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1	SFDF 0003	New Tung Fu Loy Aquafarm Limited	Mariculture Using Enclosure Net Cages	Aquaculture	The project involves using large enclosure net cages extending from the water surface down to the seabed for culturing white flower croaker (mainly for its swim bladder to produce fish maw) together with two other species, namely giant grouper and pompano. Both the culture system and the culture of white flower croaker are new to Hong Kong.	6,358,986.25	21-3-2016	20-3-2020	Completed
2	SFDF 0006	Environmental Association Limited	Fishery & Eco, Conservation Program (Cheung Chau Waters)	Recreational fishing / training	The project helps fishermen switch to recreational fisheries by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills as well as practical experience of operating eco-tours. It also involves planning and design of new eco-tour routes and related facilities which will be conducive to the development of new recreational fisheries in the waters of Cheung Chau.	2,331,500.00	1-4-2016	30-4-2018	Completed
3	SFDF 0008	Environmental Association Limited	Fisheries-related Eco-tour Guide Training Programme for Fishermen (North-eastern Waters)	Recreational fishing / training	The project seeks to help the fishermen develop or switch to fisheries-related ecotourism business by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and skills as well as practical experience of operating eco-tours.	2,349,600.00	1-2-2016	31-1-2018	Completed
4	SFDF 0013	Hong Kong Oyster Company Limited	Depurated Oyster Project Proposal	Oyster culture	The project makes use of a depuration process and a monitoring programme to enhance the safety and quality of local oysters. It seeks to build its own brand, extend the sales network and, in the long run, maintain a stable supply of a variety of oyster products that are safe and fresh for the local market.	3,000,000.00	1-8-2017	31-7-2020	Completed

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5	SFDF 0014	Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre Certification Limited	Promotion and Support Scheme on Organic Certification for the Organic Aquaculture in Hong Kong	Aquaculture (accreditation and marketing of organic fish products)	The project provides assistance to the fish farmers in obtaining organic accreditation and organises activities to enhance public understanding of organic aquaculture and to promote the development of a high-end market for organic aquaculture products.	10,461,740.00	23-11-2016	31-3-2023	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
6	SFDF 0016	State Key Laboratory in Marine Pollution, City University of Hong Kong	Establishment and Demonstration of Recirculation Aquaculture System for Fry Culture on Rafts	Aquaculture	The project aims to develop grouper fry culture techniques with the use of a seawater recirculating system on fish rafts and to promote such culture techniques to local fish farmers.	3,778,880.00	1-4-2017	30-9-2021	Completed
7	SFDF 0017	New Territories Fishermen Fraternity Association Limited	Lai Chi Wo Hatchery Development for Sustainable Fishery in Hong Kong Waters	Aquaculture	The project introduces fish hatching and larval rearing techniques in brackish water ponds to supply marine fish fry to the local aquaculture industry.	4,417,362.00	20-10-2017	19-10-2020*	*Terminated
8	SFDF 0022	Hong Kong Pearl Cultivation Association Limited	Hong Kong Pearl Farm Centre	Aquaculture / recreational fishing	The project aims to assist fish farmers in switching to the high value-added pearl cultivation industry and recreational fishing, and to enhance the competitiveness of the industry by demonstrating pearl cultivation in local fish raft and its pearl selling, and organising pearl eco tours to promote recreational fishing.	5,312,108.00	1-11-2018	31-1-2026	In progress
9	SFDF 0023	The Education University of Hong Kong	Safe and Quality Fish Production: Development of High Grade Pellets Using Food Waste for Three Popular Marine Fish Species	Aquaculture	The project makes use of local food waste to produce pellet feed for the local mariculture industry, which will facilitate the sustainable development of the industry and benefit the environment.	8,454,589.50	30-12-2016	29-4-2020	Completed
10	SFDF 0031	City University of Hong Kong (College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences)	Improving Fish Health and Production in Hong Kong	Aquaculture (aquatic animal veterinary services)	The project aims to improve the sustainability of local aquaculture industry through effective fish disease control and prevention. The project involves provision of vet training and services, as well as a study and promotion to fisheries industry in relation to common fish diseases and their treatment.	4,940,069.00	1-9-2018	31-12-2020	Completed

