

**Progress Report on the Enforcement Actions Taken Against
Illegal Fishing by Mainland Fishermen in Marine Parks**

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affairs held on 25 April 2005, Members requested the Administration to provide a progress report on the enforcement actions taken against illegal fishing by Mainland fishermen in Hong Kong marine parks by end 2005. The relevant information is set out below for Members' information.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN 2005

2. The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) patrols marine parks and conducts regular operations with the Marine Police to stop illegal activities in marine parks. Prosecution would be taken against the Mainland fishermen conducting illegal fishing and their vessels would be detained and later handed over to the Mainland authorities by Hong Kong Marine Police. In addition, two large scale joint operations were conducted with Hong Kong Marine Police and Guangdong Branch of China Marine Surveillance in 2005 to patrol the Northeastern waters of Hong Kong, including marine parks.

3. Illegal fishing conducted by Mainland fishermen in marine parks is largely under control. Since April 2005, only one illegal fishing case by Mainland fishermen in marine parks was recorded. Details of this case are set out below -

Date	Case
November 2005	Eight fishermen were arrested and prosecuted for illegal fishing in Yan Chau Tong Marine Park.

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