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This 1573 temple is devoted to Mazu, Goddess of the Sea, whose originally red face has been blackened by the smoke of incense offered by countless worshippers over the centuries. For this reason, she is known as the Black-faced Mazu. The temple's structure, paintings, and wood and stone carvings make this an intensely artistic temple. Among the historical and religious artifacts in the temple are wooden tablets written by the Yongjheng, Cianlong, and Guangsyu emperors of the Qing Dynasty. The rear court of the temple now serves as a museum with displays of the divine palanquins used by the goddess on tours of her realm, her crowns, and other artifacts. Special religious exhibitions are held on an irregular basis. The celebrations for Mazu's birthday on the 23rd day of the third lunar month draw in huge crowds of Mazu's adherents as well as tourists every year.



Confucius Temple, Changhua

Built in 1726, this temple is listed as a first-grade historic site, with carvings in its main hall that are considered among the best in Taiwan. Its two central columns were carved from white stone of Cyuanjhou in Fujian Province. It is similar in style to the Longshan Temple in Lugang.

The temple's main element is a memorial tablet devoted to Confucius, with wooden commemorative inscriptions written by the late President Chiang Ching-kuo and the Cianlong Emperor of the Qing Dynasty. Every year at the time of Teachers' Day on Sept. 28, which is celebrated as Confucius' birthday, the ancient and solemn "Eight Rows Dance" is held here.



三官殿 龍龜之寶 民眾摸好運

「記者黃政義報導」昨天是元宵節，也是馬公三官殿供奉的「天官大帝」的聖誕，馬公三官殿主任委員吳正一在一大早就率領委員、信眾來向「天官大帝」祝壽，天官大帝昨天上午專程降乩，除為信眾祈福外，並為三官殿今年特地打造的一隻青銅鑲嵌「福慧龍龜」蓋上玉印符、上靈咒，另由起造人宋森湖親自施法來為這一隻「福慧龍龜」開光點睛，昨天的元宵節乞龜活動將開放給信眾來摸靈龜，祈求健康、幸福、平安。

三官殿主委吳正一表示，這隻青銅鑲嵌「龍龜」是在去年三月由供奉的天官降旨指示，依構想打造一隻「天上龍、海上的龜」，狀似龍頭龜身的靈龜，在邀集了廟方的副主委葉水盛、王川

打造人宋森湖親自為「福慧龍龜」開光，信眾紛紛來觸摸充滿靈氣的一點睛「福慧龍龜」。(黃政義攝)

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斤，宋森湖師傅說，這一龍龜使用了青銅五十餘公斤逐一打造，相當耗時、廢工，尤其是龍龜的腳踏四季、右腳踏三才(元寶)、左腳踏五層(丁科)，嘴含八卦元寶(錢財)，這完全是依照傳統的文工尺來打造，並送往台灣本島來鍍金後，才送回馬公三官殿來作為鎮殿典藏之用。

吳正一主委說，這隻以青銅精雕的「福慧龍龜」，未將作為鎮殿之寶，今年元宵節的三天乞龜祈福活動中，將會開放信眾來親手觸摸靈龜祈福，相信小孩子會增長智慧、中年人事業發達、老年人會健康長壽，明年，則將依天官指示，來打造天官、地官、水官三隻靈龜，供信徒乞求，以保平安。

縣、蘇歐美珠、莊秋月、高以庸等幹部研商決議，央請在地的宋森湖師傅依照指示打造靈龜，他採用青銅來打造，歷時三個多月完成，並命名為「福慧龍龜」，淨重二十七公斤，將作為三官殿的鎮殿之寶，元宵節起開放民眾來摸靈雪祈福。

這隻栩栩如生、活氣神現的龍龜，全數以青銅打造製作，長二尺七、寬一尺三六、高一尺五五，重二十七公

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WWF seeks positive conservation outcome at Cheung Kong's wetland site

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Some people have called on WWF to abandon the Fung Lok Wai project; this call is more premised on being anti-developer than on conservation. WWF has held discussions with these groups but they offer no plan to conserve the site.

WWF's involvement with a subsidiary of Cheung Kong (Holdings) is to advise on the establishment and management of a viable wetland habitat.

The preservation of ecologically sensitive areas is the responsibility of the government, but its solution was the establishment of a burdensome Private Public Partnership involving developers, non-governmental organisations, and the Environment Conservation Fund.

WWF entered into a memorandum of understanding with the subsidiary as a viable and more cost-efficient option. We are confident in our relationship with Cheung Kong that we can bring about a positive conservation outcome.

Cheung Kong has agreed to – develop on 5 per cent of the site; alter the design and location of the buildings to reduce interference of the birds' flight path; and set up a trust fund with sufficient capital to ensure the ongoing management of the wetland. It has also agreed to an environment oversight committee.

It will undertake a survey of the site for the recently discovered firefly and we are confident appropriate mitigation measures to protect the species will be adopted.

One of the cornerstones of WWF's conservation strategy is to engage all stakeholders in the creation of a sustainable development model for Hong Kong.

There must be a balance, but often sustainable development concentrates solely on the development aspect. The ideal solution is for the government to "swap" the Fung Lok Wai site for another and for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to properly manage the wetland. The government so far has refused to consider a "swap" and the department lacks adequate resources to manage the wetland.

The sad aspect is the protests by some other groups are misguided. WWF's sole aim is conservation and we contend the relationship for Fung Lok Wai is the best possible solution presently available. We have not heard of a better one to date. Our fundamental concern is that abandoning the site will only lead to its degradation.

Eric Bohm, chief executive, WWF-Hong Kong

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NGC IN THE WOMB 國家地理子宮日記



Every newborn baby is a miracle. But for some, the journey to birth is the most dangerous they'll ever endure. This documentary explores four extraordinary stories of pregnancies that faced seemingly insuperable obstacles - only to end successfully as real Miracles of Life.

王乾發為海靈殿 龍龜 開光點睛

【記者黃政義報導】香火鼎盛的南甲海靈殿為慶祝一年一度元宵佳節，特別製作了一隻具有澎湖特色的「龍龜」，並於昨天上午十一時吉辰邀請到縣長王乾發來為這一隻「龍龜」開光點睛，祈祝國泰民安、風調雨順，人民幸福、平安；王縣長強調澎湖元宵節的民俗活動一年比一年的更加熱鬧、精彩，歡迎全國的鄉親能夠到澎湖來鬥熱鬧、拼元宵。

南甲海靈殿為迎接壬辰龍年，今年特別以百米包堆製了一隻重逾三萬六千台斤的龍頭米龜，並為噴水龍頭造型，極具創意、巧思，超級吸睛；昨天上午十一時吉辰，南甲海靈殿主任委員楊順雄特別邀



請到王乾發縣長來為該廟今年元宵節的重頭戲主角——龍龜，開光點睛，依循禮節進行儀式，整個儀式簡單而隆重。

王縣長表示：元宵節是澎湖最具地方特色與規模的民俗節慶活動，這幾年，縣府籌辦元宵節的活動，不斷的來求新、求變，並結合各項民俗、藝文等，期盼能保存這項歷史悠久的傳統民俗節慶，而，各廟宇也都保有其各自特色的傳統節慶，舉辦各項慶祝活動，王縣長鼓勵全縣的縣民與遊客能夠走動澎湖百大廟宇，踴躍參與乞龜祈福的活動，也能更加了解元宵民俗節慶的源由及所蘊含深層的文化內涵。

△南甲海靈殿打造重三萬六千台斤的「龍龜」；王乾發縣長主持點睛開光儀式。(黃政義攝) *PENGSHU Daily 2-7-2012*

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註生娘娘 Zhusheng Niangniang's Notes

Zhusheng Niangniang, is a Taoist fertility goddess

by 註生娘娘 Zhusheng Niangniang on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 7:52pm

Songzi Niangniang (送子娘娘, "The Maiden Who Brings Children"), also referred to in Taiwan as Zhusheng Niangniang (註生娘娘), is a Taoist fertility goddess. She is often depicted as Guan Yin herself in drawings, or alternatively as an attendant of Guan Yin; Guan Yin herself is also often referred to as "Guan Yin Who Brings Children". She is depicted as an empress figure, much like Xi Wangmu and Mazu.



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Zhusheng Niangniang has her our fb page in English!

http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=135407546475029

Zhusheng Niangniang in Wiki (Traditional Chinese).

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Zhusheng Niangniang in Taiwan. It does mention that some Mazu temples accommodate the statues of Zhusheng Niangniang.

<http://www.sunfong.org.tw/a-3.html>

Zhusheng Niangniang in a Mazu temple in Hong Kong. Yeah!

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The names in traditional Chinese:

(See attached file: Zhusheng Niangniang.JPG) (See attached file: Songzi Niangniang.JPG)

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Japan Tries to Protect Tainted Food Supply

By MARTIN FACKLER

ONAMI, Japan — In the fall, as this valley's rice paddies ripened into a carpet of gold, government inspectors came to check for radioactive contamination.

Onami sits 55 kilometers northwest of the wrecked Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, which spewed radioactive cesium over much of this rural region last March. However, the inspectors declared Onami's rice safe after testing just two of its 154 farms.

Then, a few days later, a skeptical farmer in Onami, who wanted to be sure his rice was safe for a visiting grandson, had his crop tested, only to find it contained cesium levels that exceeded the government's safety limit. In the weeks that followed, more than a dozen other farmers also found unsafe levels. An ensuing panic forced the Japanese government to intervene, with promises to test more than 25,000 rice farms in eastern Fukushima Prefecture, where the plant is located.

The uproar underscores how, almost a year after a huge earthquake and tsunami caused a triple meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, Japan is still struggling

More than a dozen private radiation-testing stations, mostly operated by volunteers, have appeared across Fukushima and as far south as Tokyo, 240 kilometers from the plant, aiming to offer radiation monitoring that is more stringent and transparent than that of the government.

"No one trusts the national government's safety standards," said Ichio Muto, 59, who farms organic mushrooms in Nihonmatsu, 40 kilometers northwest of Fukushima Daiichi. "The only way to win back customers is to tell them everything, so they can decide for themselves what to buy."

Mr. Muto is one of 250 farmers in Nihonmatsu who started a makeshift radiation-testing center at a local truck stop. Recently, he and a half-dozen other farmers diced daikon, leeks and other produce before putting them separately into a \$40,000 testing device that was donated by a non-governmental group. The farmers test samples of every crop they grow, and then they post the results on the Internet. Mr. Muto had to destroy his entire crop of 110,000 mushrooms after tests revealed high radiation levels.

Officials admit that many people question the wisdom of allowing farms so near the plant to operate, but they say that once they stop farming in an area because of radiation, it will take years to persuade the public to allow them to start again.

Farmers do their own testing after official failures.

Farming officials say they have too few radiation-detecting machines to test every farm; there are only a few dozen machines in Fukushima. However, they acknowledge that random sampling has proved inadequate because the explosions spread radioactive particles unevenly across communities, creating small "hot spots" of high radioactivity.

Prefectural officials say that since the discovery of tainted rice, they have tested rice from 4,975 farms in Onami and 21 other communities. They said the rice from about one-fifth of those farms contained cesium, though most of it at low levels. Only 30 farms exceeded Japan's current safety level for radiation in food. However, almost 300 farms had rice that would exceed a new safety level that the Health Ministry is to adopt in April, bringing Japan in line with most developed countries.

As a result of the disaster, Vegetable Cafe Harmonize opened in Fukushima, selling produce only from western Japan, far from the nuclear plant. One shopper, Junko Kohata, said she avoided all Fukushima-grown produce because the government only reveals whether it is above or below the permissible level. "I'd rather buy local, but I have no choice but to protect myself," Ms. Kohata said.

to protect its food supply from radioactive contamination. The discovery of tainted rice in Onami and a similar case in July involving contaminated beef have left officials scrambling to plug the exposed gaps in the government's food-screening measures, many of which were hastily introduced after the accident.

As a result, there has been an erosion of public confidence in the food-monitoring efforts, with a growing segment of the public and many experts alleging that officials have understated or even covered up the extent of the health risk in order to limit the economic damage and the size of potential compensation payments.

"Since the accident, the government has tried to continue its business-as-usual approach of understating the severity of the accident and insisting that it knows best," said Mitsuhiro Fukao, an economics professor at Keio University in Tokyo. "But the people are learning from the blogs, Twitter and Facebook that the government's food-monitoring system is simply not credible."

Makiko Inoue contributed reporting.

