






Stranding Cases in February 2018


Date (D/M)	Feb 02
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	150
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Magazine Island
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 3 - Moderately decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple left thoracic ribs and spine fractured• Lactating female
Cause of Death	Trauma, boat collision
Photo	


Date (D/M)	Feb 09
Species	Chinese white dolphin
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	78
Estimated Age	Neonate or calf
Location	Yi O, Lantau
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both lungs floated• Heart valves were closed indicating the calf was born• Very pale muscle found in whole body
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	


Date (D/M)	Feb 17
Species	Chinese white dolphin
Sex	F
Length (cm)	249
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Tsing Ma Bridge
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 –Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both lungs floated• Blood clot found in liver• Digested fish residual found in throat
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date (D/M)	Feb 18
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	F
Length (cm)	121
Estimated Age	Juvenile
Location	Pier, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 3 – Moderately decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only left lung floated• Blood found in chest• Right side of heart is abnormally hard and thick
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	 A photograph of a dark, decomposed finless porpoise carcass lying on a metal surface in a laboratory setting. The animal is positioned horizontally, facing right. Its body is dark and appears somewhat bloated, consistent with the 'moderately decomposed' status. The background shows a white wall and a window.

Date (D/M)	Feb 18
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	M
Length (cm)	97
Estimated Age	Juvenile
Location	Ham Tin Wan, Sai Kung
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three cuts on body, one probably by propeller• All ribs have been cut
Cause of Death	Trauma caused by boat strike
Photo	

Date (D/M)	Feb 19
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	F
Length (cm)	154
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Tai Long Wan, Lantau
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stomach was filled with digested fish• Parasites found in mammary gland
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date (D/M)	Feb 19
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	F
Length (cm)	149
Estimated Age	Sub-adult
Location	Sliverstrand Beach, Sai Kung
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both lungs floated• Emptied stomach and intestine• Very thin layer of blubber and muscle
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date (D/M)	Feb 25
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Undetermined
Length (cm)	67 (missing upper body)
Estimated Age	Juvenile
Location	Upper Cheung Sha Beach
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broken spine• Suspicious of being strike by boat, however, uncertain if post- or pre- mortem
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date (D/M)	Feb 26
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	F
Length (cm)	77
Estimated Age	Neonate
Location	Shek O Beach
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 3 (late) – Moderately decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both lungs sunk• Healthy blubber thickness• Could be still born or did not manage to take first breath after born
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	