




Stranding Cases in Dec 2017

Date (D/M)	Dec 02
Species	Pygmy sperm whale
Sex	Male
Length (cm)	292
Estimated Age	Sub-adult
Location	Floating on sea just off Kwai Chung Container Pier
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both lungs floated in water indicating that it did not suffer from drowning• Small amount of food remains found in stomach• Right lower jaw bone close to mandible fractured and pieces of fractures found near ear bone.
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date (D/M)	Dec 10
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	141
Estimated Age	Juvenile
Location	Wang Chau, Sai Kung
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Several external wounds were seen.• Parasites found near gonad.
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date (D/M)	Dec 22
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	142
Estimated Age	Juvenile
Location	Wan Chai, Sai Kung
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both lungs floated in water indicating that it did not suffer from drowning• A piece of fishing net found in stomach
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date (D/M)	Dec 28
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	174
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Clear Water Bay Country Club, Sai Kung
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both lungs floated in water indicating that it did not suffer from drowning• Large entanglements around the flippers, suspected to be post-mortem
Cause of Death	Undetermined
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