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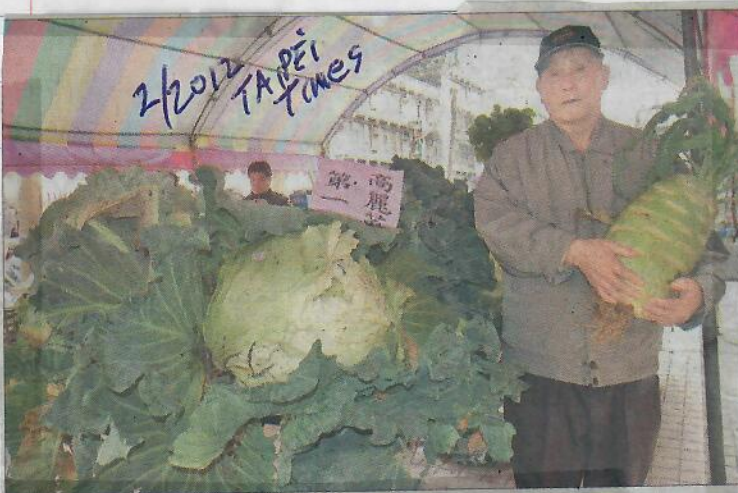
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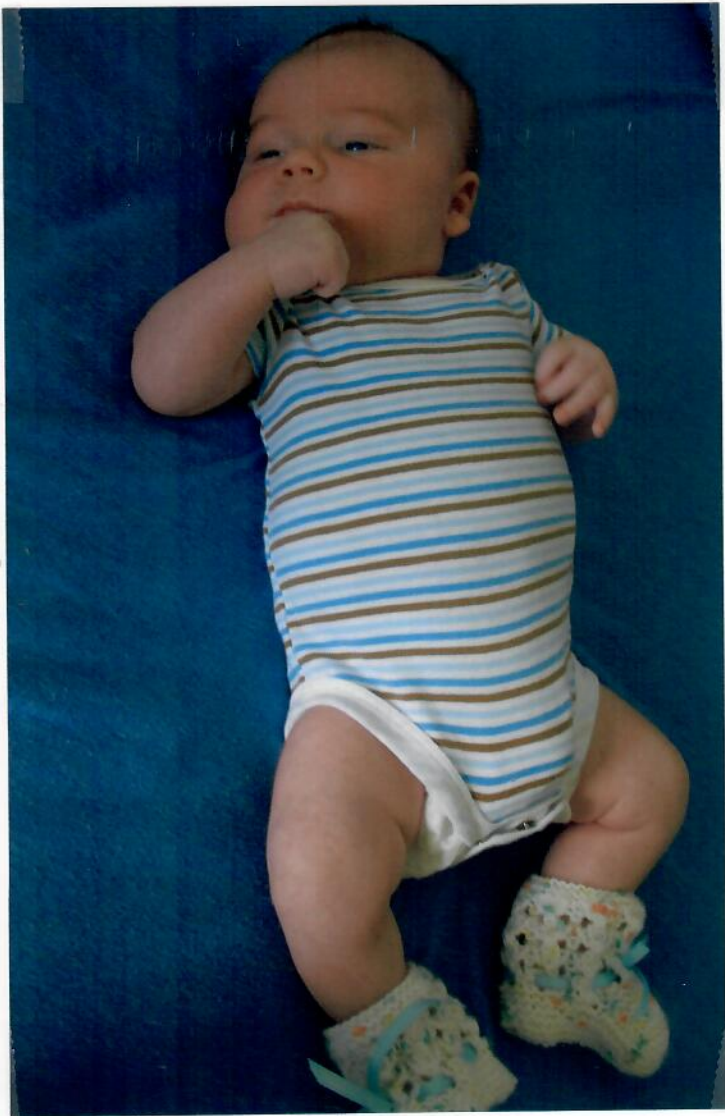
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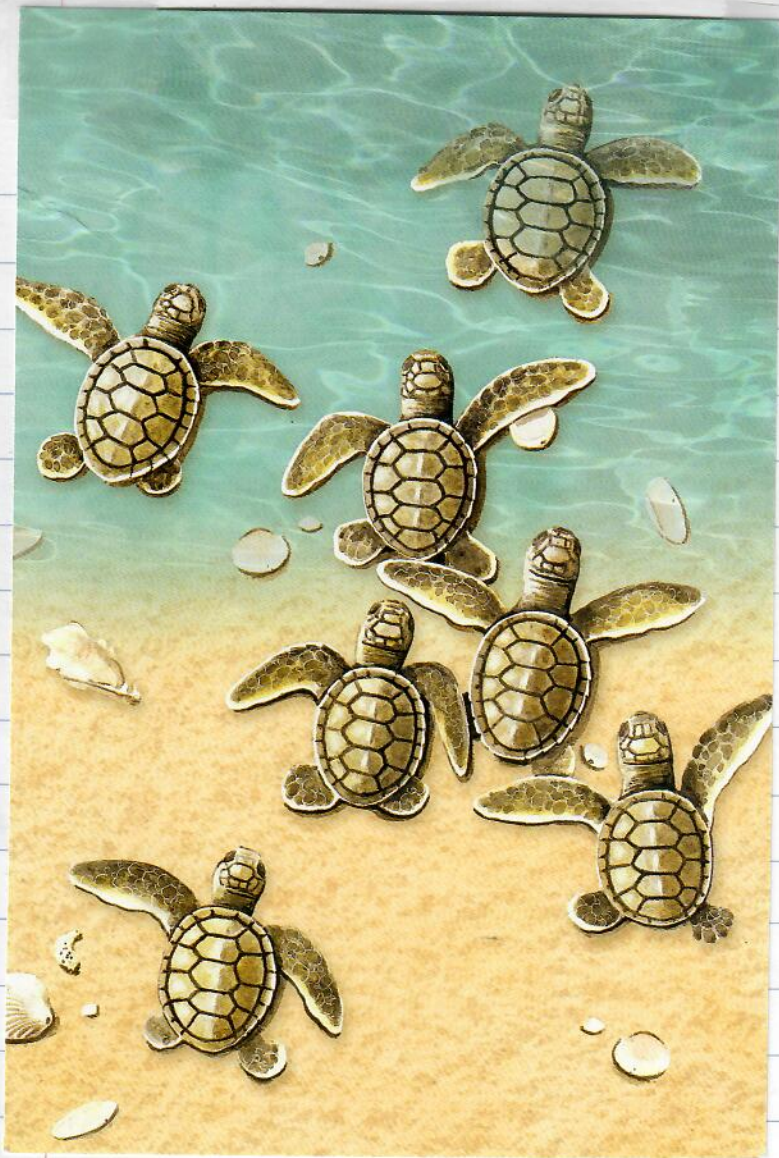
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Exposing Mao's Stockholm Syndrome



FRANK CHING

More than 45 years ago, Chairman Mao Zedong launched the tumultuous Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, which led to the destruction of millions of Chinese lives. It was a tragedy of unparalleled proportions and yet the Communist Party continues to honor Mao and refuses to allow in-depth study of the Cultural Revolution.

A new book, "Forged in Purgatory," by Wang Zhongfang, sheds light on just how the Cultural Revolution affected not just the main targets of the power struggle but countless incidental figures. Wang was at one time the political secretary of Luo Ruiqing, a leading general and one of the main targets of the Cultural Revolution.

This is a remarkable book, a labor of love which was first written in Chinese, translated by members of the Pamir Law Group in Taiwan,

then edited and published by the group's managing partner, Nicholas V. Chen, who became a friend of Wang.

Luo was the first Minister of Public Security after the People's Republic of China was established in 1949 and the author served as his political secretary for 10 years. But by the time of the Cultural Revolution, the two men had not worked together for many years.

In fact, by then Wang had become an important figure in his own right, being effectively in charge of all political and judicial matters in Qinghai Province, in northwestern China.

Wang ended up spending more than five years in prison while undergoing "investigation."

After Mao's death and the Cultural Revolution ended, Wang was fully vindicated. The final decision on his case, rendered by the new Qinghai provincial party authorities, concluded: "When Lin Biao and the Gang of Four enjoyed tyrannical power, Comrade Wang Zhongfang was subjected to terrible repres-

sion, arrested and placed under an investigation that lasted over five years despite his innocence."

The Wang case is a microcosm of how people in China suffered during the Cultural Revolution. He was innocent of any wrongdoing (as was Luo Ruiqing), but Mao purged Luo along with countless other senior officials, including the head of state, Liu Shaoqi, and the party's Secretary General Deng Xiaoping.

In the process, Mao made use of people he trusted at various times, including Marshal Lin Biao and Mao's wife, Jiang Qing, and her political associates, who subsequently were dubbed the "Gang of Four."

But Wang was not the only one persecuted because of his connection with Luo. Wang's father, an 84-year-old professor, was forced to move out of Ministry of Public Security quarters in Beijing and then hounded as he sought refuge in one place after another. In the end, the old man died of starvation.

Wang's brother, too, was persecuted so severely that he hanged

himself. Both of Wang's sons were also victims.

So three generations of the family went through hell for no wrongdoing on their part. Multiply that by the countless targets of the Cultural Revolution in the central government and the provinces, in the military as well as the party and government-along with their associates, friends and family members and you get a picture of what the country went through.

Of course, it is difficult these days to imagine the emergence of another megalomaniacal dictator like Mao who was worshipped like a god. In fact, so successful was the Mao cult that his victims continued to deify him, believing that if only Mao knew about their sufferings, he would stop their torment.

Thus, Luo Ruiqing, in a perverse manifestation of the Stockholm Syndrome, insisted on going to Mao's funeral in his wheelchair and cried his eyes out at the death of the man who had persecuted him beyond human endurance.

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On one level, this book is about a remarkable, resourceful and ingenious person with an indomitable spirit who survived against all odds.

But on a deeper level, this is about a country torn apart by the madness of a single person, who was worshipped by his people as a great leader, great teacher, great supreme commander and great helmsman but who cared more for himself than for his people.

Ultimately, Mao became a god-like figure because the party allowed it to happen. And so, any criticism of Mao and of the Cultural Revolution is really a criticism of the Communist Party.

Thus it is interesting to note that the party, in its resolution in 1981 holding Mao responsible for the "error" of the Cultural Revolution, said it was "after all the error of a great proletarian revolutionary," as though somehow that made it acceptable, even admirable.

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TAIPEI 2012-3-7 擲筊遶境 大甲媽3月23日出巡

【記者苗君平／大甲報導】台中大甲鎮瀾宮昨晚擲筊決定，今年大甲媽祖遶境進香活動，將在3月23日晚上11時起駕，4月1日回鑾安座，全程9天8夜。

鎮瀾宮昨晚依例在元宵節的晚上6時，舉行媽祖遶境起駕時間的擲筊儀式，由董事長顏清標主持，前兩次都是笑杯，直到第三杯才是聖杯，全場立刻熱烈鼓掌。

顏清標表示，「媽祖實在很靈感」，「想提前兩、三天都不行」，星期五晚上出發，星期天回來，都是在假日，信徒才有空參加，「真是選的好」。他又說，今年有意前來的大陸友廟很多，相信參加人數會比往年增加。

副市長蔡炳坤表示，大甲媽進香活動被列為全球三大宗教活動之一，全球估計有1億5000萬名媽祖信

徒，未來將促成每名信徒，一生至少到鎮瀾宮進香一次，如同伊斯蘭教徒到麥加朝聖。

他表示，今年將邀請台中市6間、兩百年以上的媽祖廟，共同參加媽祖文化節活動，並邀請國外藝術團體來表演，將這項國際宗教文化活動，提升為藝文層次。

副董事長鄭銘坤也說，今年媽祖活動將增以「媽祖宴」為主題，邀請全國各地廚師參加以「媽祖」為創意的餐飲大賽。

鎮瀾宮今年遶境的進香行程，3月23日晚上11時起駕，第一晚駐駕彰化市南瑤宮、第二晚西螺鎮福興宮、第三、四晚新港鄉奉天宮、第五晚西螺鎮福興宮、第六晚北斗鎮奠安宮、第七晚彰化市天后宮、第八晚台中市清水區朝興宮、第九天回駕大甲鎮瀾宮。



鎮瀾宮董事長顏清標(右二)昨晚擲筊決定，國曆三月廿三日晚上十一時起駕遶境。
記者苗君平／攝影

HK-China feud the shape of things to come

TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT:

Resentments between mainland Chinese and Hong Kong residents have been simmering ever since the handover in 1997

BY SU YUNG-YAO
STAFF REPORTER

While tensions between Hong Kong and China are running high due to recent comments made by Peking University professor Kong Qingdong (孔慶東), the problem has been brewing for a while, political commentator Paul Lin (林保華) said.

