Stranding cases in April, 2015

Date	April 2
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	158
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Rocky shore at Tai Wan Village, Clear Water Bay, Sai Kung
Stranding/ Carcass Status	Code 4 – severely decomposed
Initial Findings	 Scar made by fishing line or rope entanglement was found on its neck A bruise of 10cm long was found near its fluke tail
Cause of Death	Undetermined
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Date	April 2
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Male
Length (cm)	162
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Lower Cheung Sha Beach, Lantau
Stranding/ Carcass Status	Code 4 – severely decomposed
Initial Findings	Severely decomposed, many maggots on the carcass.
Cause of Death	Undetermined
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Date	April 2
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Unknown
Length (cm)	76
Estimated Age	Calf
Location	South of Kau Sai Chau, Sai Kung
Stranding/ Carcass Status	Code 4 – severely decomposed
Initial Findings	 One large wound (6.5x4.5 cm) with serrated edge at genital area, suspected to be shark bite.
Cause of Death	Undetermined
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Date	April 18
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Male
Length (cm)	161.5
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Pui O beach camp site, Lantau
Stranding/ Carcass Status	Code 4 – severely decomposed
Initial Findings	 A 4cm long cut on the dorsal ridge area. Fish remains were found in stomach.
Cause of Death	Undetermined
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Date	April 22
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Male
Length (cm)	110 (Upper half of body was missing)
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Tong Fuk Beach, Lantau
Stranding/ Carcass Status	Late code 3 - close to severely decomposed
Initial Findings	 Upper body from flipper was missing. Multiple fractures near thoracic.
Cause of Death	Undetermined
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Date	April 26
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Unknown
Length (cm)	50 (Lower half of body was missing)
Estimated Age	Undetermined
Location	Upper Cheung Sha Beach, Lantau
Stranding/ Carcass Status	Code 4- severely decomposed
Initial Findings	 Massive blunt force trauma caused complete dislocation of skull and the rest of vertebrate. Lower body was missing.
Cause of Death	Undetermined
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