






Stranding Cases in May 2018


Date	May 5
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	164
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Shek O near Tai Tau Chau
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flukes and part of flippers missing• Parasites found near genital
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date	May 12
Species	Short beaked common dolphin
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	133
Estimated Age	Juvenile
Location	Clearwater Bay Boat Club
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – Severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both lungs collapsed• Fluke missing
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	
Date	May 12

Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	107
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Lower Cheung Sha Beach
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High propeller cut across the dorsal and tail• Pregnant with midterm fetus
Cause of Death	Boat collision
Photo	

Date	May 20
Species	Finless porpoise
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	73.5
Estimated Age	Calf
Location	Between Cheung Chau and Shek Kwu Chau
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent body condition • Strong suggestion of severe bruising over dorsal thorax
Cause of Death	Possible blunt force trauma
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Date	May 21
Species	Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphin
Sex	Undetermined
Length (cm)	198
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	Po Toi Island
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 5 – mummified
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluke missing with large amount of entanglement (likely post-mortem) • Both lungs floated
Cause of Death	Undetermined
Photo	

Date	May 26
Species	Chinese white dolphin
Sex	Male
Length (cm)	99
Estimated Age	Neonate
Location	Tai Lam Marine Police Base
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 – severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anterior and under right side of dorsal have bruises • Both lungs sunk
Cause of Death	Still born
Photo	

Date	May 28
Species	Chinese white dolphin
Sex	Female
Length (cm)	235
Estimated Age	Adult
Location	North of Hong Kong International Airport
Stranding/Carcass Status	Code 4 –severely decomposed
Initial Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many bruising near left fluke • Spinal fractured near fluke
Cause of Death	To be confirmed
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