Kong, commenting on a widely circulated YouTube video of Hong Kongers telling off Chinese tourists for allowing children to eat on the Hong Kong MTR, on Jan. 19 made scathing remarks about Hong Kongers on VODone, a Chinese state-affiliated media company, calling them "bastards" for using Cantonese when Chinese tourists obviously didn't understand, adding that the Hong Kongers were "the dogs of British colonialists."

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abiding Hong Kongers and their less law-abiding Chinese counterparts, an endless stream of traffic accidents could also be expected to occur in Hong Kong, Lin said

The generally low morals of Chinese tourists also trigger Hong Kongers' discontent, he added.

On the other hand, Lin said, Hong Kong has been a part of China since it was "returned," yet the Chinese immigrants and tourists feel it is unfair that the "one country, two systems" gives Hong Kongers a special status.

The Chinese compare Hong Kong to China and act as they do because they are jealous and they want some of the advantages the Hong Kongers enjoy, Lin said.

As for the heated online debate generated by Kong's comments, Lin said that while it might seem that Kong's partisans in China have the upper hand, there exists an element in Hong Kong that wishes to exacerbate the conflict to make it harder for Beijing to deal with.



The reaction of Hong Kongers shows that despite being "returned" to China for more than a decade, "the hearts of the Hong Kongers have yet to return," Lin said.

During the British colonial period, Hong Kongers looked down on the Chinese and the 1980 TV drama series *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* (網中人) even made fun of new Chinese immigrants, calling them derogatorily *Y can* (阿燦), Lin said. The term refers to one of the characters in the drama series: a poor, unassuming and not-so-bright Chinese immigrant.

However, now the Chinese have become rich the tables have turned, and it is the Chinese who look down on the Hong Kongers, calling them *Gang can* (港燦) in turn, he added.

However, the wealth of the Chinese was not the source of the problem *per se*, Lin said.

"The problem is that the Chinese are flaunting their wealth and putting on airs, while taking advantage of the Hong Kongers," Lin said.

As examples, Lin cited the imminent implementation of regulations to allow inhabitants of Guangdong Province and Hong Kong to drive between the two locations and the steady stream of pregnant Chinese women going to Hong Kong to give birth. Hong Kongers are fed up with being taken advantage of, he said.

With the difference in driving habits between the generally law-

Most Hong Kong netizens are from the younger generation and they are using the dispute to express their discontent with the current situation, Lin said, adding that "the problem now is that the younger generation in Hong Kong has a different view from their parent's generation."

When the Sino-British Joint Declaration was signed in 1984, even the pan-democracy camp agreed with it, Lin said. The Joint Declaration was the official agreement whereby the People's Republic of China (PRC) resumed sovereignty over Hong Kong Island, the Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories. Hong Kong island and the Kowloon Peninsula had been ceded to the British for perpetuity under the Treaty of Nanking, but the New Territories were subsequently leased to the UK for 99 years under a second treaty.

However, Lin said, the younger generation is unhappy that they have to bear the bitter fruit of what the older generation has sown.

The occasional reappearance of the old colonial Hong Kong flag on the Internet is also a clear indicator of the mindset of the younger generation, Lin added.

Beijing has not officially commented on Kong's remarks, but there are signs that it does not entirely disown them, Lin said.

"While it might be hard for practical minded Hong Kongers to turn this incident into large-scale conflict, similar conflicts are bound to happen again," Lin said.

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Barack Obama greets Xi Jinping in the Oval Office of the White House yesterday after talks earlier with Joe Biden and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Photo: Reuters

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2-20-12 THE CHINA POST
Pro-independence groups begin
monthlong march on Feb. 28

By ENRU LIN
The China Post

A parade in Greater Taipei is set to launch a monthlong, island-wide commemoration of the 228 Incident, said pro-independence groups yesterday.

In 1947, the Tobacco Monopoly Bureau under the ruling administration forcibly confiscated profits and contraband cigarettes from a woman vendor. The incident set off a nationwide riot that the Kuomintang (KMT) government fought with military force, starting Feb. 28.

A month-long commemorative program will mark the 65th anniversary of the 228 Incident, said Taiwan Nation Alliance (NTA, 台灣國家聯盟) and the Taiwan 228 Care Association (台灣二二八關懷

總會) in a joint press conference on Sunday.

The program starts off with a parade themed "Taiwan Saves Itself" (自救護台灣).

Relatives of the massacre victims and members of the NTA and Taiwan 228 Care Association will set off from the Yong-le Market (永樂市場) at 2.28 p.m. on Feb. 28, according to Chairman Chang Yen-hsien (張炎憲) of the Taiwan 228 Care Association.

The parade ends at the historic Dadaocheng Wharf (大稻埕碼頭), where marchers will release water lanterns to guide home the souls lost to the massacre.

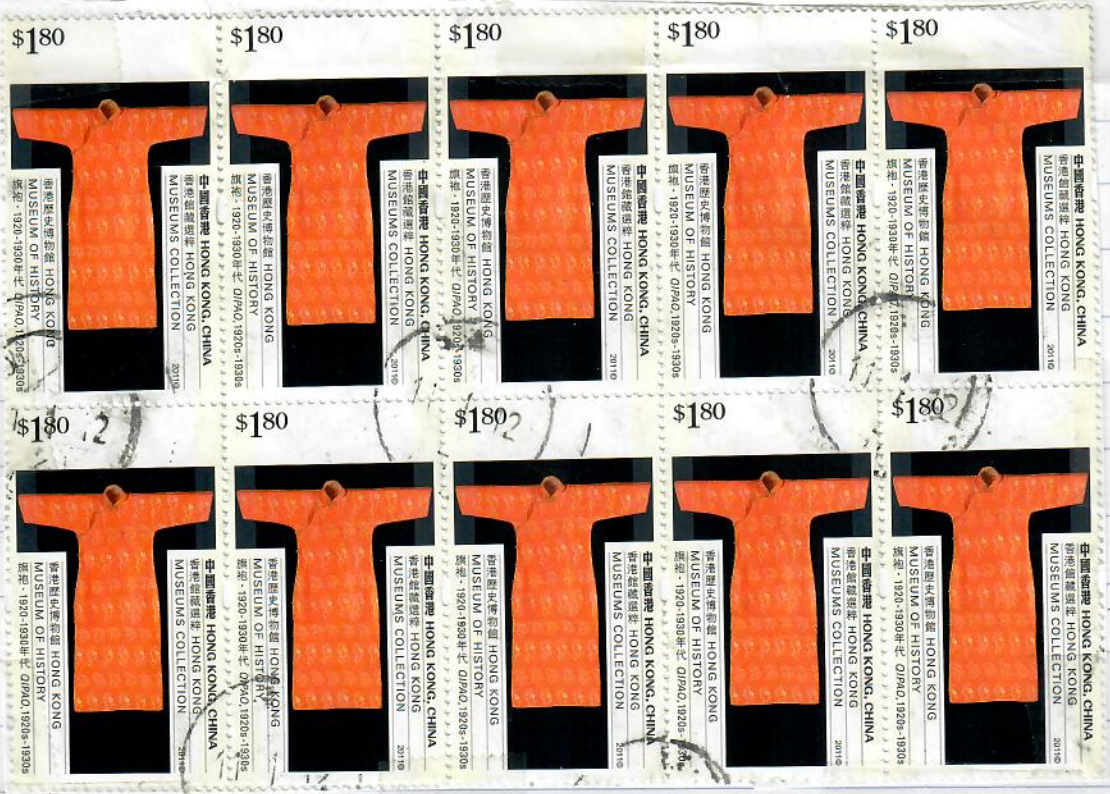
Commemorative events in previous years were limited to Greater Taipei, said Chang.

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Feb 17, Wanning City 萬寧市

Feb 16, Sanya Tropical Sea World (三亞美天涯熱帶海洋世界)

