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#### Contract No. HY/2010/02 HZMB HKBCF – Reclamation Works Monthly Environmental Monitoring & Audit Report for December 2014

Reference is made to the Environmental Team's submission of the Monthly Environmental Monitoring & Audit Report for December 2014 (letter ref: 60249820/C/RMKY15011301 dated 13 January 2015) copied to us by E-mail on 13 January 2015.

We are pleased to inform you that we have no adverse comment on the captioned Monthly EM&A Report. We write to verify the captioned report in accordance with Condition 5.4 of EP-353/2009/G and Condition 4.4 of EP-354/2009/C (for TM-CLKL Southern Landfall Reclamation only).

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contract No. HY/2010/02 – Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities – Reclamation Work (here below, known as "the Project") mainly comprises reclamation at the northeast of the Hong Kong International Airport of an area of about 130-hectare for the construction of an artificial island for the development of the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF), and about 19-hectare for the southern landfall of the Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link (TMCLKL). It is a designated project and is governed by the current permits for the Project, i.e. the amended Environmental Permits (EPs) issued on 06 August 2013 (EP-353/2009/G) and 28 January 2014 (EP-354/2009/C) (for TMCLKL Southern Landfall Reclamation only).

Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited (Arup) was appointed by Highways Department (HyD) as the consultants for the design and construction assignment for the Project's reclamation works (i.e. the Engineer for the Project).

China Harbour Engineering Company Limited (CHEC) was awarded by HyD as the Contractor to undertake the construction work of the Project.

ENVIRON Hong Kong Ltd. was employed by HyD as the Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) and Environmental Project Office (ENPO) for the Project.

AECOM Asia Co. Ltd. (AECOM) was appointed by CHEC to undertake the role of Environmental Team for the Project for carrying out the environmental monitoring and audit (EM&A) works.

The construction phase of the Project under the EPs was commenced on 12 March 2012 and will be tentatively completed by early Year 2016. The EM&A programme, including air quality, noise, water quality and dolphin monitoring and environmental site inspections, was commenced on 12 March 2012.

This report documents the findings of EM&A works conducted in the period between 1 and 31 December 2014. As informed by the Contractor, major activities in the reporting period were:-

#### Marine-base

- Cellular structure installation
- Capping Beams structures
- Conforming sloping seawalls
- Laying geo-textile
- Rock filling
- Sand filling
- Public filling
- Band drain installation
- Surcharge laying
- Precast Yard for seawall blocks & culverts
- Maintenance of silt curtain & silt screen at sea water intake of HKIA

#### Land-base

- Maintenance works of Site Office at Works Area WA2
- Maintenance works of Public Works Regional Laboratory at Works Area WA3
- Maintenance of Temporary Marine Access at Works Area WA2

#### A summary of monitoring and audit activities conducted in the reporting period is listed below:

24-hour Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) monitoring	6 sessions
1-hour TSP monitoring	6 sessions
Noise monitoring	4 sessions
Impact water quality monitoring	14 sessions
Impact dolphin monitoring	2 surveys
Joint Environmental site inspection	4 sessions

#### Breaches of Action and Limit Levels for Air Quality



All 24-Hour TSP and 1-Hour TSP results were below the Action and Limit Level in the reporting month.

#### Breaches of Action and Limit Levels for Noise

For construction noise, no exceedance was recorded at all monitoring stations in the reporting month.

#### Breaches of Action and Limit Levels for Water Quality

For water quality, one (1) limit level exceedance and one (1) action level exceedance were recorded at monitoring station IS17 and IS(Mf)9 respectively on 5 December 2014 during mid ebb tide, investigation results show that the exceedances are unlikely to be project related. No exceedance was recorded at all other monitoring stations in the reporting month.

#### Impact Dolphin Monitoring

A total of two sightings were made, one "on effort" and one "opportunistic". One sighting was recorded on the 5 December 2014 and the other on the 18 December 2014. A total of 15 individuals were sighted from the two impact dolphin surveys in the reporting period. Sighting details are summarised and plotted in Appendix K and Figure 5c, respectively.

Behaviour: The group sighted on 5 December 2014 was engaged in both feeding and surface active activities and the group sighted on the 18 December was travelling, the locations of sighting with different behaviour are mapped in Figure 5d.

#### Complaint, Notification of Summons and Successful Prosecution

No complaint, notification of summons or prosecution was received in the reporting period.

#### Reporting Change

There was no reporting change required in the reporting period.

#### Future Key Issues

Key issues to be considered in the coming month included:-

- Site runoff should be properly collected and treated prior to discharge;
- Minimize loss of sediment from filling works;
- Regular review and maintenance of silt curtain systems, drainage systems and desilting facilities;
- Exposed surfaces/soil stockpiles should be properly treated to avoid generation of silty surface run-off during rainstorm;
- Regular review and maintenance of wheel washing facilities provided at all site entrances/exits;
- Conduct regular inspection of various working machineries and vessels within works areas to avoid any dark smoke emission;
- Suppress dust generated from work processes with use of bagged cements, earth movements, excavation activities, exposed surfaces/soil stockpiles and haul road traffic;
- Quieter powered mechanical equipment should be used;
- Provision of proper and effective noise control measures for operating equipment and machinery on-site, such as erection of movable noise barriers or enclosure for noisy plants;
- Closely check and replace the sound insulation materials regularly;
- Better scheduling of construction works to minimize noise nuisance;
- Properly store and label oil drums and chemical containers placed on site;
- Proper chemicals, chemical wastes and wastes management;
- Maintenance works should be carried out within roofed, paved and confined areas;
- Collection and segregation of construction waste and general refuse on land and in the sea should be carried out properly and regularly; and
- Proper protection and regular inspection of existing trees, transplanted/retained trees.
- Control night-time lighting and glare by hooding all lights.
- Regular review and provide maintenance to dust control measures such as sprinkler system.



## 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Contract No. HY/2010/02 Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities – Reclamation Work (here below, known as "the Project") mainly comprises reclamation at the northeast of the Hong Kong International Airport of an area of about 130-hectare for the construction of an artificial island for the development of the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF), and about 19-hectare for the southern landfall of the Tuen Mun - Chek Lap Kok Link (TMCLKL).
- 1.1.2 The environmental impact assessment (EIA) reports (Hong Kong Zhuhai Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities EIA Report (Register No. AEIAR-145/2009) (HKBCFEIA) and Tuen Mun Chek Lap Kok Link EIA Report (Register No. AEIAR-146/2009) (TMCLKLEIA), and their environmental monitoring and audit (EM&A) Manuals (original EM&A Manuals), for the Project were approved by Environmental Protection Department (EPD) in October 2009.
- 1.1.3 EPD subsequently issued the Environmental Permit (EP) for HKBCF in November 2009 (EP-353/2009) and the Variation of Environmental Permit (VEP) in June 2010 (EP-353/2009/A), November 2010 (EP-353/2009/B), November 2011 (EP-353/2009/C), March 2012 (EP-353/2009/D), October 2012 (EP-353/2009/E), April 2013 (EP-353/2009/F) and August 2013 (EP-353/2009/G). Similarly, EPD issued the Environmental Permit (EP) for TMCLKL in November 2009 (EP-354/2009) and the Variation of Environmental Permit (VEP) in December 2010 (EP-354/2009/A), January 2014 (EP-354/2009/B) and December 2014 (EP-354/2009/C).
- 1.1.4 The Project is a designated project and is governed by the current permits for the Project, i.e. the amended EPs issued on 6 August 2013 (EP-353/2009/G) and 10 December 2014 (EP-354/2009/C) (for TMCLKL Southern Landfall Reclamation only).
- 1.1.5 A Project Specific EM&A Manual, which included all project-relation contents from the original EM&A Manuals for the Project, was issued in May 2012.
- 1.1.6 Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited (Arup) was appointed by Highways Department (HyD) as the consultants for the design and construction assignment for the Project's reclamation works (i.e. the Engineer for the Project).
- 1.1.7 China Harbour Engineering Company Limited (CHEC) was awarded by HyD as the Contractor to undertake the construction work of the Project.
- 1.1.8 ENVIRON Hong Kong Ltd. was employed by HyD as the Independent Environmental Checker (IEC) and Environmental Project Office (ENPO) for the Project.
- 1.1.9 AECOM Asia Co. Ltd. (AECOM) was appointed by CHEC to undertake the role of Environmental Team for the Project for carrying out the EM&A works.
- 1.1.10 The construction phase of the Project under the EPs was commenced on 12 March 2012 and will be tentatively completed by early Year 2016.
- 1.1.11 According to the Project Specific EM&A Manual, there is a need of an EM&A programme including air quality, noise, water quality and dolphin monitoring and environmental site inspections. The EM&A programme of the Project commenced on 12 March 2012.

#### 1.2 Scope of Report

1.2.1 This is the thirty-fourth monthly EM&A Report under the Contract No.HY/2010/02 Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities – Reclamation Works. This report presents a summary of the environmental monitoring and audit works, list of activities and mitigation measures proposed by the ET for the Project in December 2014.



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#### 1.3 Project Organization

1.3.1 The project organization structure is shown in Appendix A. The key personnel contact names and numbers are summarized in Table 1.1.

