

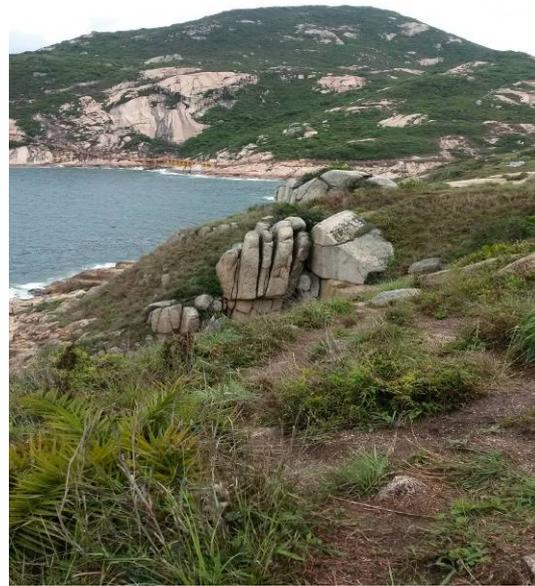
**Hong Kong Natural History Society**  
**2015 May Boat Outing Report on Po Toi Island**

Despite the warnings that there would be a rainstorm that day, 23 members set off from Central to Po Toi Island. We arranged with the boatman to take a route circum-navigating Hong Kong Island. So, first we headed west in the morning and sailed to Po Toi through Sulphur Channel and East Lamma Channel. The return journey was from the east through Lei Yue Mun.



We arrived at Po Toi Island at about 11:30 am. After the outings organizer briefed everyone on the day's arrangements and handed over some maps to members, most members started their hike along the Po Toi Country Trail. As suggested, there were 3 routes to be considered. Some members wanted to take the ascending route to the pavilion through Mo's House. However, the group was hit by a rainstorm, and they had to find shelter before returning to join the others on the seaside walk along the concrete path. It was also a very scenic path where we were able to note on the flora and fauna. We also observed some of the major geographical features like the Monk Rock and the Buddha's Palm.





We went as far as the Light House, then took the lower route to return to the restaurant near the pier. We had our light seafood meal at about 2:00 pm. After the meal, a few members strolled around and visited Tin Hau Temple. Just as we were about to leave for the boat, another rainstorm hit the area. It was quite dramatic when everyone tried to get on board safely, holding on tight to the railings and braving the rough sea.

As soon as the boat approached Shek O, the sea turned calm again. Just the right time for us to start our party. We toasted to Rose who will soon be returning to England. With sparkling wine, cheese cakes, all sorts of dips, we all enjoyed a lovely party in spite of the storm!



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