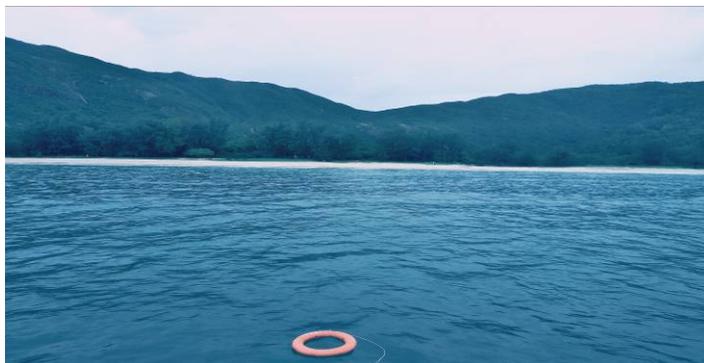


Hong Kong Natural History Society
June 2017 Report on Boat Trip to Long Ke

Despite the forecast of very poor weather conditions, we set off to Long Ke from Sai Kung Public Pier, hoping to get to Long Ke Beach – a place which we have been trying to get to for a number of years without success due to unfavourable wind and weather. We were delighted to be informed by the boatman that we should be able to arrive at Long Ke in good time, although it was drizzling and unlikely to improve.



In view of the rainy skies on the day, we requested to cancel the pre-arranged small motor boat which was planned to take us to the beach for short hikes. We reckoned it would be difficult for members to get to the shore without a pier when the sea was not very calm this day. Nor was it recommended for members to walk to the East Dam after being taken ashore, as paths would be slippery.



We entered one of the Hong Kong Geoparks in Sai Kung and could see a number of hexagonal columns from the boat. Members felt relaxed and enjoyed the rest,

chatted with the company, and forgot about the disappointment of admiring the turquoise marine colour of the sea which we normally see on sunny days in this part of Sai Kung. After lunch on board, most members felt it was too cold to get into the water for a swim. However, after the leader got in, people got in one after another. Luckily, we had a good bit of swimming just before the rainstorm came.



On the way back, we saw a very different scene with waterfalls running down from the hillsides after the rain. It recalled my memory of entering the Norwegian fjords.



It was not quite a day to enjoy sun-bathing, but we were able to get to Long Ke with the right wind! Here's hoping we will be luckier with the weather after the summer break and entice more participants.



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