Feb 18, Ritz Carlton Sanya

Feb 17, SeaTurtles911 at Ling-shui Village, Xin-cun 陵水新村港

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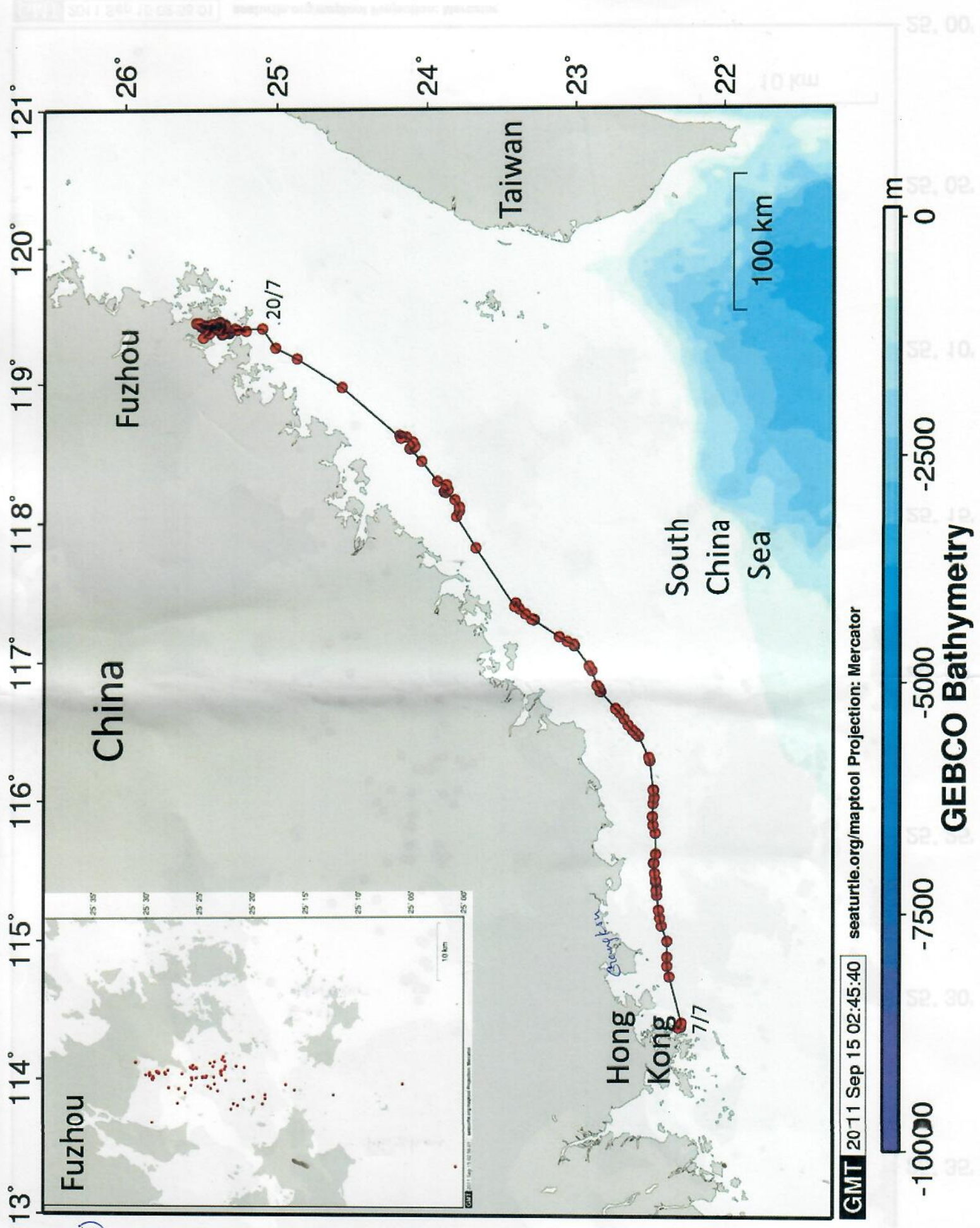
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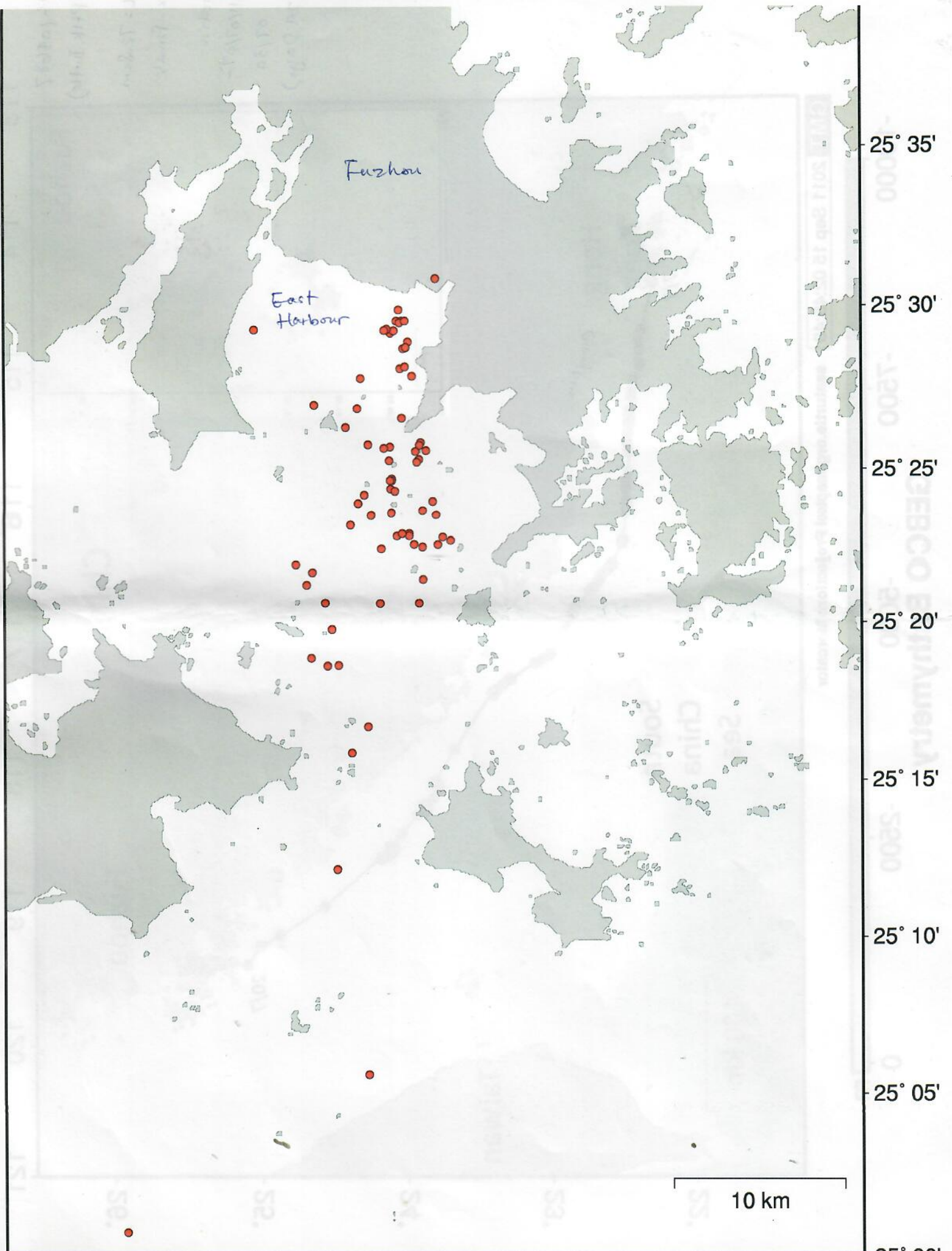
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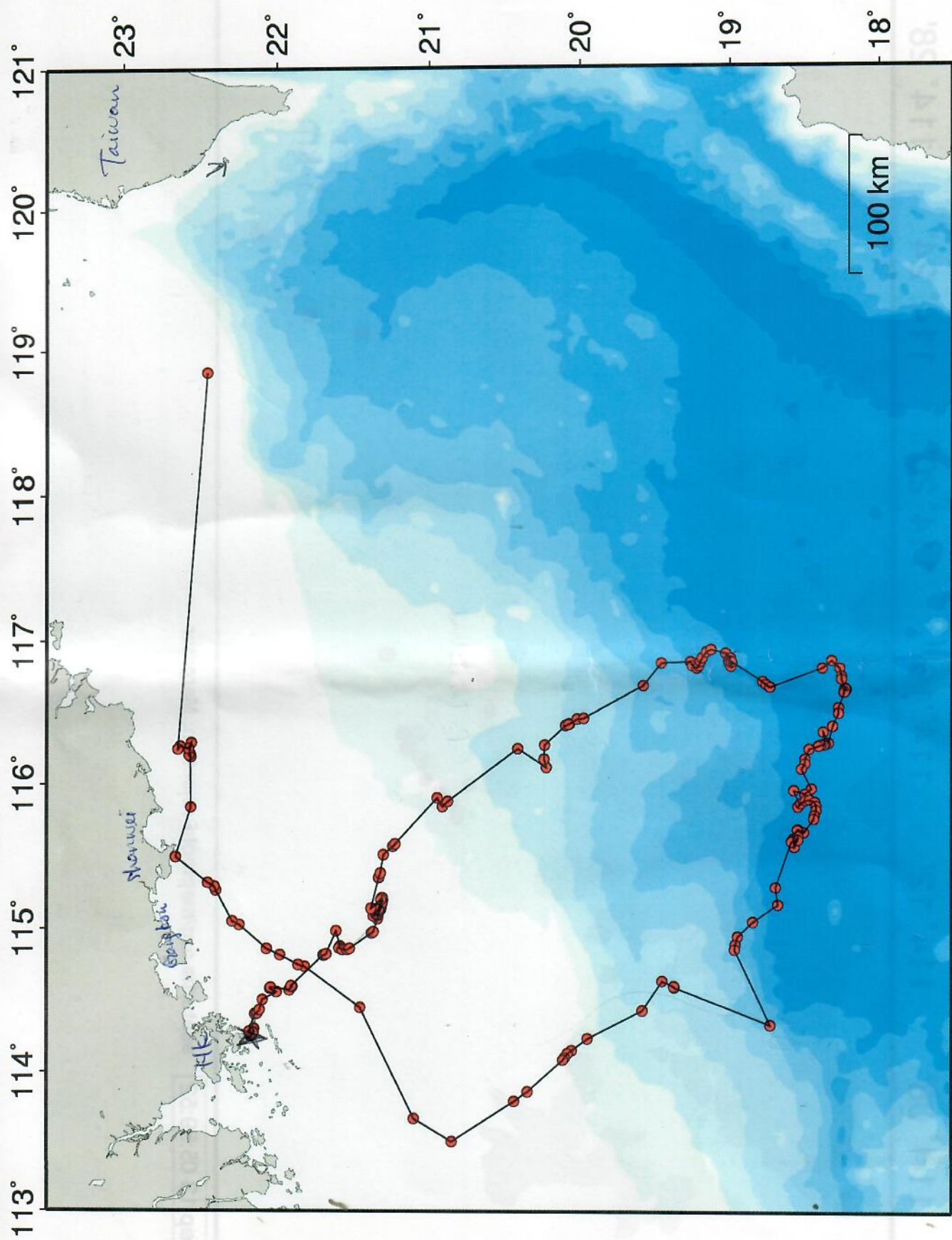
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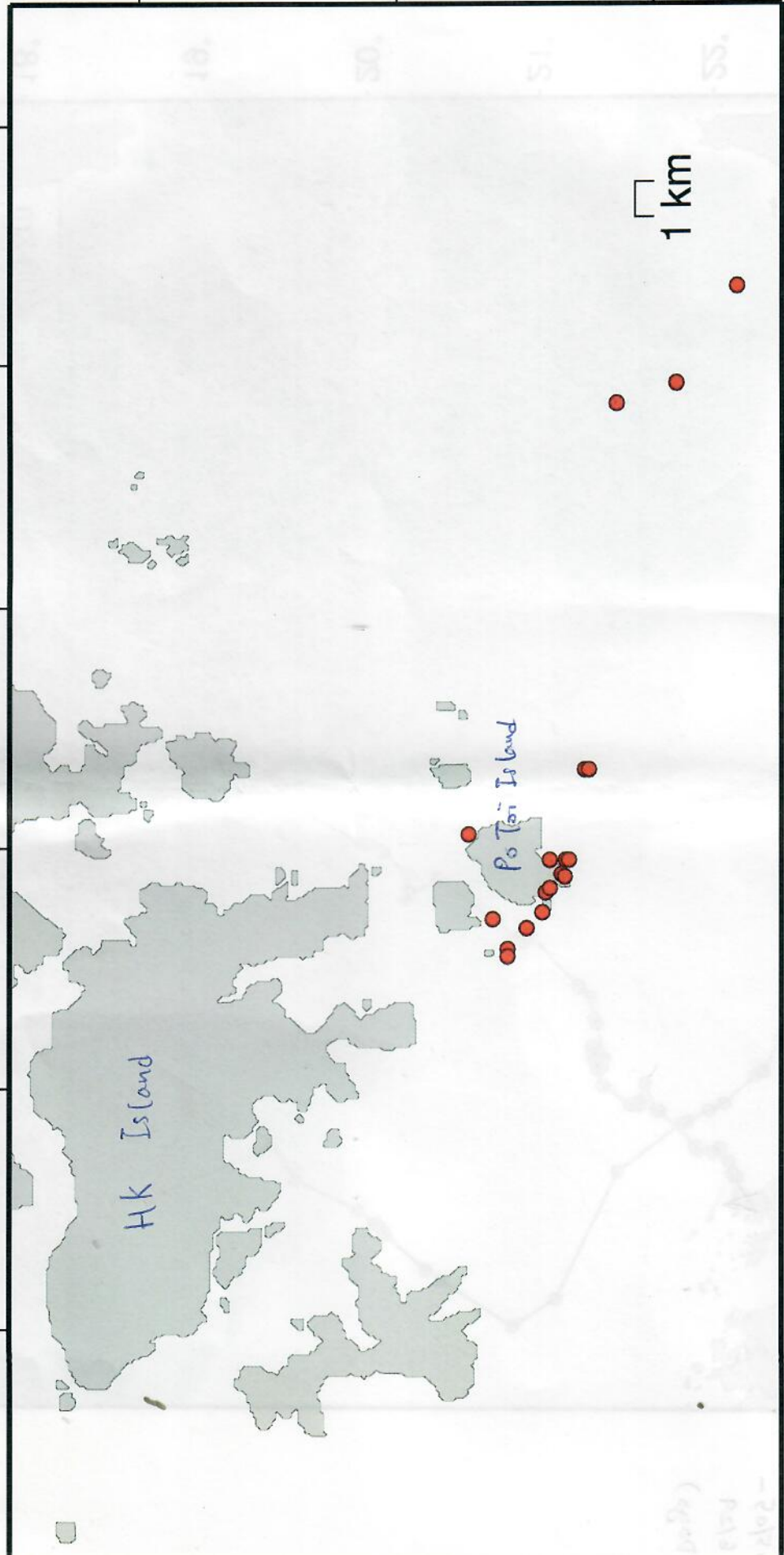


