





PINK DOLPHINS

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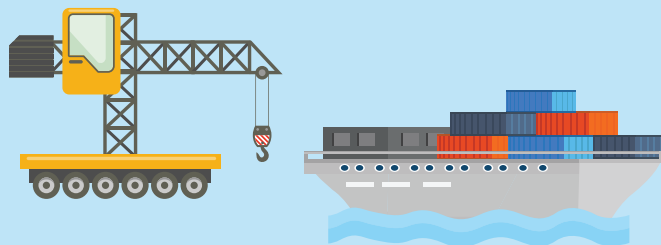
A lot of us love Chinese White Dolphins – also called pink dolphins – but they may soon disappear!



Facts

-  **First recorded:** In Hong Kong near the Pearl River in 1637
-  **Life expectancy:** Up to **40** years
-  **Habitat type:** Shallow waters near shores
-  **Skin colour:** Calves are **grey** and **spotty**. The spots would fade and the skin colour would change to **white** when they grow older. The dolphins appear **pink** due to the **ventilation** (passing of blood and oxygen) underneath the skin.

They are facing these **Threats** 



- Coastal development
- Land reclamation
- Heavy marine traffic
- Water pollution
- Over-fishing



According to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's statistics for 2019, there are **52** pink dolphins left in the coastal waters around Lantau Island.

How can we help?

- 1** Voice our opinions and support the protection of marine life.
- 2** Reduce the use of single-use plastics and opt for sustainable seafood.
- 3** Choose those activities that respect the Code of Conduct for Dolphin Watching Activities such as those by Hong Kong Dolphinwatch.

Read More

[Code of Conduct for Dolphin Watching Activities - AFCD](#)

[Are Hong Kong's pink dolphins about to disappear? – BBC News](#)

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