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11	SFDF 0032	Business Environment Council Limited	BEC × AFFS– Awareness and opportunities	Aquaculture (advertisement and promotion)	This project aims to use the branding of "food safety, local produce and environmental friendliness" of Accredited Fish Farm Scheme (AFFS) to create a platform for providing business opportunities on AFFS fishery produce for fish farmers, and the food and beverage and hotel industry with a view to broadening the markets of AFFS fishery produce.	7,500,200.00	1-6-2019	30-11-2022	Completed
12	SFDF 0033	Hong Kong Productivity Council	Feasibility Study and Trial on Improvement of Durability and Strength of Fish Containers for Marine Fish	Research and Development (Develop fish containers that are suitable for the industry and promote environmental protection)	This project aims to produce new fish containers with more environmentally friendly and safer materials through research studies and conduct tests on the practicability of the strengthened fish containers and the industry's acceptability towards the new fish containers. This project also aims to promote the use of the new fish containers in the industry by inviting the trade to participate in trial tests, with a view to replacing part of traditional fish containers.	3,378,750.00	1-11-2019	31-3-2023	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
13	SFDF 0034	The University of Hong Kong	Hatchery Seed Production for Sustainable Oyster Aquaculture in Hong Kong	Aquaculture (Oyster culture)	This project aims at establishing the first oyster hatchery base in Hong Kong with the introduction of modernised oyster hatchery and culture technologies. This project also aims at providing oyster seeds of better quality and stability to the local industry and promoting the sustainable development of oyster industry by transferring related technologies. Local oyster growers will be equipped with knowledge of hatchery and culture technologies through a series of activities including workshops, study tours and seminars.	5,284,424.00	1-1-2021	30-6-2025	In progress

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14	SFDF 0035	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Modernised Production and Research Plan for Sustainable Mariculture Development	Aquaculture and training	This project aims at providing lectures and hands-on trainings with the use of the mass-production aquaculture platform, which will be established in the Tung Lung Chau fish culture zone shortly, with a view to assisting the industry to develop the modernised and sustainable mariculture practice. With a view to enhancing effectiveness of mariculture production and promoting food safety of fishery products, the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) of the target fish species would also be developed with data acquired through culture training.	6,761,630.00	1-6-2020	29-2-2024	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
15	SFDF 0036	AMOUR (HK) LIMITED	Lobster Culture Farming Proposal	Aquaculture and training	This project aims at establishing the first local lobster culture centre for demonstrating and training purposes for the industry. A series of workshops, sharing sessions and visits will be organised regularly with a view to transferring and sharing knowledge and experience of lobster culture with aquaculturists and other interested parties. This project will also recruit local aquaculturists, who are interested in developing and practicing lobster culture, and provide them with basic aquaculture equipment and continuous technical support. In addition, the applicant will also develop the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), with a view to facilitating technology transfer of lobster culture and promoting high value-added and diverse fisheries development in the long run.	5,066,000.00	15-11-2020	14-11-2022	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
16	SFDF 0037	Hong Kong Fishermem Consortium Sustainable Fishery Development Company Limited	Study Tour to Oman Salalah and Dubai	Capacity building Project (study tour and seminar)	This project provides local capture fishermen (including those engaged in distant water fishing) with opportunities to get familiarised with the capture fishery and its operation in Oman, with a view to exploring and evaluating the feasibility of developing offshore fishery there through a study tour and seminars. This project also provides local fishermen with related business and cooperation opportunities in Oman.	773,300.00	28-6-2019	27-2-2020	Completed