Party	Position	Name	Telephone	Fax
Engineer's Representative (ER) (Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong	Chief Resident Engineer	Roger Marechal	3698 5700	2698 5999
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(ENVIRON Hong Kong Limited)	Environmental Project Office Leader	Y. H. Hui	3465 2868	3465 2899
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Èngineering Company Limited)	24-hour Hotline	Alan C.C. Yeung	9448 0325	
ET				
(AECOM Asia Company Limited)	ET Leader	Echo Leong	3922 9280	2317 7609

 Table 1.1
 Contact Information of Key Personnel

#### **1.4 Summary of Construction Works**

- 1.4.1 The construction phase of the Project under the EP commenced on 12 March 2012.
- 1.4.2 As informed by the Contractor, details of the major works carried out in this reporting period are listed below:-

#### Marine-base

- Cellular structure installation
- Capping Beams structures
- Conforming sloping seawalls
- Laying geo-textile
- Rock filling
- Sand filling
- Public filling
- Band drain installation
- Surcharge laying
- Precast Yard for seawall blocks & culverts
- Maintenance of silt curtain & silt screen at sea water intake of HKIA

### Land-base

- Maintenance works of Site Office at Works Area WA2
- Maintenance works of Public Works Regional Laboratory at Works Area WA3
- Maintenance of Temporary Marine Access at Works Area WA2



- 1.4.3 The 3-month rolling construction programme of the Project is shown in Appendix B.
- 1.4.4 The general layout plan of the Project site showing the detailed works areas is shown in Figure 1.
- 1.4.5 The environmental mitigation measures implementation schedule are presented in Appendix C.

#### 1.5 Summary of EM&A Programme Requirements

- 1.5.1 The EM&A programme required environmental monitoring for air quality, noise, water quality, marine ecology and environmental site inspections for air quality, noise, water quality, waste management, marine ecology, and landscape and visual impact. The EM&A requirements for each parameter described in the following sections include:-
  - All monitoring parameters;
  - Monitoring schedules for the reporting month and forthcoming month;
  - Action and Limit levels for all environmental parameters;
  - Event / Action Plan;
  - Environmental mitigation measures, as recommended in the Project EIA reports; and
  - Environmental requirement in contract documents.

## 2 AIR QUALITY MONITORING

#### 2.1 Monitoring Requirements

2.1.1 In accordance with the Project Specific EM&A Manual, baseline 1-hour and 24-hour Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) levels at 4 air quality monitoring stations were established. Impact 1-hour TSP monitoring was conducted for at least three times every 6 days, while impact 24-hour TSP monitoring was carried out for at least once every 6 days. The Action and Limit level of the air quality monitoring is provided in Appendix D.

#### 2.2 Monitoring Equipment

2.2.1 24-hour TSP air quality monitoring was performed using High Volume Sampler (HVS) located at each designated monitoring station. The HVS meets all the requirements of the Project Specific EM&A Manual. Portable direct reading dust meters were used to carry out the 1-hour TSP monitoring. Brand and model of the equipment is given in Table 2.1.

 Table 2.1
 Air Quality Monitoring Equipment

Equipment	Brand and Model
Portable direct reading dust meter (1-hour TSP)	Sibata Digital Dust Monitor (Model No. LD-3 and LD-3B)
High Volume Sampler (24-hour TSP)	Tisch Environmental Mass Flow Controlled Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) High Volume Air Sampler (Model No. TE-5170)

#### 2.3 Monitoring Locations

- 2.3.1 Monitoring locations AMS2 and AMS7 were set up at the proposed locations in accordance with Project Specific EM&A Manual. For AMS6 (Dragonair/CNAC (Group) Building), permission on setting up and carrying out impact monitoring works was sought, however, access to the premise has not been granted yet on this report issuing date. For monitoring location AMS3 (Ho Yu College), as proposed in the Project Specific EM&A Manual, approval for carrying out impact monitoring works at nearby sensitive receivers, like Caribbean Coast and Coastal Skyline, was also sought. However, approvals for carrying out impact monitoring works within their premises were not obtained. Impact air quality monitoring was conducted at site boundary of the site office area in Works Area WA2 (AMS3B) respectively. Same baseline and Action Level for air quality, as derived from the baseline monitoring data recorded at Ho Yu College, was adopted for this alternative air quality location.
- 2.3.2 It was observed that a tree near AMS3B may affect the wind flow around the HVS located at AMS3B. With no further comment received from IEC, the HVS at AMS3B has been relocated on 8 September 2014 to slightly more than 2 meters separation from it, measured horizontally. Same baseline and Action Level for air quality, as derived from the baseline monitoring data recorded at Ho Yu College, was adopted for this alternative air quality location.
- 2.3.3 Reference is made to ET's proposal of the omission of air monitoring station (AMS 6) dated on 1 November 2012 and EPD's letter dated on 19 November 2012 regarding the conditional approval of the proposed omission of air monitoring station (AMS 6) for Contract No. HY/2010/02. The aforesaid omission of Monitoring Station AMS6 is effective since 19 November 2012.
- 2.3.4 Figure 2 shows the locations of monitoring stations. Table 2.2 describes the details of the monitoring stations.



Monitoring Station	Location	Description
AMS2	Tung Chung Development Pier	Rooftop of the premise
AMS3B	Site Boundary of Site Office Area at Works Area WA2	On ground at the area boundary
AMS6*	Dragonair/CNAC (Group) Building	On ground at boundary of the premise
AMS7	Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel	On ground at boundary of the premise

#### Table 2.2 Locations of Impact Air Quality Monitoring Stations

<sup>#</sup>Remarks: Reference is made to EPD conditional approval of the omission of air monitoring station (AMS 6) for the project. The omission will be effective on 19 November 2012.

#### 2.4 Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

2.4.1 Table 2.3 summarizes the monitoring parameters, frequency and duration of impact TSP monitoring.

 Table 2.3
 Air Quality Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

Parameter	Frequency and Duration
1-hour TSP	Three times every 6 days while the highest dust impact was expected
24-hour TSP	Once every 6 days

#### 2.5 Monitoring Methodology

- 2.5.1 24-hour TSP Monitoring
  - (a) The HVS was installed in the vicinity of the air sensitive receivers. The following criteria were considered in the installation of the HVS.
    - (i) A horizontal platform with appropriate support to secure the sampler against gusty wind was provided.
    - (ii) No two samplers should be placed less than 2 meters apart.
    - (iii) The distance between the HVS and any obstacles, such as buildings, was at least twice the height that the obstacle protrudes above the HVS.
    - (iv) A minimum of 2 meters separation from walls, parapets and penthouse for rooftop sampler.
    - (v) A minimum of 2 meters separation from any supporting structure, measured horizontally is required.
    - (vi) No furnace or incinerator flues nearby.
    - (vii) Airflow around the sampler was unrestricted.
    - (viii) Permission was obtained to set up the samplers and access to the monitoring stations.
    - (ix) A secured supply of electricity was obtained to operate the samplers.
    - (x) The sampler was located more than 20 meters from any dripline.
    - (xi) Any wire fence and gate, required to protect the sampler, did not obstruct the monitoring process.
    - (xii) Flow control accuracy was kept within ±2.5% deviation over 24-hour sampling period.
  - (b) Preparation of Filter Papers
    - (i) Glass fibre filters, G810 were labelled and sufficient filters that were clean and without pinholes were selected.
    - (ii) All filters were equilibrated in the conditioning environment for 24 hours before weighing. The conditioning environment temperature was around 25 °C and not variable by more than ±3 °C; the relative humidity (RH) was < 50% and not variable by more than ±5%. A convenient working RH was 40%.



- (iii) All filter papers were prepared and analysed by ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd., which is a HOKLAS accredited laboratory and has comprehensive quality assurance and quality control programmes.
- (c) Field Monitoring
  - (i) The power supply was checked to ensure the HVS works properly.
  - (ii) The filter holder and the area surrounding the filter were cleaned.
  - (iii) The filter holder was removed by loosening the four bolts and a new filter, with stamped number upward, on a supporting screen was aligned carefully.
  - (iv) The filter was properly aligned on the screen so that the gasket formed an airtight seal on the outer edges of the filter.
  - (v) The swing bolts were fastened to hold the filter holder down to the frame. The pressure applied was sufficient to avoid air leakage at the edges.
  - (vi) Then the shelter lid was closed and was secured with the aluminum strip.
  - (vii) The HVS was warmed-up for about 5 minutes to establish run-temperature conditions.
  - (viii) A new flow rate record sheet was set into the flow recorder.
  - (ix) On site temperature and atmospheric pressure readings were taken and the flow rate of the HVS was checked and adjusted at around 1.1 m<sup>3</sup>/min, and complied with the range specified in the updated EM&A Manual (i.e. 0.6-1.7 m<sup>3</sup>/min).
  - (x) The programmable digital timer was set for a sampling period of 24 hrs, and the starting time, weather condition and the filter number were recorded.
  - (xi) The initial elapsed time was recorded.
  - (xii) At the end of sampling, on site temperature and atmospheric pressure readings were taken and the final flow rate of the HVS was checked and recorded.
  - (xiii) The final elapsed time was recorded.
  - (xiv) The sampled filter was removed carefully and folded in half length so that only surfaces with collected particulate matter were in contact.
  - (xv) It was then placed in a clean plastic envelope and sealed.
  - (xvi) All monitoring information was recorded on a standard data sheet.
  - (xvii) Filters were then sent to ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd. for analysis.
- (d) Maintenance and Calibration
  - (i) The HVS and its accessories were maintained in good working condition, such as replacing motor brushes routinely and checking electrical wiring to ensure a continuous power supply.
  - (ii) 5-point calibration of the HVS was conducted using TE-5025A Calibration Kit prior to the commencement of baseline monitoring. Bi-monthly 5-point calibration of the HVS will be carried out during impact monitoring.
  - (iii) Calibration certificate of the HVSs are provided in Appendix E.
- 2.5.2 1-hour TSP Monitoring
  - (a) Measuring Procedures

The measuring procedures of the 1-hour dust meter were in accordance with the Manufacturer's Instruction Manual as follows:-

- (i) Turn the power on.
- (ii) Close the air collecting opening cover.
- (iii) Push the "TIME SETTING" switch to [BG].
- (iv) Push "START/STOP" switch to perform background measurement for 6 seconds.
- (v) Turn the knob at SENSI ADJ position to insert the light scattering plate.
- (vi) Leave the equipment for 1 minute upon "SPAN CHECK" is indicated in the display.
- (vii) Push "START/STOP" switch to perform automatic sensitivity adjustment. This measurement takes 1 minute.
- (viii) Pull out the knob and return it to MEASURE position.
- (ix) Push the "TIME SETTING" switch the time set in the display to 3 hours.
- (x) Lower down the air collection opening cover.
- (xi) Push "START/STOP" switch to start measurement.



