

Marine Wildlife Appreciation Festival Launched (with photos)

The Marine Wildlife Appreciation Festival organised by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) was launched today (January 11), with a view to promoting respect, care, and appreciation for marine wildlife among the public.

"Themed on the conservation of key and iconic local marine species, including cetaceans, horseshoe crabs and corals, the Marine Wildlife Appreciation Festival promotes respect, care and appreciation for marine wildlife among the public," said the AFCD Assistant Director (Fisheries and Marine Conservation), Mr Patrick Lai.

The Festival, organised by the AFCD with Ocean Park Hong Kong, Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong and World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong as co-organisers, is conducting a series of activities including panel exhibition, education booths and workshops, education talks, and video broadcast, with a view to sharing with the public the notion of respect, care and appreciation for Hong Kong's diverse marine resources.

Mr Lai noted that these activities, which are being held for family enjoyment, allow children to learn at a young age the appropriate attitude and behaviour when participating in marine wildlife appreciation, and to conserve the valuable marine resources in Hong Kong and live with them in harmony.

The AFCD takes the opportunity to remind members of the public to follow the Code of Conduct for Dolphin Watching Activities when watching local Chinese white dolphins. Moreover, the public should not disturb cetacean species sighted in local waters.

The education activities are being held between January and March. Details can be found in the Annex or on the AFCD's Hong Kong Marine Classroom Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HongKongMarineClassroom/.



