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Dear Sirs.

Re: Agreement No. CE 48/2011 (EP) **Environmental Project Office for the** HZMB Hong Kong Link Road, HZMB Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities, and Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link - Investigation

Contract No. HY/2011/03 HZMB Hong Kong Link Road Section between Scenic Hill and Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (BCF) and Roadlinks between the Proposed HKBCF and Hong Kong International Airport

- Baseline Environmental Monitoring Report Revision 4

Reference is made to the submission of Baseline Environmental Monitoring Report Revision 4 dated 5 November 2012 certified by the ET Leader (ET's ref.: 8954/0056 dated 5 November 2012).

We are pleased to inform you that we have no adverse comments on the Baseline Environmental Monitoring Report (Revision 4 dated 5 November 2012) to be submitted under Condition 4.3 of EP-352/2009/A and condition 5.3 of EP-353-2009/E. We write to verify the captioned submission in accordance with conditions 1.9 and 4.3 of EP-352/2009/A as well as conditions 1.9 and 5.3 of EP-353-2009/E.

Thank you for your kind attention. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or the ENPO Leader Mr. Y H Hui should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely.

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Dear Sirs

CONTRACT NO. HY/2011/03
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BETWEEN SCENIC HILL AND HONG KONG BOUNDARY CROSSING FACILITIES
(BCF) AND ROADLINKS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED HKBCF AND HONG KONG
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- BASELINE MONITORING REPORT (VER. 4)

I refer to the Environmental Permit No. EP-352/2009/A Condition 4.3 and EP-353/2009/E Condition 5.3 requiring the submission of a baseline monitoring report and the comments from EPD. I have reviewed and certified the revised Baseline Monitoring Report.

Yours faithfully BMT Asia Pacific Limited

Claudine Lee

Environmental Team Leader



# Contract No. HY/2011/03

Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road Section between Scenic Hill and Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities

# **Baseline Environmental Monitoring Report**

5 November 2012

**Revision 4** 

**Main Contractor** 







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Macao Bridge Hong Kong Projects

#### **Executive Summary**

Prior to the commencement of Contract No. HY/2011/03 Hong Kong Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road - Section between Scenic Hill and Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (hereafter referred to as the Contract), Highways Department employed environmental specialist under Agreement No. CE35/2011 (EP) and Contract No. HY/2011/02 to carry out baseline environmental monitoring in air quality, noise water quality and ecology (Chinese White Dolphin) to facilitate early commencement of construction of Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) reclamation works and the Tuen Mum - Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) advance Southern Landfall reclamation works under Contract No. HY/2010/02. The baseline environmental monitoring for air quality, noise, water quality and ecology (Chinese White Dolphin) was undertaken between September and November 2011 in accordance with requirements provided in the Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Documents for the Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR), HKBCF and TM-CLKL. A Baseline Environmental Monitoring Report (Version C) for Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Projects - Investigation (hereafter referred to as "BEMR") was prepared to fulfil environmental permit conditions for HKBCF (including TM-CLKL southern landfall) project. The BEMR presented monitoring locations, equipment, period, methodology, results and observations and is available from the website of Agreement No. CE 48/2011 (EP) Environmental Project Office (ENPO) for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities, & Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link – Investigation:

http://www.hzmbenpo.com/

There are a total of two air quality monitoring stations, one noise monitoring station and thirteen water quality monitoring stations for this Contract No. HY/2011/03. As these environmental monitoring locations were also covered in the BEMR, the baseline monitoring results for these environmental monitoring locations will be adopted for the Contract.

This Baseline Environmental Monitoring Report has been prepared based on baseline mudflat monitoring results and baseline monitoring results presented in the BEMR.

The Action and Limit Levels for air quality, noise, water quality and ecology (Chinese White Dolphin) were developed based on the baseline monitoring results presented in the BEMR.

According to the baseline mudflat monitoring, surveys for horseshoe crabs, seagrass beds, intertidal soft shore communities as well as sedimentation rate monitoring were conducted in September 2012 at the specified mudflat survey areas.

The mudflat monitoring covered water quality monitoring data. Reference was made to the water quality baseline monitoring data of the representative water quality monitoring station (i.e. SR3) as presented in the BEMR. Baseline water quality monitoring in San Tau (monitoring station, SR3) was conducted in October 2011 prior to the construction of the HZMB.

#### Introduction

## 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The HZMB Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR) serves to connect the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Main Bridge at the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Boundary and the HZMB Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) located at the north eastern waters of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA).
- 1.1.2 The HKLR project has been separated into two contracts. They are Contract No. HY/2011/03 Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road-Section between Scenic Hill and Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (hereafter referred to as the Contract) and Contract No. HY/2011/09 Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road-Section between HKSAR Boundary and Scenic Hill. The split of environmental monitoring and audit works for these two contracts have been clarified in Environmental Project Office's letter ref.: HYDHZMBEEM00\_0\_0424L.12 which was sent to Environmental Protection Department on 17 October 2012.
- 1.1.3 China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd. was awarded by Highways Department as the Contractor to undertake the construction works of Contract No. HY/2011/03.
- 1.1.4 Prior to the commencement of the Contract, Highways Department employed environmental specialist under Agreement No. CE35/2011 (EP) to carry out baseline environmental monitoring in air quality, noise water quality and ecology (Chinese White Dolphin) to facilitate early commencement of construction of HKBCF reclamation works and the Tuen Mum Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) advance Southern Landfall reclamation works under Contract No. HY/2010/02.
- 1.1.5 The baseline environmental monitoring was undertaken between September and November 2011 in accordance with requirements in the Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Documents for the HKLR, HKBCF and TM-CLKL. A Baseline Environmental Monitoring Report (Version C) dated 8 March 2012 for Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Projects Investigation (hereafter referred to as BEMR) was prepared to present monitoring locations, equipment, period, methodology, results and observations and is available from the website of Agreement No. CE 48/2011 (EP) Environmental Project Office (ENPO) for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities, & Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Investigation:
  - http://www.hzmbenpo.com/
- 1.1.6 The relevant baseline monitoring results for air quality, noise, water quality and ecology (Chinese White Dolphin) presented in the BEMR have been adopted for this Contract as the baseline monitoring were undertaken prior to the commencement of the Contract and other nearby construction contracts in accordance with the EM&A requirements for the Contract.
- 1.1.7 This Baseline Environmental Monitoring Report is prepared to document Action and Limit Levels for air quality, noise, water quality, ecology (Chinese White Dolphin) which are extracted from the BEMR and baseline mudflat monitoring results for the Contract. The baseline levels will be used as the basis for compliance check during the impact monitoring for the Contract.

#### 2 Air Quality

# 2.1 Air Quality Monitoring Stations

2.1.1 There are a total of two air quality monitoring stations for the Contract and they are the same baseline monitoring stations presented in the BEMR. The baseline air quality monitoring was undertaken approximately one year prior to the commencement of the Contract and other nearby construction contracts. Therefore, the baseline monitoring results together with the Action and Limit Levels for these monitoring stations are considered applicable for the Contract. The air quality monitoring stations for the Contract are listed in **Table 2.1** and shown in **Appendix A**.

Table 2.1 Locations of Air Quality Monitoring Stations

Monitoring Stations	Location
AMS 5	Ma Wan Chung Village (Tung Chung)
AMS 6	Dragonair / CNAC (Group) Building (HKIA)

# 2.2 Monitoring Methodology and Results

2.2.1 The monitoring methodology and results are detailed in the BEMR. The baseline monitoring results provided in Tables 3.4 and 3.5 of the BEMR will be adopted for the Contact as the baseline monitoring stations for the Contract are the same as those presented in the BEMR. A summary of the average 1-hour TSP concentration and 24-hour TSP concentration is provided in **Table 2.2** and **Table 2.3**, respectively.

Table 2.2 Summary of Baseline 1-hour TSP Monitoring Results

Monitoring Station	Average 1-hour TSP Concentration, μg/m³ (Range)
AMS 5	156.9
	(82.2 - 246.6)
AMS 6	169.2
	(87.8 - 273.2)

Table 2.3 Summary of Baseline 24-hour TSP Monitoring Results

Monitoring Station	Average 24-hour TSP Concentration, μg/m³ (Range)
AMS 5	52.9
	(25.3 – 74.2)
AMS 6	66.4
	(35.2 – 103.5)

# 2.3 Action and Limit Levels

2.3.1 The Action and Limit Levels for the Contract have been extracted from Tables 3.8 and 3.9 of the BEMR and summarised in **Table 2.4** and **Table 2.5**.

Table 2.4 Action and Limit Levels for 1-hour TSP

Monitoring Station	Action Level, μg/m³	Limit Level, μg/m³
AMS 5	352	500
AMS 6	360	500

Table 2.5 Action and Limit Levels for 24-hour TSP

Monitoring Station	Action Level, μg/m³	Limit Level, μg/m³
AMS 5	164	260
AMS 6	173	200

# 2.4 Event and Action Plan for Air Quality

2.4.1 Should non-compliance of the air quality criteria occur, actions in accordance with the Action Plan in **Table 2.6** shall be carried out.

Table 2.6 Event and Action Plan for Air Quality

Event		Actio	n	
	ET	IEC	so	Contractor
Exceedance of Action Level for one sample	Identify source, investigate the causes of exceedance and propose remedial measures;     Inform IEC and SO;     Repeat measurement to confirm finding;     Increase monitoring frequency to daily.	Check monitoring data submitted by ET;     Check Contractor's working method.	Notify Contractor.	Rectify any unacceptable practice;     Amend working methods if appropriate.

Event		Actio	on	
	ET	IEC	SO	Contractor
Exceedance of Action Level for two or more consecutive samples	Identify source;     Inform IEC and SO;     Advise the SO on the effectiveness of the proposed remedial measures;     Repeat measurements to confirm findings;     Increase monitoring frequency to daily;     Discuss with IEC and Contractor on remedial actions required;     If exceedance continues, arrange meeting with IEC and SO;     If exceedance stops, cease additional	1. Check monitoring data submitted by ET; 2. Check Contractor's working method; 3. Discuss with ET and Contractor on possible remedial measures; 4. Advise the ET on the effectiveness of the proposed remedial measures; 5. Supervise Implementation of remedial measures.	Confirm receipt of notification of failure in writing;     Notify Contractor;     Ensure remedial measures properly implemented.	Submit proposals for remedial to SO within 3 working days of notification;     Implement the agreed proposals;     Amend proposal if appropriate.
Exceedance of Limit Level for one sample	monitoring.  1. Identify source, investigate the causes of exceedance and propose remedial measures;  2. Inform SO, Contractor and EPD;  3. Repeat measurement to confirm finding;  4. Increase monitoring frequency to daily;  5. Assess effectiveness of Contractor's remedial actions and keep IEC, EPD and SO informed of the results.	1. Check monitoring data submitted by ET; 2. Check Contractor's working method; 3. Discuss with ET and Contractor on possible remedial measures; 4. Advise the SO on the effectiveness of the proposed remedial measures; 5. Supervise implementation of remedial measures.	Confirm receipt of notification of failure in writing;     Notify Contractor;     Ensure remedial measures properly implemented.	1. Take immediate action to avoid further exceedance; 2. Submit proposals for remedial actions to IEC within 3 working days of notification; 3. Implement the agreed proposals; 4. Amend proposal if appropriate.

Event	Action						
270111	ET	IEC	so	Contractor			
Exceedance of Limit Level for two or more consecutive samples	<ol> <li>Notify IEC, SO, Contractor and EPD;</li> <li>Identify source;</li> <li>Repeat measurement to confirm findings;</li> <li>Increase monitoring frequency to daily;</li> <li>Carry out analysis of Contractor's working procedures to determine possible mitigation to be implemented;</li> <li>Arrange meeting with IEC and SO to discuss the remedial actions to be taken;</li> <li>Assess effectiveness of Contractor's remedial actions and keep IEC, EPD and SO informed of the results;</li> <li>If exceedance stops, cease additional monitoring.</li> </ol>	Discuss amongst SO, ET, and Contractor on the potential remedial actions;     Review Contractor's remedial actions whenever necessary to assure their effectiveness and advise the SO accordingly;     Supervise the implementation of remedial measures.	Confirm receipt of notification of failure in writing;     Notify Contractor;     In consultation with the IEC, agree with the Contractor on the remedial measures to be implemented;     Ensure remedial measures properly implemented;     If exceedance continues, consider what portion of the work is responsible and instruct the Contractor to stop that portion of work until the exceedance is abated.	1. Take immediate action to avoid further exceedance; 2. Submit proposals for remedial actions to IEC within 3 working days of notification; 3. Implement the agreed proposals; 4. Resubmit proposals if problem still not under control; 5. Stop the relevant portion of works as determined by the SO until the exceedance is abated.			

Note: ET – Environmental Team, IEC – Independent Environmental Checker, SO – Supervising Officer

3 Noise

# 3.1 Noise Monitoring Stations

3.1.1 There is one noise monitoring stations for the Contract and they are the same baseline monitoring stations presented in the BEMR. The baseline noise monitoring was undertaken approximately one year prior to the commencement of the Contract and other nearby construction contracts. Therefore, the baseline monitoring results together with the Action and Limit Levels for these monitoring stations are considered applicable for the Contract. The noise monitoring stations for the Contract are listed in **Table 3.1** and shown in **Appendix A**.

Table 3.1 Locations of Noise Monitoring Stations

Monitoring Station	Location
NMS 5	Ma Wan Chung Village (Tung Chung)

# 3.2 Monitoring Methodology and Results

3.2.1 The monitoring methodology and results are detailed in the BEMR. The baseline monitoring results provided in Tables 4.5 – 4.7 of the BEMR will be adopted for the Contact as the baseline monitoring stations for the Contract is the same as those presented in the BEMR. The baseline monitoring results are summarized in **Table 3.2** to **Table 3.4**.

Table 3.2 Summary of Daytime (Normal Weekdays) Noise Monitoring Results

Monitoring Station	Daytime 0700-1900 hrs on normal weekdays Range of Noise Level, dB(A)								
		L <sub>eq (30 min)</sub>		L <sub>10 (5 min)</sub>			L <sub>90 (5 min)</sub>		
	Mean Max Min			Mean	Max	Min	Mean	Max	Min
NMS 5	55.3	63.5	51.0	57.5	74.1	50.8	51.1	61.7	48.3

Table 3.3 Summary of Evening-Time & Daytime (Holiday) Noise Monitoring Results

Monitoring Station	Evening-time 1900-2300 hrs on all days & Daytime 0700-1900 hrs on holidays Range of Noise Level, dB(A)								
		L <sub>eq (30 min)</sub>		L <sub>10 (5 min)</sub>			L <sub>90 (5 min)</sub>		
	Mean Max Min			Mean	Max	Min	Mean	Max	Min.
NMS 5	55.4	68.2	48.9	58.2	67.8	49.7	51.0	57.5	48.1

Table 3.4 Summary of Night Time Noise Monitoring Results

Monitoring Station	Night-time 2300-0700 hrs on the next day Range of Noise Level, dB (A)								
	L <sub>eq (30 min)</sub>				L <sub>10 (5 min)</sub> L <sub>90 (5 min)</sub>				
	Mean	Max	Min	Mean	Max	Min	Mean	Max	Min
NMS 5	53.7	67.5	48.6	55.7	71.5	49.5	50.0	55.0	48.0

#### 3.3 Action and Limit Levels

3.3.1 The Action and Limit Levels for the Contract have been extracted from Table 4.9 of the BEMR and summarised in **Table 3.5**.

Table 3.5 Action Limit Levels for Noise during Construction Period

Monitoring Station Time Period		Action Level	Limit Level
NMS5	0700-1900 hrs on normal weekdays	When one documented complaint is received	75 dB(A)

#### Notes:

If works are to be carried during restricted hours, the conditions stipulated in the construction noise permit issued by the Noise Control Authority have to be followed.

(\*): Reduce to 65 dB (A) during school examination periods.

# 3.4 Event and Action Plan for Noise Monitoring

3.4.1 Should non-compliance of the criteria occur, action in accordance with the Event and Action Plan, as provided in **Table 3.6**, shall be carried out.

Table 3.6 Event and Action Plan for Construction Noise

Event	Action						
270111	ET	IEC	SO	Contractor			
Exceedance of Action Level	Identify source, investigate the causes of exceedance and propose remedial measures;     Notify IEC and Contractor;     Report the results of investigation to the IEC, SO and Contractor;     Discuss with the Contractor and formulate remedial measures;     Increase monitoring frequency to check mitigation effectiveness.	1. Review the analysed results submitted by the ET; 2. Review the proposed remedial measures by the Contractor and advise the SO accordingly; 3. Supervise the implementation of remedial measures.	Confirm receipt of notification of failure in writing;     Notify Contractor;     Require Contractor to propose remedial measures for the analysed noise problem;     Ensure remedial measures are properly implemented	Submit noise mitigation proposals to IEC;     Implement noise mitigation proposals.			

#### 4 Water Quality

## 4.1 Water Quality Monitoring Stations

4.1.1 There are a total of thirteen water quality monitoring stations specified under the ER for the contract. The baseline water quality monitoring was undertaken approximately one year prior to the commencement of the Contract and other nearby construction contracts. Therefore, the baseline monitoring results together with the Action and Limit Levels for these monitoring stations are considered applicable for the Contract. They are listed in **Table 4.1** and shown in **Appendix A**.

