## AFCD completes burying whale carcass for future scientific research and education purposes (with photo)

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) announced today (August 9) that with the assistance of experts from the Ocean Park Hong Kong (OPHK) and the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong (OPCFHK), the whale carcass found in Sai Kung waters earlier has been buried near High Island Reservoir West Dam after dissection.

An AFCD spokesman said, "The area where the whale carcass was buried has been properly cleaned up and will continue to be cordoned off. Staff of the AFCD, the OPHK and the OPCFHK will monitor the progress of the natural decay of the carcass and the condition of the surrounding environment. The AFCD hopes that the whale bones can be made into specimens for education and conservation purposes in future."

He added, "Members of the public should not approach the site as the work concerned will be affected."

