

## COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD

### Country and Marine Parks Authority Progress Report (1.1.2025 – 30.4.2025)

#### 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 1.1.2025 and 30.4.2025. 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 30.4.2025	Item	Total no. as at 30.4.2025
Barbecue Site	155	Shelter	291
Picnic Site	154	Refreshment Kiosk & Cafeteria	8
Camp Site	41	Public Toilet	87
Morning Walker Garden	19	Portable Toilet	129

#### Amount of refuse collected (metric tonnes)

Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Total
253 (258)	204 (242)	200 (225)	191 (209)	848 (934)

( ) 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	
Jan 2025	4	( 1 )	505.4	( 1.8 )	560	( 75 )
Feb 2025	1	( 1 )	0.2	( 2.0 )	0	( 0 )
Mar 2025	4	( 4 )	1.9	( 32.4 )	55	( 930 )
Apr 2025	2	( 7 )	0	( 91.8 )	0	( 2215 )
Total	11	( 13 )	507.5	( 128.0 )	615	( 3,220 )

( ) denotes figures of the same month last year.

## 1.3 Permitted Events

During the reporting period, 104 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
Jan 2025	15	12	1
Feb 2025	12	3	5
Mar 2025	16	10	3
Apr 2025	15	10	2
Total	58	35	11

## 1.4 Control of Development

A total of 154 development proposals were handled during the reporting period. This includes 31 new proposals and 123 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	25	1	1	0	3	16	4	5	19	1
Hong Kong	9	1	0	0	0	8	0	5	4	0
Lantau	30	2	0	0	0	28	0	2	28	0
North	14	0	5	0	1	4	4	4	10	0
Sai Kung	40	6	2	1	8	11	12	12	28	0
West	36	1	3	0	0	32	0	8	28	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1</b>

\* Other proposals mainly included installation of mobile radio station/solar 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 4,134,000 persons visited the country parks and special areas. The monthly breakdown is provided below:

Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Total
1,176,000 (1,115,000)	934,000 (1,014,000)	1,061,000 (1,066,000)	963,000 (857,000)	4,134,000 (4,052,000)

( ) 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 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
Lions Nature Education Centre	28,200	26,808	33,480	34,840
Clear Water Bay Country Park Visitor Centre	770	677	672	604
Sai Kung Country Park Visitor Centre	3,318	3,306	3,340	3,159
Shing Mun Country Park Visitor Centre*	0	0	0	0
Tai Mo Shan Country Park Visitor Centre	692	664	883	686
Ngong Ping Nature Centre	1,941	1,780	1,750	2,428
Woodside Biodiversity Education Centre	3,192	2,708	2,582	2,507
Aberdeen Tree Centre	325	290	310	197
Volcano Discovery Centre	5,718	6,240	6,581	7,119
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,156</b>	<b>42,473</b>	<b>49,598</b>	<b>51,540</b>

\* 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 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
No. of volunteers/trainees	451	451	451	451
Total volunteer service hours	2353.5	2093	2197.5	2481

## 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	6,361
Primary Schools	7,917
Secondary Schools	751

## 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	Jan – Apr 2025	9,924
Country Parks Fixed Point Interpretation	Jan – Apr 2025	36,786
Excursion in Country Park	Jan – Mar 2025	194
“Discovering Robin's Nest Country Park” Hiking Challenge	Nov 2024 – Feb 2025	11,314
Red Leaves Festival	1 Jan 2025	1,528
Tsuen Wan District Fire Safety Carnival	4 Jan 2025	900
“Project HILLPAL” Awards Ceremony and Carnival	12 Jan 2025	930
Sha Tau Kok Seaside Weekend Market	17 – 18 Apr 2025	500
Country Parks Hiking and Planting Day	27 Apr 2025	1,825

## 2.6 Assistance

Assistance was offered to the public during the reporting period.