- (b) Maintenance and Calibration
  - (i) The 1-hour TSP meter was calibrated at 1-year intervals against a continuous particulate TEOM Monitor, Series 1400ab. Calibration certificates of the Laser Dust Monitors are provided in Appendix E.
  - (ii) 1-hour validation checking of the TSP meter against HVS is carried out on half-year basis at the air quality monitoring locations.

#### 2.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting Month

2.6.1 The schedule for air quality monitoring in December 2014 is provided in Appendix F.

#### 2.7 Results and Observations

2.7.1 The monitoring results for 1-hour TSP and 24-hour TSP are summarized in Table 2.4 and 2.5 respectively. Detailed impact air quality monitoring results are presented in Appendix G.

 Table 2.4
 Summary of 1-hour TSP Monitoring Results in the Reporting Period

	Average (µg/m³)	Range (µg/m³)	Action Level (μg/m³)	Limit Level (µg/m³)
AMS2	78	71-84	374	500
AMS3B	79	73-84	368	500
AMS7	79	73-84	370	500

 Table 2.5
 Summary of 24-hour TSP Monitoring Results in the Reporting Period

	Average (μg/m³)	Range (µg/m³)	Action Level (μg/m³)	Limit Level (µg/m³)
AMS2	78	53-118	176	260
AMS3B	74	31-97	167	260
AMS7	72	27-111	183	260

- 2.7.2 All 24-Hour TSP and 1-Hour TSP results were below the Action and Limit Level in the reporting month.
- 2.7.3 The event action plan is annexed in Appendix L.
- 2.7.4 Meteorological information collected from the wind station during the monitoring periods on the monitoring dates, as shown in Figure 2, including wind speed and wind direction, is annexed in Appendix H.

## **3 NOISE MONITORING**

#### 3.1 Monitoring Requirements

3.1.1 In accordance with the Project Specific EM&A Manual, impact noise monitoring was conducted for at least once per week during the construction phase of the Project. The Action and Limit level of the noise monitoring is provided in Appendix D.

#### 3.2 Monitoring Equipment

3.2.1 Noise monitoring was performed using sound level meter at each designated monitoring station. The sound level meters deployed comply with the International Electrotechnical Commission Publications (IEC) 651:1979 (Type 1) and 804:1985 (Type 1) specifications. Acoustic calibrator was deployed to check the sound level meters at a known sound pressure level. Brand and model of the equipment is given in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Noise Monitoring Equipment

Equipment	Brand and Model
Integrated Sound Level Meter	Rion NL-31 & B&K2238
Acoustic Calibrator	Rion NC-74 & B&K 4231

#### 3.3 Monitoring Locations

- 3.3.1 Monitoring locations NMS2 was set up at the proposed locations in accordance with Project Specific EM&A Manual. However, for monitoring location NMS3 (Ho Yu College), as proposed in the Project Specific EM&A Manual, approval for carrying out impact monitoring could not be obtained from the principal of the school. Permission on setting up and carrying out impact monitoring works at nearby sensitive receivers, like Caribbean Coast and Coastal Skyline, was also sought. However, approvals for carrying out impact monitoring works within their premises were not obtained. Impact noise monitoring was conducted at site boundary of the site office area in Works Area WA2 (NMS3B) respectively. Same baseline noise level (as derived from the baseline monitoring location.
- 3.3.2 Figure 2 shows the locations of the monitoring stations. Table 3.2 describes the details of the monitoring stations.

Monitoring Station Location		Description
NMS2	Seaview Crescent Tower 1	Free-field on the rooftop of the premise
NMS3B	Site Boundary of Site Office Area at Works Area WA2	Free-field on ground at the area boundary.

Table 3.2	Locations of Impact Noise Monitoring Stations
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#### 3.4 Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

3.4.1 Table 3.3 summarizes the monitoring parameters, frequency and duration of impact noise monitoring.

#### Table 3.3Noise Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

Parameter	Frequency and Duration		
30-mins measurement at each monitoring station between 0700 and 1900 on normal weekdays (Monday to Saturday). $L_{eq}$ , $L_{10}$ and $L_{90}$ would be recorded.	At least once per week		

#### 3.5 Monitoring Methodology

- 3.5.1 Monitoring Procedure
  - (a) The sound level meter was set on a tripod at a height of 1.2 m above the ground for free-field measurements at NMS2. A correction of +3 dB(A) shall be made to the free field measurements.
  - (b) All measurement at NMS3B were free field measurements in the reporting month at NMS3B. A correction of +3 dB(A) shall be made to the free field measurements.
  - (c) The battery condition was checked to ensure the correct functioning of the meter.
  - (d) Parameters such as frequency weighting, the time weighting and the measurement time were set as follows:-
    - (i) frequency weighting: A
    - (ii) time weighting: Fast
    - (iii) time measurement: L<sub>eq(30-minutes)</sub> during non-restricted hours i.e. 07:00 1900 on normal weekdays.
  - (e) Prior to and after each noise measurement, the meter was calibrated using the acoustic calibrator for 94dB(A) at 1000 Hz. If the difference in the calibration level before and after measurement was more than 1 dB(A), the measurement would be considered invalid and repeat of noise measurement would be required after re-calibration or repair of the equipment.
  - (f) During the monitoring period, the  $L_{eq}$ ,  $L_{10}$  and  $L_{90}$  were recorded. In addition, site conditions and noise sources were recorded on a standard record sheet.
  - (g) Noise measurement was paused during periods of high intrusive noise (e.g. dog barking, helicopter noise) if possible. Observations were recorded when intrusive noise was unavoidable.
  - (h) Noise monitoring was cancelled in the presence of fog, rain, wind with a steady speed exceeding 5m/s, or wind with gusts exceeding 10m/s. The wind speed shall be checked with a portable wind speed meter capable of measuring the wind speed in m/s.
- 3.5.2 Maintenance and Calibration
  - (a) The microphone head of the sound level meter was cleaned with soft cloth at regular intervals.
  - (b) The meter and calibrator were sent to the supplier or HOKLAS laboratory to check and calibrate at yearly intervals.
  - (c) Calibration certificates of the sound level meters and acoustic calibrators are provided in Appendix E.

#### 3.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting Month

3.6.1 The schedule for construction noise monitoring in December 2014 is provided in Appendix F.



### 3.7 Monitoring Results

3.7.1 The monitoring results for construction noise are summarized in Table 3.4 and the monitoring data is provided in Appendix I.

	Average, dB(A),	Range, dB(A),	Limit Level, dB(A),
	L <sub>eq (30 mins)</sub>	L <sub>eq (30 mins)</sub>	L <sub>eq</sub> (30 mins)
NMS2	67	67-68*	75
NMS3B	68	67-69*	70/65^

#### Table 3.4 Summary of Construction Noise Monitoring Results in the Reporting Period

\*+3dB(A) Façade correction included

 Daytime noise Limit Level of 70 dB(A) applies to education institutions, while 65dB(A) applies during school examination period.

- 3.7.2 No Action or Limit Level Exceedance of construction noise was recorded in the reporting month.
- 3.7.3 Major noise sources during the noise monitoring included construction activities of the Project, construction activities by other contracts and nearby traffic noise.
- 3.7.4 The event action plan is annexed in Appendix L.

## 4 WATER QUALITY MONITORING

#### 4.1 Monitoring Requirements

4.1.1 Impact water quality monitoring was carried out to ensure that any deterioration of water quality was detected, and that timely action was taken to rectify the situation. For impact water quality monitoring, measurements were taken in accordance with the Project Specific EM&A Manual. Appendix D shows the established Action/Limit Levels for the environmental monitoring works.