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17	SFDF 0041	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	The Non-medical Parts of Traditional Chinese Medicine as Additives in Aquaculture Feeds	Aquaculture	This project aims at extracting the effective composition from residual (non-medical) parts of Chinese medicine as feed additives to enhance the cultured fishes' immunity, with a view to reducing the treatment cost and antimicrobial use, which also promotes the sustainable development of aquaculture.	2,025,600.00	1-1-2021	30-6-2023	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
18	SFDF 0042	City University of Hong Kong (Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences)	Improving Fish Health and Production in Hong Kong in 2020	Aquaculture (aquatic animal veterinary services)	This project aims at enhancing veterinary service and support to local aquaculturists, as well as improving the production of the industry. This project involves providing on site veterinary and pharmaceutical services for aquaculturists, developing new solutions for treating fish diseases and the application of medicated feeds, training veterinary students specialised in aquatic animals, organising outreach activities relating to fish health and fish diseases management and providing support to fishermen on sustainable development proposals.	11,284,991.00	1-1-2021	30-9-2024	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
19	SFDF 0043	Fishing Hope Development Company Limited	Pilot Scheme On Distant Water Fishing in Oman	Capture fisheries	The project aims to acquire fishing rights in Omani inshore waters through the cooperation between local capture fishermen and Omani companies, so that local fishermen can go to Oman to develop distant water fishing mainly in the form of purse seine production, thereby gaining a concrete understanding of the capture fisheries resources and fishing operation in Oman, the application procedures and channels for Hong Kong fishermen to start distant water fishing in Omani waters, and explore more opportunities for fishery development in Oman. Apart from promoting cooperation between Omani and Hong Kong fishermen, the project also allows Hong Kong fishermen to leverage on their strengths to upgrade and transform their operations and explore new opportunities for the fishing industry. The experience in the fisheries in Oman as obtained in this project will also be shared with Hong Kong fishermen, with a view to promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry in Hong Kong.	10,876,109.00	17-11-2021	16-2-2025	In progress

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20	SFDF 0046	GKF Limited	Huizhou Industrial Park- Transition From Traditional Fishing To Sustainable Fishing	Aquaculture	This project, through cooperating with mainland corporates, aims at providing opportunities for local fishermen to participate in the Huizhou Industrial Park project in the Greater Bay Area and to assist fishermen to develop deepsea mariculture in the Mainland waters, with a view to transforming the industry from traditional fishing or family-based aquaculture to large-scale, modernised mariculture. Apart from increasing income of local fishermen, the project aims at reducing fishing effort and pressure on local fisheries resources, thereby facilitating sustainable development of the local fisheries community.	14,931,209.00	15-4-2021	14-7-2026	Suspended
21	SFDF 0050	Hong Kong Community Experience Limited	Recreational Fishing Development and Fishermen Training Programme (Southern District)	Recreational fishing	This project aims at developing and promoting recreational fisheries industry in the Southern District (including Aberdeen and the surrounding area) and providing local fishermen with trainings in terms of knowledge and practical skills in guiding tours and organizing activities and business running for recreational fisheries industry. The project also provides opportunities to participate in business collaboration, with a view to providing alternative livelihood for the local fishermen from recreational fisheries, which promotes the sustainable development of local fisheries.	6,333,434.00	1-10-2022	31-3-2025	In progress

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22	SFDF 0051	Hong Kong Well Life Biotechnology Limited	Fish Pump Sharing Project	Professional Services	This project aims at using Yung Shue Au Fish Culture Zone (YSA FCZ) as a testing area to provide the local mariculturists with live fish transporting services through the application of fish pump and the concept of 'shared use'. With the application of machinery and technology, the traditionally labour-intensive and time-consuming process of transporting live fish from one cage to another manually during cage cleaning and bath treatment can be replaced, so as to improve culture operation and enhance overall culture efficiency.	1,155,453.00	1-10-2023	31-3-2025	In progress
23	SFDF 0052	City University of Hong Kong (Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health)	Aquaculture Extension Services for Hong Kong	Aquaculture	This project aims at increasing aquaculture production and sustainability through providing a more comprehensive veterinary service and extension support to the local aquaculture industry, including: 1) providing on site veterinary and pharmaceutical services for aquaculturists ; 2) organising seminars or workshops relating to fish health and fish diseases management for the aquaculture industry; and 3) delivering fish health related courses and providing clinical rotation training for the veterinary students to enhance the capability of Hong Kong veterinarians in fish disease management for the aquaculture industry.	11,727,054.00	1-12-2024	30-11-2027	In progress

