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**Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Monday, 28 May 2018, at 2:30 pm**  
**in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon Tanya CHAN (Chairman)  
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP  
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP  
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS  
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP  
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP  
Hon Kenneth LEUNG  
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP  
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP  
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP  
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP  
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan  
Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Hon SHIU Ka-fai  
Hon HUI Chi-fung  
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai  
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

**Public Officers  
attending**

**: For item IV**

Mr TSE Chin-wan, BBS, JP  
Under Secretary for the Environment

Mrs Vicki KWOK, JP  
Deputy Director of Environmental Protection (2)  
Environmental Protection Department

Mr Simon CHAN  
Assistant Director (Conservation)  
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Mr Boris KWAN  
Senior Endangered Species Protection Officer  
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

**Attendance by  
invitation**

**: For Item IV**

Tuen Mun Community Network  
Spokesperson  
Mr WONG Tak-yuen

Environmental Association Limited  
Policy Unit Officer  
Mr Henry YAU

The Conservancy Association  
Conservation Manager  
Miss HUI Shuk-kwan

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
(Hong Kong)  
Deputy Director (Welfare)  
Dr Fiona WOODHOUSE

Hong Kong Shark Foundation  
Education Director  
Ms Andrea RICHEY

Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of  
Hong Kong

Deputy Spokesperson on Policy  
Mr LAU Chun-hoi

BLOOM Association Hong Kong

Marine Programme Director  
Mr SHEA Kwok-ho

AquaMeridian Conservation and Education Foundation

Director of Operations  
Dr Robert LOCKYER

Mission Blue

Director  
Mrs Sharon PONG

Individual

Miss Caitlin CHIU

Individual

Mr Tommy TSUI

Sea Shepherd Global

Asia Director  
Mr Gary STOKES

WWF-Hong Kong

Senior Officer, Oceans Conservation  
Ms LAM Yin-ha

Individual

Prof John WONG

Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden

Senior Ecologist  
Mr NIP Hin-ming

WildAid Hong Kong

Wildlife Campaigner  
Mr Alex HOFFORD

ADM Capital Foundation  
Environment Program Officer  
Ms Rosana NG

The Safeguarding and Conservation of Hong Kong  
Traditional Incense  
Founder  
Mr TANG Ho-chuen

沙頭角居民土沉香關注組  
Representative  
Ms CHOW Choi-wan

Individual  
Prof Amanda WHITFORT

Hong Kong Tertiary Students Traditional Incense Culture  
Safeguarding Concern Group  
Group Committee  
Miss LAW Lok-man

Civic Party  
Executive Committee  
Mr CHENG Tat-hung

The Jane Goodall Institute (Hong Kong)  
Education Officer  
Mr Nathan HAN

Greeners Action  
Assistant Project Manager  
Mr WONG Ka-chi

Asia Plantation Hong Kong Limited  
Senior Business Development Manager  
Ms WONG Tan-ni

Association for the Ecological and Cultural Conservation  
of Aquilaria Sinensis  
Executive Director  
Ms HO Pui-han

Association for Tai O Environment and Development  
Executive Committee Member  
Ms YIU Chui-wan

Liberal Party  
常務委員  
Mr YUEN Kin-chung

The Young Civics  
Representative  
Ms Gloria NG

Individual  
Dr Lindsay PORTER

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Angel SHEK  
Chief Council Secretary (1)1

**Staff in attendance** : Mr Jason KONG  
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Judy YEE  
Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Mandy POON  
Legislative Assistant (1)1

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**I. Confirmation of minutes**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)886/17-18 — Minutes of the meeting held on  
26 March 2018)

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2018 were confirmed.

**II. Information papers issued since last meeting**

2. Members noted that no information paper had been issued since the last meeting.

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**III. Items for discussion at the next meeting**

(LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(01) — List of follow-up actions

LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(02) — List of outstanding items for discussion)

3. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, 25 June 2018, at 2:30 pm:

- (a) latest progress of the Cleaner Production Partnership Programme; and
- (b) proposed update of indoor air quality objectives under the "Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme for Offices and Public Places".