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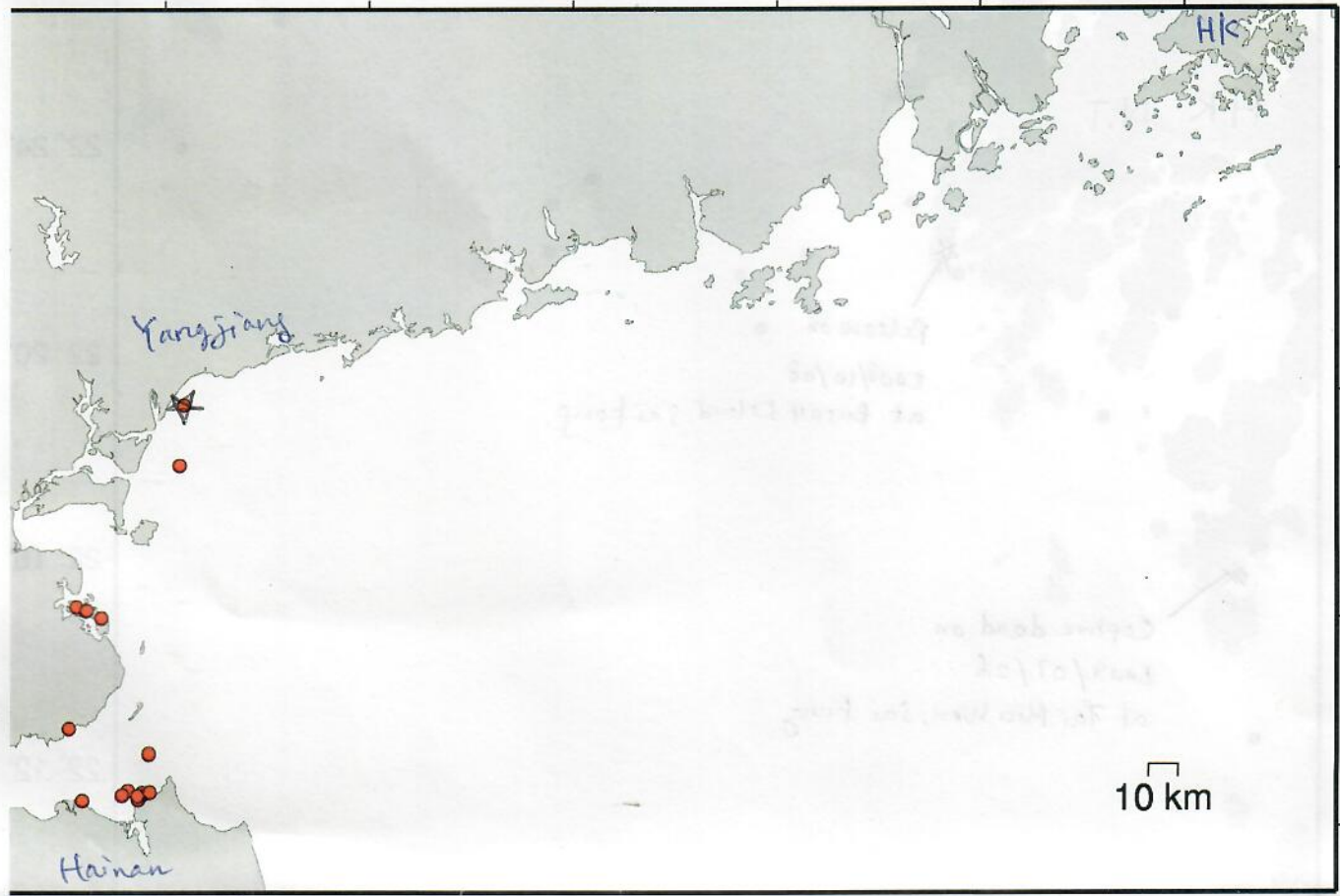
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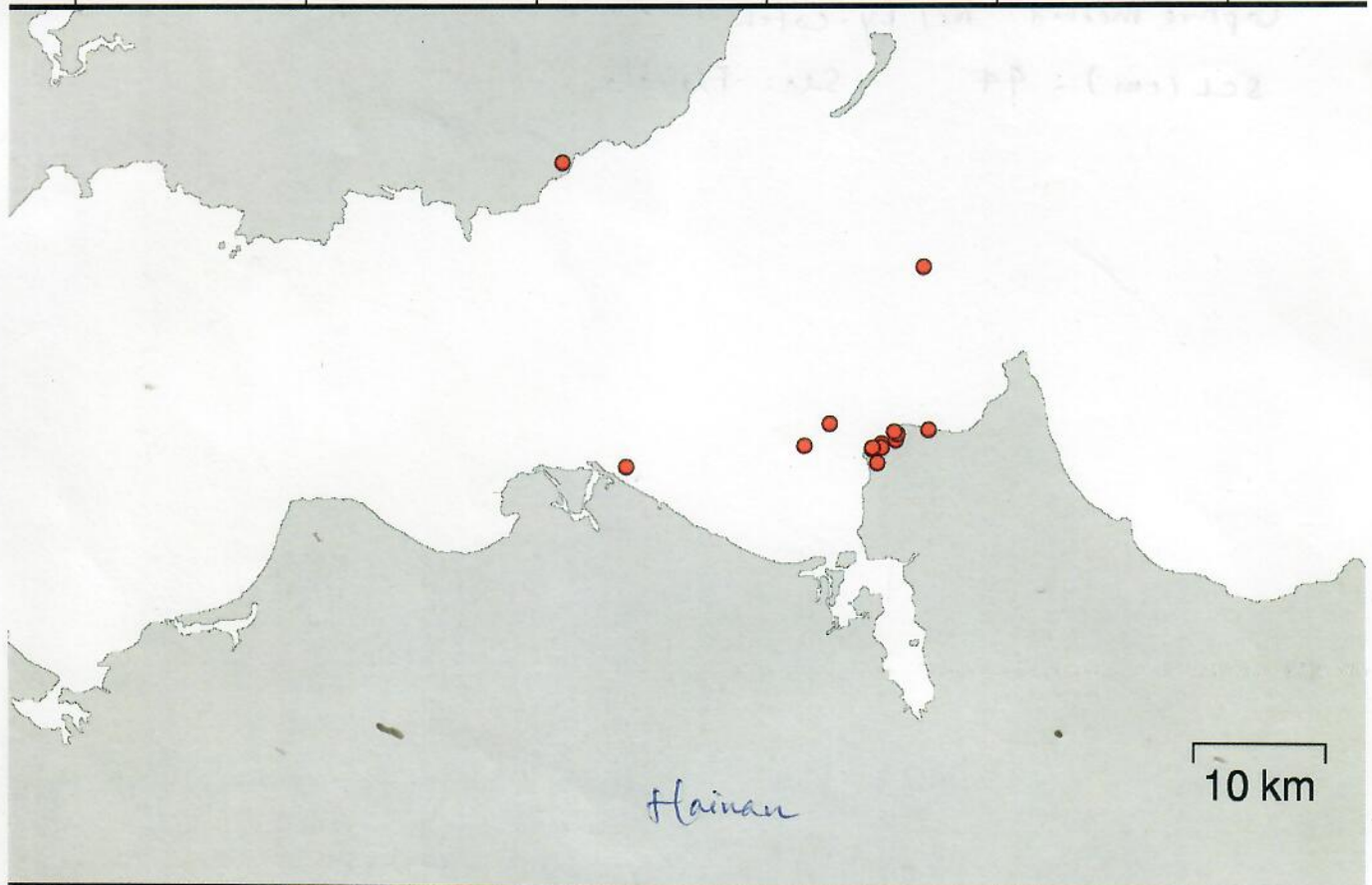
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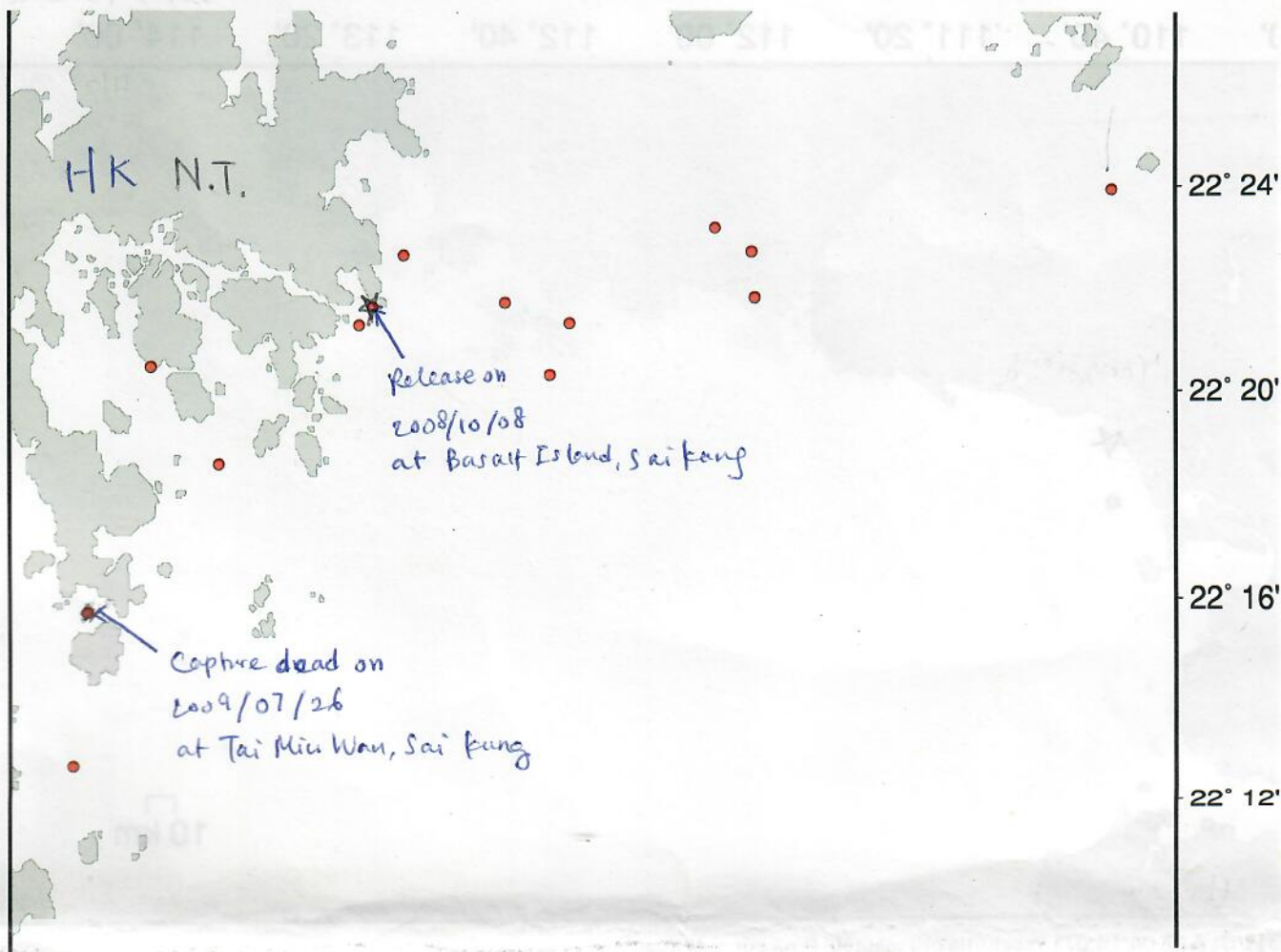


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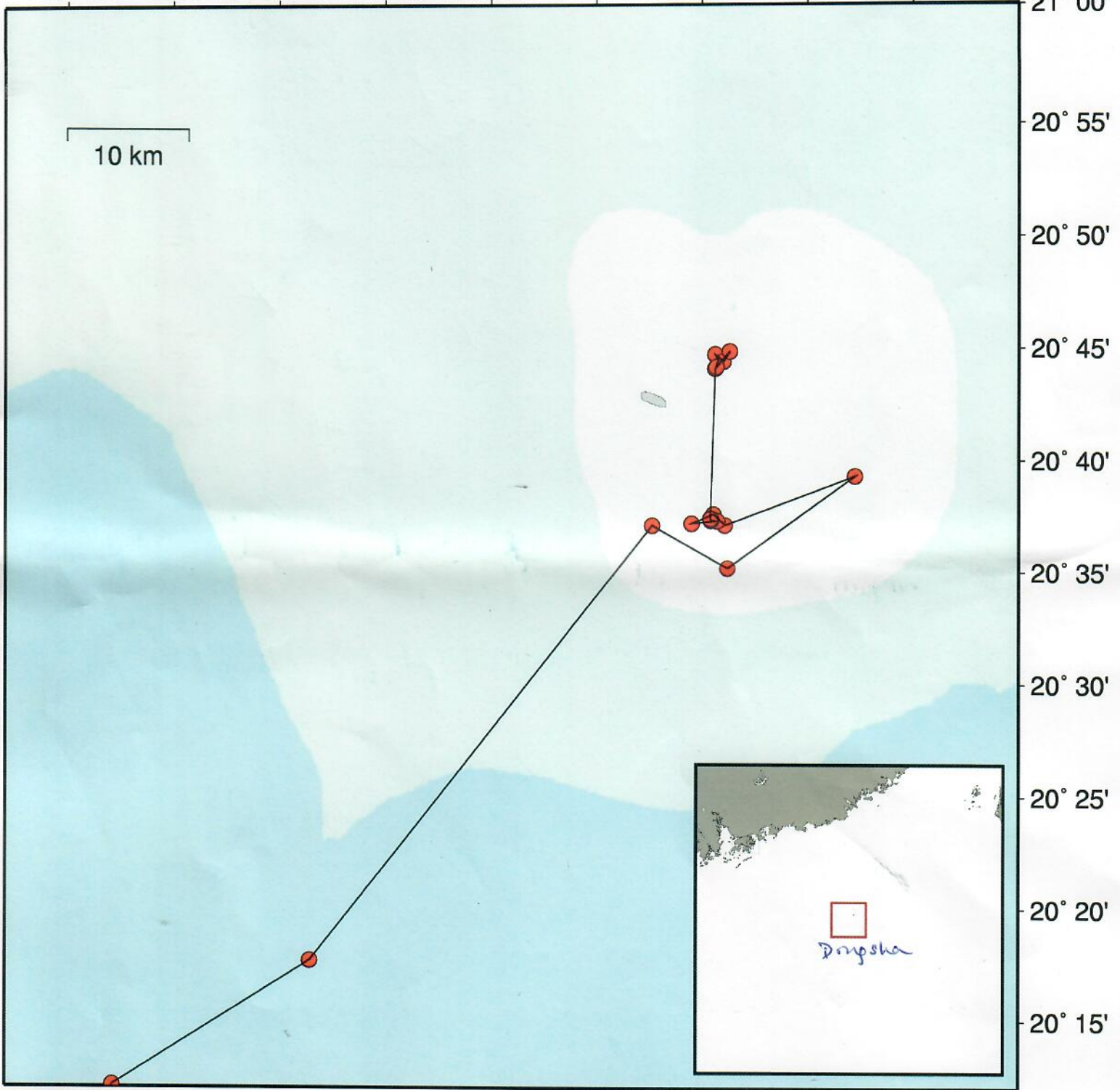


