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Subject Please support ban on trawling

Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene Meeting on 8 March 2011 WWF's Submission

As a biologist and conservationist I urge you to support the ban on all trawling in Hong Kong waters.

Banning trawling and banning commercial fishing in Marine Parks are two key measures that together will provide a major boost to revitalizing fish stocks, fisheries and conserving Hong Kong's marine life. Trawling is widely acknowledged as the most destructive legal fishing method used globally, and has turned much of the Hong Kong seabed into a wasteland. The policy will also largely remove a major threat to the continued survival of the Chinese white dolphin in Hong Kong, and diminished food supply due to overfishing.

Sincerely,

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