**IV. Receiving public views on the protection of endangered species of animals and plants**

Briefing by the Administration on the latest progress of protection of endangered species of animals and plants

(LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(03) — Administration's paper on "Latest progress of the protection of endangered species of animals and plants in Hong Kong"

LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(04) — Background brief on "Protection of endangered species of animals and plants in Hong Kong" prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat)

4. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Under Secretary for the Environment ("USEN") advised that the Administration protected endangered species of both animals and plants as set out in the three Appendices to The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ("CITES") through the implementation of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) which provided that unless otherwise specified, a license was required for the import, introduction from the sea, export, re-export, possession or control of the species (including their parts and derivatives) listed in Schedule 1 of the Ordinance. USEN also pointed out that after the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Ordinance 2018 had come into force on 1 May 2018, the maximum penalties had been increased to a

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fine of \$10 million and 10 years' imprisonment for indictable offences concerning species listed in Appendix I to CITES, and to a fine of \$1 million and seven years' imprisonment for indictable offences concerning Appendices II and III species.

5. The Assistant Director (Conservation) of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AD(C)/AFCD") briefed members on the latest progress of the major measures to protect the endangered species of sharks, green turtles and incense trees in Hong Kong.

*Protection of endangered shark species*

6. AD(C)/AFCD advised that following the listing of four more shark species in Appendix II to CITES at the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Administration had initiated a legislative exercise to amend Cap. 586 to put these species under regulation and would submit the legislative amendments to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") for negative vetting as soon as possible. Meanwhile, AFCD and the Customs and Excise Department would continue to conduct joint operations to detect illicit import of shark fins into Hong Kong.

*Conservation of green turtles*

7. AD(C)/AFCD informed members that to enhance the monitoring of the Sham Wan Restricted Area, the only nesting site of green turtles in Hong Kong, AFCD would deploy a surveillance camera system there during the restricted period (from 1 June to 31 October each year) to enable remote monitoring of the conditions of the beach and nesting activities of green turtles through an online platform so that additional manpower could be deployed promptly in case of need. He added that AFCD would continue with its existing management work at the Sham Wan Restricted Area and maintain regular contacts with the regional and international authorities, experts and institutes concerned to implement the management measures and to exchange up-to-date information and experience relevant to sea turtle conservation. Moreover, AFCD was updating the Green Turtle Species Action Plan ("SAP") to enhance the conservation of green turtles.

*Law enforcement actions against illegal felling of incense trees*

8. Members noted the Administration's latest measures to conserve incense trees under the SAP for incense tree, which included establishing a special task force to arrange risk-based patrols at black spots of illegal incense tree harvesting, enhancing surveillance of important specimens at strategic locations by deploying Infrared Sensor Camera Traps in the countryside, and installing metallic tree guards and mesh fences to provide a secured barrier against felling/vandalism of large and mature specimens. AD(C)/AFCD advised that AFCD and the Hong Kong Police

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Force ("HKPF") would continue to step up joint operations and strengthen collaboration with the residents living in the vicinity of incense trees to enhance intelligence exchange and facilitate early detection of illegal incense tree harvesting activities.

Meeting with deputations/individuals and the Administration

*Submissions from deputations/individuals not attending the meeting*

(LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(19) — Born Free Foundation (English version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(20) — Clear The Air (English version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)1007/17-18(02) — Countryside Warriors (Chinese version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)1010/17-18(01) — Eco-Education & Resources Centre and Green Power (Chinese version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)1017/17-18(05) — Nature Education for All GmBH (English version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)1017/17-18(06) — Prof Yvonne SADOVY (English version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)1017/17-18(07) — Doug WOODRING (English version only))

*(Post-meeting note: Nine submissions on the subject received after the meeting were circulated to members on 29 May 2018, vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1040/17-18(01) to (09).)*

*Presentation of views by deputations/individuals*

9. The Chairman welcomed the deputations/individuals to the meeting and reminded them that their written submissions provided to the Panel and views presented at the meeting would not be covered by the protection and immunity provided under the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382).



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10. At the invitation of the Chairman, a total of 30 deputations/individuals presented their views on the protection of endangered species of animals and plants. A summary of the views of these deputations/individuals is in the **Annex**.

*Administration's response to the major issues raised*

11. At the invitation of the Chairman, USEN gave a consolidated response to the views expressed by the deputations/individuals. On the conservation of incense trees, USEN advised that AFCD had established a special task force and enhanced patrols at black spots of illegal tree harvesting under a risk-based approach. Infrared Sensor Camera Traps had been deployed at strategic locations to strengthen surveillance of important specimens, and metallic tree guards and mesh fences had been installed to provide a secured barrier for some mature specimens. The above measures had proved to be effective in protecting incense trees. The Administration had also cooperated with the Mainland authorities in taking enforcement actions with regard to the sale in the Mainland of agarwood/incense trees that were illegally harvested in Hong Kong. AFCD would continue to strengthen its efforts in protecting incense trees and collaborate with HKPF and other relevant government departments in this regard.

