

Guangdong-Hong Kong Environmental Collaboration –Work Plan for 2018

- * Continue to implement the Pearl River Delta (PRD) Regional Air Quality Management Plan and step up emission reduction measures. Continue to release PRD air quality information and progressively implement VOC monitoring;
- * Implement the joint projects under the Co-operation Proposal between Guangdong and Hong Kong on Air Quality Forecasting to enhance the forecasting capabilities for atmospheric pollution in PRD;
- * Establish a joint scientific research group to discuss the post-2020 co-operation arrangements for air pollutant emission reduction in Guangdong and Hong Kong, including launching a study on the emission reduction targets for air pollutants beyond 2020 in Guangdong and Hong Kong;
- * Proactively take forward the water quality management co-operation and exchange according to the jointly prepared Pearl River Estuary Water Quality Management Co-operation Plan on the basis of existing policies and water pollution control plans of both sides;
- * Proactively follow up on water pollution abatement measures for Deep Bay (Shenzhen Bay) and Mirs Bay, and implement the recommendations of the Second Review of the Deep Bay (Shenzhen Bay) Water Pollution Control Joint Implementation Programme;
- * Follow up on the Dongjiang water quality protection work by strictly complying with Environmental Impact Assessment requirements, implementing the regional approval quota, strengthening the enforcement of environmental protection laws and construction of environmental infrastructure in the Dongjiang River Basin; and expedite the implementation of the river chief system in the cities of the basin area as well as the establishment of a leading team at municipal level and the river chief system office for the comprehensive implementation of the river chief system to further safeguard the quality of Hong Kong's water supply;
- * Continue the co-operation for the establishment of regional nature reserves and ecological corridor, proactively facilitate the mutual exchange between the Hong Kong and Guangdong Governments, and strengthen the staff training and mutual exchange on forest management and conservation of nature reserves in both places;
- * Continue to foster co-operation and exchange on sustainable development of marine resources and enhancement of the marine environment and ecology, including conservation of rare and precious aquatic wildlife, fisheries resources surveys, joint enforcement action against illegal fishing, and technological exchanges;

- * Review the operation of the notification and alert system on marine refuse and related notification mechanism, as well as the existing collaboration arrangement for tackling major cross-boundary marine environmental incident; maintain close communication to explore measures to manage and reduce marine refuse, with a view to protecting and enhancing the regional marine environment;
- * Joint hands to offer full support to the Bay Area Development under the framework of “One Country, Two Systems”, paying respect to the respective legal systems and social environments, with an aim to providing citizens with a green and quality living environment, and contributing to the building of a Quality Living Circle.