

COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD

**Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report
(1.5.2025 – 31.8.2025)**

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 1.5.2025 and 31.8.2025. 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 for reference.

Major facilities provided for public enjoyment

Item	Total no. as at 31.8.2025	Item	Total no. as at 31.8.2025
Barbecue Site	155	Shelter	291
Picnic Site	154	Refreshment Kiosk & Cafeteria	8
Camp Site	41	Public Toilet	87
Morning Walker Garden	19	Portable Toilet	130

Amount of refuse collected (metric tonnes)

May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Total
165 (160)	122 (127)	122 (122)	119 (125)	528 (534)

() denotes figures of the same month last year

1.2 Fire Protection

The 2024-2025 fire season commenced on 14.9.2024 and ended on 30.4.2025. 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	
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May 2025	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Jun 2025	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Jul 2025	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Aug 2025	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
Total	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

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1.3 Permitted Events

During the reporting period, 91 permits were given under Reg. 11 of the Country Parks and Special Areas Regulations to hold events in country parks. The monthly breakdown of permitted events during the reporting period is provided below:

Month	Sporting competition	Location filming	Other events
May 2025	15	6	0
Jun 2025	15	8	2
Jul 2025	8	9	5
Aug 2025	17	4	2
Total	55	27	9

1.4 Control of Development

A total of 168 development proposals were handled during the reporting period. This includes 51 new proposals and 117 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	3	14	4	6	16	1
Hong Kong	8	1	0	0	0	6	1	3	5	0
Lantau	53	2	1	0	2	48	0	32	21	0
North	13	1	3	0	2	3	4	3	10	0
Sai Kung	31	6	2	0	7	7	9	9	22	0
West	40	5	2	0	0	33	0	10	30	0
Total	168	16	9	0	14	111	18	63	104	1

* 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 3,206,000 persons visited the country parks and special areas. The monthly breakdown is provided below:

May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Total
975,000 (888,000)	768,000 (776,000)	736,000 (738,000)	727,000 (779,000)	3,206,000 (3,181,000)

() 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			
	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025
Lions Nature Education Centre	30,752	27,760	25,288	27,000
Clear Water Bay Country Park Visitor Centre	639	607	538	623
Sai Kung Country Park Visitor Centre	3,577	2,710	3,140	3,035
Shing Mun Country Park Visitor Centre*	0	0	0	0
Tai Mo Shan Country Park Visitor Centre*	858	550	0	0
Ngong Ping Nature Centre	2,050	972	956	778
Woodside Biodiversity Education Centre	2,180	1,789	2,083	2,104
Aberdeen Tree Centre*	235	127	0	0
Volcano Discovery Centre	8,364	7,852	9,484	8,506
Total	48,655	42,367	41,489	42,046

* 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	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025
No. of volunteers/trainees	451	451	451	498
Total volunteer service hours	2,176.5	794	335	466

2.4 School Visit Programme

School visit programme was launched again in 2024-25 school year to convey nature conservation message to students. The number of participants in the reporting period is summarised below:

School Visit Programme	No. of Participants
Kindergartens	4,348
Primary Schools	4,158
Secondary Schools	0

2.5 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	May – Aug 2025	7,527
Country Parks Fixed Point Interpretation	May – Aug 2025	1,351
Country Parks Hiking and Planting Day	4 May 2025	1,238
Hong Kong Island Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Day	18 May 2025	748
Fireflies at Tai Po Kau	Aug 2025	2,003
Excursion in Country Park – Finding Butterflies	16 Aug 2025	16
Robin's Nest War Relics Guided Tours	31 Aug 2025	19

2.6 Assistance

Assistance was offered to the public during the reporting period.