12. On the conservation of green turtles, USEN advised that the Administration attached great importance to the protection of green turtles' nesting site on the sandy beach of Sham Wan, which was a Restricted Area under the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170). AFCD conducted regular patrols in the Restricted Area to monitor the conditions of the nesting site, and carried out management work at Sham Wan, including removal of refuse such as abandoned fishing nets, before the onset of the nesting season each year. As aforementioned at the briefing, there were plans to deploy a surveillance camera system in 2018 to enhance the monitoring of the Sham Wan Restricted Area. In addition, AFCD was currently reviewing the Green Turtle SAP and would explore whether it would be appropriate and feasible to expand the geographical coverage of the Sham Wan Restricted Area and extend the restricted period.

13. As regards the conservation of endangered shark species, USEN pointed out that the volume of import and re-export of shark fins in Hong Kong had reduced by half from 2007 to 2017. This could be attributed to the increasing public awareness of the importance of protecting endangered shark species. The Administration would submit the legislative proposal to LegCo as soon as possible to put four more shark species under regulation. In the meantime, the Administration would continue to strengthen enforcement against illegal trade in endangered shark species through interdepartmental efforts and provide training to law enforcers.

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14. On some deputations/individuals' suggestion that the list of protected wild animals in Schedule 2 to Cap. 170 should be updated, USEN advised that the Administration was conducting a review on the conservation status of wild animals under the Hong Kong Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021. The Administration would consider the way forward after the completion of the review.

Meeting with the Administration

*Conservation of green turtles*

15. Dr Elizabeth QUAT, the Chairman and Mr HUI Chi-fung shared the concern of some deputations that Sham Wan bay was frequented by pleasure vessels during green turtles' nesting season, thereby posing threats to the green turtles and hindering their nesting. They held that the Administration should consider expanding the coverage of the Sham Wan Restricted Area and extending the restricted period, or designating Sham Wan as a marine park.

16. The Chairman and Mr HUI Chi-fung sought details on the Administration's monitoring and enforcement work in the Sham Wan Restricted Area, including whether manpower had been deployed for on-site monitoring. They also asked about the new measures, if any, to enhance the protection of green turtles pending the completion of the review of the Green Turtle SAP, such as restricting the number of vessels entering Sham Wan bay and installing marker buoys to indicate that the bay was of high ecological value.

17. AD(C)/AFCD advised that on-site nature wardens were deployed to the Sham Wan Restricted Area during the restricted period and regular patrols were conducted there. Warning signs were put in place to alert the public that unauthorized access to the area was prohibited during the restricted period. While there had been cases of unauthorized access, they were mostly unintended and the persons concerned left the area upon the instructions of the nature wardens/patrol staff. The new surveillance camera system to be used in the Sham Wan Restricted Area would enable prompt deployment of additional manpower to handle contingencies. Meanwhile, starting from 2018, AFCD would increase the frequency of patrols in the area during weekends and public holidays.

18. AD(C)/AFCD further advised that the entire bay area in Sham Wan was a Speed Restricted Zone for vessels. Before the onset of the restricted period each year, the Administration would issue a letter to pleasure vessel operators to remind them of the speed limit and that entrance to the sandy beach of Sham Wan would be restricted during the restricted period. If there was any case of exceedance of the speed limit, AFCD would report to the Marine Department or HKPF for appropriate enforcement actions. AD(C)/AFCD pointed out that some recent

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findings suggested that green turtles might enter the bay area in Sham Wan earlier than June each year (i.e. outside the restricted period). The Administration would take this into account when reviewing the Green Turtle SAP.

*Conservation of endangered shark species*

19. Mr SHIU Ka-fai pointed out that, while there was community consensus that endangered shark species should be conserved, the populations of many other shark species were still healthy. He therefore considered it unnecessary to impose a total ban on the local consumption of shark fins. He also enquired about the reason for no prosecution cases in recent years in relation to illicit trade in endangered shark species. AD(C)/AFCD said that there were often difficulties in gathering sufficient evidence to initiate prosecution against such offences.

20. Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested the Administration implement a mandatory labelling system for shark fins with a view to enhancing consumers' awareness of the importance of protecting endangered shark species. The Administration took note of the suggestion.