#### 4.2 Monitoring Equipment

4.2.1 Table 4.1 summarises the equipment used in the impact water quality monitoring programme.

 Table 4.1
 Water Quality Monitoring Equipment

Equipment	Brand and Model
Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Temperature Meter, Salinity Meter and Turbidimeter	YSI Model 6820
pH Meter	YSI Model 6820 or Thermo Orion 230A+
Positioning Equipment	JRC DGPS 224 Model JLR-4341 with J-NAV 500 Model NWZ4551
Water Depth Detector	Eagle Cuda-168 and Lowrance x-4
Water Sampler	Kahlsio Water Sampler (Vertical) 2.2 L with messenger

#### 4.3 Monitoring Parameters, Frequency and Duration

4.3.1 Table 4.2 summarises the monitoring parameters, frequency and monitoring depths of impact water quality monitoring as required in the Project Specific EM&A Manual.

 Table 4.2
 Impact Water Quality Monitoring Parameters and Frequency

Monitoring Stations	Parameter, unit	Frequency	No. of depth
Impact Stations: IS5, IS(Mf)6, IS7, IS8, IS(Mf)9, IS10, IS(Mf)11, IS(Mf)16, IS17 Control/Far Field Stations: CS(Mf)3, CS(Mf)5, CS4, CS6, CSA Sensitive Receiver Stations: SR3-SR7, SR10A&SR10B	<ul> <li>Depth, m</li> <li>Temperature, °C</li> <li>Salinity, ppt</li> <li>Dissolved Oxygen (DO), mg/L</li> <li>DO Saturation, %</li> <li>Turbidity, NTU</li> <li>pH</li> <li>Suspended Solids (SS), mg/L</li> </ul>	Three times per week during mid- ebb and mid- flood tides (within ± 1.75 hour of the predicted time)	3 (1 m below water surface, mid-depth and 1 m above sea bed, except where the water depth is less than 6 m, in which case the mid- depth station may be omitted. Should the water depth be less than 3 m, only the mid-depth station will be monitored).

#### 4.4 Monitoring Locations

- 4.4.1 In accordance with the Project Specific EM&A Manual, twenty-one stations (9 Impact Stations, 7 Sensitive Receiver Stations and 5 Control/Far Field Stations) were designated for impact water quality monitoring. The nine Impact Stations (IS) were chosen on the basis of their proximity to the reclamation and thus the greatest potential for water quality impacts, the seven Sensitive Receiver Stations (SR) were chosen as they are close to the key sensitive receives and the five Control/ Far Field Stations (CS) were chosen to facilitate comparison of the water quality of the IS stations with less influence by the Project/ ambient water quality conditions.
- 4.4.2 Due to safety concern and topographical condition of the original locations of SR4 and SR10B, alternative impact water quality monitoring stations, naming as SR4 (N) and SR10B (N), were adopted, which are situated in vicinity of the original impact water quality monitoring stations (SR4 and SR10B) and could be reachable.
- 4.4.3 Same baseline and Action Level for water quality, as derived from the baseline monitoring data recorded, were adopted for these alternative impact water quality monitoring stations.
- 4.4.4 The locations of these monitoring stations are summarized in Table 4.3 and depicted in Figure 3.

Station	Description	East	North
IS5	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	811579	817106
IS(Mf)6	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	812101	817873
IS7	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	812244	818777
IS8	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	814251	818412
IS(Mf)9	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	813273	818850
IS10	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	812577	820670
IS(Mf)11	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	813562	820716
IS(Mf)16	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	814328	819497
IS17	Impact Station (Close to HKBCF construction site)	814539	820391
SR3	Sensitive receivers (San Tau SSSI)	810525	816456
SR4(N)	Sensitive receivers (Tai Ho)	814705	817859
SR5	Sensitive receivers (Artificial Reef in NE Airport)	811489	820455
SR6	Sensitive receivers (Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park)	805837	821818
SR7	Sensitive receivers (Tai Mo Do)	814293	821431
SR10A	Sensitive receivers (Ma Wan FCZ)1	823741	823495
SR10B(N)	Sensitive receivers (Ma Wan FCZ)2	823683	823187
CS(Mf)3	Control Station	809989	821117
CS(Mf)5	Control Station	817990	821129
CS4	Control Station	810025	824004
CS6	Control Station	817028	823992
CSA	Control Station	818103	823064

 Table 4.3
 Impact Water Quality Monitoring Stations

#### 4.5 Monitoring Methodology

#### 4.5.1 Instrumentation

- (a) The in-situ water quality parameters, viz. dissolved oxygen, temperature, salinity, turbidity and pH, were measured by multi-parameter meters (i.e. Model YSI 6820 CE-C-M-Y) and pH meter (i.e. Thermo Orion 230A+) respectively.
- 4.5.2 Operating/Analytical Procedures
  - (a) Digital Differential Global Positioning Systems (DGPS) were used to ensure that the correct location was selected prior to sample collection.
  - (b) Portable, battery-operated echo sounders were used for the determination of water depth at each designated monitoring station.
  - (c) All in-situ measurements were taken at 3 water depths, 1 m below water surface, mid-depth and 1 m above sea bed, except where the water depth was less than 6 m, in which case the mid-depth station was omitted. Should the water depth be less than 3 m, only the mid-depth station was monitored.
  - (d) At each measurement/sampling depth, two consecutive in-situ monitoring (DO concentration and saturation, temperature, turbidity, pH, salinity) and water sample for SS. The probes were retrieved out of the water after the first measurement and then re-deployed for the second measurement. Where the difference in the value between the first and second readings of DO or turbidity parameters was more than 25% of the value of the first reading, the reading was discarded and further readings were taken.
  - (e) Duplicate samples from each independent sampling event were collected for SS measurement. Water samples were collected using the water samplers and the samples were stored in highdensity polythene bottles. Water samples collected were well-mixed in the water sampler prior to pre-rinsing and transferring to sample bottles. Sample bottles were pre-rinsed with the same water samples. The sample bottles were then be packed in cool-boxes (cooled at 4°C without being frozen), and delivered to ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd. for the analysis of suspended solids concentrations. The laboratory determination work would be started within 24 hours after collection of the water samples. ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd. is a HOKLAS accredited laboratory and has comprehensive quality assurance and quality control programmes. For QA/QC procedures, one duplicate samples of every batch of 20 samples was analyzed.
  - (f) The analysis method and reporting and detection limit for SS is shown in Table 4.4.

Parameters	Instrumentation	Analytical Method	Reporting Limit	<b>Detection Limit</b>
Suspended Solid (SS)	Weighting	APHA 2540-D	0.5mg/L	0.5mg/L

Table 4.4Laboratory Analysis for Suspended Solids

(g) Other relevant data were recorded, including monitoring location / position, time, water depth, tidal stages, weather conditions and any special phenomena or work underway at the construction site in the field log sheet for information.

#### 4.5.3 Maintenance and Calibration

- (a) All in situ monitoring instruments would be calibrated and calibrated by ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd. before use and at 3-monthly intervals throughout all stages of the water quality monitoring programme. Calibration details are provided in Appendix E.
- (b) The dissolved oxygen probe of YSI 6820 was calibrated by wet bulb method. Before the calibration routine, the sensor for dissolved oxygen was thermally equilibrated in water-saturated air. Calibration cup is served as a calibration chamber and it was loosened from airtight condition before it is used for the calibration. Calibration at ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd. was carried out once every three months in a water sample with a known concentration of dissolved oxygen. The sensor was immersed in the water and after thermal equilibration, the known mg/L value was keyed in and the calibration was carried out automatically.
- (c) The turbidity probe of YSI 6820 is calibrated two times a month. A zero check in distilled water was performed with the turbidity probe of YSI 6820 once per monitoring day. The probe will be calibrated with a solution of known NTU at ALS Technichem (HK) Pty Ltd. once every three months.

#### 4.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting Month

4.6.1 The schedule for impact water quality monitoring in December 2014 is provided in Appendix F.

#### 4.7 Results and Observations

4.7.1 Impact water quality monitoring results and graphical presentations are provided in Appendix J.

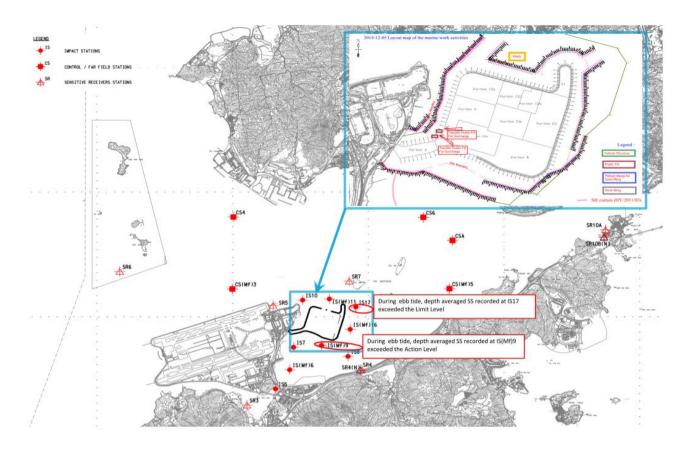
Station	Exceedance Level	DO (	(S&M)	DO (B	DO (Bottom)		Turbidity		SS		Total	
	Level	Ebb	Flood	Ebb	Flood	Ebb	Flood	Ebb	Flood	Ebb	Flood	
IS5	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
155	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IS(Mf)6	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
13(101)0	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IS7	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
157	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IS8	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
150	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IS(Mf)9	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1) 5 Dec 14	0	(1) 5 Dec 14	0	
	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1040	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IS10	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IS(Mf)11	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IS(Mf)16	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IS17	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1) 5 Dec 14	0	(1) 5 Dec 14	0	
0.00	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR3	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR4(N)	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OD <i>E</i>	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR5	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>CDC</b>	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR6	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR7	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
357	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR10A	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SR10B	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(N)	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	Action	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1	
	Limit	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1	

#### Table 4.5 Summary of Water Quality Exceedances

: S: Surface; and M: Mid-depth.