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24	SFDF 0056	Fish Harvest Development Company Limited	Fishermen Enhancement Training Course-Subsidy for local fishermen holding Mainland Marine Fisheries Officer Certificates to upgrade their local certificates of competency	Professional Services	The project aims to assist local fishermen who holds a valid Mainland Fishing Vessel Personnel Certificate in obtaining the Local Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate and Local Engine Operator Grade 2 Certificate. This project will provide funding to eligible local fishermen to enroll the Local Vessel Coxswain Grade 2 Bridging Course and Local Vessel Engine Operator Grade 2 Bridging Course organized by the Hong Kong Seamen's Union. The training agent is authorized by Marine Department to organize the courses. Local fishermen participants who complete the course with attendance rate equivalent to or over 80% and participate in the assessment will receive 90% of their tuition fees reimbursement. The subsidies provide incentives to attract more local fishermen to join the add value-training programme, so that they can operate more local vessels of different types in Hong Kong waters to increase their capabilities to transform to other occupations.	1,222,908.00	11-6-2024	10-10-2024	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
25	SFDF 0057	YUKAI LIMITED	Promoting proper design of bright light apparatus for fishing	Professional Services	The project aims to design a proper bright light apparatus through modifications such as types of attractant lights, light apparatus designs, and installation methods (e.g. mounting height and angle of illumination), designing an apparatus which can minimize light pollution while adhering to relevant legislation and safety standards. It is intended to reduce the nuisance and impact on other marine users and nearby residents while maintaining the effectiveness of fishing operations. The project will also involve in the fabrication of the new bright light apparatus designs as demonstration models, in order to promote their adoption within the local industries and thus foster the sustainability of local light-based fishing operation practices.	1,007,930.00	23-8-2024	22-5-2025	In progress

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1	SFDF EIP 0001	New Territories Fishermen Fraternity Association Limited	To apply for 200 project participants, including 191 capture fishermen and 9 mariculture fish farmers, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	7,184,432.80	1-2-2019	31-1-2022	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
2	SFDF EIP 0002	Changing Business Limited	To apply for 199 project participants, all is come from capture fishermen, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	7,145,611.20	1-4-2019	31-3-2022	Completed
3	SFDF EIP 0003	Alterway Limited	To apply for 124 project participants, including 103 capture fishermen and 21 mariculturists, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	4,048,052.48	1-4-2019	31-3-2022	Completed
4	SFDF EIP 0004	Hong Kong New Territories Fish Culture Association Limited	To apply for 115 project participants, all is come from pond fish farmers, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	3,956,345.14	15-10-2019	14-10-2022	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
5	SFDF EIP 0005	Hong Kong Fishermen Consortium Sustainable Fishery Development Company Limited	To apply for 187 project participants, all is crom from capture fishermen, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	7,082,400.00	12-9-2019	11-9-2022	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress

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6	SFDF EIP 0006 Hong Kong Fishing Rafts Association Limited	To apply for 200 project participants, including 190 capture fishermen and 10 mariculturists, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	6,881,764.80	1-10-2019	30-9-2022	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
7	SFDF EIP 0007 Hong Kong Fishermen Consortium Fishery Development Company Limited	To apply for 190 project participants, including 179 capture fishermen and 11 mariculturists, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	6,890,976.00	1-10-2019	30-9-2022	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
8	SFDF EIP 0008 Fisheries Development Company Limited	To apply for 200 project participants, including 197 capture fishermen and 3 mariculturists, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	7,272,240.00	1-12-2019	30-11-2022	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
9	SFDF EIP 0009 Fish Joy Development Limited	To apply for 195 project participants, all is come from capture fishermen, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	7,350,000.00	1-7-2020	30-6-2023	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
10	SFDF EIP 0010 Prosperify Limited	To apply for 174 project participants, including 151 capture fishermen and 23 fish farmers, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	6,678,100.00	1-2-2021	31-1-2024	Vetting of final project report and audited accounts in progress
11	SFDF EIP 0011 Fresh Fish Limited	To apply for 146 project participants, including 141 capture fishermen and 5 fish farmers, for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	7,046,000.00	1-5-2022	30-4-2025	In progress

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12	SFDF EIP 0016	Changing Business Limited	To apply for 254 project participants, including 202 capture fishermen and 18 fish farmers, and 34 who are both for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	13,975,440.00	1-8-2024	31-7-2027	In progress
13	SFDF EIP 0017	Fishery Sustaining Limited	To apply for 201 project participants, including 157 capture fishermen and 24 fish farmers, and 20 who are both for grants to purchase equipment/materials for their production units, with a view to promoting their sustainable operation and development.	11,266,600.00	1-8-2024	31-7-2027	In progress