*Conservation of incense trees*

21. Mr SHIU Ka-fai opined that the Administration should increase the penalty for illegal felling of incense trees. USEN advised that with the enactment of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Ordinance 2018, the maximum penalties for offences related to specified endangered species had already been raised. The Administration would endeavour to provide more information on the impacts of wildlife crimes in the court documents so that the court might consider handing down heavier penalties to offenders.

22. Dr Elizabeth QUAT sought details on the Administration's plan to enhance the protection of incense trees with new technologies. AD(C)/AFCD responded that in recent years, AFCD had started to deploy Infrared Sensor Camera Traps at strategic locations to enhance the surveillance of important incense tree specimens, and install microchips for tagging large mature trees for long-term monitoring. In addition, AFCD was conducting a study on the use of unmanned aircraft systems and other new technologies to survey the distribution of incense trees in Hong Kong.

*Suggestion to recognize wildlife crimes as organized crimes*

23. Dr Elizabeth QUAT urged the Administration to explore the feasibility of putting relevant Cap. 586 offences under Schedule 1 to the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 455). She invited Prof Amanda WHITFORT to give her

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views on the benefits of this proposal.

24. Prof Amanda WHITFORT said that Cap. 586 did not provide powers for the court to issue a confiscation order against the proceeds of a crime or a restraint or charging order against the assets and instruments used in the crime. Recognizing illegal trade in endangered species as organized crimes would confer investigatory powers on law enforcers to gather evidence for the pursuit of money laundering offences in relation to wildlife crimes. It would also permit prosecutors to seek enhanced sentences for wildlife crime offenders.

25. In response to the above suggestion, USEN said that the Environment Bureau had discussed the issue with the Security Bureau ("SB"). According to SB, if there was information indicating that a suspected wildlife trafficking case was an organized crime, Cap. 455 could be invoked to confer special investigatory powers on the law enforcers.

Motion

26. After discussion, Mr HUI Chi-fung moved the following motion:

"鑒於現時深灣限制地區對出的海域於綠海龜產卵時期成為遊樂船隻的出沒熱點，本事務委員會促請當局將現時的法定深灣限制地區範圍擴大至對出海域，以防止船隻及人流的聚集造成噪音及光污染，阻礙綠海龜上岸產卵。"

(Translation)

"Given that at present, the waters off the Sham Wan Restricted Area has become a hotspot for pleasure vessels during the nesting season of green turtles, this Panel urges the Administration to expand the existing statutory Sham Wan Restricted Area to the waters off the beach, so as to prevent the noise and light pollution caused by the vessels and people congregate there from hindering the nesting of green turtles on the shore."

27. The Chairman put the motion to vote. The eight members present voted in favour of the motion unanimously. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and requested the Administration to provide a written response to it.

*(Post-meeting note: The wording of the motion passed and the Administration's written response were issued to members on 29 May and 16 July 2018 respectively, vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1037/17-18(01) and CB(1)1276/17-18(01).)*

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**II. Any other business**

28. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:56 pm.

Council Business Division 1  
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25 July 2018

## Panel on Environmental Affairs

Meeting on Monday, 28 May 2018, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

## Receiving public views on the protection of endangered species of animals and plants

## Summary of views and concerns expressed by deputations/individuals

No.	Name of deputation/individual	Submission / Major views and concerns
1.	Tuen Mun Community Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current legislation and enforcement actions to protect endangered species of animals and plants in Hong Kong were not effective in conserving their natural habitats.</li> <li>• Slow progress was made in the investigation into the hill fires in Nam Sang Wai this year. The fires had destroyed the natural habitats of some endangered animals such as Black-faced Spoonbills in Hong Kong there.</li> </ul>
2.	Environmental Association Limited	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(05) (English version only)
3.	The Conservancy Association	LC Paper No. CB(1)1017/17-18(01) (English version only)
4.	The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong)	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(06) (English version only)
5.	Hong Kong Shark Foundation	LC Paper No. CB(1)1017/17-18(02) (English version only)
6.	Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong ("DAB")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAB supported the Administration's legislative proposal to amend the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) to put under regulation the four shark species recently added in Appendix II to The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ("CITES").</li> <li>• The Administration should strengthen law enforcement actions against illegal trade of endangered species, deploy more resources to law enforcing departments, and enhance education and publicity to raise awareness of conservation of endangered species.</li> </ul>
7.	BLOOM Association Hong Kong	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(07) (English version only)