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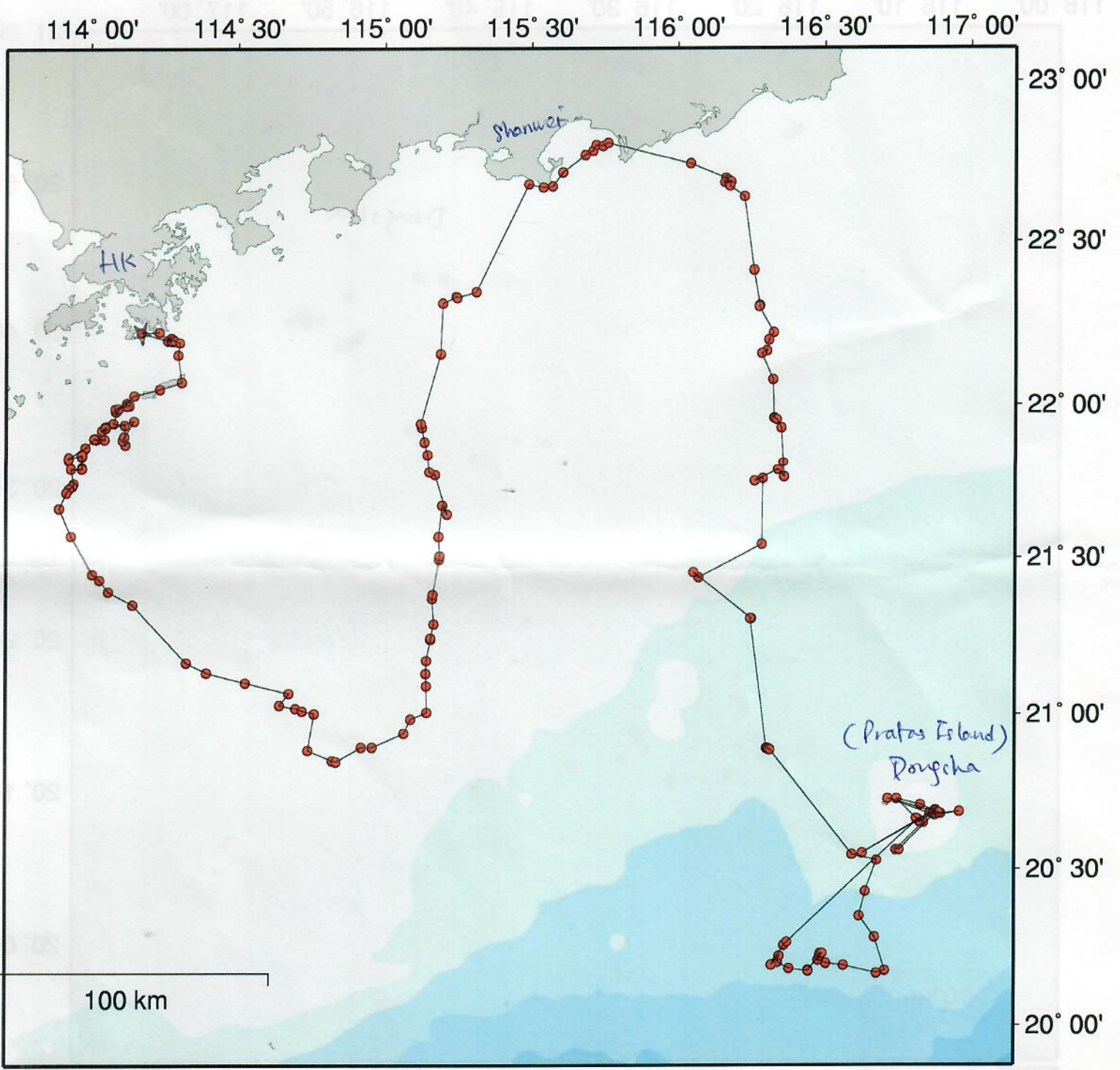
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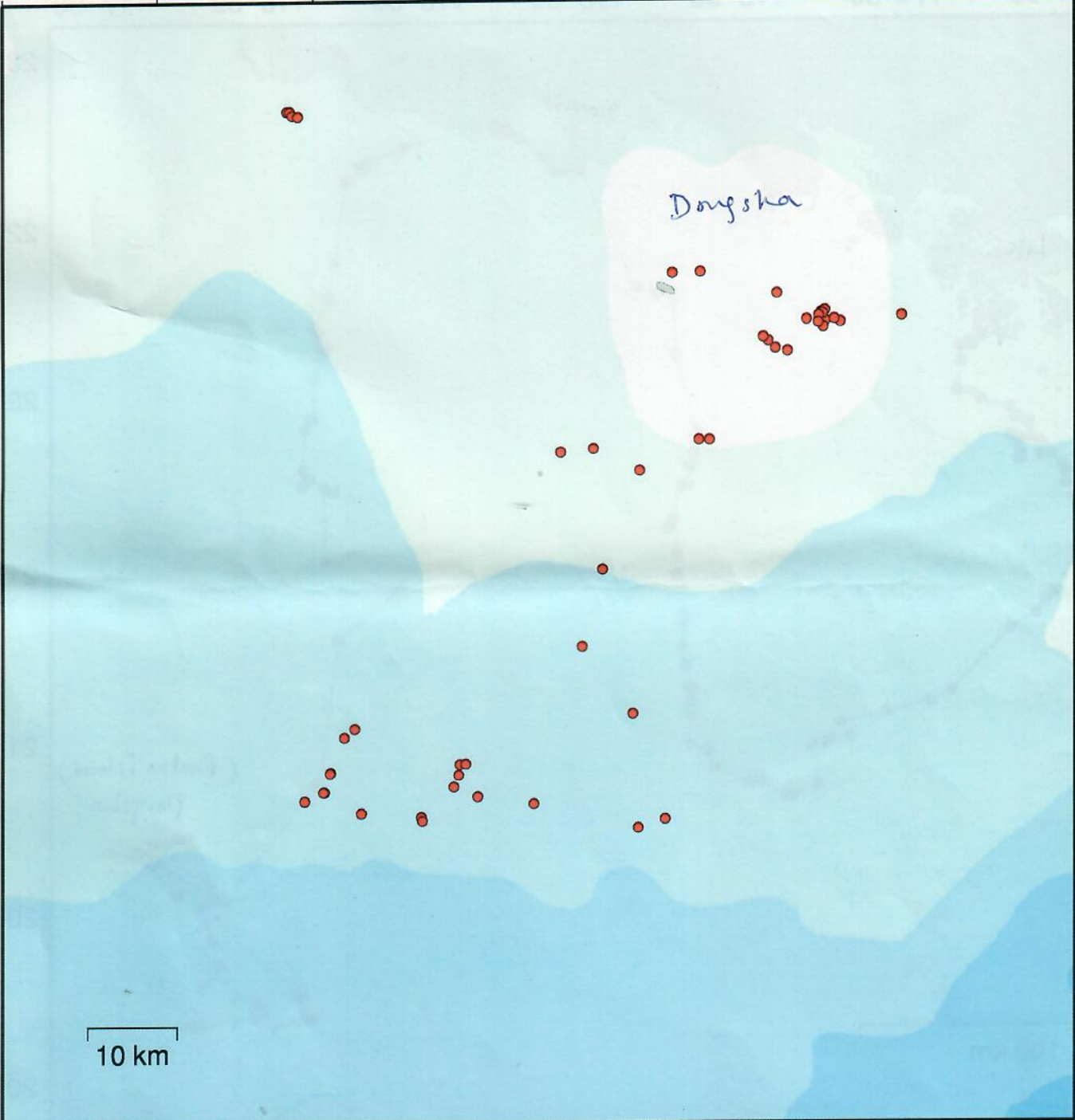


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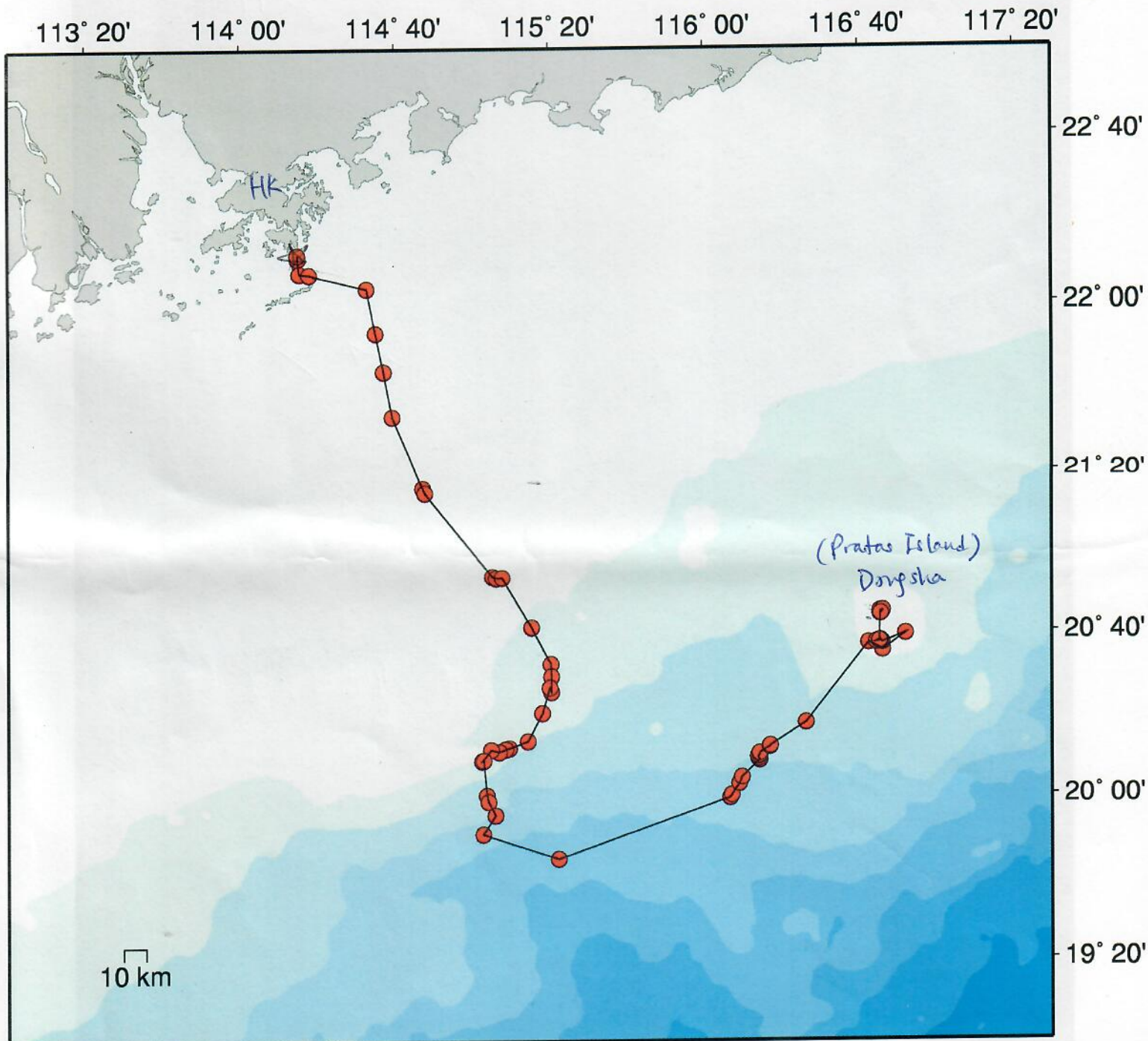


