	54,730

* The centre was partially closed for repair works.

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	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
No. of volunteers/trainees	446	446	445	445
Total volunteer service hours	3,133	2,116	2,417	1,811

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	Jan – Apr 2026	8,141
Country Parks Fixed Point Interpretation	Jan – Apr 2026	6,845
“Unlocking Hong Kong Trail” Hiking Challenge	Jan – Feb 2026	3,107
Red Leaf Season at Tai Tong	Jan 2026	8,174
Excursion in Country Park - Birds Round the Corner	4 Jan 2026	17
Excursion in Country Park - Serenity in Ngong Ping: Mountains and Temples	24 Jan and 8 Feb 2026	38
Excursion in Country Park -Lin Ma Hang Lead Mine: the Past and Present	1 and 7 Feb 2026	42
Country Park Hiking and Planting Day 2026	19 and 26 Apr 2026	2,642

2.5 Assistance

Assistance was offered to the public during the reporting period.

Nature	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
First aid	6	2	6	11
Handicapped persons	4	0	2	1
Return of lost properties	6	3	2	1

2.6 Free Distribution of Publicity Materials

Nature	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
Pamphlets	1,716	1,769	2,247	1,761
Posters	17	18	58	28
Booklets	352	370	410	412

3. Law Enforcement

A total of 318 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	57
Illegal entry of vehicle	51
Illegal possession of hunting appliance	5
Illegal possession of cooking apparatus	3
Illegal use of fire	12
Damaging / cutting of plant	11
Illegal digging of soil	3
Illegal holding of public meeting / sporting competition	1
Illegal commercial filming	1
Illegal camping	66
Littering	75*+1
Spitting	20*+1
Illegal feeding of wild animals	5 [#] + 3
Others	3
Total	318

* 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 30.4.2026, 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)				
	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Total
Hoi Ha Wan	1.02 (0.89)	0.97 (0.79)	1.37 (0.94)	0.92 (0.83)	4.28 (3.45)
Yan Chau Tong	0.97 (1.07)	1.00 (1.12)	1.01 (1.02)	0.82 (0.98)	3.80 (4.19)
Tung Ping Chau	1.13 (1.33)	1.15 (1.12)	0.68 (1.46)	0.82 (1.32)	3.78 (5.23)
Cape D'Aguilar	0.36 (0.23)	0.21 (0.48)	0.19 (0.41)	0.50 (0.37)	1.26 (1.49)
Southwest Lantau	0.66 (0.77)	0.62 (0.75)	0.10 (0.34)	0.25 (0.54)	1.63 (2.40)
South Lantau	0.71 (0.22)	0.41 (0.81)	0.44 (0.43)	0.40 (0.53)	1.96 (1.99)
Marine parks matrix in north Lantau*	4.01 (3.09)	3.51 (2.21)	3.39 (2.77)	3.41 (3.36)	14.32 (11.43)
Total	8.86 (7.60)	7.87 (7.28)	7.18 (7.37)	7.12 (7.93)	31.03 (30.18)

() Denotes figures of the same month last year.

* Covers Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park, The Brothers Marine Park and North Lantau Marine Park 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	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Total
Hoi Ha Wan	797 (1,123)	670 (1,304)	1,189 (1,370)	1,244 (1,594)	3,900 (5,391)
Yan Chau Tong	508 (453)	392 (661)	375 (291)	464 (389)	1,739 (1,794)
Tung Ping Chau	1,311 (542)	1,144 (914)	1,920 (714)	658 (1,715)	5,033 (3,885)
Cape D'Aguilar Marine Reserve and nearby areas	5,022 (4,225)	4,091 (4,105)	4,457 (5,305)	3,232 (3,990)	16,802 (17,625)
Southwest Lantau	142 (237)	122 (215)	148 (93)	51 (216)	463 (761)
South Lantau	24 (68)	48 (36)	23 (84)	7 (28)	102 (216)
Marine Parks matrix in north Lantau*	255 (297)	359 (859)	872 (1,072)	195 (708)	1,681 (2,936)
Total	8,059 (6,945)	6,826 (8,094)	8,984 (8,929)	5,851 (8,640)	29,720 (32,608)

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2.2 Visitor Centre

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

	No. of Visitors			
	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
Hoi Ha Visitor Centre	0	0	0	0
Public eco-tour	40	109	16	7

* 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 Ambassador Scheme (previously as Marine Park Ambassador Scheme) commenced in 2005. Up to 30 April 2026, there were a total of 668 Marine Ambassadors. During the reporting period, two learning activities and one induction workshop. Ambassadors learnt about the ecology and habitats of Chinese White Dolphin on a field visit, as well as gaining hands-on experience in conducting ecological surveys at the intertidal areas of Yan Chau Tong Marine Park.

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	2291
Guided eco-tour for school / communities	266
School field study	37

2.5 Enquiries

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

Nature	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Total
General information	12	18	19	9	58
Visitor Centre and Education	0	1	1	1	3
Total	12	19	20	10	61

2.6 Free Distribution of Publicity Materials

Items	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026
Leaflets	365	210	801	4101
Others	684	334	1320	701

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 were 3 successful prosecution related to Cap. 171, while 5 suspected cases were under investigation. In addition, 3 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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