Table 4.1 Locations of the Water Quality Monitoring Stations

Monitoring	Decembries	Coordinates		
Stations	Description	Easting	Northing	
IS5	Impact Station (Close to HKLR construction site)	811579	817106	
IS(Mf)6	Impact Station (Close to HKLR 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	
SR3	Sensitive receivers (San Tau SSSI)	810525	816456	
SR4	Sensitive receivers (Tai Ho Inlet)	814760	817867	
SR5	Sensitive receivers (Artificial Reef In NE Airport)	811489	820455	
SR10A	Sensitive receivers (Ma Wan Fish Culture Zone)	823741	823495	
SR10B	Sensitive receivers (Ma Wan Fish Culture Zone)	823686	823213	
CS2	Control Station	805849	818780	
CS(Mf)5	Control Station	817990	821129	

## 4.2 Monitoring Methodology and Results

4.2.1 The monitoring methodology and results are detailed in the BEMR. The baseline monitoring results provided in the BEMR will be adopted for the Contact as the baseline monitoring stations for the Contract is the same as those presented in the BEMR. Appendices C3 and C4 of the BEMR detail the baseline monitoring results for the Contract.

#### 4.3 Action and Limit Levels

4.3.1 The Action and Limit Levels for the Contract have been extracted from Table 5.6 of the BEMR and summarised in **Table 4.2**.

Table 4.2 Action and Limit Levels for Water Quality

Parameter (unit)	Water Depth	Action Level	Limit Level
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) (surface,	Surface and Middle	5.0	4.2 except 5 for Fish Culture Zone
middle and bottom)	Bottom	4.7	3.6
Turbidity (NTU)	Depth average	27.5 or 120% of upstream control station's turbidity at the same tide of the same day	47.0 or 130% of turbidity at the upstream control station at the same tide of same day
Suspended Solid (SS) (mg/L)	Depth average	23.5 or 120% of upstream control station's SS at the same tide of the same day	34.4 or 130% of SS at the upstream control station at the same tide of same day and 10mg/L for Water Services Department Seawater Intakes

#### Notes:

- (1) Depth-averaged is calculated by taking the arithmetic means of reading of all three depths.
- (2) For DO, non-compliance of the water quality limit occurs when monitoring result is lower that the limit.
- (3) For SS & turbidity non-compliance of the water quality limits occur when monitoring result is higher than the limits.
- (4) All the figures given in the table are used for reference only and the EPD may amend the figures whenever it is considered as necessary.
- (5) The 1 percentile of baseline data for dissolved oxygen (surface and middle) and dissolved oxygen (bottom) are 4.2mg/L and 3.6mg/L respectively.

# 4.4 Event and Action Plan for Water Quality Monitoring

4.4.1 Should non-compliance of the criteria occur, action in accordance with the Event and Action Plan, as provided in **Table 4.3**, shall be carried out.

Table 4.3 Event and Action Plan for Water Quality

Event	Action							
Event	ET Leader	IEC	so	Contractor				
Action level being exceeded by one sampling day	,	data submitted by ET and Contractor's working methods.	of notification of					

		Action		
Event	ET Leader	IEC	SO	Contractor
Action level being exceeded by two or more consecutive sampling days	<ol> <li>Repeat measurement on next day of exceedance to confirm findings;</li> <li>Identify source(s) of impact;</li> <li>Inform IEC, contractor, SO and EPD;</li> <li>Check monitoring data, all plant, equipment and Contractor's working methods;</li> <li>Discuss mitigation measures with IEC, SO and Contractor;</li> <li>Ensure mitigation measures are implemented;</li> <li>Increase the monitoring frequency to daily until no exceedance of Action level;</li> </ol>	monitoring data submitted by ET and Contractor's working method;  2. Discuss with ET and Contractor on possible remedial actions;  3. Review the proposed mitigation measures submitted by Contractor and advise the SO	IEC on the proposed mitigation measures; 2. Ensure mitigation measures are properly implemented; 3. Assess the	1. Inform the Engineer and confirm notification of the non-compliance in writing; 2. Rectify unacceptable practice; 3. Check all plant and equipment and consider changes of working methods; 4. Submit proposal of additional mitigation measures to SO within 3 working days of notification and discuss with ET, IEC and SO; 5. Implement the agreed mitigation measures.
Limit level being exceeded by one sampling day	<ol> <li>Repeat measurement on next day of exceedance to confirm findings;</li> <li>Identify source(s) of impact;</li> <li>Inform IEC, contractor, SO and EPD;</li> <li>Check monitoring data, all plant, equipment and Contractor's working methods;</li> <li>Discuss mitigation measures with IEC, SO and Contractor;</li> </ol>	monitoring data submitted by ET and Contractor's working method;  2. Discuss with ET and Contractor on possible remedial actions;  3. Review the	of notification of failure in writing;  2. Discuss with IEC, ET and Contractor on the proposed mitigation measures;  3. Request	the non-compliance in writing;  2. Rectify unacceptable practice;  3. Check all plant and equipment and consider changes of working methods;  4. Submit proposal of

	Action					
Event	ET Leader	IEC	so	Contractor		
Limit level being exceeded by two or more consecutive sampling days	<ol> <li>Repeat measurement on next day of exceedance to confirm findings;</li> <li>Identify source(s) of impact;</li> <li>Inform IEC, contractor, SO and EPD;</li> <li>Check monitoring data, all plant, equipment and Contractor's working methods;</li> <li>Discuss mitigation measures with IEC, SO and Contractor;</li> <li>Ensure mitigation measures are implemented;</li> <li>Increase the monitoring frequency to daily until no exceedance of Limit level for two consecutive days;</li> </ol>	monitoring data submitted by ET and Contractor's working method;  2. Discuss with ET and Contractor on possible remedial actions;  3. Review the Contractor's mitigation measures whenever necessary to assure their effectiveness and advise the	mitigation measures;	<ol> <li>Take immediate action to avoid further exceedance;</li> <li>Submit proposal of mitigation measures to SO within 3 working days of notification and discuss with ET, IEC and SO;</li> <li>Implement the agreed mitigation measures;</li> <li>Resubmit proposals of mitigation measures if problem still not under control;</li> <li>As directed by the Engineer, to slow down or to stop all or part of the construction activities until no exceedance of Limit level.</li> </ol>		

#### 5 Ecology

# 5.1 Monitoring Methodology and Results for Chinese White Dolphins

- 5.1.1 The monitoring methodology and results are detailed in Section 6 of the BEMR. In total, 112 groups of Chinese White Dolphins, numbering 413 individuals, were observed during the three-month baseline survey. Most were sighted in the West Lantau and Northwest Lantau regions. The detailed monitoring results which were extracted from Appendix D of BEMR are presented in **Appendix C**.
- 5.2 Event and Action Plan for Dolphin Monitoring
- 5.2.1 The Event and Action Plan for dolphin monitoring for the Contract have been extracted from Table 6.2 of the BEMR and summarised in **Table 5.2**.

Table 5.2 Event and Action Plan for Dolphin Monitoring

Event		Action*			
	ET	IEC	so	Contractor	
Dolphin numbers and behaviour patterns recorded in the construction and post-construction monitoring are significantly lower than or different from those recorded in the pre-construction monitoring.	Repeat statistical data analysis to confirm findings; Review historical data to ensure differences are as a result of natural variation or previously observed seasonal differences; Identify source(s) of impact; Inform the IEC, SO and Contractor; Check monitoring data; Discuss additional dolphin monitoring and any other measures, with the IEC and Contractor.	Discuss monitoring with the ET and the Contractor; Review proposals for additional monitoring and any other measures submitted by the Contractor and advise the SO accordingly.	Discuss with the IEC additional monitoring requirements and any other measures proposed by the ET; Make agreement on the measures to be implemented	Inform the SO and confirm notification of the non-compliance in writing; Discuss with the ET and the IEC and propose measures to the IEC and the SO; Implement the agreed measures.	

#### Notes:

ET - Environmental Team

IEC - Independent Environmental Checker

SO – Supervising Officer

#### 6 Mudflat Monitoring

# 6.1 Mudflat Ecology Monitoring Methodology

#### Sampling Zone

6.1.1 There are two survey areas specified under the ER for the Contract, namely Tung Chung Bay and San Tau. Tung Chung Bay survey area is divided into three sampling zones (TC1, TC2 and TC3) and there is one sampling zone at San Tau (ST). Survey of horseshoe crabs, seagrass beds and intertidal communities were conducted in each sampling zone. The

<sup>\*</sup> Action to be instigated within 1 month of an event

locations of sampling zones are shown in **Figure 6.1**. The pre-construction mudflat ecology monitoring was undertaken between 13 and 23 September 2012.

### **Horseshoe Crabs**

6.1.2 An active search method was adopted for horseshoe crab survey at each sampling zone. The survey was undertaken by 2 specialists each spending 2 to 3 hours at the site subject to the site and tidal conditions for two days. Once a horseshoe crab was found, the species, size and inhabiting substrate, photographic record and respective GPS coordinate were recorded.

### **Seagrass Beds**

6.1.3 An active search method was adopted for seagrass bed survey at each sampling zone. The survey was undertaken by 2 specialists each spending 2 to 3 hours at the site subject to the site and tidal conditions for two days. Once seagrass bed was observed, the species, the estimated area (m²), photographic record and respective GPS coordinate were recorded.

#### **Intertidal Soft Shore Communities**

- 6.1.4 The sandy shore of San Tau and Tung Chung Bay from the uppermost part of the shore and to the water edge was divided into three tidal zones upper, middle and lower zones, at each sampling zone, TC1, TC2, TC3 and ST. A 100m transect was laid in each of the three tidal zones for fauna sampling.
- 6.1.5 At each sampling zone, three 100m horizontal transects will be laid at 2.0m, 1.5m and 1.0m above C.D. Along each transect, ten random quadrats (0.5 m x 0.5m) were placed. In each quadrat, the epifauna and infauna (within the top 5cm sediment) in each quadrat were identified and their numbers/coverage percentages were recorded. One core of 10cm diameter x 20cm depth was also collected within each quadrat. The sediments of the cores were sieved with 2mm mesh-size sieve and the biota inside was identified and counted. Species and abundance of biota in both cores and quadrats were reported.

#### 6.2 Mudflat Ecology Monitoring Results

#### **Horseshoe Crabs**

- 6.2.1 There were 1, 9 and 16 individuals of *Tachypleus tridentatus* observed at TC1, TC3 and ST respectively. In addition, grouping of *T. tridentatus* was also observed at TC3 and ST while each group consisted of 2 to 4 individuals of *T. tridentatus*. Survey results are presented in Table 3.1 of **Appendix B**. No individuals of *T. tridentatus* were observed at TC2.
- 6.2.2 The prosomal width was also measured for each individual of *T. tridentatus*, and the range of prosomal width was from 8.45mm to 59.32mm, which corresponds to an age of 9 months to 8 years old. The survey results have been grouped together for presentation. Summary of prosomal width of horseshoe crab is shown in **Table 6.1**.

Table 6.1 Summary of Prosomal Width of Horseshoe Crab Survey

	TC1	TC2	ТС3	ST
No. of individuals	1	N/A	9	16
Mean prosomal width (mm)	28.14	N/A	42.65	24.41
Range of prosomal width (mm)	N/A	N/A	12.67 – 59.32	8.45 – 47.90
Search record (individual hr <sup>-1</sup> person <sup>-1</sup> )	0.25	N/A	1.50	2.67

#### **Seagrass Beds**

6.2.3 Four patches of *Halophila ovalis* were observed at ST while no any patches of *H. ovalis* were observed at the other sampling zones, TC1, TC2 and TC3. The survey results have been

grouped together for presentation. The estimated total area and the mean area of H. ovalis as observed at ST were  $332.3\text{m}^2$  and  $83.1\text{m}^2$ , respectively. Survey results for seagrass beds are presented in Table 3.3 of **Appendix B**.

#### **Intertidal Soft Shore Communities**

- 6.2.4 A total of 15,188 individuals were recorded. Mollusks were significantly abundant phylum (total individuals of 14,669; relative abundance of 96.6%, density of 489 individual m<sup>-2</sup>) followed by the second abundant group, arthropod (total individuals of 467; relative abundance of 3.1%, density of 16 individual m<sup>-2</sup>) at the sampling zones. The summary of the total abundance and total biomass of every phylum is presented in Table 3.5 of **Appendix B**. The complete list of species recorded is shown in Appendix III of **Appendix B**.
- 6.2.5 In general, molluscs were the most dominant phylum (No. of individuals: 3011-4839; relative abundance of 93.6-98.5%, density of 401-645 individual m<sup>-2</sup>) followed by the second abundant phylum, arthropods (no. of individuals: 43-201; relative abundance of 1.2-6.0%, density of 6-27 individual m<sup>-2</sup>). In addition, other phyla were very low in abundance across the four sampling zones (relative abundance of < 1%). The number of individuals and relative abundance (%) of each phylum at every sampling zone were presented in Table 3.6 of **Appendix B**.
- 6.2.6 For TC1, gastropod *Batillaria multiformis* was the most dominant species (64-65 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 33-61%) at upper and middle tidal zones. Rock oyster *Saccostrea cucullata* (12-43 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 15-22%) was the second abundant species at middle and lower tidal zones. Gastropod *Cerithidea djadjariensis* was the most dominant species (18 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 21%) at lower tidal zone while gastropod *Batillaria multiformis* (12 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 14%) was the third dominant species at lower tidal zone.
- 6.2.7 For TC2, gastropod *Cerithidea djadjariensis* was the most dominant species at all tidal zones (31-60 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 36-51%). The rock oyster *Saccostrea cucullata* (32 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 19%) was the second abundant species at middle tidal zone.
- 6.2.8 For TC3, gastropod *Cerithidea djadjariensis* (45-83 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 27-47%) and *Batillaria multiformis* (44-61 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 25-36%) were the two most dominant species at upper and middle tidal zones. Rocky oyster *Saccostrea cucullata* (44 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 30%) and gastropod *Monodonta labio* (36 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 24%) were the most dominant species at lower tidal zone.
- 6.2.9 For ST, the upper tidal zone was dominated by gastropod *Batillaria multiformis* (40 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 26%) and *Nassarius festivus* (32 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 21%). Gastropod *Cerithidea djadjariensis* (35 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 33%) was the first dominant species at middle tidal zone and second dominant species (10 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 20%) at lower tidal zone. At middle tidal zone, the gastropod *Cerithidea cingulata* was the second abundant species (23 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 22%). At lower tidal zone, rocky oyster *Saccostrea cucullata* was the most dominant species (18 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>; relative abundance of 37%).
- 6.2.10 There was no consistent pattern of species distribution observed across sampling zones and tidal levels in Tung Chung Wan and San Tau. The species distribution might be determined by the type of substratum. In general, gastropod *Batillaria multiformis*, *Cerithidea djadjariensis* and rocky oyster *Saccostrea cucullata* were the most common occurring species among the four sampling zones. The abundant species (relative abundance >10%) at every sampling zone is presented in Table 3.7 of **Appendix B**.
- 6.2.11 The mean values of number of species, density, H' and J at every sampling zone are presented in Table 3.8 of **Appendix B**. There was no obvious difference across the three tidal zones and sampling zones. The number of species ranged 7-12, 5-9, 7-9 and 5-9 spp. 0.25 m<sup>-2</sup> at TC1, TC2, TC3 and ST respectively. The mean density ranged 340-780, 258-668, 587-705 and 192-612 ind. m<sup>-2</sup> at TC1, TC2, TC3 and ST respectively. The H' ranged 1.06-1.65, 0.93-1.43, 1.04-1.31 and 0.95-1.59 at TC1, TC2, TC3 and ST respectively. The J ranged 0.54-0.73, 0.57-0.67, 0.55-0.60 and 0.61-0.73 at TC1, TC2, TC3 and ST respectively. In general, there was no obvious difference of biodiversity among the four sampling zones

based on the mean H' and J across tidal zones. The values reflected a stable intertidal soft shore community with moderate ecological functions.

# 6.3 Water Quality Monitoring

- 6.3.1 The mudflat monitoring covered water quality monitoring data. Reference was made to the water quality baseline monitoring data of the representative water quality monitoring station (i.e. SR3) as in the EM&A Manual. The water quality monitoring location (SR3) is shown in **Appendix A**.
- 6.3.2 Baseline water quality monitoring in San Tau (monitoring station SR3) was conducted in October 2011 prior to the construction of the HZMB. The monitoring parameters included dissolved oxygen (DO), turbidity and suspended solids (SS).
- 6.3.3 The baseline monitoring results for SR3 were extracted from the BEMR and summarised below:

Table 6.2	<b>Baseline Water</b>	<b>Quality Monitoring</b>	Results (Depth Average)	
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Date	Mid Ebb Tide				Mid Flood Tide			
	DO Saturation (%)	DO (mg/L)	Turbidity (NTU)	SS (mg/L)	DO Saturation (%)	DO (mg/L)	Turbidity (NTU)	SS (mg/L)
6 Oct 2011	87.6	6.0	7.3	15.5	91.1	6.2	9.4	7.6
8 Oct 2011	89.2	6.0	4.6	7.4	95.7	6.4	9.7	12.0
10 Oct 2011	92.1	6.2	6.3	11.0	93.9	6.3	8.5	14.0
12 Oct 2011	100.4	7.2	5.6	6.7	92.8	6.6	7.7	11.5
14 Oct 2011	91.4	6.4	9.1	10.0	88.2	6.2	10.5	16.5
16 Oct 2011	96.9	6.8	14.1	13.0	91.0	6.5	8.5	9.7
18 Oct 2011	85.6	6.5	7.0	16.0	85.3	6.5	9.4	14.5
22 Oct 2011	93.2	7.4	9.2	12.5	92.5	7.3	10.3	18.0
25 Oct 2011	89.8	7.2	8.4	8.3	88.4	7.1	17.8	28.0
27 Oct 2011	94.1	6.4	6.4	31.0	100.7	6.9	19.7	20.5
29 Oct 2011	120.6	8.1	8.1	15.0	106.1	7.3	14.1	22.0
31 Oct 2011	84.1	6.8	6.8	21.0	88.8	7.1	19.0	21.0
Average	93.8	6.8	7.7	14.0	92.9	6.7	12.1	16.3

#### 6.4 Sedimentation Rate Monitoring

#### Methodology

- 6.4.1 To avoid disturbance to the mudflat and nuisance to navigation, no fixed marker/monitoring rod was installed at the monitoring stations. A high precision Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) real time location fixing system (or equivalent technology) was used to locate the station in the precision of 1mm, which is reasonable under flat mudflat topography with uneven mudflat surface only at micro level. This method has been used on Agricultural Fisheries and Conservation Department's (AFCD) project, namely Baseline Ecological Monitoring Programme for the Mai Po Inner Deep Bay Ramsar Site for measurement of seabed levels.
- 6.4.2 Measurements were taken directly on the mudflat surface. The Real Time Kinematic GNSS (RTK GNSS) surveying technology was used to measure mudflat surface levels and 3D coordinates of a survey point. The RTK GNSS survey was calibrated against a reference station in the field before and after each survey. The reference station was a survey control

point established by the Lands Department of the HKSAR Government or traditional land surveying methods using professional surveying instruments such as total station, level and/or geodetic global navigation satellite system. The coordinates system was in HK1980 GRID system. The reference control station was surveyed and established by traditional land surveying methods using professional surveying instruments such as total station, level and/or geodetic GNSS. The accuracy was down to mm level and higher than the proposed RTK GNSS cm level so that the reference control station has relatively higher accuracy. As the reference control station has higher accuracy, it was set as true evaluation relative to the RTK GNSS measurement. All position and height correction were adjusted and corrected to the reference control station.

