

# All gazetted beaches continue to meet bacteriological Water Quality Objective (with photos)

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) released the 2024 Beach Water Quality Report today (April 1). The report reveals that all 42 gazetted beaches in Hong Kong continued to fully achieve the bacteriological Water Quality Objective (WQO) for bathing waters in that year, with 23 beaches ranked as "Good" and the remaining 19 ranked as "Fair". No beaches were ranked as "Poor" or "Very Poor".

An EPD spokesman said, "All gazetted beaches have fully complied with the WQO for 15 consecutive years since 2010.

"The satisfactory beach water quality over the years is attributed to various pollution control and environmental improvement measures implemented by the Government, including the enforcement of the Water Pollution Control Ordinance and Livestock Waste Control Scheme, extension of the sewerage network to the beach hinterland, and the implementation of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme.

"The EPD will continue to embrace the use of innovative technologies to enhance the effectiveness of environmental water quality management, with a view to protecting and improving beach water quality to safeguard the health of swimmers," the spokesman added.

The 2024 Beach Water Quality Report can be found at the EPD's website ([www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach](http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/beach)).

