

Appendix L1 Cumulative Statistics on Exceedances

		Total No. recorded in this quarter	Total No. recorded since project commencement
1-Hr TSP	Action	0	0
	Limit	0	0
24-Hr TSP	Action	0	2
	Limit	0	0
Noise	Action	0	0
	Limit	0	0
Water Quality	Action	0	2
	Limit	0	0
Impact Dolphin Monitoring	Action	0	9
	Limit	1	6

Appendix L2 Cumulative Statistics on Complaints, Notifications of Summons and Successful Prosecutions

Reporting Period	Cumulative Statistics		
	Complaints	Notifications of Summons	Successful Prosecutions
This quarter	0	0	0
Total No. received since project commencement	4	0	0

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To Ramboll Environ - Hong Kong, Limited (ENPO)

From ERM- Hong Kong, Limited

Ref/Project number Contract No. HY/2012/07 Tuen Mun–Chek Lap
Kok Link–Southern Connection Viaduct Section

Subject Notification of Exceedance for Impact Dolphin
Monitoring

Date 28 November 2016

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached the Notification of Exceedance (NOE) of the following
Log no.:

0215660_Jun2016/Aug2016_dolphin_STG&ANI_NEL&NWL

A total of one limit level exceedance was recorded in the quarterly impact
dolphin monitoring data between June and August 2016.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jovy Tam', is positioned above the typed name.

Mr Jovy Tam
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CONTRACT NO. HY/2012/07

TUEN MUN – CHEK LAP KOK LINK –
SOUTHERN CONNECTION VIADUCT SECTION

Impact Dolphin Monitoring
Notification of Exceedance

Log No.	0215660_Jun2016/Aug2016_dolphin_STG&ANI_NEL&NWL [Total No. of Exceedance = 1]	
Date	June to August 2016 (monitored) 25 November 2016 (results received by ERM)	
Monitoring Area	Northeast Lantau (NEL) and Northwest Lantau (NWL)	
Parameter(s) with Exceedance(s)	Quarterly encounter rate of dolphin sightings (STG) Quarterly encounter rate of total number of dolphins (ANI)	
Action Levels	North Lantau Social cluster	NEL: STG < 4.2 & ANI < 15.5 or NWL: STG < 6.9 & ANI < 31.3
Limit Levels		NEL: STG < 2.4 & ANI < 8.9 and NWL: STG < 3.9 & ANI < 17.9
Recorded Levels	NEL	STG = 0 & ANI = 0
	NWL	STG = 1.72 & ANI = 7.48
	One Limit Level Exceedance was recorded in the quarterly impact dolphin monitoring at NEL and NWL between June and August 2016. The exceedance was reported in the approved <i>Thirty-Fourth Monthly EM&A Report</i> dated 13 September 2016.	
Statistical Analyses	<p>Further to the review of the available and relevant dolphin monitoring data in the EM&A under this Contract, statistical analyses were conducted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A two-way ANOVA with repeated measures and unequal sample size was conducted using Period (2 levels: baseline vs impact – present impact quarter, June to August 2016) and Location (2 levels: NEL and NWL) as fixed factors to examine whether there were any significant differences in the average encounter rates between the baseline and present impact monitoring quarter. By setting $\alpha = 0.05$ as the significance level in the statistical tests, significant differences in STG ($p = 0.0031$) and ANI ($p = 0.0227$) were detected between Periods. A two-way ANOVA with repeated measures and unequal sample size was conducted using Cumulative Period (2 levels: baseline vs impact – cumulative quarters, December 2012 to August 2016) and Location (2 levels: NEL and NWL) as fixed factors to examine whether there were any significant differences in the average encounter rates between the baseline and cumulative impact monitoring quarter. By setting $\alpha = 0.00005$ as the significance level in the statistical tests, significant difference in STG ($p = 0.000009$) and in ANI ($p = 0.000001$) between Cumulative Period and Location were detected. <p>* Note: The commencement date under <i>Contract No. HY/2012/07</i> is 31 October 2013.</p>	
Works Undertaken (in the monitoring quarter)	<p>In the quarter between June 2016 and August 2016, the major marine works under <i>Contract No. HY/2012/07</i> included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction and installation of pile caps; Uninstallation of marine piling platform; Pier construction; Construction of marine section of berth at Southern Landfall; Launching gantry operation; and Installation of deck segment and pier head segment. 	