6.4.3 The precision of the measured mudflat surface level reading (vertical precision setting) was within 10 mm (standard deviation) after averaging the valid survey records of the XYZ HK1980 GRID coordinates. Each survey record at each station was computed by averaging at least three measurements that are within the above specified precision setting. Both digital data logging and written records were collected in the field. Field data on station fixing and mudflat surface measurement were recorded.

#### **Monitoring Locations**

6.4.4 Four monitoring stations were established based on the site conditions for the sedimentation monitoring and are shown in **Figure 6.1**.

#### **Monitoring Results**

6.4.5 The mudflat surface levels at the four established monitoring stations and the corresponding XYZ HK1980 GRID coordinates are presented in **Table 6.3.** 

Table 6.3 Measured Mudflat Surface Level Results

Monitoring Station	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Sedimentation Rate (mPD)	Remarks
S1	810291.160	816678.727	0.950	Soft mudflat
S2	810958.272	815831.531	0.864	Soft mudflat
S3	810716.585	815953.308	1.341	Soft mudflat
S4	811221.433	816151.381	0.931	Soft mudflat

#### 6.5 Event and Action Plan for Mudflat Monitoring

6.5.1 In the event of the impact monitoring results indicating that the density or the distribution pattern of intertidal fauna and seagrass is found to be significant different to the baseline condition (taking into account natural fluctuation in the occurrence and distribution pattern such as due to seasonal change), appropriate actions should be taken and additional mitigation measures should be implemented as necessary. Data should then be re-assessed and the need for any further monitoring should be established. The action plan, as given in **Table 6.4**, should be undertaken within a period of 1 month after a significant difference has been determined.

#### Table 6.4 **Event and Action Plan for Mudflat Monitoring**

Event	ET	IEC	so	Contractor
Density or the distribution pattern of horseshoe crab, seagrass or intertidal soft shore communities recorded in the impact or post-construction monitoring are significantly lower than or different from those recorded in the baseline monitoring.	Review historical data to ensure differences are as a result of natural variation or previously observed seasonal differences; Identify source(s) of impact; Inform the IEC, SO and Contractor; Check monitoring data; Discuss additional monitoring and any other measures, with the IEC and Contractor.	Discuss monitoring with the ET and the Contractor; Review proposals for additional monitoring and any other measures submitted by the Contractor and advise the SO accordingly.	Discuss with the IEC additional monitoring requirements and any other measures proposed by the ET;  Make agreement on the measures to be implemented.	Inform the SO and in writing; Discuss with the ET and the IEC and propose measures to the IEC and the ER; Implement the agreed measures.

Notes:

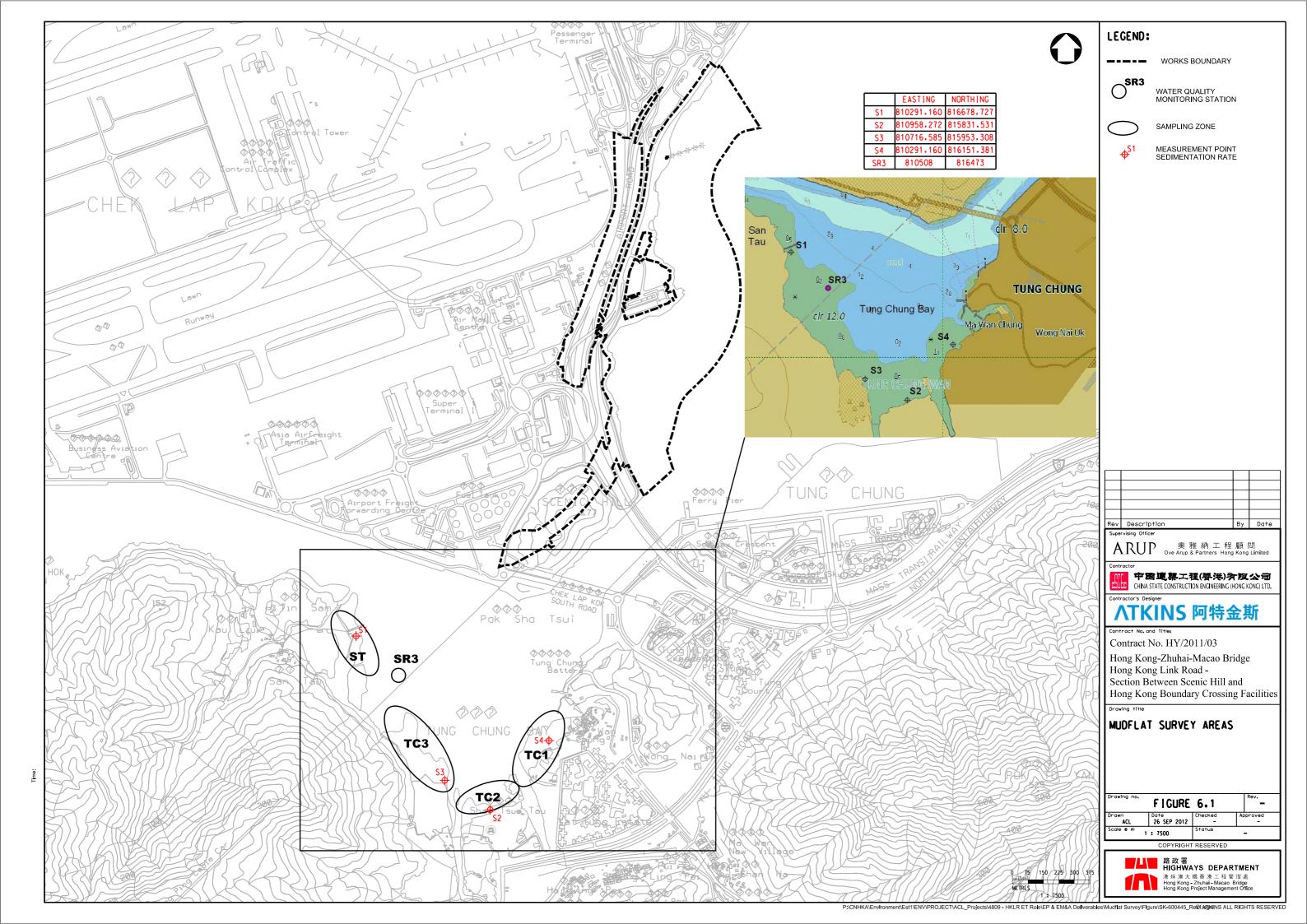
ET – Environmental Team IEC – Independent Environmental Checker

SO - Supervising Officer

#### 7 Conclusions

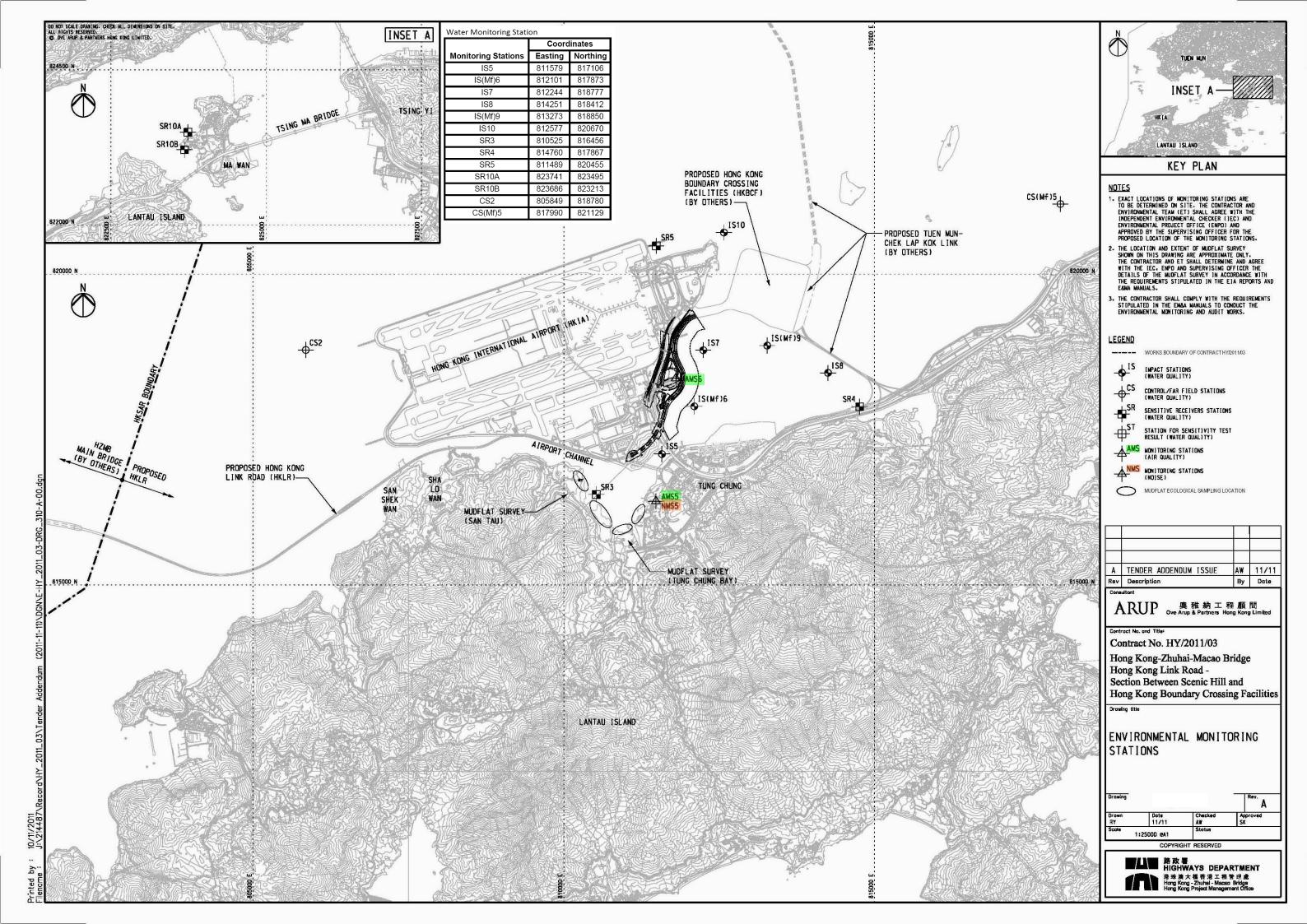
- 7.1.1 The baseline monitoring results for air quality, noise, water quality and ecology (Chinese White Dolphin) undertaken for Agreement No. CE35/2011 (EP) Baseline Environmental monitoring for Hong Kong Zhuhai Macao Bridge Hong Kong Projects Investigation has been adopted for the Contract as the baseline monitoring stations and requirements for the Contract are the same as those presented in the BEMR.
- 7.1.2 For the water quality monitoring as required for mudflat monitoring, reference was made to the water quality baseline monitoring data of the representative water quality monitoring station (i.e. SR3) as required in the EM&A Manual. Baseline water quality monitoring in San Tau (monitoring station, SR3) was conducted in October 2011 prior to the construction of the HZMB. The monitoring parameters included DO, turbidity and SS.
- 7.1.3 For horseshoe crab survey under mudflat monitoring, there were 1, 9 and 16 individuals of *Tachypleus tridentatus* as observed at sampling zones, TC1, TC3 and ST, respectively during the survey. Indeed, all horseshoe crabs, *Tachypleus tridentatus*, were in ages of 9 months to 8 years old based on the measurements of their prosomal widths.
- 7.1.4 Only one species of seagrass, *Halophila ovalis*, was recorded at one sampling zone, ST during the seagrass beds survey. Four patches of this species of seagrass were observed and their estimated areas were also recorded of which the estimated total area was about 332.3m<sup>2</sup>.
- 7.1.5 For intertidal soft shore communities survey under mudflat monitoring, a total of 15,188 individuals were recorded. Mollusks were significantly abundant phylum (total individuals of 14,669; relative abundance of 96.6%) followed by the second abundant group, arthropod (total individuals of 467; relative abundance of 3.1%) at the sampling zones.
- 7.1.6 Measurement of the mudflat surface level were conducted at four monitoring stations, S1, S2, S3 and S4, to establish the baseline level prior to the commencement of the construction works. The mudflat sedimentation rate at S1, S2, S3, and S4 were 0.950mPD, 0.864mPD, 1.341mPD and 0.931mPD, respectively.

# **FIGURES**



# **APPENDIX A**

**Environmental Monitoring Stations** 



# **APPENDIX B**

Intertidal Soft Shore Communities Survey Results

TC1

TC2

TC3

ST

TC3

Figure 2.2. Photographic record of the environment at every sampling zone.



**Table 3.1**. Record of horseshoe crab monitoring at every sampling zone.

	Prosomal				
Species	width (mm)	Substratum	GPS co	ordinate	Grouping
TC1 (search hour = 2 l	hr)				
Tachypleus tridentatus	28.14	S	22° 21.326' N	114° 45.150' E	
TC2 (search hour = 2 l	hr)				
No record					
TC3 (search hour = 3 l	hr)				
Tachypleus tridentatus	25.85	S	22° 16.962' N	113° 55.692' E	
T. tridentatus	59.32	S	22º 16.922' N	113° 55.672' E	
T. tridentatus	12.67	S	22º 16.975' N	113° 55.661' E	
T. tridentatus	49.37	S	22º 16.977' N	113° 55.678' E	
T. tridentatus	41.16	М	22º 17.111' N	113° 55.609' E	
T. tridentatus	48.19	S	22° 17.088' N	113° 55.587' E	
T. tridentatus	54.11	М	22° 17.105' N	113° 55.568' E	
T. tridentatus	52.95	М	22° 17.101' N	113° 55.622' E	1
T. tridentatus	40.22	М	22° 17.059' N	113° 55.621' E	1

M = Soft mud; S = Sands

Individuals in a group was given the same grouping number



Table 3.1(Cont'd). Record of horseshoe crab monitoring at every sampling zone.

	Prosomal				
Species	width (mm)	Substratum	GPS coordinate		Grouping
ST (search hour = 3 hr	)				
Tachypleus tridentatus	15.85	S	22° 16.904' N	113° 56.035' E	
T. tridentatus	35.35	М	22° 16.904' N	113° 56.035' E	
T. tridentatus	43.82	М	22° 17.531' N	113° 55.626' E	
T. tridentatus	8.45	S	22° 17.067' N	113° 55.971' E	
T. tridentatus	26.12	S	22° 17.057' N	113° 55.973' E	
T. tridentatus	30.95	М	22° 17.151' N	113° 55.970' E	2
T. tridentatus	26.77	М	22° 17.151' N	113° 55.970' E	2
T. tridentatus	30.08	М	22° 17.151' N	113° 55.970' E	2
T. tridentatus	47.9	М	22° 17.151' N	113° 55.970' E	2
T. tridentatus	17.99	М	22° 17.531' N	113° 55.626' E	3
T. tridentatus	13.16	М	22° 17.531' N	113° 55.626' E	3
T. tridentatus	15.91	М	22° 17.531' N	113° 55.626' E	3
T. tridentatus	16.39	S	22° 17.067' N	113° 55.964' E	4
T. tridentatus	14.99	S	22° 17.067' N	113° 55.964' E	4
T. tridentatus	16.02	S	22° 17.067' N	113° 55.964' E	4
T. tridentatus	30.8	S	22° 17.066' N	113° 55.964' E	

M = Soft mud; S = Sands

Individuals in a group was given the same grouping number



# TC1



# TC3





ST





Figure 3.1. Examples of photographic records of horseshoe crab monitoring

**Table 3.3**. Summary of seagrass beds monitoring at every sampling zone.

				Estimated	
E	Stimated area			percentage	
Species	(m²)	GPS co	ordinate	cover (%)	Remark
TC1 & TC2 & TC3 (sear	ch hour = 3 hr)				
No record					
ST (search hour = 3 h	r)				
Halanhila avalia	254.7	22º 17.057' N	113º 55.973' E -	50	A long strand of seagrass bed nearby the seaward
Halophila ovalis	251.7	22º 16.948' N	113º 56.031' E	50	side of mangrove area at 2.0m above C.D.
Halophila ovalis	27.0	22º 16.948' N	113º 56.031' E	80	
Halophila ovalis	34.7	22º 17.151' N	113º 55.970' E	70	
Halophila ovalis	18.9	22º 17.067' N	113º 55.971' E	80	
no. of patches	4				
Total area (m²)	332.3				
Average area (m²)	83.1				





Figure 3.2. Examples of photographic records of seagrass beds monitoring at ST



Table 3.5. Total abundance, density and total biomass of every phylum

Phylum	<b>Total Abundance</b>	%	Density (ind. m <sup>-2</sup> )	Number of taxon	
Sep 2012					
Mollusca	14669	96.6	489	33	
Arthropoda	467	3.1	16	22	
Annelida	26	0.2	1	5	
Sipuncula	21	0.1	1	2	
Chordata	4	0.0	0	2	
Nemertea	1	0.0	0	1	
Total	15188				

0.0 %: Total abundance of the phylum is less than 0.1% of relative abundance.

