Panel on Environmental Affairs

Summary of deputations' views on the management of marine parks (as at 27 January 2004)

Organization	View
Friends of Hoi Ha	Increase in eco-tourism is not accompanied by an improvement in infrastructure, including sewerage system and transport facilities etc;
	Lack of consultation with residents concerned on the management of marine parks;
	Need to step up enforcement against illegal fishing within marine parks;
	Need to deal with high-speed water taxis for coral seeing which have not only caused damages to the marine environment but also imposed danger to swimmers and divers as well as passengers who are not provided with any life-saving devices; and
	Need to work out a comprehensive strategic plan for marine parks.
World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong	Current infrastructure and supporting facilities in some marine parks are inadequate to meet the increase in eco-tourism;
	Opportunity should be taken to raise public awareness on conservation and ecological value of the marine parks; and
	Special working groups comprising representatives from relevant government departments and stakeholders should be established to manage and promote the ecological value of marine parks.
Hong Kong Marine Conservation Society	Need to step up management of marine parks and strengthen enforcement against unauthorized fishing which is rampant in many parts of the marine parks.

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