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Student's diary**

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Porpoise – Population Monitoring**

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We went downstream today. The temperature is cooler, the wind is stronger and it rained sometimes. We did not do any zig-zag transact survey. We went to a point and lowered the anchor. Acoustic sensor was lowered for almost 2 hours. During this period, we had lunch and played cards. A porpoise was also discovered by the boatman when we were playing cards. There is a sandy island near our site, where many birds are resting there. I can't identify the bird but when they flied together, the scene was really impressive. After getting back the sensor, we went back to Hukou. As I'm so sleepy, I slept for almost an hour. I don't know why, when I was sleeping, the dog always barked at me. But anyway, I slept very well.

Wei said there should be a lot of porpoises there before. But now, it's hardly to see them. The outdoor temperature is about 5 degree Celsius. How tough are we?? Haha.

At night, the dinner was spicy again. This time, we had baked egg plant, very delicious. We also had 茶樹菇煲, 鍋巴, soup, etc. We also tasted red wine and "gin" wine. They really love drinking.

Then, we went to an internet point. One hour just costs one dollar. The charge is really cheap but the environment is not very good. The room is quite dirty and full of smoke. The air just makes me always cough. I was shocked when I checked the fee for receiving a phone from HK. 14 dollars for one minute?!?! Crazy!!