0 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>: Density of the phylum is less than 1 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>.



**Table 3.6**. The number of individuals, relative abundance (percentage) and density of each phylum at every sampling zone.

Phylum	TC1	%	density (ind. m <sup>-2</sup> )	TC2	%	density (ind. m <sup>-2</sup> )	TC3	%	density (ind. m <sup>-2</sup> )	ST	%	density (ind. m <sup>-2</sup> )
Mollusca	3677	95.4	490	3142	93.6	419	4839	98.5	645	3011	98.3	401
Arthropoda	166	4.3	22	201	6.0	27	57	1.2	8	43	1.4	6
Sipuncula	8	0.2	1	8	0.2	1	5	0.1	1			
Annelida	4	0.1	1	6	0.2	1	10	0.2	1	6	0.2	1
Chordata	1	0.0	0							3	0.1	0
Nemertea							1	0.0	0			
Sub-total	3856			3357			4912			3063		

0.0 %: Total abundance of the phylum is less than 0.1% of relative abundance of the sampling zone.

0 ind. m<sup>-2</sup>: Density of the phylum is less than 1 ind. m<sup>-2</sup> of the sampling zone.



Table 3.7. The abundant species (relative abundance >10%) at every sampling zone.

Sampling zone TC1	Group	Species	mean density (ind. m <sup>-2</sup> )	relative abundance (%)	cumulative relative abundance (%)
High	Ŋ	Batillaria multiformis	65	61	61
	Ø	Cerithidea cingulata	16	16	77
	O	Cerithidea djadjariensis	1	10	87
Mid	Ŋ	Batillaria multiformis	64	33	33
	Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	43	22	55
	O	Monodonta labio	39	20	75
	Ŋ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	23	12	98
Low	Ø	Cerithidea djadjariensis	18	21	21
	Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	12	15	35
	O	Batillaria multiformis	12	14	49
	Ŋ	Batillaria zonalis	11	13	62
	Ва	Balanus amphitrite	10	12	75

Ba = Barnacle, Bi = Bivalve, G = Gastropod



Table 3.7(Cont'd). The abundant species (relative abundance >10%) at every sampling zone.

Sampling zone TC2	Group	Species	mean density (ind. m <sup>-2</sup> )	relative abundance (%)	cumulative relative abundance (%)
High	Ŋ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	31	49	49
	O	Cerithidea cingulata	14	21	20
	O	Batillaria multiformis	∞	12	81
	ïā	Saccostrea cucullata	7	17	63
Mid	O	Cerithidea djadjariensis	09	36	36
	Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	32	19	55
	Ŋ	Cerithidea cingulata	30	18	73
Low	O	Cerithidea djadjariensis	54	51	12
	Ŋ	Cerithidea cingulata	14	13	65
	ä	Saccostrea cucullata	12	12	77

Bi = Bivalve, G = Gastropod



Table 3.7(Cont'd). The abundant species at every sampling zone.

Cerithidea djadjariensis 83  Batillaria multiformis 61  Cerithidea cingulata 33  Cerithidea cingulata 33  Saccostrea cucullata 44  Monodonta labio 36  Batillaria multiformis 27  Cerithidea diadiariensis 27	Sampling zone TC3	Group	Species	mean density (ind. m²)	relative abundance (%)	cumulative relative abundance (%)
GBatillaria multiformis44GCerithidea cingulata61GCerithidea djadjariensis45GCerithidea cingulata33BiSaccostrea cucullata44GMonodonta labio36GBatillaria multiformis27	High	O	Cerithidea djadjariensis	83	47	47
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G Cerithidea cingulata 33  Bi Saccostrea cucullata 44  G Monodonta labio 36  G Batillaria multiformis 27		ტ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	45	27	63
Bi Saccostrea cucullata 44  G Monodonta labio 36  G Batillaria multiformis 27		Ŋ	Cerithidea cingulata	33	20	82
Monodonta labio 36  Batillaria multiformis 27  Cerithidea diadiariansis 20	Low	Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	44	30	30
Batillaria multiformis 27 Cerithidea diadiariensis 20		ტ	Monodonta labio	36	24	55
Cerithidea diadiariensis		ტ	Batillaria multiformis	27	18	73
Command dadanana		ഗ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	20	13	98

Bi = Bivalve, G = Gastropod



Table 3.7(Cont'd). The abundant species at every sampling zone.

Sampling zone ST	Group	Species	mean density (ind. m <sup>-2</sup> )	relative abundance (%)	cumulative relative abundance (%)
High	O	Batillaria multiformis	40	26	26
	O	Nassarius festivus	32	21	47
	O	Monodonta labio	29	19	99
	Ŋ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	24	15	81
Mid	ŋ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	35	33	33
	ტ	Cerithidea cingulata	23	22	55
	i <u>a</u>	Saccostrea cucullata	16	15	70
Low	Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	18	37	37
	ტ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	10	20	22
	ŋ	Batillaria zonalis	9	12	69

Bi = Bivalve, G = Gastropod



Table 3.8. Mean values of number of species, density, Shannon-Weaver Diversity Index (H') and Pielou's Species Evenness (J) at every tidal level and sampling zone

Sampling		Mean number of species	Mean density	11 11 11	mean H'		mean J
zone	i idai ievei	(spp. 0.25 m-2)	(ind. m-2)	llean 7	across tidal level	lleall J	across tidal level
TC1	I	7	422	1.06		0.54	
	Σ	12	780	1.57	1.43	0.64	0.64
	_	10	340	1.65		0.73	
TC2	Ι	5	258	0.93		0.57	
	Σ	O	899	1.43	1.25	0.67	0.63
	_	6	416	1.39		0.64	
TC3	Ι	7	705	1.04		0.55	
	Σ	80	673	1.15	1.17	0.58	0.58
	_	6	587	1.31		09:0	
ST	Ι	8	612	1.37		0.65	
	Σ	6	421	1.59	1.30	0.73	99.0
	_	5	192	0.95		0.61	

H: 2.0 m above C.D.; M: 1.5 m above C.D.; L: 1.0 m above C.D.



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Sep 2012	Sep 2012 Sampling zone TC 1 High tidal level (2.0 m	High tidal level (2.0 m	idal le	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	E 0.5	above C.D.)	).D.)													
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Gp	Taxon	Ø	ပ	Ø	ပ	Ø	O	Ø	o o	O G	Ø	ပ	ø	o o	ن ~	Ø	O	Ø	O	sub-total
⋖	Amphipoda spp.										_									1
Ba	Balanus amphitrite	_																		_
Ξ	Cyclina sinesis	_																		_
Ξ	Dosinia japonica		_																	_
Ξ	Geloina erosa								`-	_			•	_						2
Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	က		4		∞			`-	_		- •	2	_		3		_		23
Ξ	Xenostrobus atrata					_														_
O	Hemigrapsus penicillatus	_						_						က	_	2				∞
ပ	Nanosesarma minutum																	_		_
O	Uca lactea															_				_
ഗ	Batillaria multiformis	33	7	4	19	147		22	2	26	24	ပ	62 4	40 73	3 32	2 39	31	18	_	646
Ŋ	Batillaria zonalis	7											- 1	ر. د						4
ഗ	Cerithidea cingulata	72	12	7		က					_	N	28	20	1	24				164
Ŋ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	12		∞	7	7		<b>∞</b>	<u></u>	6	3	_	<sub>∞</sub>	7		56	_	က		107
Ŋ	Cerithidea rhizophorarum										16									16
Ŋ	Echinolittorina radiata								. 1	2										7
Ŋ	Littoraia melanostoma	_						_			7									6
Ŋ	Monodonta labio	7				20		_	7	<b>C</b> '	7	-,	2	4		ω		_		20
Ŋ	Nassarius festivus										<del>-</del>									~
Ŋ	Nerita polita	7											2			2		_		13
Ŋ	Planaxis sulcatus													_						~
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Sep 20	212	Sep 2012 Sampling zone TC 1 Hig	Ч	tidal le	level (	(2.0 m	above C.D.)	3.D.)														
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ō	Marine	Ol Marine oligochaete spp.																2				
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Sep 2012	Sampling zone TC 1	Mid tidal level (1.	l leve	) (1.5	m ak	5 m above C.D.)	.D.												
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Gp	Taxon	Ø	ပ	Ø	ပ	Ø	o o	O	Ø	O	ပ တ	Ø	ပ	Ø	ο Ο	O	Ø	O	sub-total
Ba	Balanus amphitrite								1		_								2
Ξ	Anodontia stearnsiana															_			~
Ξ	Barbatia signata						2				2								7
Ξ	Barbatia virescens	2		7		9					4	7		_	_				26
Ξ	Cyclina sinesis														_				~
Ξ	Geloina erosa	_																	~
Ξ	Ruditapes philippinarum														_				_
Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	91		33		38	54		29	_	29	99		7	9		35		430
Ξ	Xenostrobus atrata	_									2	_							4
O	Hemigrapsus penicillatus	_		_			7		_			13		_			2		24
O	Nanosesarma minutum										_								~
ш	Omobranchus fasciolatoceps						_												~
ഗ	Batillaria multiformis	82	12	29		33 &	5 79	_	72	•	44	106		84	6	_	46		635
ტ	Batillaria zonalis											_							~
ტ	Cellana toreuma	4		3		2	4				2	7		_			က		24
ഗ	Cerithidea cingulata	_		4		2	1 5		2		_			_	_		71		92
ტ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	2		18		26	21		13	•	20	12		9	82	2	22		227
ഗ	Cerithidea rhizophorarum	4				2					_			_					<b>&amp;</b>
ഗ	Lepidozona sp.										_								_
ტ	Lunella coronata			7		2	4		_		2	3			_		4		22
Ŋ	Monodonta labio	84	7	30		37	2		45	• •	36	96	•	34	7		21		391
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Sep 2	Sep 2012 Sampling zone TC 1 Mid tidal level (1.5 m above C.D.)	Mid tida	l leve	J. (1.5	; m a	bove	C.D	<u>.</u>													
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ტ	G Nassarius festivus	1		_																	2
ഗ	G Nerita polita	2		∞				2		4						7			_		22
ഗ	G Patelloida pygmaea													_							_
Ŋ	Patelloida saccharina															_					_
ഗ	Planaxis sulcatus	2		4								_									10
유	Hc Pagurus dubius					လ		က													9
Sp	Sp Sipunculus nudus	~	_	_										7				_	_		7
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Gp		Taxon	Ø	O	Ø	O	Ø	O	Ø	ပ	ပ တ	Ø	O	Ø	O	Ø	ပ	Ø	O	ø	O	sub-total
Ba	Balanus amphitrite	nitrite	14		-					-	4	4				48				33		104
Ξ	Anodontia stearnsiana	arnsiana											3				က					9
Ξ	Barbatia virescens	cens																4		9		10
Ξ	Caecella chinensis	ensis								_							_					2
Ξ	Cyclina sinesis	Ş	_									2										က
Ξ	Ruditapes philippinarum	lippinarum																_		2		က
Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	ıcullata	27		_				7			7		2		26		34		22		124
Ξ	Xenostrobus atrata	atrata										_						_				2
O	Hemigrapsus penicillatus	penicillatus																9		2		æ
O	Macrophthalmus erato	nus erato			_		<del>-</del>															2
O	Nanosesarma minutum	n minutum																4		_		2
O	Uca lactea						<del>-</del>															_
ഗ	Batillaria multiformis	iformis	က		က			•	7	2	10 1	- 2	4	48	က	7		7		20		119
Ŋ	Batillaria zonalis	ilis	15		12	_	15	<u></u>	23	`-	17	2	9	4		10				_		110
Ŋ	Cellana toreuma	ma																_		ဗ		4
Ŋ	Cerithidea cingulata	gulata	19		6		_		7			6	3	_								44
Ŋ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	djariensis	25	<del>-</del>	20	_	2		7	_	9	1 20	4	39	_			7				177
Ŋ	Lepidozona sp.	Ġ																		_		_
Ŋ	Lunella coronata	ata	4		7						_	10	_	∞		8	_	∞		18		22
Ŋ	Monodonta labio	bio	က						_		_			_		_		12		18		37
Ŋ	Nassarius festivus	tivus							3	-	7		_	_				ဗ		7		17
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Sep 2012	Sampling zone TC 1	Low tidal level (1.0 m above C.D.)	dal le	vel (1	.0 m	abov	e C.E	(`.							
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Ba	Balanus amphitrite	3				_						_		_							9
Ξ	Cyclina sinesis			_											•						7
ä	Saccostrea cucullata	11				8		25		7											72
ပ	Hemigrapsus penicillatus							7									3		က		ω
ပ	Nanosesarma minutum																		_		_
ပ	Perisesarma bidens																		_		_
ပ	Philyra carinata					_															_
ပ	Uca lactea														_						_
മ	Batillaria multiformis					73							_					_			75
മ	Batillaria zonalis	9		_				~							2						10
മ	Cerithidea cingulata	16	(0	23		62		25		_	_	7			_						136
മ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	35	10	48	_	29	~	34		29	_	33	ųχ	20	36	(O	_	13		8	314
മ	Cerithidea rhizophorarum																_		_		7
	Lunella coronata	3				_															4
	Monodonta labio							9													9
Ŋ	Nerita polita					~															_
മ	Terebralia sulcata											4									4
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Sep 2012	2012 Sampling zone IC 2		Mid tidal level (1.5 m above C.D.)	l leve	el (1.	5 m a	bove	C.D.	(													
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Ba	Balanus amphitrite								3			1	_			39		71		10		134
Ξ	Barbatia signata				4																_	2
Ξ	Barbatia virescens		9		4																	10
Ξ	Cyclina sinesis							_										_	_		_	4
Ξ	Geloina erosa		_																			~
Ξ	Ruditapes philippinarum																4					4
Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata					• • •	31		7			55	Ю	82		33		62		45		315
O	Epixanthus sp.		7																			2
O	Hemigrapsus penicillatus	σ	3		3				_											9		13
O	Nanosesarma minutum				_													_				7
O	Portunus sp.														_							~
O	Uca lactea								_					_			7					4
Ŋ	Batillaria multiformis		43	_	20	<del>-</del>	7		,	7	_	9		2			_				7	100
Ŋ	Batillaria zonalis		2				12	7		0,	6	7										35
Ŋ	Cerithidea cingulata		28	7		_	75	47	52	2	2 3		_	38		16		18		4	က	304
Ŋ	Cerithidea djadjariensis		92	_	_		62	U	49	4	4	1 72	2	92	_	40		66		54		265
Ŋ	Lunella coronata		7		8		7		7	•	7	_								2		24
Ŋ	Monodonta labio		2		72		4		2	•	2											88
Ŋ	Nassarius festivus		9																			9
Ŋ	Nerita polita		7		4						_											7
Ŋ	Terebralia sulcata															_		œ				6
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Sep 2	Sep 2012	Sampling zone TC 2 Mid tidal level (1.5 m above C.D.)	Mid tic	dal le	vel (`	.5 m	abov	e C.E	$\widehat{\mathbf{C}}$														
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웃	Pagur	Hc Pagurus dubius	1																				1
ō	Marin	Ol Marine oligochaete spp.																			_		_
₾	Malda	Maldanidae spp.											<del>-</del>										_
Sp	Sipun	Sp Sipunculus nudus									3												3

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Gр	Taxon	Ø	C	Ø	C	Ø	С	Ø	C (	Q C	Q	C	Ø	C	Ø	С	Ø	С	Ø	С	sub-total	
Ва	Balanus amphitrite			11				2							2						15	
Ē	Barbatia signata										_							_			2	
<u>.</u>	Barbatia virescens												_		2			_			7	
<u>.</u>	Cyclina sinesis												_						_		2	
<u>.</u>	Geloina erosa															_					_	
Ē	Ruditapes philippinarum								_	_	_		7							3	œ	
ā	Saccostrea cucullata	7		15		36		42	_	18							10				123	
<u>.</u>	Xenostrobus atrata										7										2	
O	Hemigrapsus penicillatus							7			_				4						7	
O	Nanosesarma minutum												7				_				က	
O	Uca vocans			_																	_	
Q	Batillaria multiformis	7		4				9	ر د	4 2	_	13	_			7	က	4		~	51	
Ŋ	Batillaria zonalis	4		7	<del>-</del>	7	_	3	4	_	4	9	က		4		<sub>∞</sub>	7		3	53	
Ŋ	Cerithidea cingulata	20	_					9	Ŋ	22	3				7	4	_	2	80		140	
Ŋ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	20	4	က		18	2	22	2	87	22	2	12		63		28	62	51	2	536	
Q	Lunella coronata					_		7			9		7		7		7	7			31	
Q	Monodonta labio					7		7			4		2				7	7			31	
Ŋ	Nassarius festivus			_				7			2		_				က	_			18	
Ŋ	Nerita polita												_				_				2	
۵	Maldanidae spp.						_						~								2	



