

Red tide sighted

A red tide has been sighted over the past week, an inter-departmental red tide working group reported today (June 8).

The red tide was spotted by staff of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) on June 4 at the Cheung Sha Wan fish culture zone.

The red tide still persists. No associated death of fish has been reported.

A spokesman for the working group said, "The red tide was formed by *Takayama tuberculata*, which is not commonly found in Hong Kong waters and is non-toxic."

The AFCD urged mariculturists at the Cheung Sha Wan fish culture zone to monitor the situation closely and increase aeration where necessary.

Red tide is a natural phenomenon. The AFCD's proactive phytoplankton monitoring programme will continue to monitor red tide occurrences to minimise the impact on the mariculture industry and the public.