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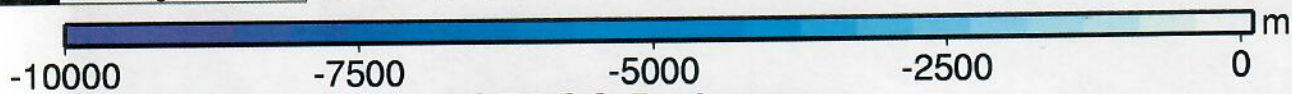


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Use of telemetry, genetic tool and contaminant risk assessment to reveal novel insights into biology and conservation of Green Turtle and Burmese Python, in Hong Kong and South China

Overview and significance

On a mission to achieve **sustainability** between utilization of natural resources and human development, the primary objective of the study is to propose scientifically-sound conservation measures for globally endangered Green Turtle and near-threatened Burmese python, both protected in CITES, in Hong Kong and South China by generating baseline biological and ecological information as follows:

1. Determination of **population structure and habitat use** by delineating habitats of interest to Green Turtle/ Burmese Python and highlighting the **characteristics of habitat** used by the two species;
2. Study on **population genetics** to define distinctive genetic management units (MU) of the two species, and to further reinforce the network for effective conservation of the same MU shared among nations;
3. **Contaminant risk assessment** to identify threats of pollution to each Management Unit defined by telemetry and distinctive genetic population of the endangered Green Turtle/ Burmese Python

Green Turtle The study plan for Green Turtle is summarized in the table below.

Study Topic		Data / Sample Source & Methodology
A. Population Structure of Sea Turtles in HK waters		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public sightings/ strandings record of sea turtles in HK (1950-2011) • nesting ecology of green turtle in Sham Wan of HK • Temporal trend/ seasonality, spatial distribution, distribution of size/ life stage of each sea turtle species
B. Habitat Use	B1. Satellite telemetry & public sighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by-catch sea turtles + nesting green turtles + captive rearing from HK & Gangkou Reserve • Tracking map in South China Sea • Home range analysis
	B2. Characterization of habitat use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oceanography features • Underwater survey / literature review for marine resource composition at habitats (I) indicated by tracking and sighting record of live turtle from Hong Kong, e.g. Po Toi, Lamma South, Shanwei, Leizhou, Wanning of Hainan, Dangan Island
	B3. Diet composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stomach content of stranded dead sea turtles
C. Population Genetics of Green Turtles in South China		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by-catch + stranded + nesting turtles • from HK & Gangkou Reserve • Biopsy or Blood in EDTA • 385 bp & 850 bp fragment of the mtDNA control region
D. Contaminant Risk Assessment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by-catch + stranded + nesting turtles • from HK + Gangkou Reserve + Places in the same MU identified by telemetry/ genetics whose contaminant level not assessed, e.g. Foraging turtles from Vietnam, Hainan, Dongsha, Philippines • Blood / Organ / Muscle / Egg • Heavy metal and trace elements (esp. endocrine disruptor): Ag, As, Ba, Cd, Cu, Cr, Co, Cs, Fe, Hg, Mn, Mo, Pb, Ni, Sb, Se, Sr, Tl, V, Zn • For POPs (i.e. PCBs; Organochlorine contaminants/ Pesticides e.g. DDT, Chlordane, Mirex; PBDEs
E. Social/ Economic/ Cultural dimension of Green Turtle conservation		Field visit and interview with the locals and fishermen (in collaboration with Gangkou Reserve along Guangdong Province)

Green Turtles Tracking data

Turtle Number	Capture Method	SCL (cm)	Age	Sex	Tag ID	Date of deployment	Date of first location	Date of final location	Start			End			Duration (days)
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	Net (Mui Wo)	45	Sub-adult	\	60991	6 Aug 2010	6 Aug 2010	11 Oct 2010	22.197	114.172	Near Pok Liu, Po Toi, Hong Kong	22.71	115.434	Jieshengzhen, Shanwei	68
	Abandoned (Tai Wai)	95	Adult	F	96513	11 Nov 2010	11 Nov 2010	11 Dec 2010	22.177	114.247	South of Lo Chau and West of Po Toi	20.743	116.745	Dongsha Island	31
	Abandoned (Tai Wai)	47.1	Sub-adult	\	104684	5 May 2011	5 May 2011	20 Jul 2011	803836	843262	South of Lo Chau and West of Po Toi	22.062	114.141	Wanshan Archipelago	76
	Abandoned (Tai Wai)	69	Sub-adult	\	104685	5 May 2011	5 May 2011	29 Jun 2011	803836	843262	South of Lo Chau and West of Po Toi	22.456	118.856	Taiwan Strait	55
	Abandoned (Tai Wai)	53	Sub-adult	\	104686	5 May 2011	5 May 2011	23 Jun 2011	803836	843262	South of Lo Chau and West of Po Toi	20.682	116.892	Dongsha Island	48
	Abandoned (Tai Wai)	44.1	Sub-adult	\	104713	5 May 2011			803836	843262	South of Lo Chau and West of Po Toi				
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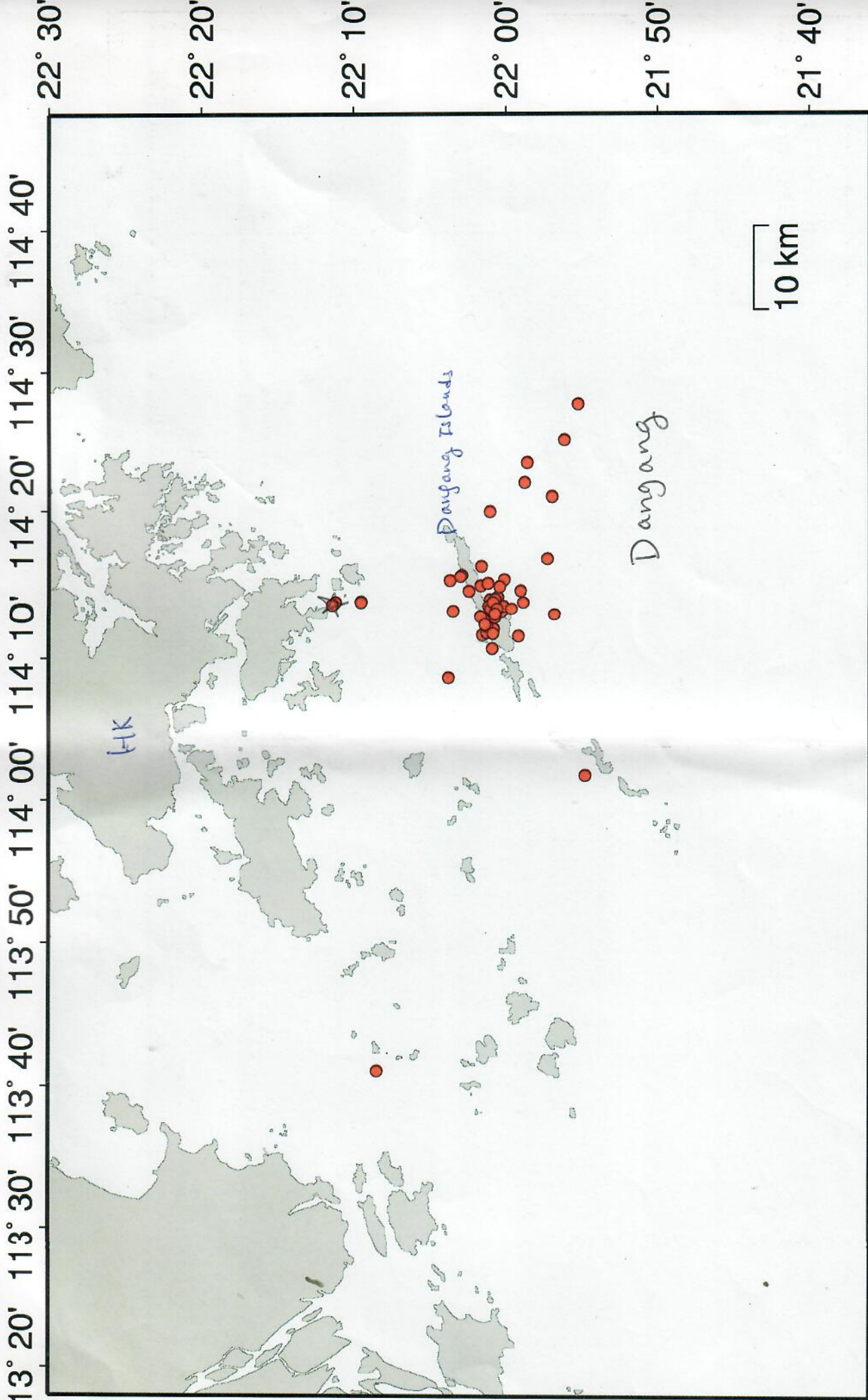
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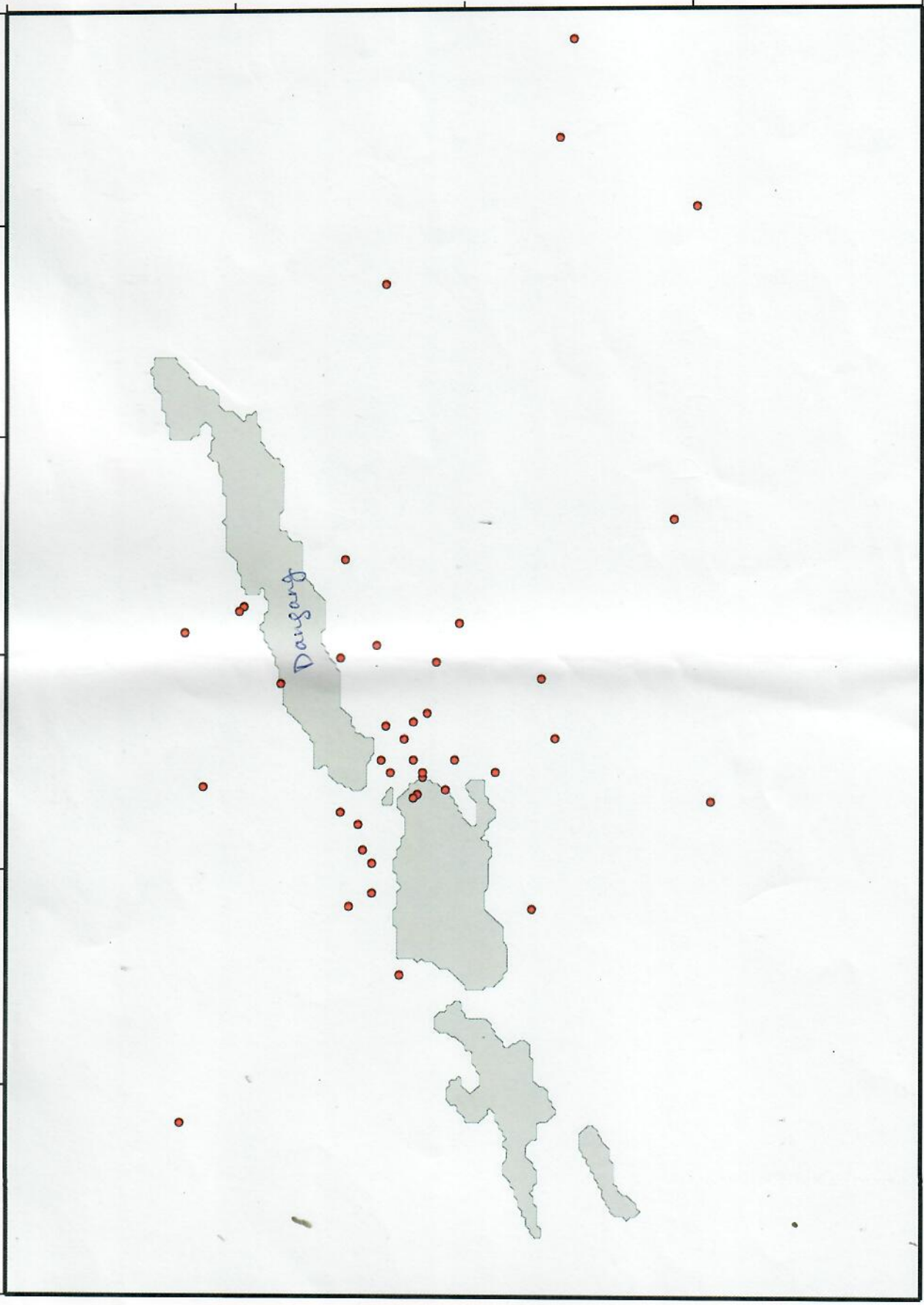


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An aerial photograph of a large, rectangular green lawn at a resort. The lawn is divided into sections by light-colored paths. In the background, there is a white sandy beach, a row of small thatched-roof huts, and a clear blue ocean. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. In the distance, several green islands are visible on the horizon.