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Sp Sipunculus nudus									`	_	_	_					7			2
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Sep 2012	312 Sampling zone TC 3	High tidal level (2.0	al le	vel (2		abov	m above C.D.)														
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Gp	Taxon	Ø	C	Ø	C	Ö	c a	C	Ø	C	Ø	0 0	Q C	Ø	С	Ø	C	S Q		C	sub-total
Ba	Balanus amphitrite					2															2
æ	Barbatia virescens						_														_
Ξ	Cyclina sinesis	~							_						_						က
Ξ	Geloina erosa																_				<b>~</b>
Ξ	Ruditapes philippinarum		_							7			_								4
Ξ	Saccostrea cucullata	~		7		_	72		9		œ										06
O	Hemigrapsus penicillatus					7															2
O	Perisesarma bidens						_														_
O	Philyra carinata			_																	<del>-</del>
O	Uca borealis												_								<del>-</del>
ပ	Uca lactea									_		•	_					_			က
ტ	Batillaria multiformis	~		7			3		30		22	9	67 2	29	00	33	~~	180	0		440
ტ	Batillaria zonalis			4		7			22												28
ტ	Cerithidea cingulata	63	_	4		က	15		29		81	22	7		_	44		52	ΟI		325
ტ	Cerithidea djadjariensis	88	_	82		26	77		125	_	41	7	7	130	0	120	0	36	"		831
ტ	Cerithidea rhizophorarum						2														2
ტ	Lunella coronata			7		_	2														2
ტ	Monodonta labio					4					4										∞
ტ	Nerita polita					7	_				_			_							2
ტ	Planaxis sulcatus						4														4
Ŋ	Terebralia sulcata					_															_
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운	Hc <i>Clibanarius</i> sp.							-														_
HSc	HSc Tachypleus tridentatus																	_				~
Se	Ne Nemertea spp.																			_		_
۵	P Maldanidae spp.									7												2
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Sep	Sep 2012	Sampling zone TC 3	Mid tidal level (1	dal le∖		.5 m above C.D.)	ove (	;.D.)														
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Gp		Taxon	Ø	ပ	Ø	ပ	Ø	ပ	Ø	O	Ø	ပ	o o	Ø	O	Ø	O	Ø	O	Ø	O	sub-total
Ba		Balanus amphitrite	-										3									4
Ξ		Barbatia signata						_														_
Ξ		Caecella chinensis														_						_
Ξ	Cyclin	Cyclina sinesis					_			က				_								2
Ξ	Rudita	Ruditapes philippinarum						7														2
Ξ	Sacco	Saccostrea cucullata	_		35				3				<sub>∞</sub>	_				15				63
Ξ	Xenos	Xenostrobus atrata			_																	_
O	Hemig	Hemigrapsus penicillatus			9		_															7
ပ	Nanos	Nanosesarma minutum			7																	2
O	Uca lactea	ctea					_						_									2
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## **APPENDIX C**

Draft Final Report on Baseline Chinese White Dolphin Monitoring for Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge Hong Kong Projects

# Contract No. HY/2011/02 Baseline Chinese White Dolphin Monitoring for Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Projects

Draft Final Report on Baseline Monitoring (September - November 2011)
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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

In 2009, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) received official approval to be built by the Governments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Guangdong Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region. The Main Bridge will be jointly funded by all three Governments. Each Government will be responsible for constructing its own boundary crossing facility and link road to connect to the Main Bridge. In Hong Kong, there are three projects associated with the HZMB construction, namely the Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR) Project, the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) Project, and the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) Project. According to the EM&A Manuals and EPs of the HZMB Projects in Hong Kong (i.e. HKBCF, HKLR and TM-CLKL), baseline dolphin monitoring is required to be carried out three months prior to the commencement of the HKBCF reclamation contract.

To comply with the requirements of the EM&A Manuals and EPS of the HZMB Projects in Hong Kong, the present monitoring study aims to collect data on Chinese White Dolphins (a.k.a. Indo-Pacific humpback dolphin, *Sousa chinensis*) during the pre-construction phase (i.e. baseline dolphin monitoring) in Northeast Lantau (NEL), Northwest Lantau (NWL) and West Lantau (WL) survey areas. This report is the draft final report submitted to the Highways Department, summarizing the results of the survey findings during the entire baseline monitoring period (i.e. September to November 2011).

#### 2. OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

#### 2.1. Objectives of the Present Study

Several objectives were set for this baseline monitoring study of Chinese White Dolphins for the study area in North and West Lantau waters, in association with the construction works of HZMB Projects. The first objective was to assess the spatial and temporal patterns of distribution and habitat use of Chinese White Dolphins during the pre-construction phase of HZMB Projects in great details. This objective was achieved through collection of research data on dolphins by conducting line-transect vessel surveys in NWL, NEL and WL survey areas.

The second objective was to identify individual Chinese White Dolphins by their natural marks, which was achieved by taking high-quality photographs of dolphins for photo-identification analysis. Photographs of identified individuals were compiled and added to the photo-identification catalogue.

The third objective was to analyze the monitoring data from the present baseline study for better understanding of the various aspects of local dolphin population in relation to the construction works of HZMB Projects. This objective was achieved by conducting various data analyses, including distribution analysis, encounter rate analysis, behavioural analysis and quantitative grid analysis to assess the spatial and temporal patterns of distribution and habitat use of local dolphins based on systematic line-transect survey data, and ranging pattern analysis to study individual movement based on photo-identification data.

#### 2.2. Line-transect Vessel Surveys

The survey team used standard line-transect methods (Buckland et al. 2001) to conduct regular vessel surveys, and followed the same technique of data collection that has been adopted in the last 16 years of marine mammal monitoring surveys in Hong Kong (Hung 2010, 2011; Jefferson 2000). The territorial water of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region was divided into twelve survey areas, and line-transect surveys were conducted in NWL, NEL and WL areas (see transect line layout in Figure 1).

During each vessel survey, a 15-m inboard vessel (*Standard* 31516) with an open upper deck (about 4.5 m above water surface) was used to make observations from the flying bridge area. Two experienced observers (a data recorder and a primary observer) made up the on-effort survey team, and the survey vessel transited different transect lines at a constant speed of 13-15 km per hour. The data recorder searched with unaided eyes and filled out the datasheets, while the primary observer searched for dolphins continuously through 7 x 35 *Brunton* marine binoculars. Both observers searched the sea ahead of the vessel, between  $270^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  (in relation to the bow, which is defined as  $0^{\circ}$ ). Two to three additional experienced observers were available on the boat to work in shift (i.e. rotate every 30 minutes) in order to minimize fatigue of the survey team members. All observers were experienced in small cetacean survey techniques and identifying local cetacean species. Beforehand they had participated in rigorous at-sea training program provided by the PI.

During on-effort survey periods, the survey team recorded effort data including time, position (latitude and longitude), weather conditions (Beaufort sea state and visibility), and distance traveled in each series (a continuous period of search effort) with the assistance of a handheld GPS (Garmin eTrex Legend H). When dolphins were sighted, the survey team would end the survey effort, and immediately recorded the initial sighting distance and angle of the dolphin group from the survey vessel, as well as the sighting time and position. Then the research vessel was diverted from its course to approach the animals for species identification, group size estimation, assessment of group composition, and behavioural observations. The perpendicular distance (PSD) of the dolphin group to the transect line was later calculated from the initial sighting distance and angle. The line-transect data collected during the present study were compatible with the long-term databases maintained by Hong Kong Cetacean Research Project (HKCRP) in a way that it can be analyzed by established computer programmes (e.g. all recent versions of DISTANCE programme including version 6.0, ArcView<sup>©</sup> GIS programme) for examination of population status including trends in abundance, distribution and habitat use of Chinese White Dolphins.

#### 2.3. Photo-identification

When a group of Chinese White Dolphins were sighted during the line-transect survey, the survey team would end effort and approach the group slowly from the side and behind to take photographs of them. Every attempt was made to photograph every dolphin in the group, and even photograph both sides of the dolphins, since the colouration and markings on both sides may not be symmetrical (Jefferson 2000). Two professional digital cameras (*Canon* EOS 7-D, 60-D models), each equipped with long telephoto lenses (100-400 mm zoom), were available on board for researchers to take sharp, close-up photographs of dolphins as they surfaced. The images were shot at the highest available resolution and stored on Compact Flash memory cards for downloading onto a computer.

All digital images taken in the field were first examined, and those containing potentially identifiable individuals were sorted out. These photographs would then be examined in greater details, and were carefully compared to over 700 identified dolphins in the PRE Chinese White Dolphin photo-identification catalogue managed by the HKCRP researchers. Chinese White Dolphins can be identified by their natural markings, such as nicks, cuts, scars and deformities on their dorsal fin and body, and their unique spotting patterns were also used as secondary identifying

features (Jefferson 2000). All photographs of each individual were then compiled and arranged in chronological order, with data including the date and location first identified (initial sighting), re-sightings, associated dolphins, distinctive features, and age classes entered into a computer database. Any new individuals were given a new identification number, and their data were also added to the catalogue, along with text descriptions including age class, gender, any nickname or unique markings.

#### 2.4. Data Analyses

#### 2.4.1. Distribution pattern analysis

The line-transect survey data was integrated with the Geographic Information System (GIS) in order to visualize and interpret different spatial and temporal patterns of dolphin distribution using sighting positions. Location data of dolphin groups were plotted on map layers of Hong Kong using a desktop GIS (ArcView<sup>©</sup> 3.1) to examine their distribution patterns in details. The dataset was also stratified into different subsets to examine distribution patterns of dolphin groups with different categories of group sizes, young calves and activities.

#### 2.4.2. Encounter rate analysis

Since the line-transect survey effort was uneven among different survey areas and across different years, the encounter rates of Chinese White Dolphins (number of on-effort sightings per 100 km of survey effort) were calculated in each survey area in relation to the amount of survey effort conducted during the baseline monitoring period, which was also compared to the ones calculated from previous years of monitoring data to examine temporal trend. The encounter rate could be used as an indicator to determine areas of importance to dolphins within the study area.

#### 2.4.3. Quantitative grid analysis on habitat use

To conduct quantitative grid analysis of habitat use, positions of on-effort sightings of Chinese White Dolphins collected during the 3-month baseline monitoring period were plotted onto 1-km² grids among NWL, NEL and WL survey areas on GIS. Sighting densities (number of on-effort sightings per km²) and dolphin densities (total number of dolphins from on-effort sightings per km²) were then calculated for each 1 km by 1 km grid with the aid of GIS. Sighting density grids and dolphin density grids were then further normalized with the amount of survey effort conducted within each grid. The total amount of survey effort spent on each grid was calculated by examining the survey coverage on each line-transect survey to determine how many times the grid was surveyed during the study period.

For example, when the survey boat traversed through a specific grid 50 times, 50 units of survey effort were counted for that grid. With the amount of survey effort calculated for each grid, the sighting density and dolphin density of each grid were then normalized (i.e. divided by the unit of survey effort).

The newly-derived unit for sighting density was termed SPSE, representing the number of on-effort sightings per 100 units of survey effort. In addition, the derived unit for actual dolphin density was termed DPSE, representing the number of dolphins per 100 units of survey effort. Among the 1-km² grids that were partially covered by land, the percentage of sea area was calculated using GIS tools, and their SPSE and DPSE values were adjusted accordingly. The following formulae were used to estimate SPSE and DPSE in each 1-km² grid within the study area:

SPSE = 
$$((S / E) \times 100) / SA\%$$
  
DPSE =  $((D / E) \times 100) / SA\%$ 

where S = total number of on-effort sightings

D = total number of dolphins from on-effort sightings

E = total number of units of survey effort

SA% = percentage of sea area

#### 2.4.4. Behavioural analysis

When dolphins were sighted during vessel surveys, their behaviour was observed. Different activities were categorized (i.e. feeding, milling/resting, traveling, socializing) and recorded on sighting datasheets. This data was then input into a separate database with sighting information, which can be used to determine the distribution of behavioural data with a desktop GIS. Distribution of sightings of dolphins engaged in different activities and behaviours would then be plotted on GIS and carefully examined to identify important areas for different activities of the dolphins.

#### 2.4.5. Ranging pattern analysis

Location data of individual dolphins that occurred during the 3-month baseline monitoring period were obtained from the dolphin sighting database and photo-identification catalogue. To deduce home ranges for individual dolphins using the fixed kernel methods, the program Animal Movement Analyst Extension, created by the Alaska Biological Science Centre, USGS (Hooge and Eichenlaub 1997), was loaded as an extension with ArcView<sup>©</sup> 3.1 along with another extension Spatial Analyst 2.0. Using the fixed kernel method, the program calculated kernel density estimates based on all sighting positions, and provided an active interface to display

kernel density plots. The kernel estimator then calculated and displayed the overall ranging area at 95% UD level.

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

#### 3.1. Summary of survey effort and dolphin sightings

From September to November 2011, a total of 14 line-transect vessel surveys were conducted in NWL, NEL and WL survey areas (Appendix I). Among these surveys, 966 km of survey effort was collected, with 95% of these effort conducted under favourable sea conditions (Beaufort 3 or below with good visibility). The high percentage of survey effort conducted under favourable sea conditions is critical to the success of the dolphin data collection programme in Hong Kong, as only such data can be used in various analyses such as the examination of encounter rates, habitat use and estimation of density and abundance. The details of the survey effort data collected during the baseline monitoring are shown in Appendix II.

During the 3-month study period, 112 groups of Chinese White Dolphins, numbering 413 individuals, were sighted from the vessel surveys (Appendix III). Among them, 91 groups were sighted during on-effort line-transect vessel surveys, while the others were sighted during off-effort search. Most sightings were made in WL (46 groups) and NWL (49 groups), comprising 84.8% of the total (Figure 1). In addition, 17 dolphin groups were also sighted in NEL throughout the 3-month study period (Figure 1).

#### 3.2. Distribution

Dolphin sightings were unevenly distributed throughout the three survey areas of NWL, NEL and WL during the study period. In North Lantau region, concentration of these sightings were found around Lung Kwu Chau, near Black Point, Pillar Point and Shum Shui Kok, but the dolphins generally avoided the waters to the north of the Chek Lap Kok airport as well as the northern and eastern portions of NEL survey area (Figure 2). On the contrary, dolphins occurred evenly throughout the WL survey area, but slightly more sightings were made near Kai Kung Shan, Fan Lau and the offshore waters between Tai O Peninsula and Kai Kung Shan (Figure 3).

Throughout the baseline monitoring period, dolphins occurred regularly in the

vicinity of the future alignments of HKLR and TM-CLKL as well as the reclamation site of HKBCF, but not in high concentration (Figures 2-3). Their occurrence around these future construction sites in association with HZMB Projects should be continuously monitored to determine whether there will be any change in dolphin distribution and habitat use around these work areas during the construction period.

#### 3.3. Encounter rate

To calculate encounter rates of Chinese White Dolphins, only data collected in Beaufort 0-3 conditions was included in the analysis (see Hung 2011). During the baseline monitoring period, the combined dolphin encounter rate of NWL, NEL and WL was 10.8 sightings per 100 km. This was much higher than the ones in previous years from 2008-2010, but was slightly lower than the one in 2007 recorded during AFCD marine mammal monitoring programme (Figure 4a).

Among the three survey areas, the dolphin encounter rate was the highest in WL (20.4 sightings per 100 km), which was much higher than the ones in NWL (9.3) and NEL (5.4) (Figure 4b). The prominent usage of WL during the same three-month period (September to November) was also consistent throughout the past five years (Figure 4b), providing solid evidence that this stretch of coastal waters presents the most important habitat for Chinese White Dolphins in Hong Kong. Moreover, dolphin usage among all three survey areas during this three-month period also followed similar temporal trends, with encounter rates dropping from the highest in 2007 to the lowest in 2010, but increasing to a higher level in 2011 (Figure 4b). In fact, dolphin encounter rate in NEL reached the highest in 2011 during the five-year period.

## 3.4. Group size

Group sizes of dolphins during the baseline monitoring period ranged from singles to 18 animals, with an overall mean of  $3.7 \pm 3.1$  (SD) animals per group. Among the three survey areas, their mean group sizes were similar across NEL, NWL and WL survey areas (3.2-3.9 dolphins per group). Moreover, the mean dolphin group size during the 3-month study period was very similar to the one recorded during the 2010-11 AFCD monitoring period (Hung 2011).

Most dolphin groups sighted during the 3-month period tended to be small, with 48.2% of the groups composed of 1-2 animals, and 72.3% of the groups with fewer

than five animals. On the other hand, 31 groups had 5 or more animals, and only five groups had 10 or more animals. These larger aggregations of dolphins were mostly found near Sha Chau and between Lung Kwu Chau and Black Point in NWL; around the Brothers Islands in NEL; and between Tai O Peninsula and Peaked Hill in WL (Figure 5). Notably, several large dolphin groups could be found near the alignments of HKLR and TM-CLKL as well as the reclamation site of HKBCF (Figure 5). Since large dolphin aggregations in certain locations may imply rich fishery resources and good feeding opportunities for dolphins, dolphin occurrence in these important feeding habitats should be closely monitored throughout the construction period to determine whether the construction works in association with the HZMB Projects would affect the feeding opportunities of the dolphins.

#### 3.5. Habitat use

From September to November 2011, the most heavily utilized habitats by Chinese White Dolphins included the waters around Lung Kwu Chau and Shau Chau, near Pillar Point and Black Point, and along the Urmston Road in NWL; around the Brothers Islands and near Shum Shui Kok in NEL; and around Tai O Peninsula, near Kai Kung Shan, Peaked Hill and Fan Lau in WL (Figures 6-7). These important dolphin habitats during the baseline monitoring period coincided well with the results from the previous AFCD monitoring periods (e.g. Hung 2010, 2011), further confirming the importance of these habitats to Chinese White Dolphins in Hong Kong.