Nature	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
First aid	4	12	8	7
Handicapped persons	6	8	4	2
Return of lost properties	7	3	2	4

## 2.7 Free Distribution of Publicity Materials

Nature	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
Pamphlets	2,314	2,118	2,164	2,236
Posters	20	14	43	39
Booklets	330	370	320	346

## 3. Law Enforcement

A total of 267 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	62
Illegal entry of vehicle	44
Illegal possession of hunting appliance	2
Illegal possession of cooking stove	9
Illegal possession of flame-gun	1
Illegal use of fire	10
Damaging / cutting of plant	5
Illegal digging of soil	2
Illegal construct building or shelter	3
Illegal construct grave	3
Illegal camping	122

<b>Nature of offence</b>	<b>No. of cases</b>
Littering	2*
Spitting	2*
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>

\* Fixed Penalty Notice @\$3,000

## B. Marine Parks and Marine Reserve

### 1. Marine Parks and Marine Reserve Management

#### 1.1 Facilities

As at 30.04.2025, 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)				
	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Total
Hoi Ha Wan	0.89 (0.79)	0.79 (0.61)	0.94 (0.62)	0.83 (0.57)	3.45 (2.59)
Yan Chau Tong	1.07 (0.85)	1.12 (0.73)	1.02 (0.98)	0.98 (0.87)	4.19 (3.43)
Tung Ping Chau	1.33 (1.31)	1.12 (1.14)	1.46 (1.18)	1.32 (1.32)	5.23 (4.95)
Cape D'Aguilar	0.23 (0.17)	0.48 (0.10)	0.41 (0.25)	0.37 (0.56)	1.49 (1.08)
Southwest Lantau	0.77 (0.24)	0.75 (0.36)	0.34 (0.29)	0.54 (0.48)	2.4 (1.37)
South Lantau	0.22 (0.80)	0.81 (0.52)	0.43 (0.50)	0.53 (0.78)	1.99 (2.6)
Marine parks matrix in north Lantau*	3.09 (2.83)	2.21 (3)	2.77 (2.61)	3.36 (3.07)	11.43 (11.51)
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.6 (6.99)</b>	<b>7.28 (6.46)</b>	<b>7.37 (6.43)</b>	<b>7.93 (7.65)</b>	<b>30.18 (27.53)</b>

( ) 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 Nov 2024) which are linked together.



## 2. Visitor Services / Education

### 2.1 Visitor Statistics

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

<b>Marine Park/ Marine Reserve</b>	<b>Jan 2025</b>	<b>Feb 2025</b>	<b>Mar 2025</b>	<b>Apr 2025</b>	<b>Total</b>
Hoi Ha Wan	1,123 (984)	1,304 (1,456)	1,370 (1,757)	1,594 (1,465)	5,391 (5,662)
Yan Chau Tong	453 (626)	661 (570)	291 (592)	389 (412)	1,794 (2200)
Tung Ping Chau	542 (1,211)	914 (746)	714 (895)	1,715 (1,097)	3,885 (3,949)
Cape D'Aguilar Marine Reserve and nearby areas	4,225 (4,545)	4,105 (4,045)	5,305 (3,362)	3,990 (2,277)	17,625 (14,229)
Southwest Lantau	237 (161)	215 (154)	93 (162)	216 (138)	761 (615)
South Lantau	68 (14)	36 (0)	84 (15)	28 (12)	216 (41)
Marine Parks matrix in north Lantau*	297 (207)	859 (314)	1,072 (255)	708 (435)	2,936 (1,208)
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,945 (7,748)</b>	<b>8,094 (7,285)</b>	<b>8,929 (7,038)</b>	<b>8,640 (5,836)</b>	<b>32,608 (27,907)</b>

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### 2.2 Visitor Centre

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

	<b>No. of Visitors</b>			
	<b>Jan 2025</b>	<b>Feb 2025</b>	<b>Mar 2025</b>	<b>Apr 2025</b>
Hoi Ha Visitor Centre	578	711	576	838
Public eco-tour	31	258	29	42

### 2.3 Marine Parks Ambassador Scheme

The Marine Parks Ambassador Scheme commenced in August 2005. Up to 30.4.2025, there are a total of 646 Marine Parks Ambassadors. During the reporting period, an ambassador recruitment workshop and a visit to The Swire Institute of Marine Science, The University of Hong Kong were conducted.

## 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	2,366
Guided eco-tour for school / communities	196
School field study	30

## 2.5 Enquiries

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

Nature	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Total
General information	15	12	14	16	57
Visitor Centre and Education	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>58</b>

## 2.6 Free Distribution of Publicity Materials

Items	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025
Leaflets	270	750	100	0
Others	0	0	138	557

## 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, 9 suspected cases related to Cap. 476 were under investigation, and a total of 69 advices and 9 verbal warnings were given.

**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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