No.	Name of deputation/individual	Submission / Major views and concerns
8.	AquaMeridian Conservation and Education Foundation	LC Paper No. CB(1)1040/17-18(01) (English version only)
9.	Mission Blue	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(08) (English version only) LC Paper No. CB(1)1040/17-18(02) (English version only)
10.	Miss Caitlin CHIU	LC Paper No. CB(1)1040/17-18(03) (English version only)
11.	Mr Tommy TSUI	LC Paper No. CB(1)1040/17-18(04) (English version only)
12.	Sea Shepherd Global	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The post-shipment documentation regime had given rise to a loophole for importing scheduled shark specimens to Hong Kong by allowing traders to give general description of shipment contents and depriving the Customs and Excise Department of detailed information of the cargoes for enforcement purpose.</li> <li>• The Administration should put in place mandatory harmonized shipping code with pre-shipment trade documentation filing for all wildlife products imported to Hong Kong.</li> </ul>
13.	WWF-Hong Kong	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(09) (English version only) LC Paper No. CB(1)1040/17-18(05) (English version only)
14.	Prof John WONG	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(10)
15.	Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Administration should strengthen the conservation of species listed as critically endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List in Hong Kong such as Three-banded Box Terrapin and Chinese Pangolin.</li> <li>• The Administration should (a) update the list of species and widen the scope of protection for wild animals under the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170); and (b) make it an offence to poach endangered animals or remove endangered plants in country parks by updating the Country Parks Ordinance (Cap. 208).</li> <li>• The Legislative Council should set up a policy subcommittee to study in focus the protection of endangered species of animals and plants.</li> </ul>
16.	WildAid Hong Kong	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(11) (English version only) LC Paper No. CB(1)1007/17-18(01) LC Paper No. CB(1)1040/17-18(06) (English version only)

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17.	ADM Capital Foundation	LC Paper No. CB(1)1017/17-18(03) (English version only)
18.	The Safeguarding and Conservation of Hong Kong Traditional Incense	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(12)
19.	沙頭角居民土沉香關注組	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of prosecutions against illegal felling of incense trees was small despite the Administration's claim to have enhanced law enforcement against such offences.</li> <li>• The Administration should identify the reason for the low prosecution rate and plug any loopholes by legislative means.</li> </ul>
20.	Prof Amanda WHITFORT	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(13) (English version only) LC Paper No. CB(1)1060/17-18(01) (English version only)
21.	Hong Kong Tertiary Students Traditional Incense Culture Safeguarding Concern Group	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(18) (Chinese version only)
22.	Civic Party	LC Paper No. CB(1)1017/17-18(04) (Chinese version only)
23.	The Jane Goodall Institute (Hong Kong)	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(14) (English version only)
24.	Greeners Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To reduce disturbance to green turtles and their nesting site on the Sham Wan beach, the Administration should expand the Sham Wan Restricted Area to the waters off the beach, extend the restricted period, and prohibit all kinds of leisure activities in, and entrance of pleasure vessels to, the expanded restricted area.</li> <li>• The Administration should formulate measures to reduce marine refuse so as to prevent washed-ashore refuse from damaging the habitats of wild animals.</li> </ul>
25.	Asia Plantation Hong Kong Limited	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(15) (Chinese version only)
26.	Association for the Ecological and Cultural Conservation of Aquilaria Sinensis	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(16) (Chinese version only)



No.	Name of deputation/individual	Submission / Major views and concerns
27.	Association for Tai O and Environment Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commended the Administration's efforts in enhancing the protection of incense trees in recent years.</li><li>• Expressed frustration that there was only one prosecution case for illegal felling of incense trees in 2017, and suggested that relevant laws be amended to facilitate prosecution.</li></ul>
28.	Liberal Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Administration should increase the penalties and step up enforcement actions to bolster the deterrent effect on illegal felling and smuggling of incense trees.</li></ul>
29.	The Young Civics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It had been reported that Hong Kong was a transit point for wildlife trafficking, indicating that there were loopholes in the laws and the Administration's enforcement actions were not effective enough.</li><li>• The Administration should establish an interdepartmental task force and conduct more patrols and enforcement operations to tackle wildlife crimes, with a focus on combating Hong Kong-based wildlife trafficking syndicates.</li><li>• The Administration should also step up public education on protection of endangered species and encourage the public to report wildlife crimes.</li></ul>
30.	Dr Lindsay PORTER	LC Paper No. CB(1)977/17-18(17) (English version only)