- 4.7.2 For water quality, one (1) action level and one (1) limit level exceedace were recorded at IS(Mf)9 and IS17 respectively on 5 December 2014 during mid ebb tide. No exceedance was recorded at all other monitoring stations in the reporting month.
- 4.7.2.1 Layout map below shows active works conducted on 5 December 2014 during ebb tide.

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- 4.7.2.2 Exceedances recorded at IS17 and IS(Mf)9 during ebb tide are unlikely due to marine based construction activities of the Project because:
- 4.7.2.3 With refer to monitoring record, appearance of water was relatively more turbid at IS17 and IS(Mf)9 when compared with the appearance of water at IS(Mf)11, IS10, IS(Mf)16, IS7 and IS8 during monitoring at ebb tide on 05 December 2014.
- 4.7.2.4 However, with refer to the layout map attached, only public fill was being transferred as surcharge at near Portion A and since no marine filling was conducted during ebb tide on 5 December 2014, therefore, they are unlikely contribute to the exceedance of SS at IS17 and IS(Mf)9.
- 4.7.2.5 The location and type of active works conducted were almost the same on 5 and 8 December 2014 during ebb tide but no exceedance was recorded a IS17 and IS(Mf)9 on 8 December 2014. This indicates that the exceedances at monitoring station IS17 and IS(Mf)9 were unlikely to be contributed by active works.
- 4.7.2.6 In addition, with referred to monitoring record, no sediment plume has been observed to flow from the inside of the perimeter silt curtain to the outside of the perimeter silt curtain during ebb tide on 5 December 2014. (Please refer to photo record taken during ebb tide on 5 December 2015)

4.7.2.7 Photo record which shows the sea condition near Portion B, the southeast part of the HKBCF reclamation works at ebb tide on 5 December 2014.



4.7.2.8 Photo record which shows the sea condition near Portion E, the northeast part of the HKBCF reclamation works at ebb tide on 5 December 2014



- 4.7.2.9 Turbidity level recorded at IS17, IS(Mf)11, IS(Mf)16, IS(Mf)9, IS7 and IS8 on 5 December 2014 were below the action and limit level. This indicates the turbidity level at area near IS17 and IS(Mf)9 were not adversely affected.
- 4.7.2.10 The exceedances were likely due to local effects in the vicinity of IS17 and IS(Mf)9.
- 4.7.2.11 As such, the exceedances recorded at IS17 and IS(Mf)9 are unlikely to be project related.
- 4.7.2.12 Action taken under the action plan
  - 1. Not applicable as SS was not measured in situ;



- 2. After considering the above mentioned investigation results, it appears that it was unlikely that the SS exceedances were attributed to active construction activities of this Contract;
- 3. IEC, contractor and ER were informed via email;
- 4. Monitoring data, all plant, equipment and Contractor's working methods were checked;
- 5. Since it is considered that the SS exceedance is unlikely to be project related, as such, actions 5-7 under the EAP are not considered applicable.
- 4.7.2.13 Nevertheless, the Contractor was reminded to ensure provision of ongoing maintenance to the silt curtains and to carry out maintenance work once defects were found.
- 4.7.2.14 Maintenance work of the silt curtain was carried out by the Contractor on a daily basis except Sunday and public holiday.
- 4.7.3 The event action plan is annexed in Appendix L.

## 5 DOLPHIN MONITORING

#### 5.1 Monitoring Requirements

- 5.1.1 Vessel based surveys for the Chinese White Dolphin (CWD), *Sousa chinensis,* are to be conducted by a dedicated team comprising a qualified marine mammal ecologist and experienced marine mammal observers (MMOs). The purpose of the surveys are to evaluate the impact of the HKCBF reclamation and, if deemed detrimental, to take appropriate action as per the EM&A manual.
- 5.1.2 This 'Impact Monitoring' follows several months of 'Baseline Monitoring' so similar survey methodologies have been adopted to facilitate comparisons between datasets. Further, the data collected are compatible with, and are available for, incorporation into the data set managed by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) as part of Hong Kong's long term Marine Mammal Monitoring Programme.

#### 5.2 Monitoring Equipment

Table 5.1 summarises the equipment used for the impact dolphin monitoring.

Equipment	Model
Commercially licensed motor vessel	15m in length with a 4.5m viewing platform
Global Positioning System (GPS) x2	Integrated into T7000
	Garmin GPS Map 76C
Computers (T7000 Tablet, Intel Atom)	Windows 7/MSO 13
	Logger
Camera	Nikon D7100 300m 2.8D fixed focus
	Nikon D90 80-400mm zoom lens
Laser Rangefinder	Range Finder Bushnell 1000m
Marine Binocular x3	Nexus 7 x 50 marine binocular with compass
	and reticules
	Fujinon 7 x 50 marine binocular with compass
	and reticules

#### Table 5.1 Dolphin Monitoring Equipment

#### 5.3 Monitoring Frequency and Conditions

- 5.3.1 Dolphin monitoring is conducted twice per month in each survey area.
- 5.3.2 Dolphin monitoring is conducted only when visibility is good (e.g., over 1km) and the sea condition is at a Beaufort Sea State of 4 or better.
- 5.3.3 When thunder storm, black rain or typhoon warnings are in force, all survey effort is stopped.

#### 5.4 Monitoring Methodology and Location

- 5.4.1 The impact dolphin monitoring is vessel-based and combines line-transect and photo-ID methodology. The survey follows pre-set and fixed transect lines in the two areas defined by AFCD as:
- 5.4.2 Northeast Lantau survey area; and
- 5.4.3 Northwest Lantau survey area.
- 5.4.4 The co-ordinates for the transect lines and layout map have been provided by AFCD and are shown in Table 5.2 and Figure 4.

#### **HK Grid System** Long Lat in WGS84 Х ID Υ Long Lat 22.269741 1 804671 814577 113.870308 1 831404 804671 113.869975 22.421696 2 805475 815457 113.878087 22.277704 2 805477 826654 113.877896 22.378814 3 806464 819435 113.887615 22.313643 3 806464 822911 113.887550 22.345030 4 807518 819771 113.897833 22.316697 4 807518 829230 113.897663 22.402113 5 808504 820220 113.907397 22.320761 5 808504 828602 113.907252 22.396462 820466 6 809490 113.916965 22.323003 6 809490 825352 113.916884 22.367128 7 810499 820690 113.926752 22.325043 7 810499 824613 113.926688 22.360464 8 811508 820847 113.936539 22.326475 8 811508 824254 22.357241 113.936486 9 812516 820892 113.946329 22.326894 9 812516 824254 113.946279 22.357255 10\* 813525 818270 113.956156 22.303225 10\* 813525 824657 113.956065 22.360912 11 814556 818449 113.966160 22.304858 11 113.966125 814556 820992 22.327820 12 815542 818807 113.975726 22.308109 12 815542 824882 113.975647 22.362962 816506 13 819480 113.985072 22.314192 13 816506 824859 113.985005 22.362771 14 817537 820220 113.995070 22.320883 14 817537 824613 113.995018 22.360556 15 818568 820735 114.005071 22.325550 15 818568 824433 114.005030 22.358947 16 819532 821420 114.014420 22.331747 22.356933 16 824209 114.014390 819532 17 822125 114.023333 22.338117 820451 17 820451 823671 114.023317 22.352084 18 821504 822371 114.033556 22.340353 18 821504 823761 114.033544 22.352903 19 822513 823268 114.043340 22.348458 19 824321 114.043331 822513 22.357971 20 823477 823402 114.052695 22.349680 20 823477 824613 114.052686 22.360610 805476 827081 21 113.877878 22.382668 21 805476 830562 113.877811 22.414103 22.355164 22 806464 824033 113.887520 22 806464 829598 113.887416 22.405423 23 814559 821739 113.966142 22.334574 23 814559 824768 113.966101 22.361920

#### Table 5.2 Impact Dolphin Monitoring Line Transect Co-ordinates (Provided by AFCD)

\*Remark: Due to the presence of deployed silt curtain systems at the site boundaries of the Project, some of the transect lines shown in Figure 5 could not be fully surveyed during the regular survey. Transect 10 is reduced from 6.4km to approximately 3.6km in length due to the HKBCF construction site. Therefore the total transect length for both NEL and NWL combined is reduced to approximately 111km.



