

Red tide sighted

A red tide was sighted during the past week, an interdepartmental red tide working group reported today (May 16).

On May 10, staff of the Marine Department spotted a red tide at Victoria Harbour near Hung Hom. The red tide has dissipated. No associated fish deaths have been reported as of today.

A spokesman for the working group said, "The red tide was formed by *Noctiluca scintillans*, which is commonly found in Hong Kong waters and non-toxic."

Red tide is a natural phenomenon. The AFCD's proactive phytoplankton monitoring programme will continue to monitor red tide occurrences to minimise the impact on the mariculture industry and the public.