

**Hong Kong Natural History Society**  
**Report on May 2016 Boat Outing to Ap Chau and Kat O**

21 members boarded Mr. Li's boat on time. We set off from Ma Liu Shui Public Pier and arrived at Ap Chau (meaning duck island). It took us over one and a half hour to arrive at this furthest island in the north-eastern waters of Hong Kong. The whole group headed to the "duck's eye", to see this arch rock formation. So, on one side we admired at the beauty of nature; but occasionally turned around to see the huge cranes of the developing port in China mainland. Most members took a loop and returned to the pier by the rugged coast. We set off to Kat O, also known as Crooked Island slightly behind schedule at about 12:30. Most members chose to have their lunch on board the boat.



(Can you just make out the cranes at the back?)

After we arrived at Kat O, about ten minutes walk after turning right from the pier, we visited the native Heritage Centre by the side of Tin Hau Temple. After that, small groups set off to explore the island. Some went to Tung O Wan beach, some went to Ko Tei Teng (where members reported seeing more species of butterflies than at Fung Yuen), some sat underneath the Lover's Tree (...waiting for their loved ones to turn up?) After the group photo, we headed back to the boat and Mr. Li took us to Tung Wan for a swim. Most members swam around the boat, a few others swam to the shore. We all felt cooled off and refreshed after the swim.



We returned to the pier at about 5:45. Though forecasted the day before to be showery with occasional thunderstorm, we felt blessed to have a glorious day - pretty much needed to put on some sun-block too!



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