#### 5.5 Monitoring Procedures

- 5.5.1 The study area incorporates 23 transects which are to be surveyed twice per month. Each survey day lasts approximately 9 hours.
- 5.5.2 The survey vessel departs from Tung Chung Development Pier, Tsing Yi Public Pier or the nearest safe and convenient pier.
- 5.5.3 When the vessel reaches the start of a transect line, "on effort" survey begins. Areas between transect lines and traveling to and from the study area are defined as "off effort".
- 5.5.4 The transect line is surveyed at a speed of 6-8 knots (11-14 km/hr). For the sake of safety, the speed was sometimes a bit slower to avoid collision with other vessels. During some periods, tide and current flow in the survey areas exceeds 7 knots which can affect survey speed. There are a minimum of four marine mammal observers (MMOs) present on each survey, rotating through four positions, observers (2), data recorder (1) and 'rest' (1). Rotations occur every 30 minutes or at the end of dolphin encounters. The data recorder records effort, weather and sightings data directly onto the programme Logger and is not part of the observer team. The observers search with naked eye and binoculars between 90° and 270° abeam (bow being 0°).
- 5.5.5 When a group of dolphins is sighted, position, bearing and distance data are recorded immediately onto the computer and, after a short observation, an estimate made of group size. These parameters are linked to the time-GPS-ships data which are automatically stored in the programme Logger throughout the survey period. In this manner, information on heading, position, speed, weather, effort and sightings are stored in a format suitable for use with DISTANCE software for subsequent line transect analyses.
- 5.5.6 Once the vessel leaves the transect line, it is deemed to be "off effort". The dolphins are approached with the purpose of taking high resolution pictures for proper photo-identification of individual CWD. Attempts to photograph all dolphins in the group are made. Both the left and right hand sides of the dorsal fin area of each dolphin in the group are photographed, if possible. On finishing photographing, the vessel will return to the transect line at the point of departure and "on effort" survey is resumed.
- 5.5.7 Sightings which are made while on the transect line are referred to as "on effort sightings", while not on the actual transect line are referred to as an "opportunistic sightings" (e.g. another group of dolphins is sighted while travelling back to the transect line). Only "on effort sightings" can be used in analyses which require effort or rate quantification, e.g., encounter rate per 100km searched. This is also how "on effort sightings" are treated in the baseline report. "Opportunistic sightings" provide additional information on individual habitat use and population distribution and they are noted accordingly.
- 5.5.8 As time and GPS data are automatically logged throughout the survey and are linked to sightings data input, start and end times of encounters and deviation from the transect lines are recorded and can be subsequently reviewed.

#### 5.6 Monitoring Schedule for the Reporting Month

- 5.6.1 The schedule for dolphin monitoring in December 2014 is provided in Appendix F.
- 5.6.2 Two surveys covering both study areas were completed.

#### 5.7 Results and Observations

5.7.1 Dolphin surveys were conducted on 4, 5, 18 and 19 December 2014. A total of 219.3 km of transect line was conducted all of which during Beaufort Sea State 3 or better (favourable water conditions). Please note that that some lines were shortened due to works and/or shipping traffic.

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The effort summary and sightings data are shown in Tables 5.3 and 5.4, respectively. The survey efforts conducted in December 2014 are plotted in Figure 5a-b. For Table 5.3, only on-effort information is included. Transects conducted in all Beaufort Sea State are included. Compared to previous monthly reports, the whole number Beaufort Sea State scale is used so as to ease comparison with other dolphin monitoring reports.

Survey	Date	Area	Beaufort	Effort (km)	Total Distance Travelled (km)
Currey	12/04/2014	NWL	1	15.5	()
	12/04/2014	NWL	2	8	
	12/04/2014	NEL	1	14.3	60.5
1	12/04/2014	NEL	2	19.1	
	12/04/2014	NEL	3	3.6	
	12/05/2014	NWL	1	23.7	
	12/05/2014	NWL	2	20.8	49
	12/05/2014	NWL	3	4.5	
	12/18/2014	NWL	1	22.2	
	12/18/2014	NWL	2	29.7	63.4
2	12/18/2014	NWL	3	11.5	05.4
	12/19/2014	NWL	2	9.9	
	12/19/2014	NEL	1	15.9	46.4
	12/19/2014	NEL	2	20.6	
	219.3				

# Table 5.3Impact Dolphin Monitoring Survey Effort Summary, Effort by Area and Beaufort<br/>Sea State

\*Remark: Surveys conduct under Beaufort Sea State 3 or below are considered as under favourable condition.

### Table 5.4 Impact Dolphin Monitoring Survey Details December 2014

Date	Location	No. Sightings "on effort"	No. Sightings "opportunistic"
12/04/2014	NW L	0	0
	NEL	0	0
12/05/2014	NW L	0	1
	NEL	0	0
12/18/2014	NW L	1	0
	NEL	0	0
12/19/2014	NW L	0	0
	NEL	0	0
	TOTAL in December 2014	1	1

Encounter Rate of Number of Dolphin Sightings (STG)*							
Date	NEL Track (km)	NWL Track (km)	NEL Sightings	NWL Sightings	NEL Encounter Rate	NWL Encounter Rate	
4 & 5/12/2014	37.3	73.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	
18 & 19/12/2014	36.7	70.4	0	1	0.0	1.4	
Encounter Rate of Total Number of Dolphins (ANI)**							
Date	NEL Track (km)	NWL Track (km)	NEL Dolphins	NWL Dolphins	NEL Encounter Rate	NWL Encounter Rate	
4 & 5/12/2014	37.3	73.0	0	0	0.0	0.0	
18 & 19/12/2014	36.7	70.4	0	5	0.0	6.8	

## Table 5.5 The Encounter Rate of Number of Dolphin Sightings & Total Number of Dolphins per Area^

\* Encounter Rate of Number of Dolphin Sightings (STG) presents encounter rates in terms of groups per 100km.

\*\* Encounter Rate of Total Number of Dolphins (ANI) presents encounter rates in terms of individuals per 100km. And the encounter rate is not corrected for individuals, calculation may represent double counting.

<sup>^</sup>The table is made only for reference to the quarterly STG & ANI, which were adopted for the Event & Action Plan.

- 5.7.2 A total of two sightings were made, one "on effort" and one "opportunistic". One sighting was recorded on the 5 December 2014 and the other on the 18 December 2014. A total of 15 individuals were sighted from the two impact dolphin surveys in the reporting period. Sighting details are summarised and plotted in Appendix K and Figure 5c, respectively.
- 5.7.3 Behaviour: The group sighted on 5 December 2014 was engaged in both feeding and surface active activities and the group sighted on the 18 December was travelling, the locations of sighting with different behaviour are mapped in Figure 5d.
- 5.7.4 Photo ID analyses for November 2014 is presented in Appendix K.
- 5.7.5 There were three re-sightings in November 2014 HZMB 022; 023 and 028. None of the other three individuals photographed had sufficient marks to identify them therefore, they were not added to the catalogue. HZMB 022 and HZMB 023 are a mother and offspring pair. They were first sighted in July 2012, were seen consistently throughout 2013 and occasionally in 2014. The offspring (HZMB 022) has been seen twice only without being in close proximity to its mother. The gender of this individual (HZMB 022) is unknown. All sightings have been made in NWL. HZMB 028 has been sighted three times during impact monitoring, August 2012, April 2013 and this reported month, November 2014. All sightings have been in NWL (Also refer to Annex I of Appendix K).
- 5.7.6 Noteworthy Observation<sup>1</sup>:
- 5.7.6.1 Dredging was noted to the south and west of line 1.
- 5.7.6.2 When impact monitoring was conducted at the southern parts of transect lines 1 & 2, the view of the area was partially blocked by the working vessels and fixed structures which do not belong to HKBCF Reclamation Works. The number of fixed structures has increased and in many areas, it is no longer possible to pass between them by ship. As the working vessels will move during the on-going works, it is considered that they will temporarily affect survey protocol, survey data collection, dolphin movement, dolphin habitat use and dolphin behaviour, whereas the fixed structures will continuously affect survey protocol, survey data collection, dolphin behaviour.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A noteworthy observation is to show that either the conduct of the surveys themselves is affected, i.e., the noted vessel or works impedes the progress or view of the survey platform. In addition, the vessel or construction works may be different or additional to that observed previously and further, are of such a nature that they are a likely to create an impact on the movement or behaviour of the subject of the impact survey, in this case, the dolphins.

- 5.7.6.3 The HKBCF and adjoining "Southern Landfall" Projects effected lines 10, 11 and 12. The view of the area was partially blocked by the working vessels and in water structures and the end of line 11 could not be completed. As the working vessels will move as construction progresses, they will cause temporary effects to survey protocol, survey data collection, dolphin movement, dolphin habitat use and dolphin behaviour, whereas the fixed structures will affect all survey protocols and dolphin ecology in the long term.
- 5.7.6.4 The northern end of line 10 was affected by works which do not belong to the HKBCF Project; in particular, the view of the area was partially blocked by working vessels. The in water structures have increased in size and the working vessels have moved position when compared to observations made during last month's survey. As the working vessels will move during the on-going works, they will temporarily affect survey data collection, dolphin movement, dolphin habitat use and dolphin behaviour. The reclamation/sea wall site appears complete and due to its permanency, it will continuously affect all survey protocols and dolphin ecology.
- 5.7.6.5 Anchored vessels affected line 10, however, as the vessels will move during throughout the duration of HKBCF impact monitoring, they will temporarily affect survey data collection, dolphin movement, dolphin habitat use and dolphin behaviour.
- 5.7.6.6 It was observed that lines 11 and 12 were affected by the construction work and other in water activities of others, which are not related to the HKBCF Reclamation Works.
- 5.7.6.7 One new project was ongoing at the southern ends of line 6. These works partially blocked some of the survey view. There was no apparent fixed structure associated with this activity, only platforms and servicing vessels. As it is not known what activity was being conducted, the effect that this project may have specifically on dolphins is not known
- 5.7.6.8 A shipping hazard (a sunken ship) was observed at line 3
- 5.7.6.9 The survey effort log notes the areas in which the visibility is limited or the survey is affected so that these can be accounted for in any subsequent analyses. Some of these obstructions will become permanent and some will be temporary as the HZMB is built and other projects progress. It is advised that the impact monitoring surveys should be completed as close to the predefined lines as possible (as per Figure 4 of this report).
- 5.7.6.10 The above noteworthy observations are largely a result of multiple and on-going infrastructure projects within the Lantau area. No amendment to EM&A protocols can negate the effects of these projects, e.g., it is a highly dynamic environment and viewing conditions may alter every survey (sometimes within surveys) and most of the survey area is affected, to some degree, by marine construction works. Instead, survey data analyses should incorporate any noteworthy observations which may affect either data collection or dolphin distribution and behavioural changes. The above mentioned activities recorded during boat survey will not affect implementation of the EM&A Programme provided appropriate data analyses are conducted.
- 5.7.6.11 A review of survey conditions was conducted. The works at lines 1 and 2 are progressing and permanent in water structures are in place. Given that these lines are now truncated due to these structures, it is advised that the start/end points of these lines be revised to reflect the new navigation required. A proposal of alternation of transect lines 1 and 2 will be prepared and submitted to IEC/ENPO for their review and verification in January 2015 and it will be subsequently submitted to EPD for their review and approval.
- 5.7.7 The event action plan is annexed in Appendix L.