<p>Possible Reason for Action or Limit Level Exceedance(s)</p>	<p>The potential factors that may have contributed to the observed exceedance are reviewed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocking of CWD travelling corridor: The <i>Monitoring of Marine Mammals in Hong Kong Waters (2015 – 16)</i> ⁽¹⁾ reported that dolphin usage and traveling activities to the northern side of the airport (dolphin traveling corridor) are affected by frequent high-speed ferry traffic from Sky Pier (not related to this Contract), which is likely a major factor resulting in the decrease in dolphin abundances in North Lantau. • Marine works of the Contract: As per the findings from the EIA report (<i>Section 8.11.9</i>), the major influences on the Chinese White Dolphin (CWD) <i>Sousa chinensis</i> under this Contract are marine traffics and bored piling works. The <i>Monitoring of Marine Mammals in Hong Kong Waters (2015-2016)</i> also reported that CWD decline were likely influenced by reclamation works, bored piling and intensive marine traffic from construction activities. Based on these possible reasons, the corresponding marine works and implementation of mitigation measures are reviewed. This Contract does not have any reclamation works, thus no habitat loss was caused by reclamation. In the reporting period, the Contractor implemented the marine traffic control as per the requirements in the <i>EP-354/2009/D</i> and the updated <i>EM&A Manual</i>. Most of the vessels of this Contract also worked within the site boundary, in which the area is seldom used by CWD. Disturbance from vessels of this Contract is considered minor. All of the marine bored piling works of this Contract was completed in September 2015. Thus, underwater noise emission from this Contract had been substantially reduced in this reporting period when comparing to the previous quarters. During dolphin monitoring in this quarter, no unacceptable impact on CWD due to the activities under this Contract was observed. • Impact on water quality: According to the findings in the water quality monitoring results at the impact monitoring stations between June 2016 and August 2016, there was no exceedance on WQM. Although impact mean levels of depth-averaged SS at SR4a during mid-ebb tide (SR4a during mid-ebb: 12.8 mg/L) were higher than the corresponding ambient levels (SR4a during mid-ebb: 11.9 mg/L), the statistical analyses suggest there were no significant difference. Overall, the WQM results imply that no unacceptable impact on water quality was associated with the marine works under this Contract, and thus no indirect impacts on marine habitat quality due to change in water quality is observed in this Contract. <p>In view of the above, marine ecological mitigation measures were considered properly implemented, and thus no unacceptable impact on CWD or its habitat was associated with this Contract in this quarter.</p>
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(1) Hung SKY (2016). Prepared for AFCD. Available at: [https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_mar/con_mar_chi/con_mar_chi_chi_chi/files/Final_Report_2015_16.pdf](https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_mar/con_mar_chi/con_mar_chi_chi/files/Final_Report_2015_16.pdf)

Actions Taken/ To Be Taken	<p>With reference to the site inspection records in this quarter, the respective marine ecological mitigation measures have been implemented properly by the Contractor throughout the marine works period, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 250m dolphin exclusion zone; 2. Acoustic decoupling plan; 3. Training to workers; 4. Offsite vessel routing control in accordance with Regular Marine Travel Routes Plan, including routing control within existing and proposed marine park boundaries; 5. Vessels speed limited at 5 knots and 10 knots within existing and proposed marine park boundaries and site boundary respectively; 6. Idling and mooring of working vessels within site boundary; <p>The existing mitigation measures are recommended to be continuously implemented. Furthermore, it is also recommended to reduce the vessels for marine works as much as possible. The ET will monitor for future trends in exceedance(s).</p> <p>A joint team meeting was held on 14 October 2016 for discussion on CWD trend, with attendance of ENPO, HyD, Representatives of Resident Site Staff (RSS), Representatives of Environmental Team (ET) for Contract No. HY/2010/02, HY2011/03, HY/2012/07 and HY/2012/08. The discussion/recommendation as recorded in the minutes of the meeting, which might be relevant to this Contract are summarized below. It was concluded that the HZMB works is one of the contributing factors affecting the dolphins. It was also concluded the contribution of impacts due to the HZMB works as a whole (or individual marine contracts) cannot be quantified or separate from the other stress factors. ENPO presented the interim CWD survey results in mainland waters obtained from Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Authority that some CWDs that previously more often sighted in Hong Kong waters have expanded their ranges into mainland waters, and some with reduced usage in Hong Kong waters, while they are partially accounted for the local decline. It was reminded that the ETs shall keep reviewing the implementation status of the dolphin related mitigation measures and remind the contractor to ensure the relevant measures are fully implemented. The ETs were also reminded to update the BMP boundary in the Regular Marine Travel Route Plan. The participants were requested by ENPO to collect and report the marine traffic statistics. It was recommended that the marine works of HZMB projects should be completed as soon as possible to reduce the overall duration of impacts and allow the dolphins population to recover as early as possible. It was also suggested that the protection measures (e.g., speed limit control) for the proposed Brothers Marine Park (BMP) shall be brought forward as soon as possible before its establishment so as to provide a better habitat for dolphin recovery.</p>
Remarks	<p>The results of impact water quality and impact dolphin monitoring, the status of implemented marine ecological mitigation measures are documented in the approved <i>Thirty Second to Thirty Fourth Monthly EM&A Reports</i>. Comparison on water quality between impact and baseline periods is elaborated in the <i>11th Quarterly EM&A Report</i>.</p>