Notably, several grids along the alignments of HKLR (Grids E21, F21 & G20) and TM-CLKL (Grids O14-15) as well as near the reclamation site of HKBCF (Grid P17) recorded moderate to high dolphin densities (Figures 6-7). Although the impending construction works in association with HZMB Projects are not situated at the most important dolphin habitats in Hong Kong (e.g. Lung Kwu Chau, Tai O Peninsula to Fan Lau, the Brothers Islands), these works will still be in the vicinity of these sensitive habitats, and dolphin usage should therefore be carefully monitored during the entire construction period to observe any significant changes incurred.

# 3.6. Mother-calf pairs

During the 3-month baseline monitoring period, a total of 14 unspotted calves (UC) and 14 unspotted juveniles (UJ) were sighted among the three survey areas. These young calves comprised 6.8% of all animals sighted. The young calves were

regularly sighted in the WL and NWL survey areas, but only twice in the NEL survey area. Concentration of these sightings with mother-calf pairs could be found near Tai O Peninsula and Black Point (Figure 8). Several sightings with mother-calf pairs were also located near the alignments of HKLR and TM-CLKL. As the young calves need to maintain close acoustic contact with their mothers in order to survive (Van Parijs and Corkeron 2001), they are more susceptible to acoustic disturbances from underwater construction activities, and their activities around the works area should be carefully monitored throughout the entire construction period.

## 3.7. Activities and associations with fishing boats

During the baseline monitoring period, 13 and 6 dolphin sightings were associated with feeding and socializing activities respectively, comprising of 11.6% and 5.4% of the total dolphin sightings. Only two dolphin groups were engaged in traveling activities near Pillar Point and to the west of the airport (Figure 9). Dolphin sightings associated with feeding activities were mostly found near Kai Kung Shan and Tai O in WL, and near Lung Kwu Chau in NWL (Figure 9). On the other hand, sightings associated with socializing activities were more scattered around the marine park area in NWL and the central portion of WL (Figure 9). Notably, several sightings associated with feeding activities were observed along and near the alignments of HKLR and TM-CLKL, and around the reclamation site of HKBCF (Figure 9).

Only six dolphin groups were found to be associated with operating fishing boats, comprising of 5.4% of all dolphin groups. These sightings included three dolphin groups associated with pair trawlers, two with hang trawlers and one with shrimp trawler. The location of these fishing boat-associated sightings were scattered throughout the three survey areas, with no apparent concentration (Figure 10). Only two of these sightings were found in the vicinity of the future work sites of HZMB Projects (Figure 10).

# 3.8. Photo-identification work and individual range use

From September to November 2011, over 5,000 digital photographs of Chinese White Dolphins were taken during the baseline monitoring surveys for the photo-identification work. In total, 96 individuals sighted 182 times altogether were identified (Table 1). The majority of these re-sightings were made in NWL and WL, comprising 53.2% and 31.9% of the total respectively. In addition, 27 re-sightings

were also made in NEL, or about half of the total number of dolphins sighted there during the 3-month study period. Most of the identified individuals were sighted only once or twice, with some notable exceptions though. For example, two individuals (CH34 and NL104) were sighted seven times, and WL04 were sighted five times during the study period. In addition, six individuals were sighted four times, while 15 other individuals were also sighted three times during the baseline monitoring period. Repeated sightings of these individuals during the relatively short study period indicated their frequent use of Hong Kong waters during the baseline monitoring study period.

Ranging patterns of the 96 individuals identified during the baseline monitoring surveys were determined by fixed kernel method, and are shown in Appendix IV. Notably, the majority of these individuals ranged extensively across NEL, NWL and WL survey areas, and many of their ranges overlapped with the alignments of HKLR and TM-CLKL as well as the reclamation site of HKBCF during the baseline monitoring period (Appendix IV). In particular, some individuals (e.g. NL136, NL246, NL264, WL05) were sighted in both NEL and NWL survey areas, while others (e.g. NL258, WL04, WL116, WL137) were sighted in both NWL and WL survey areas during the three-month period (Appendix IV). Several individuals were even sighted across all three areas within the relatively short study period (e.g. NL33, NL123, NL226) (Appendix IV). Their frequent movements across these three survey areas will make them more susceptible to the potential disturbance arisen from the construction activities in association with the HZMB Projects, as the HKLR will be constructed at the boundary of NWL and WL survey areas, while the HKBCF and TM-CLKL will be constructed at the boundary of NWL and NEL survey areas. Recent research on social structure analysis also indicated that there are two social clusters in Hong Kong, with their overall 95% UD ranges overlapped at the waters where the HKLR will be constructed (Dungan 2011; Hung 2011). Consequently, individual movement patterns and habitat use should be closely monitored in the vicinity of the work sites of HKLR, TM-CLKL and HKBCF during and after the construction period, to determine whether individual dolphins will be affected by these construction works.

More importantly, many individuals that were sighted during the baseline monitoring period were year-round residents (e.g. EL01, NL98, NL139, WL25), and some were even accompanied by young calves (e.g. NL24, NL33, NL104, NL123). In fact, these were also the individuals being sighted multiple times during the 3-month baseline monitoring period, showing their strong reliance of Hong Kong

waters. Special attention should be paid to the range use of these year-round residents, as their continuous reliance of these three survey areas during and after the HZMB construction period can become an important indicator to determine whether the local dolphins will be affected by various construction works of HZMB Projects.

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Table 1. Individual dolphins identified during HYD-HZMB baseline dolphin monitoring surveys in September-November 2011

ID#	DATE	STG#	AREA
CH34	06/10/11	6	NW LANTAU
	28/10/11	5	NW LANTAU
	01/11/11	6	NE LANTAU
	01/11/11	8	NE LANTAU
	02/11/11	14	NW LANTAU
	05/11/11	6	NW LANTAU
	07/11/11	2	NW LANTAU
CH40	17/10/11	2	W LANTAU
	17/10/11	8	W LANTAU
CH98	02/11/11	13	NW LANTAU
CH108	02/11/11	3	W LANTAU
	02/11/11	8	W LANTAU
CH153	28/10/11	3	NW LANTAU
CH157	02/11/11	3	W LANTAU
EL01	01/11/11	9	NE LANTAU
	02/11/11	14	NW LANTAU
NL11	02/11/11	12	NW LANTAU
	07/11/11	2	NW LANTAU
NL12	02/11/11	12	NW LANTAU
NL24	10/10/11	2	NW LANTAU
	05/11/11	5	NW LANTAU
	05/11/11	8	NW LANTAU
	06/11/11	2	NE LANTAU
NL33	23/09/11	10	NW LANTAU
	01/11/11	8	NE LANTAU
	05/11/11	2	NW LANTAU
	07/11/11	5	NW LANTAU
NL37	16/09/11	4	NW LANTAU
NL46	28/10/11	4	NW LANTAU
NL48	16/09/11	5	NW LANTAU
	02/11/11	14	NW LANTAU
	07/11/11	2	NW LANTAU
NL75	16/09/11	3	NW LANTAU
	16/09/11	7	NW LANTAU
	01/11/11	9	NE LANTAU
NL80	02/11/11	12	NW LANTAU
NL93	05/11/11	6	NW LANTAU
	07/11/11	4	NW LANTAU
NL98	06/10/11	2	NE LANTAU
	01/11/11	8	NE LANTAU
	06/11/11	2	NE LANTAU
	07/11/11	2	NW LANTAU

ID#	DATE	STG#	AREA
NL104	16/09/11	7	NW LANTAU
	23/09/11	10	NW LANTAU
	28/10/11	5	NW LANTAU
	02/11/11	14	NW LANTAU
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	05/11/11	8	NW LANTAU
	07/11/11	2	NW LANTAU
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	06/11/11	4	NE LANTAU
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NL136	16/09/11	7	NW LANTAU
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	28/10/11	3	NW LANTAU
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	10/10/11	3	NE LANTAU
	01/11/11	9	NE LANTAU
NL165	02/11/11	14	NW LANTAU
	05/11/11	8	NW LANTAU
NL170	06/10/11	1	NE LANTAU
NL176	01/11/11	6	NE LANTAU
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	06/11/11	4	NE LANTAU
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NII 404	07/11/11	5	NW LANTAU
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NL202	28/10/11	3	NW LANTAU
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NL220	05/11/11 10/10/11	3	NE LANTAU
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	02/11/11	12	NW LANTAU
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	01/11/11	5	NW LANTAU
	01/11/11	8	NE LANTAU
NL246	16/09/11	7	NW LANTAU
	06/11/11	2	NE LANTAU
NL256	02/11/11	12	NW LANTAU
NL258	05/09/11	3	W LANTAU
	16/09/11	5	NW LANTAU
NL259	07/11/11	5	NW LANTAU
NL260	07/11/11	5	NW LANTAU
NL261	01/11/11	9	NE LANTAU
NL264	23/09/11	11	NW LANTAU
	06/10/11	2	NE LANTAU
	06/11/11	3	NE LANTAU
NL269	02/11/11	12	NW LANTAU
NL272	16/09/11	7	NW LANTAU
	28/10/11	4	NW LANTAU
	02/11/11	14	NW LANTAU
	05/11/11	8	NW LANTAU
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NL279	02/11/11	12	NW LANTAU
SL40	23/09/11	4	W LANTAU
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SL43	28/10/11	4	NW LANTAU
SL48	23/09/11	7	W LANTAU
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	02/11/11	8	W LANTAU
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	17/10/11	1	W LANTAU
	02/11/11	14	NW LANTAU
	05/11/11	5	NW LANTAU
WL05	01/11/11	6	NE LANTAU
	01/11/11	8	NE LANTAU
WL11	07/11/11	5	NW LANTAU
WL25	16/09/11	1	NW LANTAU
	23/09/11	9	W LANTAU
	17/10/11	4	W LANTAU

ID#	DATE	STG#	AREA
WL28	23/09/11	9	W LANTAU
WL42	05/09/11	1	W LANTAU
***	02/11/11	6	W LANTAU
WL47	17/10/11	2	W LANTAU
WL48	23/09/11	9	W LANTAU
WL61	17/10/11	4	W LANTAU
WL62	23/09/11	6	W LANTAU
VVLOZ	17/10/11	2	W LANTAU
WL66	07/11/11	8	W LANTAU
WL68	05/09/11	1	W LANTAU
VVLOO	05/09/11	2	W LANTAU W LANTAU
WL72	23/09/11	4	W LANTAU
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100 444	02/11/11	6	W LANTAU
WL111	02/11/11	14	NW LANTAU
WL116	16/09/11	4	NW LANTAU
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	02/11/11	8	W LANTAU
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	07/11/11	9	W LANTAU
WL131	23/09/11	6	W LANTAU
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	02/11/11	8	W LANTAU
WL132	23/09/11	6	W LANTAU
WL137	02/11/11	8	W LANTAU
WL138	02/11/11	8	W LANTAU
WL144	02/11/11	4	W LANTAU
WL145	05/09/11	5	W LANTAU
WL146	17/10/11	2	W LANTAU
WL153	07/11/11	8	W LANTAU
WL156	23/09/11	9	W LANTAU
	28/10/11	3	NW LANTAU
WL157	23/09/11	9	W LANTAU
WL158	23/09/11	9	W LANTAU
WL162	16/09/11	3	NW LANTAU
WL163	02/11/11	4	W LANTAU
	07/11/11	9	W LANTAU
WL165	17/10/11	6	W LANTAU
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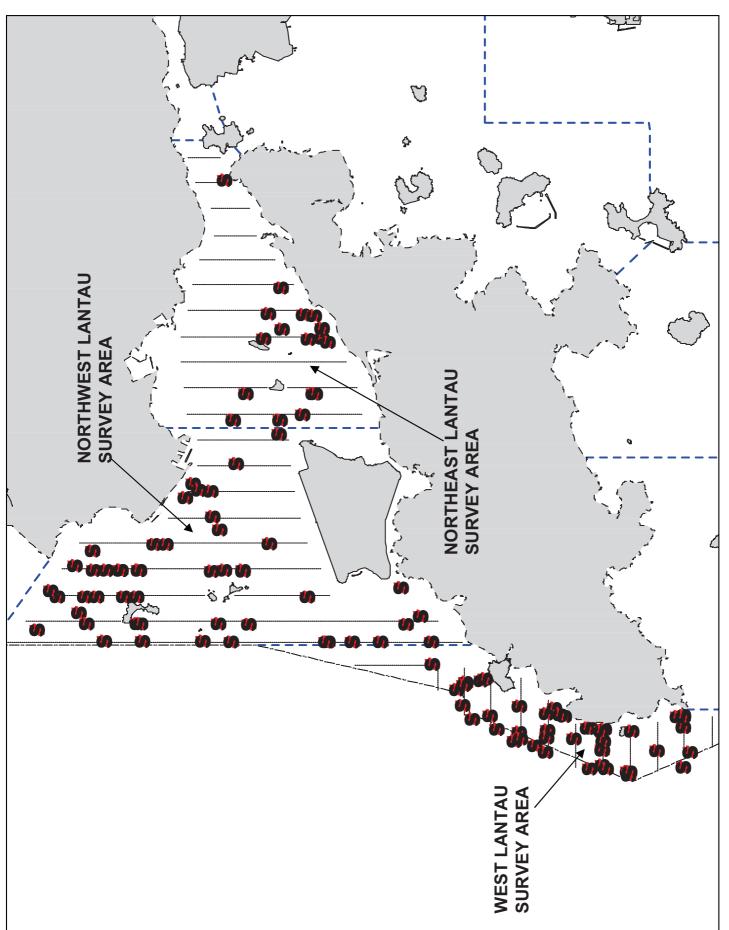


Figure 1. Distribution of Chinese white dolphin sighting during HYD-HZMB baseline monitoring surveys (September – November 2011)

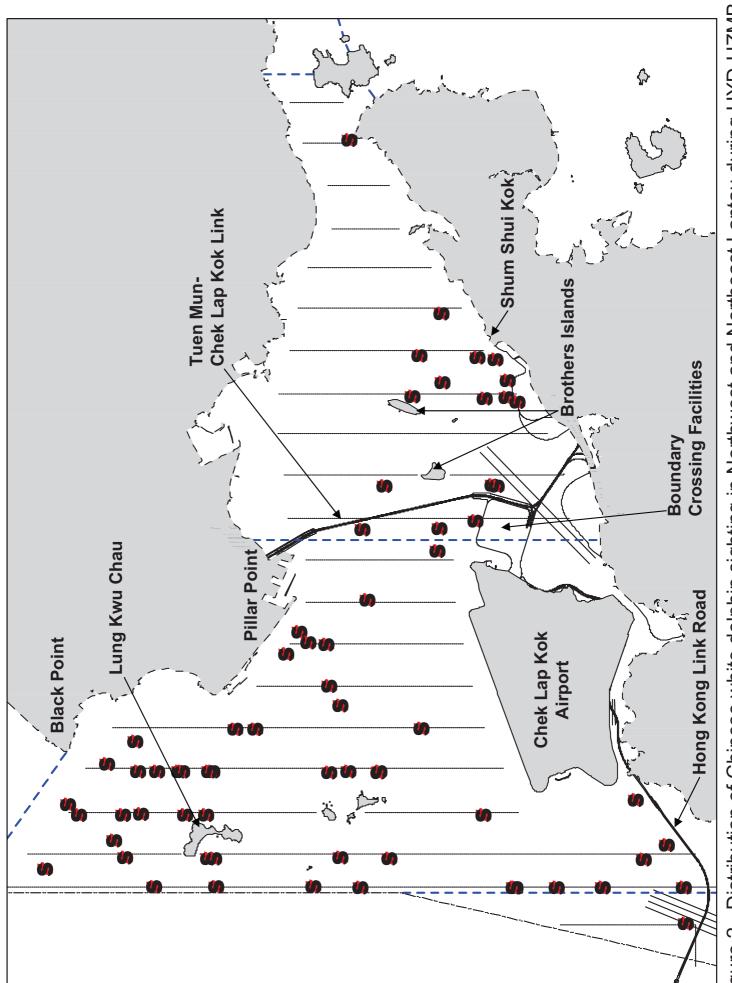


Figure 2. Distribution of Chinese white dolphin sighting in Northwest and Northeast Lantau during HYD-HZMB baseline monitoring surveys (September – November 2011)

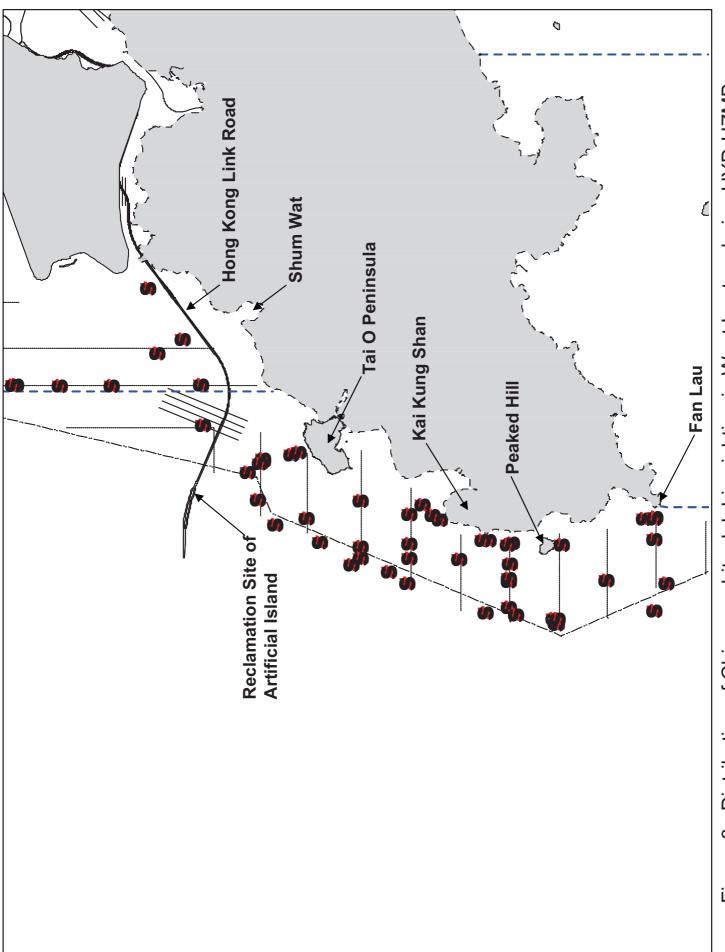


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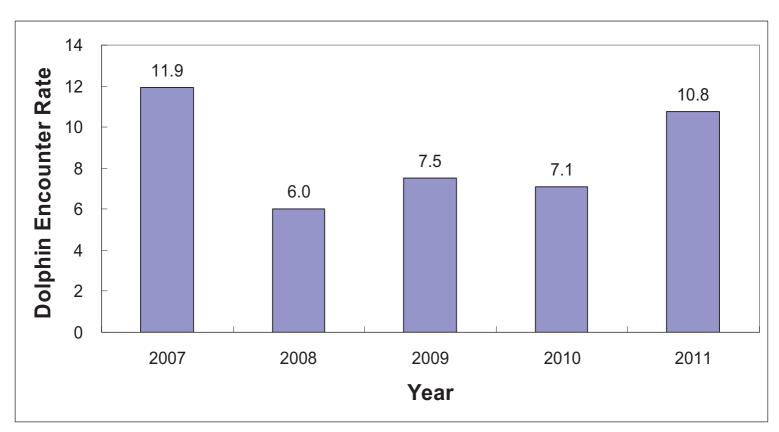