## 6 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE INSPECTION AND AUDIT

#### 6.1 Site Inspection

- 6.1.1 Site Inspections were carried out on a weekly basis to monitor the implementation of proper environmental pollution control and mitigation measures for the Project. In the reporting month, 4 site inspections were carried out on 4, 11, 18 and 23 December 2014.
- 6.1.2 Particular observations during the site inspections are described below:

#### Air Quality

6.1.3 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

#### Noise

6.1.4 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

#### Water Quality

6.1.5 No adverse observation was identified in the reporting month.

#### Chemical and Waste Management

- 6.1.6 Oil drum was observed without label on barge SHB 209, the Contractor was reminded to provide proper labeling to oil drum. The Contractor provided labeling to oil drum on barge SHB 209.
- 6.1.7 Oil and water mixture was observed accumulated inside drip tray. The Contractor was reminded to regularly clear it to prevent potential runoff. The Contractor cleared the oil and water mixture. (Closed)
- 6.1.8 Maintenance work of machine was observed. The Contactor was reminded to provide effective measures to contain potential oil spillage of leakage before handling oil on site and waste oil should be collected and dispose of as chemical waste. (Reminder)
- 6.1.9 Oil drum was observed without label and drip tray at Portion D. The Contractor was reminded to provide drip tray and properly label oil drums. The Contractor provided labeling and drip tray to oil drum at Portion D. (Closed)
- 6.1.10 General refuse was observed along the edge of barging point at Portion D. The Contractor was reminded to regularly collect and clear the general refuse. The Contractor collected and cleared the general refuse. (Closed)
- 6.1.11 General refuses were observed at Portion D near barging point. The Contractor was reminded to regularly collect and dispose general refuses to keep site clean and tidy. General refuses were cleaned up at Portion D near barging point. (Closed)
- 6.1.12 It was observed that general refuse at Portion D was being collected. The Contractor was reminded to continue to regular collect general refuse and keep the site clean and tidy. (Reminder)
- 6.1.13 General refuses were observed at Portion A. The Contractor was reminded to regularly collect and dispose general refuses to keep site clean and tidy. The Contractor cleared the general refuses. (Closed)
- 6.1.14 Sand and equipment materials deposited inside the drip tray was observed at Portion C2A. The Contractor was reminded to clear the deposited sand and store the equipment materials properly. Contractor cleared the deposited materials and provided drip tray to the mechanical equipment. (Closed)

#### Landscape and Visual Impact

6.1.15 No relevant adverse impact was observed in the reporting month.

#### Others

6.1.16 Rectifications of remaining identified items are undergoing by the Contractor. Follow-up inspections on the status on provision of mitigation measures will be conducted to ensure all identified items are mitigated properly.

#### 6.2 Advice on the Solid and Liquid Waste Management Status

- 6.2.1 The Contractor had registered as a chemical waste producer for this Project. Receptacles were available for general refuse collection and sorting.
- 6.2.2 As advised by the Contractor, 1,608,665m<sup>3</sup> of fill were imported for the Project use in the reporting period. 1.5kg of metal, 251kg of paper/cardboard packaging, 2401kg plastics and 65m<sup>3</sup> of general refuse were generated and disposed of in the reporting period. Monthly summary of waste flow table is detailed in Appendix M.
- 6.2.3 The Contractor is advised to properly maintain on site C&D materials and wastes storage, collection, sorting and recording system, dispose of C&D materials and wastes at designated ground and maximize reuse / recycle of C&D materials and wastes. The Contractor is reminded to properly maintain the site tidiness and dispose of the wastes accumulated on site regularly and properly.
- 6.2.4 The Contractor is reminded that chemical waste should be properly treated and stored temporarily in designated chemical waste storage area on site in accordance with the Code of Practice on the Packaging, Labeling and Storage of Chemical Wastes.

#### 6.3 Environmental Licenses and Permits

6.3.1 The environmental licenses and permits for the Project and valid in the reporting month is summarized in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1	Summary of Environmental Licensing and Permit Status
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Statutory Reference	License/ Permit	License or Permit No.	Valid Period		License/ Permit	Remarks	
			From	То	Holder		
EIAO	Environmental Permit	EP- 353/2009/G	06/08/2012	N/A	HyD	Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities	
		EP- 354/2009/C	10/12/2014	N/A		Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link (TMCLKL Southern Landfall Reclamation only)	
APCO	NA notification		30/12/2011		CHEC	Works Area WA2 and WA3	
APCO	NA notification		17/01/2012		CHEC	Works Area WA4	
WDO	Chemical Waste Producer Registration	5213-951- C1186-21	30/3/2012	N/A	CHEC	Chemical waste produced in Contract HY/2010/02	
WDO	Chemical Waste Producer Registration	5213-974- C3750-01	31/10/2012		CHEC	Registration as Chemical Waste Producer at To Kau Wan(WA4)	
WDO	Chemical Waste Producer Registration	5213-839- C3750-02	13/09/2012		CHEC	Registration as Chemical Waste Producer at TKO 137(FB)	
WDO	Billing Account for Disposal of Construction Waste	7014181	05/12/2011	N/A	CHEC	Waste disposal in Contract HY/2010/02	
NCO	Construction Noise Permit	GW-RS1423- 14	17/12/2014	16/02/2015	CHEC	Reclamation Works in Contract HY/2010/02	
NCO	Construction Noise Permit	GW-RE1405- 14	22/12/2014	21/06/2015	CHEC	Section of TKO Fill Bank under Contract HY/2010/02	

#### 6.4 Implementation Status of Environmental Mitigation Measures

- 6.4.1 In response to the site audit findings, the Contractors carried out corrective actions.
- 6.4.2 A summary of the Implementation Schedule of Environmental Mitigation Measures (EMIS) is presented in Appendix C. Most of the necessary mitigation measures were implemented properly.
- 6.4.3 Training of marine travel route for marine vessels operator was given to relevant staff and relevant records were kept properly.
- 6.4.4 Regarding the implementation of dolphin monitoring and protection measures (i.e. implementation of Dolphin Watching Plan, Dolphin Exclusion Zone and Silt Curtain integrity Check), regular checking were conducted by the experienced MMOs within the works area to ensure no dolphin was trapped by the enclosed silt curtain systems. Any dolphin spotted within the enclosed silt curtain systems was





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reported and recorded. Relevant procedures were followed and measures were well implemented. Silt curtain systems were also inspected timely in accordance to the submitted plan. All inspection records were kept properly.

- 6.4.5 Acoustic decoupling measures on noisy plants on construction vessels were checked regularly and the Contractor was reminded to ensure provision of ongoing maintenance to noisy plants and to carry out improvement work once insufficient acoustic decoupling measures were found.
- 6.4.6 Frequency of watering per day on exposed soil was checked; with reference to the record provided by the Contract, watering was conducted at least 8 times per day on reclaimed land. The frequency of watering is the mainly refer to water truck. Sprinklers are only served to strengthen dust control measure for busy traffic at the entrance of Portion D. As informed by the Contractor, during the malfunction period of sprinkler, water truck will enhance watering at such area. The Contractor was reminded to ensure provision of watering of at least 8 times per day on all exposed soil within the Project site and associated works areas throughout the construction phase.
- 6.4.7 As informed by the Contractor via email at 15:06 on 8 December 2014, oil was observed at sea area near western waters within the silt curtain at 15:00 on 8 December 2014. Following the spill response plan ET, IEC and the RSS were informed of the incident by the Contractor.
- 6.4.7.1 Investigation actions:
  - Details of the oil spillage incident (8 December 2014) including size, location, time of the spillage and Contractor's action taken in response to the spill incident, have been reviewed.
  - Joint site inspection was conducted on 11 December 2014 with the Contactor and RSS to observe the sea condition near sea area nearby western waters within the silt curtain.
  - Impact water quality monitoring records of 8 and 10 December 2014 have been reviewed.
- 6.4.7.2 The oil spill was visually identified by the Contractor and RSS on 8 December 2014 as discrete, noncontinuous source with approximately 25m<sup>2</sup> spread. (Also refer to photo record below)



6.4.7.3 The oil stain was no longer found when the emergency boat arrived the area about 15mins after the observation. And no sign of oil spillage was found on the nearby waters after. (Please see below photo record for reference)





- 6.4.7.4 The oil stain observed was limited at nearby western sea area within the silt curtain.
- 6.4.7.5 An joint site inspection was conducted with ET, Contractor and RSS on 11 December 2014 at perimeter of HKBCF Reclamation Works and no oil spillage was observed on site. (Also refer to photo record below).