Nature	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025
First aid	4	8	2	5
Handicapped persons	2	1	2	1
Return of lost properties	3	2	1	4

2.7 Free Distribution of Publicity Materials

Nature	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025
Pamphlets	2,230	1,925	1,955	1,813
Posters	17	12	13	16
Booklets	331	290	226	282

3. Law Enforcement

A total of 149 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	24
Illegal entry of vehicle	32
Illegal possession of hunting appliance	3
Illegal use of fire	3
Damaging / cutting of plant	15
Illegal digging of soil	1
Illegal selling of commodity, or bringing commodity into or allowing it to remain in any country park or special area for selling	3
Illegal display of sign, notice, poster, banner or advertisement	1
Illegal construction of building or shelter	1

Nature of offence	No. of cases
Illegal construction of grave	3
Illegal camping	3
Littering	32*
Spitting	8* + 1
Illegal feeding of wild animals	17 [#]
Behaving in an indecent manner	1
Failure to produce proof of identity when required by a public officer	1
Total	149

* Fixed Penalty Notice @\$3,000

8 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued (@\$5,000), and enforcement actions were initiated for the other 9 cases

B. Marine Parks and Marine Reserve

1. Marine Parks and Marine Reserve Management

1.1 Facilities

As at 31.08.2025, the following facilities had been installed in Marine Parks and Marine Reserve:

Facilities	Total no.	Facilities	Total no.
Warning Sign	149	Boundary Marker Post	64
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)				
	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Total
Hoi Ha Wan	0.82 (0.53)	0.84 (0.57)	0.81 (0.53)	0.81 (0.51)	3.28 (2.14)
Yan Chau Tong	0.94 (1.01)	0.91 (0.69)	0.87 (0.74)	1.05 (0.75)	3.77 (3.19)
Tung Ping Chau	1.18 (1.34)	1.29 (1.00)	1.05 (1.13)	1.15 (1.16)	4.67 (4.63)
Cape D'Aguiar	0.13 (0.78)	0.32 (0.67)	0.67 (1.64)	0.80 (1.15)	1.92 (4.24)
Southwest Lantau	0.69 (2.11)	0.82 (2.49)	0.67 (0.57)	0.45 (5.89)	2.63 (11.06)
South Lantau	0.54 (0.25)	0.28 (0.47)	0.67 (0.23)	0.56 (0.62)	2.05 (1.57)
Marine parks matrix in north Lantau*	3.96 (3.95)	3.4 (2.46)	3.14 (3.11)	3.99 (2.74)	14.49 (12.26)
Total	8.26 (9.97)	7.86 (8.35)	7.88 (7.95)	8.81 (12.82)	32.81 (39.09)

() 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 (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	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Total
Hoi Ha Wan	1,950 (1,876)	1,771 (2,032)	1,777 (2,268)	2,367 (3,732)	7,865 (9,908)
Yan Chau Tong	553 (344)	473 (447)	542 (394)	270 (254)	1,838 (1,439)
Tung Ping Chau	2,784 (1,383)	2,416 (778)	1,275 (1,534)	1,250 (958)	7,725 (4,653)
Cape D'Aguilar Marine Reserve and nearby areas	3,381 (1,611)	1,575 (1,191)	1,182 (703)	1,320 (838)	7,458 (4,343)
Southwest Lantau	206 (85)	54 (174)	110 (291)	27 (154)	397 (704)
South Lantau	28 (19)	17 (38)	24 (71)	14 (50)	83 (178)
Marine Parks matrix in north Lantau*	726 (307)	533 (168)	438 (80)	178 (135)	1,875 (690)
Total	9,628 (5,625)	6,839 (4,828)	5,348 (5,341)	5,426 (6,121)	27,241 (21,915)

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2.2 Visitor Centre

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

	No. of Visitors			
	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025
Hoi Ha Visitor Centre	428	386	201	410
Public eco-tour	44	43	21	47

2.3 Marine Parks Ambassador Scheme

The Marine Parks Ambassador Scheme commenced in August 2005. Up to 31.8.2025, there are a total of 657 Marine Parks Ambassadors. During the reporting period, two learning activities, including a visit to Hong Kong Maritime Museum, one training workshop, and four voluntary services were organised. With the assistance of ambassadors, several marine parks and marine conservation activities, including the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Reef Check were successfully carried out.

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	195
Guided eco-tour for school / communities	32
School field study	135

2.5 Enquiries

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

Nature	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Total
General information	21	16	10	12	59
Visitor Centre and Education	1	1	0	1	3
Total	22	17	10	13	62

2.6 Free Distribution of Publicity Materials

Items	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025
Leaflets	385	652	588	193
Others	361	631	117	384

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 6 suspected cases were under investigation. In addition, 2 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 country and marine parks.

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