Figure 4a. Temporal trend of encounter rate of Chinese white dolphins (combined from Northwest, Northeast and West Lantau survey areas) during the same 3-month period of September to November from 2007-2011

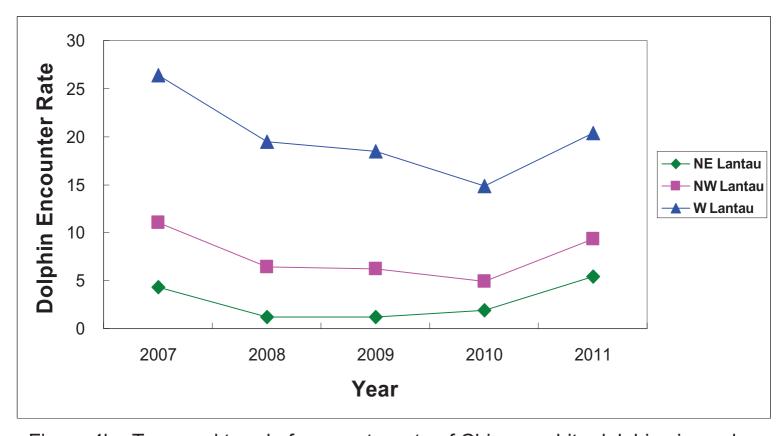


Figure 4b. Temporal trend of encounter rate of Chinese white dolphins in each of the three survey areas during the same 3-month period of September to November from 2007-2011

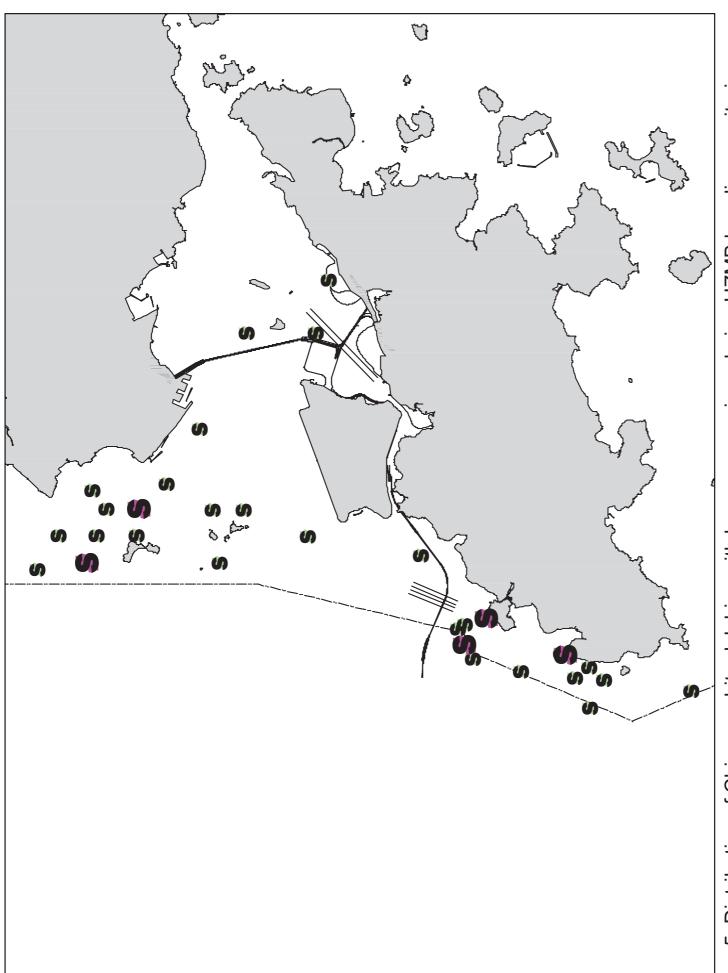


Figure 5. Distribution of Chinese white dolphins with larger group sizes during HZMB baseline monitoring surveys (green dots: group sizes of 5 or more; purple dots: group sizes of 10 or more)

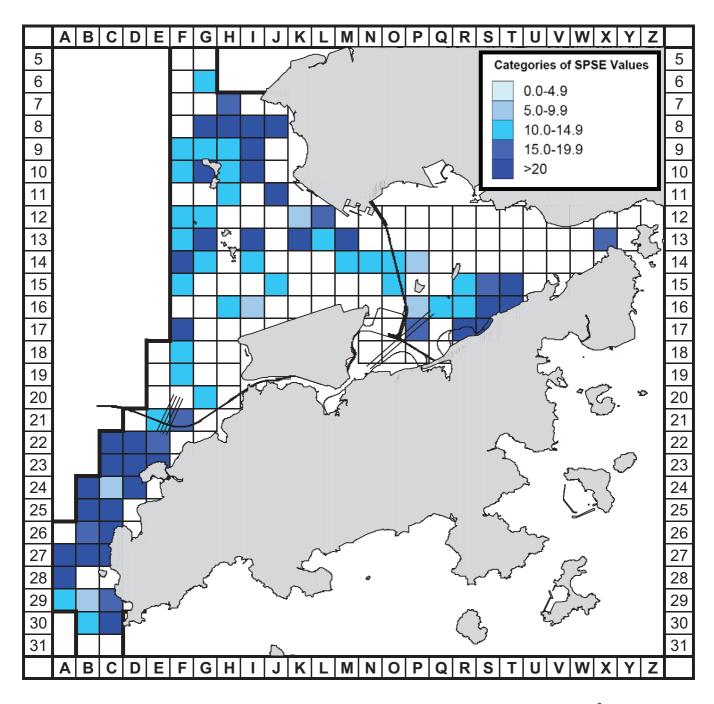


Figure 6. Sighting density of Chinese white dolphins with corrected survey effort per km<sup>2</sup> in Northwest, Northeast and West Lantau survey areas, using data collected during HZMB baseline monitoring period (September to November 2011) (SPSE = no. of on-effort sightings per 100 units of survey effort)

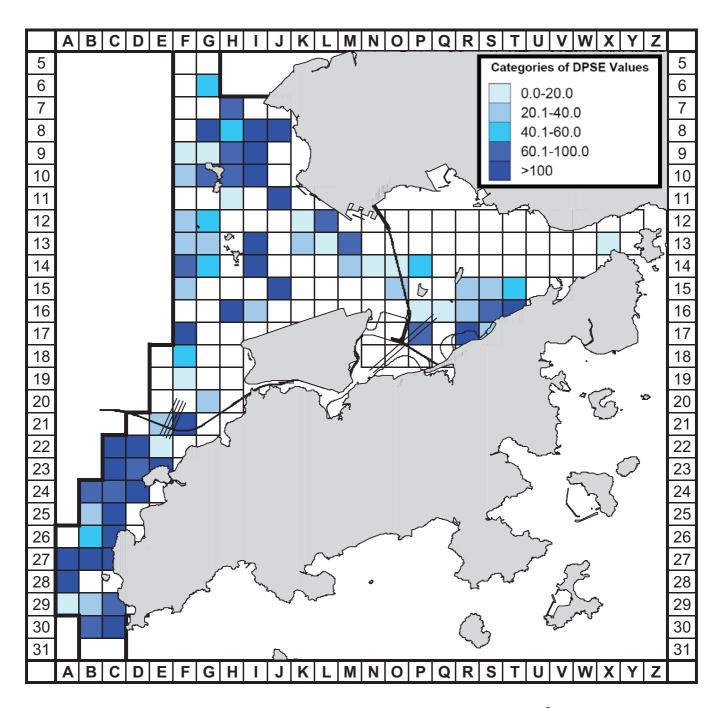


Figure 7. Density of Chinese white dolphins with corrected survey effort per km<sup>2</sup> in Northwest, Northeast and West Lantau survey areas, using data collected during HZMB baseline monitoring period (September to November 2011) (DPSE = no. of dolphins per 100 units of survey effort)

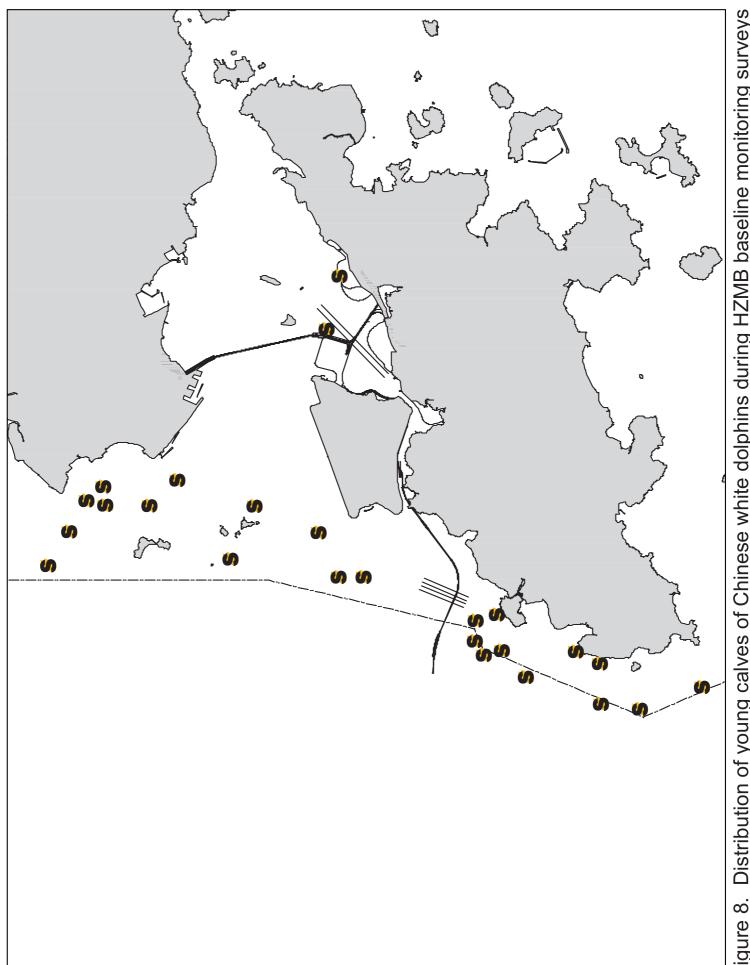


Figure 8. Distribution of young calves of Chinese white dolphins during HZMB baseline monitoring surveys

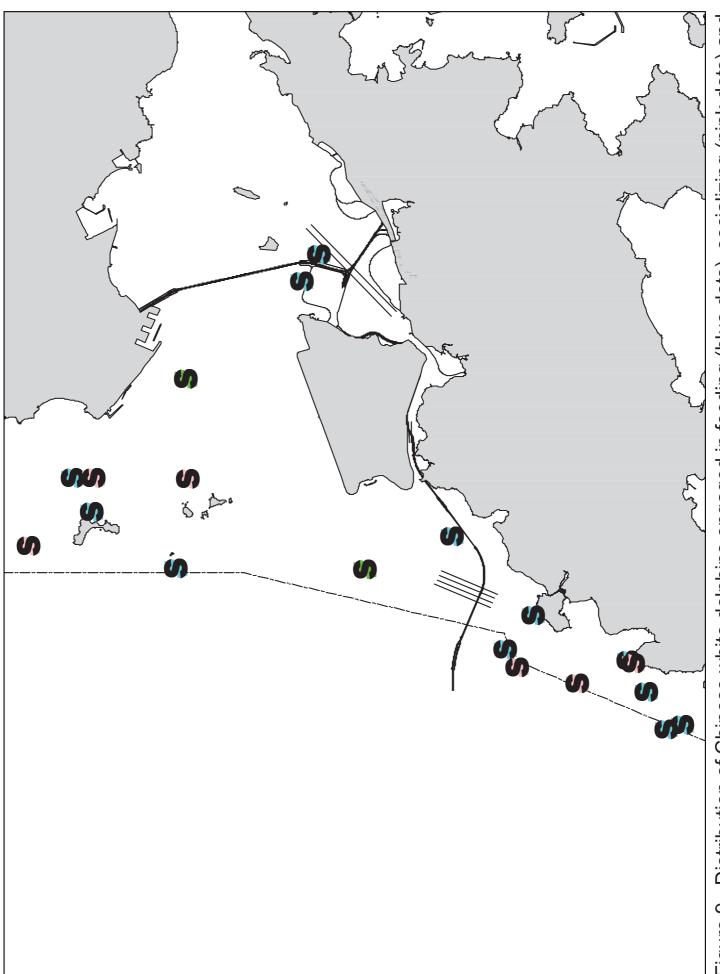


Figure 9. Distribution of Chinese white dolphins engaged in feeding (blue dots), socializing (pink dots) and traveling (green dots) activities during HZMB baseline monitoring surveys

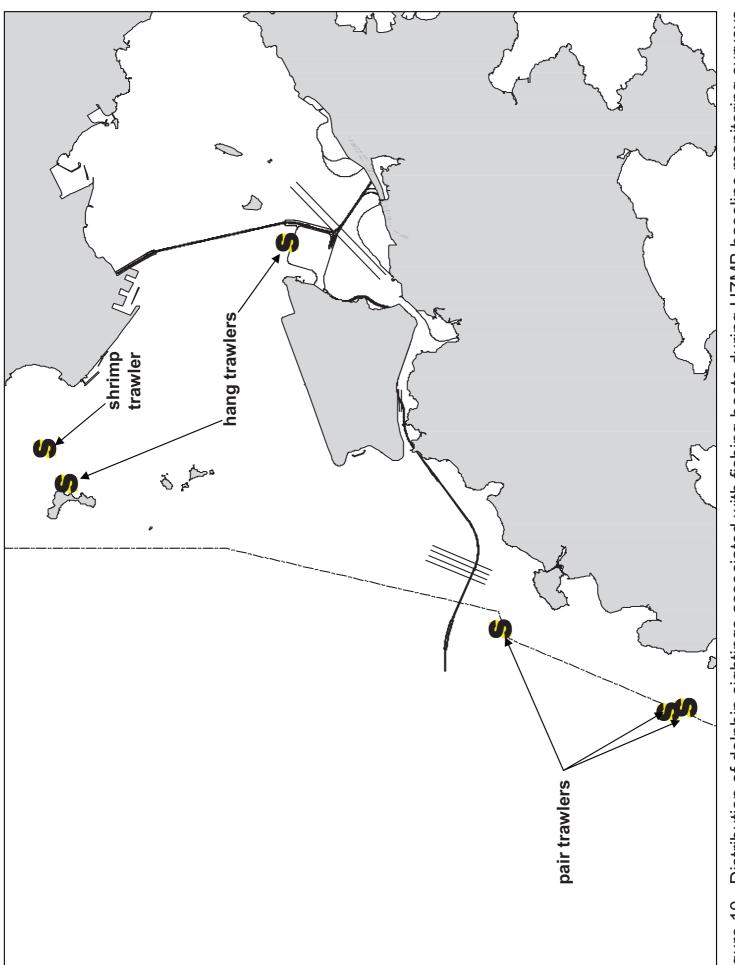


Figure 10. Distribution of dolphin sightings associated with fishing boats during HZMB baseline monitoring surveys

Appendix I. HYD-HZMB Survey Schedule and Details (September-November 2011)

			# SURVEY		
DATE	AREA	<b>SURVEY TIME</b>	HOURS	SEASON	TYPE
5-Sep-11	5-Sep-11 W LANTAU + NW LANTAU	09:30 - 18:30	0.6	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
7-Sep-11	7-Sep-11 NW LANTAU + NE LANTAU	09:30 - 18:30	0.6	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
16-Sep-11	16-Sep-11 NW LANTAU + NE LANTAU	09:30 - 18:30	0.6	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
23-Sep-11	23-Sep-11 W LANTAU + NW LANTAU	09:30 - 18:30	9.0	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
6-Oct-11	6-Oct-11 NE LANTAU + NW LANTAU	09:00 - 18:00	0.6	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
10-Oct-11	10-Oct-11 NW LANTAU + NE LANTAU	09:30 - 17:00	7.5	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
13-Oct-11	13-Oct-11 NE LANTAU	14:00 - 17:00	3.0	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
17-Oct-11	17-Oct-11 W LANTAU + NW LANTAU	09:30 - 18:30	0.6	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
28-Oct-11	28-Oct-11 NW LANTAU + W LANTAU	09:30 - 17:30	8.0	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
1-Nov-11	1-Nov-11 NW LANTAU + NE LANTAU	09:30 - 18:00	8.5	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
2-Nov-11	2-Nov-11 W LANTAU + NW LANTAU	09:00 - 17:30	8.5	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
5-Nov-11	5-Nov-11 NW LANTAU + NE LANTAU	09:30 - 18:30	0.6	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
6-Nov-11	6-Nov-11 NE LANTAU	14:00 - 17:30	3.5	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB
7-Nov-11	7-Nov-11 NW LANTAU + W LANTAU	09:00 - 17:30	8.5	AUTUMN	HYD-HZMB

