






## Stranding cases in May, 2015


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| Date                         | May 1  |
| Species                      | Finless porpoise   |
| Sex                          | Unknown  |
| Length (cm)                  | 63 (Lower half of body was missing)  |
| Estimated Age                | Juvenile   |
| Location                     | Tai Long Wan, Lantau   |
| Stranding/<br>Carcass Status | Code 4 – severely decomposed   |
| Initial Findings             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower body was not found.</li><li>• A wound was found behind blow hole, underneath the wound, the skull is fragmented.</li></ul> |
| Cause of Death               | Undetermined   |
| Photo                        |    |

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| Date                         | May 5   |
| Species                      | Chinese white dolphin   |
| Sex                          | Male  |
| Length (cm)                  | 245   |
| Estimated Age                | Adult   |
| Location                     | Off Pearl Island, Tuen Mun  |
| Stranding/<br>Carcass Status | Code 4 – severely decomposed  |
| Initial Findings             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No food inside the digestive system</li><li>• Complete disassociation of its vertebrae from the skull</li></ul> |
| Cause of Death               | Undetermined  |
| Photo                        |   |

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| Date                         | May 6  |
| Species                      | Finless porpoise   |
| Sex                          | Male   |
| Length (cm)                  | 169  |
| Estimated Age                | Adult  |
| Location                     | Hei Ling Chau  |
| Stranding/<br>Carcass Status | Code 4 – severely decomposed   |
| Initial Findings             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Severe trauma to tail just proximal to flukes</li><li>• Very full stomach containing numerous partially digested small fish.</li></ul> |
| Cause of Death               | Undetermined   |
| Photo                        |    |

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| Date                         | May 7  |
| Species                      | Finless porpoise   |
| Sex                          | Male   |
| Length (cm)                  | 155  |
| Estimated Age                | Juvenile   |
| Location                     | Kat Tsai Wan, Lamma Island   |
| Stranding/<br>Carcass Status | Code 4 – severely decomposed   |
| Initial Findings             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Luxation at third and fourth thoracic vertebrae.</li></ul> |
| Cause of Death               | Undetermined   |
| Photo                        |                |

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| Date                         | May 15  |
| Species                      | Chinese white dolphin   |
| Sex                          | Female  |
| Length (cm)                  | 122   |
| Estimated Age                | Calf  |
| Location                     | Fan Lau, Lantau Island  |
| Stranding/<br>Carcass Status | Late code 3 - close to severely decomposed  |
| Initial Findings             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Suspected bruising found near skull.</li><li>• Umbilicus was open.</li><li>• Complete dislocation between skull and vertebrae.</li></ul>  |
| Cause of Death               | Likely died of internal disease and/or inanition and was struck after death.  |
| Photo                        |  A photograph of a dead Chinese white dolphin calf lying on a black plastic bag on a wooden pier. The dolphin is oriented horizontally, with its head to the right and tail to the left. Its body is pale and appears decomposed. The wooden pier has a distinct grain pattern. A person's leg and black boot are partially visible at the bottom of the frame. |

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| Date                         | May 31  |
| Species                      | Chinese white dolphin   |
| Sex                          | Female  |
| Length (cm)                  | 120   |
| Estimated Age                | Calf  |
| Location                     | Location Sham Tseng   |
| Stranding/<br>Carcass Status | Code 4- severely decomposed   |
| Initial Findings             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A small wound found towards the fluke, the vertebrate underneath the wound was fractured.</li></ul>   |
| Cause of Death               | Undetermined  |
| Photo                        |  A photograph showing two individuals in white protective suits and hoods, kneeling on a wooden deck. They are examining a dead Chinese white dolphin that is lying on its side. The dolphin's body is partially covered with a grey tarp. The background shows a body of water and a building structure under an overcast sky. |