- 6.4.7.6 Impact water quality monitoring records of 8 and 10 December 2014 have been reviewed; the IWQN location close to the oil spill is IS10, IS(Mf)11, SR5 and SR7. There is no exceedance of IWQM recorded at IS10, IS(Mf)11, SR5 and SR7 on 8 on 10 December 2014.
- 6.4.7.7 The contractor was reminded to continue to follow the spill response plan in the event of accidental oil spillage.

#### 6.5 Summary of Exceedances of the Environmental Quality Performance Limit

- 6.5.1 All 24-Hour TSP and 1-Hour TSP results were below the Action and Limit Level in the reporting month.
- 6.5.2 For construction noise, no exceedance was recorded at all monitoring stations in the reporting month.
- 6.5.3 For water quality, one (1) limit level exceedance and one (1) action level exceedance were recorded at monitoring station IS17 and IS(Mf)9 respectively on 5 December 2014 during mid ebb tide, investigation results show that the exceedances are unlikely to be project related. No exceedance was recorded at all other monitoring stations in the reporting month.
- 6.5.4 Cumulative statistics on exceedance is provided in Appendix N.

#### 6.6 Summary of Complaints, Notification of Summons and Successful Prosecutions

- 6.6.1 The Environmental Complaint Handling Procedure is annexed in Figure 6.
- 6.6.2 No environmental complaint has been received in the reporting month.
- 6.6.3 No notification of summons and successful prosecutions was received in the reporting period.
- 6.6.4 Statistics on complaints, notifications of summons and successful prosecutions are summarized in Appendix N.

## 7 FUTURE KEY ISSUES

#### 7.2 Construction Programme for the Coming Months

7.2.1 As informed by the Contractor, the major works for the Project in January and February 2015 will be \*:-

#### Marine-base

- Cellular structure installation and backfilling
- Capping Beams structures
- Conforming sloping seawalls
- Laying geo-textile
- Rock filling
- Sand filling
- Public filling
- Surcharge remove & laying
- Geotechnical Instrumentation works
- Precast Yard for seawall blocks & culverts
- Maintenance of silt curtain & silt screen at sea water intake of HKIA

#### Land-base

- Maintenance works of Site Office at Works Area WA2
- Maintenance works of Public Works Regional Laboratory at Works Area WA3
- Maintenance of Temporary Marine Access at Works Area WA2

\*Construction activities in January & February 2015 will be changed subject to works progress.

#### 7.3 Key Issues for the Coming Month

- 7.3.1 Key issues to be considered in the coming months:-
  - Site runoff should be properly collected and treated prior to discharge;
  - Minimize loss of sediment from filling works;
  - Regular review and maintenance of silt curtain systems, drainage systems and desilting facilities;
  - Exposed surfaces/soil stockpiles should be properly treated to avoid generation of silty surface runoff during rainstorm;
  - Regular review and maintenance of wheel washing facilities provided at all site entrances/exits;
  - Conduct regular inspection of various working machineries and vessels within works areas to avoid any dark smoke emission;
  - Suppress dust generated from work processes with use of bagged cements, earth movements, excavation activities, exposed surfaces/soil stockpiles and haul road traffic;
  - Quieter powered mechanical equipment should be used;
  - Provision of proper and effective noise control measures for operating equipment and machinery onsite, such as erection of movable noise barriers or enclosure for noisy plants;
  - Closely check and replace the sound insulation materials regularly;
  - Better scheduling of construction works to minimize noise nuisance;
  - Properly store and label oil drums and chemical containers placed on site;
  - Proper chemicals, chemical wastes and wastes management;
  - Maintenance works should be carried out within roofed, paved and confined areas;
  - Collection and segregation of construction waste and general refuse on land and in the sea should be carried out properly and regularly; and
  - Proper protection and regular inspection of existing trees, transplanted/retained trees.
  - Control night-time lighting and glare by hooding all lights.
  - Regular review and provide maintenance to dust control measures such as sprinkler system.

#### 7.4 Monitoring Schedule for the Coming Month

7.4.1 The tentative schedule for environmental monitoring in January 2015 is provided in Appendix F.

## 8 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 8.2 Conclusions

- 8.2.1 The construction phase and EM&A programme of the Project commenced on 12 March 2012.
- 8.2.2 For construction noise, no exceedance was recorded at all monitoring stations in the reporting month.
- 8.2.3 For water quality, one (1) limit level exceedance and one (1) action level exceedance were recorded at monitoring station IS17 and IS(Mf)9 respectively on 5 December 2014 during mid ebb tide, investigation results show that the exceedances are unlikely to be project related. No exceedance was recorded at all other monitoring stations in the reporting month.
- 8.2.4 All 24-Hour TSP and 1-Hour TSP results were below the Action and Limit Level in the reporting month.
- 8.2.5 A total of two sightings were made, one "on effort" and one "opportunistic". One sighting was recorded on the 5 December 2014 and the other on the 18 December 2014. A total of 15 individuals were sighted from the two impact dolphin surveys in the reporting period. Sighting details are summarised and plotted in Appendix K and Figure 5c, respectively.
- 8.2.6 Behaviour: The group sighted on 5 December 2014 was engaged in both feeding and surface active activities and the group sighted on the 18 December was travelling, the locations of sighting with different behaviour are mapped in Figure 5d.
- 8.2.7 Environmental site inspection was carried out 4 times in December 2014. Recommendations on remedial actions were given to the Contractors for the deficiencies identified during the site audits.
- 8.2.8 No complaint, notification summons and successful prosecution was received in the reporting period.

#### 8.3 Recommendations

8.3.1 According to the environmental site inspections performed in the reporting month, the following recommendations were provided:

#### Air Quality Impact

- All working plants and vessels on site should be regularly inspected and properly maintained to avoid dark smoke emission.
- All vehicles should be washed to remove any dusty materials before leaving the site.
- Haul roads should be sufficiently dampened to minimize fugitive dust generation.
- Wheel washing facilities should be properly maintained and reviewed to ensure properly functioning.
- Temporary exposed slopes and open stockpiles should be properly covered.
- Enclosure should be erected for cement debagging, batching and mixing operations.
- Water spraying should be provided to suppress fugitive dust for any dusty construction activity.
- Regular review and provide maintenance to dust control measures such as sprinkler system.

#### Construction Noise Impact

- Quieter powered mechanical equipment should be used as far as possible.
- Noisy operations should be oriented to a direction away from sensitive receivers as far as possible.
- Proper and effective noise control measures for operating equipment and machinery on-site should be provided, such as erection of movable noise barriers, enclosure for noisy plants or enhancement works to provide sufficient acoustic decoupling measure(s). Closely check and replace the sound insulation materials regularly
- Vessels and equipment operating should be checked regularly and properly maintained.
- Noise Emission Label (NEL) shall be affixed to the air compressor and hand-held breaker operating within works area.
- Acoustic decoupling measures should be properly implemented for all existing and incoming construction vessels with continuous and regularly checking to ensure effective implementation of acoustic decoupling measures.

#### Water Quality Impact

- Regular review and maintenance of silt curtain systems, drainage systems and desilting facilities in order to make sure they are functioning effectively.
- Construction of seawall should be completed as early as possible.
- Regular inspect and review the loading process from barges to avoid splashing of material.
- Silt, debris and leaves accumulated at public drains, wheel washing bays and perimeter uchannels and desilting facilities should be cleaned up regularly.
- Silty effluent should be treated/ desilted before discharged. Untreated effluent should be prevented from entering public drain channel.
- Proper drainage channels/bunds should be provided at the site boundaries to collect/intercept the surface run-off from works areas.
- Exposed slopes and stockpiles should be covered up properly during rainstorm.



#### Chemical and Waste Management

- All types of wastes, both on land and floating in the sea, should be collected and sorted properly and disposed of timely and properly. They should be properly stored in designated areas within works areas temporarily.
- All chemical containers, batteries and oil drums should be properly stored and labelled.
- All plants and vehicles on site should be properly maintained to prevent oil leakage. Proper measures, like drip trays and/or bundings, should be provided for retaining leaked oil/chemical from plants.
- All kinds of maintenance works should be carried out within roofed, paved and confined areas.
- All drain holes of the drip trays utilized within works areas should be properly plugged to avoid any oil and chemical waste leakage.
- Oil stains on soil surface, accumulated oil mixture and empty chemical containers should be cleared and disposed of as chemical waste.
- Regular review should be conducted for working barges and patrol boats to ensure sufficient measures and spill control kits were provided on working barges and patrol boats to avoid any spreading of leaked oil/chemicals.

#### Landscape and Visual Impact

- All existing, retained/transplanted trees at the works areas should be properly fenced off and regularly inspected.
- Control night-time lighting and glare by hooding all lights.