

Let's Save Chinese White Dolphins!!!

Interesting facts

The Chinese white dolphin is a variety of Indo-Pacific humpbacked dolphin (*Sousa chinensis*; Chinese: 中華白海豚; pinyin: Zhōnghuá bái hǎitūn).

This variety inhabits the eastern portion of the species range, in Southeast Asia and Australia.

Places found

- North Lantau waters near Castle Peak
- Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park
- Chek Lap Kok
- Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau

According to the World Wide Fund for Nature, the Chinese white dolphin was first recorded in Hong Kong waters as early as the 1600s and its habitat spans the Pearl River Estuary.

Human Intervention

Shoreline Industrial Development

Overfishing

Noise Disturbances

Small Population size

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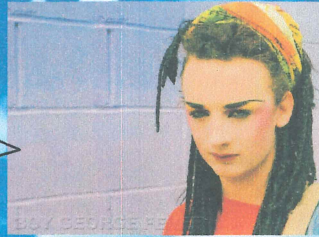
- Near Threatened (IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2010)
- long life expectancy : 40 yr
- In Hong Kong : 30 yr



- NOT REALLY WHITE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Young: grey and spotty
- Old: pink
- Fishing method: Gather behind fishing vessels and scoop up the fish that drop off the back
- Body length : 2 - 3.5 m for adults

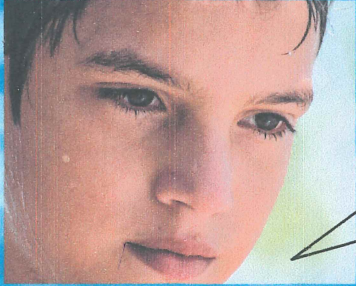
1m for infants

It is up to the government and every Hong Kong citizen to stand up for dolphins. We risk losing them unless we all take action



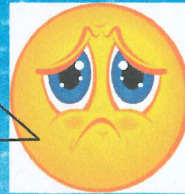
Society chairman Samuel Hung.

We're 99 percent certain the calf died from toxins in the mother's milk, accumulated from polluted seawater



Hong Kong Dolphinwatch spokeswoman Janet Walker

The white dolphin has been threatened, mostly by Hong Kong's pollution. Hong Kong may lose its rare Chinese white dolphins unless it takes urgent action against pollution and other threats. Their numbers in Hong Kong waters have fallen from an estimated 158 in 2003 to just 78 in 2011, with a further decline expected when figures for 2012 are released next month



Hong Kong Dolphin Conservation Society.

With a population now reduced from about 100 in 2007 to 64, the ETS dolphins are considered critically threatened on the CITIES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) list. Chinese White dolphins in Hong Kong's Pearl River Delta have decreased from 158 dolphins in 2003 to only 61 dolphins in 2012. This population is also considered critically threatened.

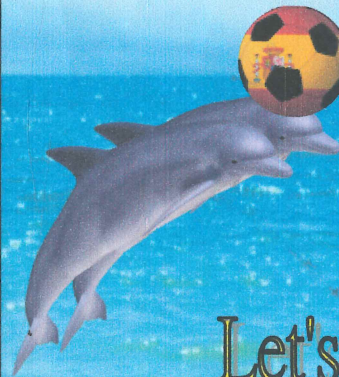


Samuel Hung, Chairman of the Hong Kong

Dolphin Conservation Society



A tour guide from Hong Kong Dolphinwatch spotted a group of pink dolphins helping a grieving mother support the body of her dead calf above the water in an attempt to revive it. The scene, captured on video and widely shared on Facebook, has raised fresh concerns about the dwindling population in a city where dolphin watching is a tourist attraction.



Let's save dolphins!!!!