# Appendix II. HYD-HZMB Survey Effort Database (September-November 2011) (Abbreviations: BEAU = Beaufort Sea State; P = Primary Line Effort; S = Secondary Line Effort)

DATE	AREA	BEAU	EFFORT	SEASON	VESSEL	TYPE	P/S
5-Sep-11	W LANTAU	2	8.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
5-Sep-11	W LANTAU	3	12.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
5-Sep-11	W LANTAU	2	11.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
5-Sep-11	W LANTAU	3	7.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
5-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	2	10.7	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
5-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	3	28.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
5-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	2	4.4	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
5-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	3	2.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
7-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	2	14.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
7-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	3	19.4	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
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7-Sep-11	NE LANTAU	2	7.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
7-Sep-11	NE LANTAU	3	3.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
16-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	1	2.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
16-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	2	27.5	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
16-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	3	6.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P S
16-Sep-11	NW LANTAU NW LANTAU	1 2	0.8 5.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516 STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
16-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	3		AUTUMN		HYD-HZMB	S
16-Sep-11 16-Sep-11	NE LANTAU	2	0.9 4.1	AUTUMN AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB HYD-HZMB	P
		3			STANDARD31516		P
16-Sep-11 16-Sep-11	NE LANTAU NE LANTAU	4	22.8 2.4	AUTUMN AUTUMN	STANDARD31516 STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB HYD-HZMB	P
16-Sep-11	NE LANTAU	2	6.7	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
16-Sep-11	NE LANTAU	3	3.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
23-Sep-11	W LANTAU	2	9.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
23-Sep-11	W LANTAU	3	12.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
23-Sep-11	W LANTAU	2	11.7	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
23-Sep-11	W LANTAU	3	7.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
23-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	2	9.7	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
23-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	3	7.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
23-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	2	5.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
23-Sep-11	NW LANTAU	3	4.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
6-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	0	1.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
6-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	1	13.5	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
6-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	2	18.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
6-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	1	5.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
6-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	2	4.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
6-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	1	0.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
6-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	2	21.7	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
6-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	1	12.7	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
10-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	2	16.7	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
10-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	3	17.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
10-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	2	11.8	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
10-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	3	2.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
10-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	2	6.8	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
10-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	3	10.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
10-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	4	1.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
10-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	2	2.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
10-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	3	2.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
13-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	2	15.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
13-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	3	1.8	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
13-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	2	10.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
13-Oct-11	NE LANTAU	3	1.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
17-Oct-11	W LANTAU	2	5.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516 STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P P
17-Oct-11 17-Oct-11	W LANTAU	3 4	10.3 3.6	AUTUMN		HYD-HZMB	P
17-Oct-11	W LANTAU	4	ა.ნ	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	۲

Appendix II. (cont'd)
(Abbreviations: BEAU = Beaufort Sea State; P = Primary Line Effort; S = Secondary Line Effort)

DATE	AREA	BEAU	EFFORT	SEASON	VESSEL	TYPE	P/S
17-Oct-11	W LANTAU	2	3.5	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
17-Oct-11	W LANTAU	3	10.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
17-Oct-11	W LANTAU	4	5.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
17-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	2	24.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
17-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	3	2.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
17-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	2	4.5	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
17-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	3	2.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
28-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	1	1.5	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
28-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	2	9.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
28-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	3	20.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
28-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	1	3.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
28-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	2	2.5	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
28-Oct-11	NW LANTAU	3	0.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
28-Oct-11	W LANTAU	2	1.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
28-Oct-11	W LANTAU	3	14.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
28-Oct-11	W LANTAU	4	0.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
28-Oct-11	W LANTAU	2	1.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
28-Oct-11	W LANTAU	3	12.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
28-Oct-11	W LANTAU	4	3.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
1-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	1	2.4	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
1-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	2	21.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
1-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	3	7.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
1-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	1	1.8	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
1-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	2	6.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
1-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	3	2.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
1-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	2	21.8	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
1-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	2	9.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
2-Nov-11	W LANTAU	2	9.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
2-Nov-11	W LANTAU	3	6.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
2-Nov-11	W LANTAU	4	3.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
2-Nov-11	W LANTAU	2	12.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
2-Nov-11	W LANTAU	3	7.8	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
2-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	2	17.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
2-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	3	4.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
2-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	2	7.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
5-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	0	2.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
5-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	1	10.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
5-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	2	19.4	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
5-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	1	3.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
5-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	2	4.5	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
5-Nov-11		1	1.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	P
5-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	2	15.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
5-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	1	1.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
5-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	2	8.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
6-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	3	10.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
6-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	4	3.5	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
6-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	2	4.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
6-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	3	7.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
6-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	4	1.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
7-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	2	14.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
7-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	3	16.0	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
7-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	4	7.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
7-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	2	3.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
7-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	3	3.3	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
7-Nov-11	NW LANTAU	4	0.8	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	S
7-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	2	0.6	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
7-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	3	13.9	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
7-Nov-11	NE LANTAU	4	5.1	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
7-Nov-11 7-Nov-11	NE LANTAU NE LANTAU	5 2	0.2	AUTUMN	STANDARD31516 STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB	Р
7-Nov-11 7-Nov-11	NE LANTAU NE LANTAU	3	4.3 9.0	AUTUMN AUTUMN	STANDARD31516 STANDARD31516	HYD-HZMB HYD-HZMB	S S
	NE LANTAU NE LANTAU				STANDARD31516 STANDARD31516		S
7-Nov-11	INE LANTAU	4	6.1	AUTUMN	914NDAKD31516	HYD-HZMB	১

Appendix III. HYD-HZMB Chinese White Dolphin Sighting Database (September-November 2011)
(Abberviations: STG# = Sighting Number; HRD SZ = Dolphin Herd Size; BEAU = Beaufort Sea State; PSD = Perpendicular Distance; BOAT ASSOC. = Fishing Boat Associa

SZ AREA BEAU PSD EFFORT TYPE
LANTAU 2 230 ON I
0 44 ON
LANTAU 2 179 ON
2 883 ON
NO 8/1 Z DAINA
LANTAU 2 ND OFF
NO O
NW LANTAU 2 157 ON HYD-HZMB
NO
WLANTAU 3 130 ON HYD-HZMB
WLANTAU 2 ND OFF HYD-HZMB
WLANTAU 2 351 ON HYD-HZMB
WLANTAU 3 433 ON HYD-HZMB
WLANTAU 2 125 ON HYD-HZMB
NW LANTAU 3 26 ON HYD-HZMB
NW LANTAU 3 137 ON HYD-HZMB
NW LANTAU 2 776 ON HYD-HZMB
NE LANTAU   2   633   ON   HYD-HZMB
NE LANTAU   2   57   ON   HYD-HZMB
NW LANTAU 1 236 ON HYD-HZMB

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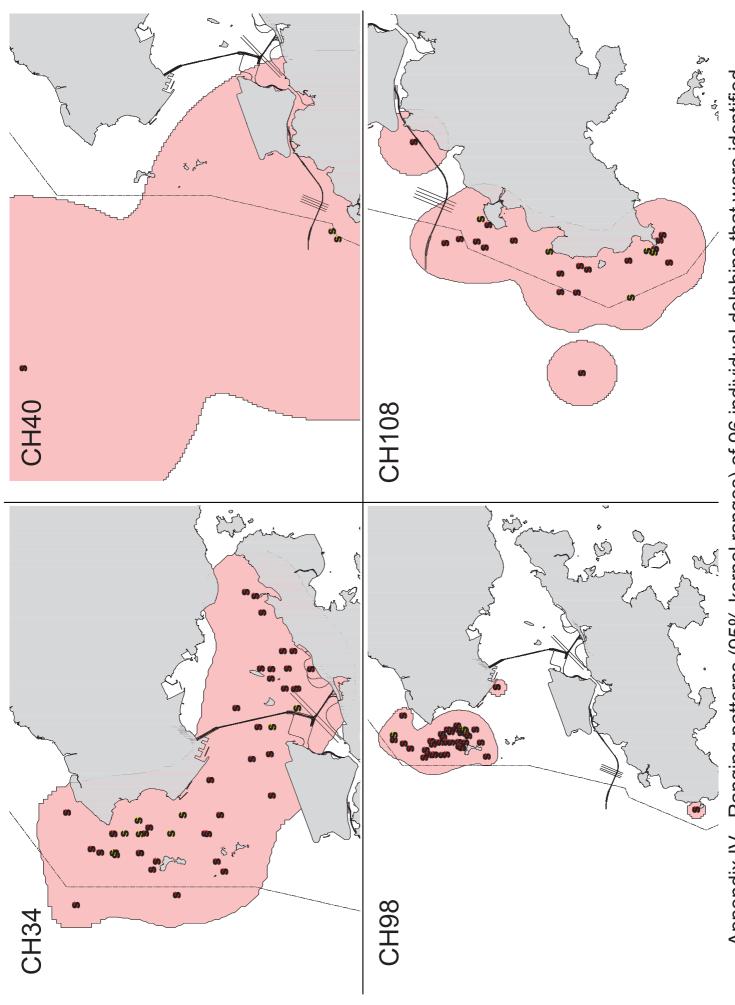
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SEASON	AUTUMN																														
EASTING	810520	810243	808442	808455	804652	806382	817344	814284	802774	802165	800769	800888	799700	799481	800473	801628	803020	807435	807416	809479	809004	807398	807426	807416	801220	801859	799512	806746	804649	806387	806395
NORTHING	824185	824672	825827	821630	815702	820228	820354	820015	814765	814545	812654	810461	809301	808460	809432	814203	814443	827080	822562	823699	823445	823703	827579	828022	811457	811467	808482	816794	819534	828356	826950
TYPE	HYD-HZMB																														
EFFORT	NO	N O	OFF	OFF	N O	OFF	OFF	N O	N O	N O	N O	OFF	N O	OFF	N O	N O	N O	N O	N O	NO	OFF	N O	N O	OFF							
PSD	151	96	ND	ND	183	382	167	42	275	216	202	909	ND	ND	104	142	328	583	ND	662	ND	0	160	93	27	235	64	ND	161	524	N
BEAU	2	7	2	2	က	က	2	7	က	က	က	က	4	က	က	7	7	2	7	7	7	က	က	က	က	က	3	2	2	_	7
AREA	NW LANTAU	NE LANTAU	NE LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	W LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU	NW LANTAU					
HRD SZ	9	2	_	_	က	တ	က	2	9	10	က	2	7	က	_	2	_	_	<u>_</u>	<u>_</u>	_	∞	7	4	2	က	4	2	4	2	~
TIME	1500	1517	1552	1615	1009	1207	1629	1459	1014	1023	1045	1116	1131	1136	1243	1324	1402	1548	1609	0953	1004	1044	1117	1129	1412	1418	1518	0952	1021	1135	1153
# SLS	4	2	9	7	_	7	က	က	_	7	က	4	2	9	7	00	<u></u>	10	7	_	7	က	4	2	9	7	8	1	7	က	4
DATE	6-Oct-11	6-Oct-11	6-Oct-11	6-Oct-11	10-Oct-11	10-Oct-11	10-Oct-11	13-Oct-11	17-Oct-11	28-Oct-11	1-Nov-11	1-Nov-11	1-Nov-11	1-Nov-11																	

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DATE	# SLS	TIME	HRD SZ	AREA	BEAU	PSD	EFFORT	TYPE	NORTHING	EASTING	SEASON	BOAT ASSOC.
1-NoV-11	2	1156	2	NW LANTAU	2	161	NO	HYD-HZMB	826473	806394	AUTUMN	HANG
1-Nov-11	9	1405	4	NE LANTAU	7	350	NO O	HYD-HZMB	821213	813245	AUTUMN	NONE
1-Nov-11	7	1416	_	NE LANTAU	7	Q N	OFF	HYD-HZMB	820404	813440	AUTUMN	HANG
1-Nov-11	∞	1505	8	NE LANTAU	7	277	NO O	HYD-HZMB	819926	814273	AUTUMN	NONE
1-Nov-11	တ	1612	4	NE LANTAU	7	159	NO O	HYD-HZMB	819702	816406	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	_	0957	7	W LANTAU	7	564	NO O	HYD-HZMB	815660	803796	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	7	1021	_	W LANTAU	7	29	N O	HYD-HZMB	814454	803072	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	က	1026	10	W LANTAU	7	561	N O	HYD-HZMB	813723	803204	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	4	1044	4	W LANTAU	7	316	N O	HYD-HZMB	813560	801782	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	2	1114	_	W LANTAU	က	746	N O	HYD-HZMB	809386	801246	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	9	1120	∞	W LANTAU	က	112	N O	HYD-HZMB	809409	800793	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	7	1144	_	W LANTAU	7	92	N O	HYD-HZMB	808449	799615	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	<b>∞</b>	1301	14	W LANTAU	7	303	N O	HYD-HZMB	810847	801745	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	တ	1343	4	W LANTAU	7	259	N O	HYD-HZMB	812455	800903	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	10	1403	9	W LANTAU	7	243	N O	HYD-HZMB	814510	802959	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	1	1501	2	NW LANTAU	7	30	N O	HYD-HZMB	826309	805353	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	12	1513	18	NW LANTAU	7	282	N O	HYD-HZMB	828303	805357	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	13	1555	က	NW LANTAU	7	262	NO O	HYD-HZMB	827025	807425	AUTUMN	NONE
2-Nov-11	14	1601	12	NW LANTAU	7	263	NO O	HYD-HZMB	826405	807424	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	_	1018	_	NW LANTAU	7	204	NO O	HYD-HZMB	817540	804645	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	7	1025	4	NW LANTAU	7	220	NO O	HYD-HZMB	818581	804647	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	က	1110	2	NW LANTAU	7	220	NO O	HYD-HZMB	826255	804663	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	4	1121	_	NW LANTAU	7	534	NO O	HYD-HZMB	827651	804666	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	2	1138	9	NW LANTAU	_	453	NO O	HYD-HZMB	830119	805104	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	9	1153	7	NW LANTAU	_	248	NO O	HYD-HZMB	829353	806389	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	7	1208	2	NW LANTAU	_	21	NO O	HYD-HZMB	827946	806397	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	∞	1321	8	NW LANTAU	7	312	NO O	HYD-HZMB	825384	808431	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	တ	1516	4	NE LANTAU	_	195	NO O	HYD-HZMB	820189	816376	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	10	1524	က	NE LANTAU	7	N Q	OFF	HYD-HZMB	821141	816768	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	11	1537	7	NE LANTAU	_	136	NO O	HYD-HZMB	821828	816409	AUTUMN	NONE
5-Nov-11	12	1614	2	NE LANTAU	7	193	NO	HYD-HZMB	821172	818396	AUTUMN	NONE

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#	TIME	HRD SZ	AREA	BEAU	PSD	EFFORT	TYPE	NORTHING	EASTING	SEASON	BOAT ASSOC.
_	1447	2	NE LANTAU	4	92	NO	HYD-HZMB	822951	813237	AUTUMN	NONE
7	1543	∞	NE LANTAU	က	44	NO O	HYD-HZMB	819459	816292	AUTUMN	NONE
က	1605	7	NE LANTAU	7	163	NO O	HYD-HZMB	819668	816808	AUTUMN	NONE
4	1611	7	NE LANTAU	7	18	NO O	HYD-HZMB	819956	817303	AUTUMN	NONE
~	0922	_	NW LANTAU	7	N N	OFF	HYD-HZMB	821258	812720	AUTUMN	NONE
7	1116	∞	NW LANTAU	7	790	NO O	HYD-HZMB	828087	808158	AUTUMN	NONE
က	1136	4	NW LANTAU	7	29	NO O	HYD-HZMB	828708	807603	AUTUMN	NONE
4	1146	က	NW LANTAU	7	160	NO O	HYD-HZMB	829607	806637	AUTUMN	NONE
2	1226	9	NW LANTAU	က	N N	OFF	HYD-HZMB	823463	805358	AUTUMN	NONE
9	1411	_	W LANTAU	က	245	NO O	HYD-HZMB	811458	800921	AUTUMN	NONE
_	1421	_	W LANTAU	7	N N	OFF	HYD-HZMB	811189	802075	AUTUMN	NONE
∞	1424	2	W LANTAU	7	52	NO O	HYD-HZMB	810991	801838	AUTUMN	NONE
6	1436	4	W LANTAU	က	89	NO O	HYD-HZMB	809464	801195	AUTUMN	NONE
10	1507	က	W LANTAU	7	48	NO O	HYD-HZMB	807450	800438	AUTUMN	NONE
7	1518	က	W LANTAU	7	105	NO O	HYD-HZMB	806694	801756	AUTUMN	NONE
12	1537	7	W LANTAU	က	N N	OFF	HYD-HZMB	806488	799775	AUTUMN	NONE
13	1545	_	W LANTAU	က	49	NO O	HYD-HZMB	806484	801755	AUTUMN	NONE
14	1554	_	W LANTAU	7	N N	OFF	HYD-HZMB	808368	801193	AUTUMN	NONE
15	1625	_	W LANTAU	က	Q N	OFF	HYD-HZMB	812463	802150	AUTUMN	NONE



during HYD-HZMB baseline monitoring surveys (yellow dots: sightings made during September to November 2011) Appendix IV. Ranging patterns (95% kernel ranges) of 96 individual dolphins that were identified