GRASS SKIRT The sprawling lawn of Hainan's Mangrove Tree Resort, set on the edge of the South China Sea



HAWAII, CHINA-STYLE

The emerging superpower has decided the world needs a new Hawaii—and it's just the country to make it happen. A look inside one seriously audacious plan.

BY SUSHMA SUBRAMANIAN
AND DEBORAH JIAN LEE

ON A BALMY MORNING IN HAINAN, an island at the southernmost tip of mainland China, the sun rises over Yalong Bay, light glittering across the water. Children, silhouetted against the new day, scamper to the sea and laugh as they stick their toes into the waves. Still a bit groggy, we wander through our minimalist, Balinese-style resort, past a pool that snakes among the lush gardens like a river, and take in the view of the tropical coast before us. Fishing boats circle a tiny volcanic island in the distance. A few steps more, and our feet sink into the white sand. We head for the water.

We get only knee-deep, however, before a whistle sounds. It comes from a lifeguard standing far from the water's edge, who gestures wildly for us to return to shore. He is dressed in khaki pants and sneakers, but what he lacks in conventional lifeguard attire he more than makes up for in zeal for the safety of his charges. After a little cat-and-mouse with him, we give up and walk back to the beach. Another vacationer overhears us joking about the lifeguard and says, chuckling, "He's been freaking out all morning." A Beijing-based oil executive from Norway, the vacationer has resigned himself to lazing under a thatched-roof *palapa*.

After breakfast, we decide to go exploring. Our hotel, the Mangrove Tree Resort, is located in the city of Sanya. Once something of a backwater with only a smattering of resorts, Sanya has become a hotbed of high-end development. In its most exclusive enclave, Yalong Bay—where international hotel chains like St. Regis, Ritz-Carlton and Sheraton have erected palatial complexes—BMWs and Audis zip through swanky hotel driveways while guests in terrycloth robes pad past boutiques selling the likes of Louis Vuitton, Bulgari and Zegna. Pagoda roofs and white towers peep over spiky betel nut trees, drooping banyans and tall palms: Hainan's wild beauty tamed into manicured perfection.

Yet Sanya isn't just another tropical getaway for the stylish and well-heeled. It's an emblem, a cornerstone of the Chinese government's audacious plan to completely remake Hainan. The effort was unveiled only last year, but already the progress is astounding. New hotels and condo complexes abound, and great swaths of the island, from cities to outlying villages, are dotted with cranes and clad in bamboo scaffolding. If all goes according to plan, by 2020 Hainan will be unrecognizable, a global destination favored by a growing class of new

Eastern money, transformed by the force of a rising superpower's can-do spirit. To quote the government, Hainan will be nothing less than the "Hawaii of the East." But first, there's work to be done.

THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME that Hainan, a Belgium-sized island of 8 million, has tried to go big. In 1988, Beijing elevated it to province status and declared it a "special economic zone," hoping it would become an export hub like Shenzhen. Tax breaks and other incentives failed to launch the would-be industrial center; however, that didn't deter a slew of real estate speculators from snapping up land and constructing new buildings in Hainan's major cities, triggering an economic boomlet. Provincial GDP jumped 41.5 percent in 1992 and 20 percent in 1993. Then, in 1994, the real estate bubble burst, leaving strips of beachfront lined with half-finished buildings. After that, Hainan's economy really deteriorated.

The slump seemed destined to last. But the late '90s brought hope, as waves of tourists from Russia and the mainland began arriving. Word had gotten around that Hainan had all the features of Hawaii—pristine beaches, verdant jungles, volcanic peaks, laid-back island vibe—but was closer and cheaper. China courted more foreigners and relaxed the visa requirements for citizens of more than two dozen countries. About five years ago, development again began to soar.

Encouraged by the growth, Beijing went all in last year and announced the Hawaii initiative. The government paved miles of Hainan's roads, launched advertisements throughout China and a marketing campaign in Europe and opened the island's first high-speed rail, a \$3.3 billion project. So far, the plan is working: The number of overnight tourists jumped 11.6 percent to 23 million in the first 11 months of 2010, compared with the same period the year before. Hainan is booming anew.

Yet for all its recently acquired jet-set polish, Hainan—which lies on the same latitude as the Caribbean, making it China's only tropical island—is still grappling with the contradictions that come with such prodigious growth. There are dozens of ultraluxe new stores, yet haggling remains prevalent, even in some hotels. There are

miles of beautiful beaches, but also restrictions on swimming, owing in part to the fact that the tan-averse Chinese seldom sunbathe or send their kids to swimming lessons, making the idea of a beach vacation somewhat foreign. Hainan is, as a whole, a place in the throes of adolescence.

"As far as natural beauty is concerned, it's there," says Wendy Wu, founder of New York-based tour company Wendy Wu's China. "As far as its tourism industry, they have a ways to go, but it will happen. Even Hawaii didn't become Hawaii overnight."

FOR ALL THE GOVERNMENT'S talk of the Aloha State, though, Hainan's new identity remains up for grabs, with each of its private developments offering a different vision of what the island should look like. While most of these are of the Bali/Fiji/Hawaii variety, developer Ken Chu has



"THERE'S A LOT OF PRIDE IN BUILDING THIS PROJECT," SAYS ONE DEVELOPER. "IT'S NOT EGO PRIDE; IT'S CHINA PRIDE. IT'S SHOWCASING THE NEW CHINA TO THE REST OF THE WORLD."



another model in mind: Dubai.

Chu—a glossy-haired mid-30s mogul whose crisp shirt is unbuttoned Vegas-style to show off a glittering chain—hails from the Hong Kong family behind Mission Hills Group, owner of some of China's biggest golf courses. The company opened its latest site in Haikou, Hainan's capital city, last year: Mission Hills Haikou. The second largest golf resort in the world, it boasts 12 courses with more on the way (including one designed as mini golf writ large, complete with a replica of Beijing's National Stadium and a golf hole in a giant bowl of noodles), and 150 hot spring mineral baths inspired by different cultures' bathing rituals, allowing visitors to float in salty pools reminiscent of the Dead Sea, for instance, or steep in Chinese herbal teas.

Chu's vision for Hainan marries size with decadence because, he explains, bigger is always better in China. Projects like

Mission Hills are "very much like Dubai," Chu says. "You have megaprojects. You build them and people will go because people are curious. It's just like that in China." He expects the total cost of the Mission Hills project to hit around \$4.7 billion—and here's the thing: Even he isn't sure it will work. "If we do all the number crunching, it's not a viable project," he says. China, after all, has a minuscule golf market.

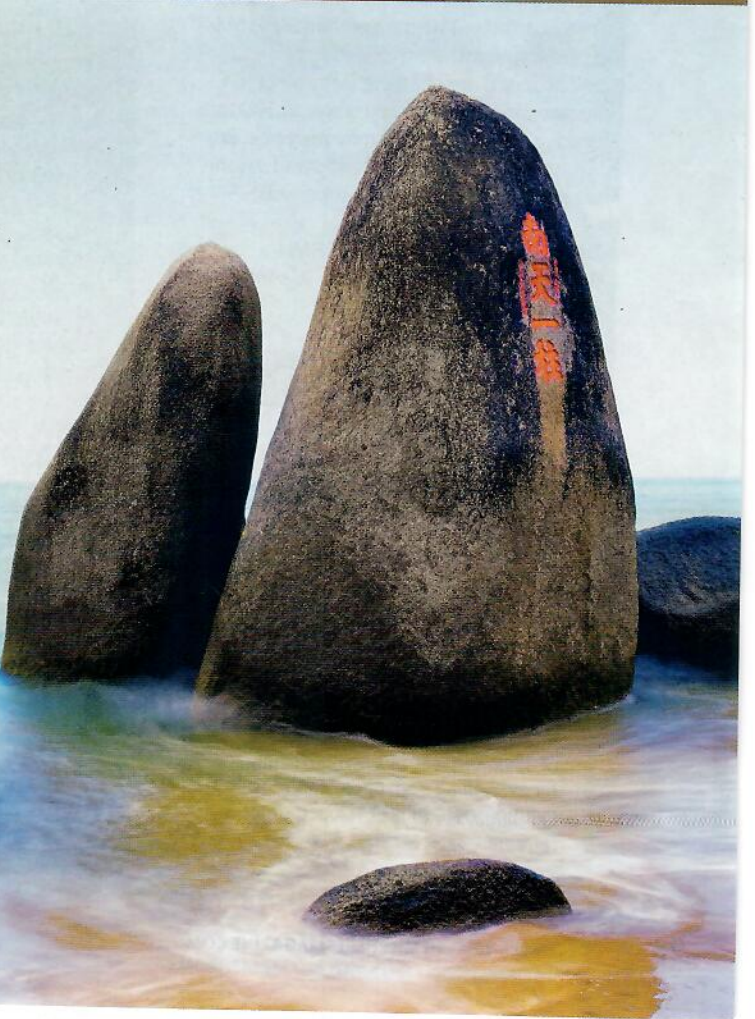
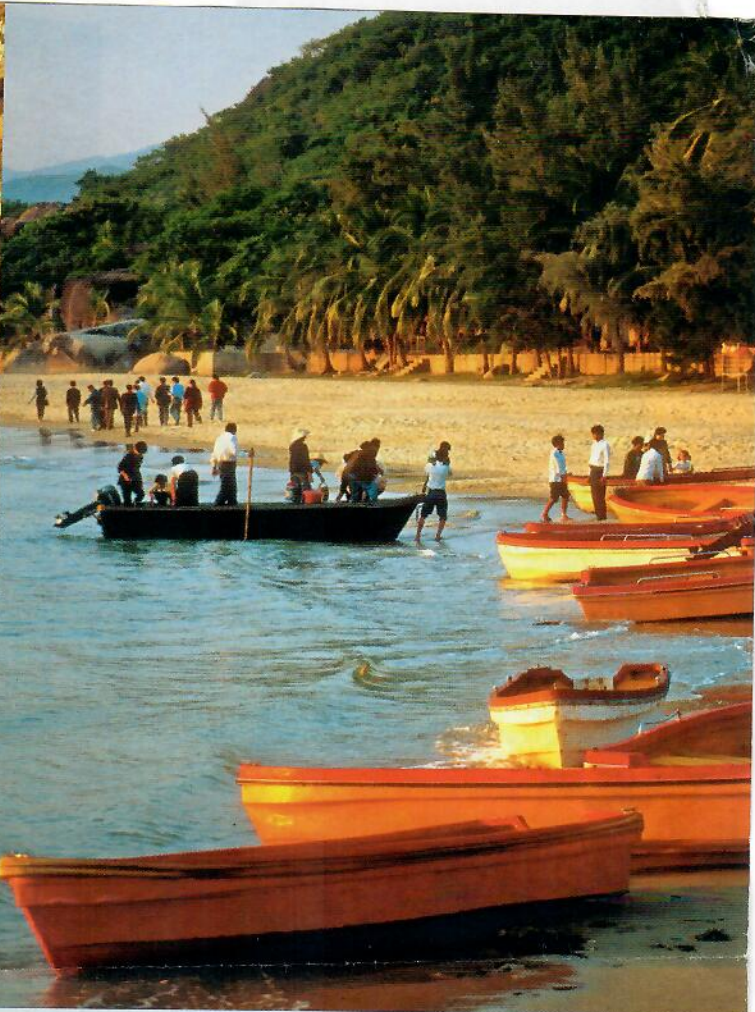
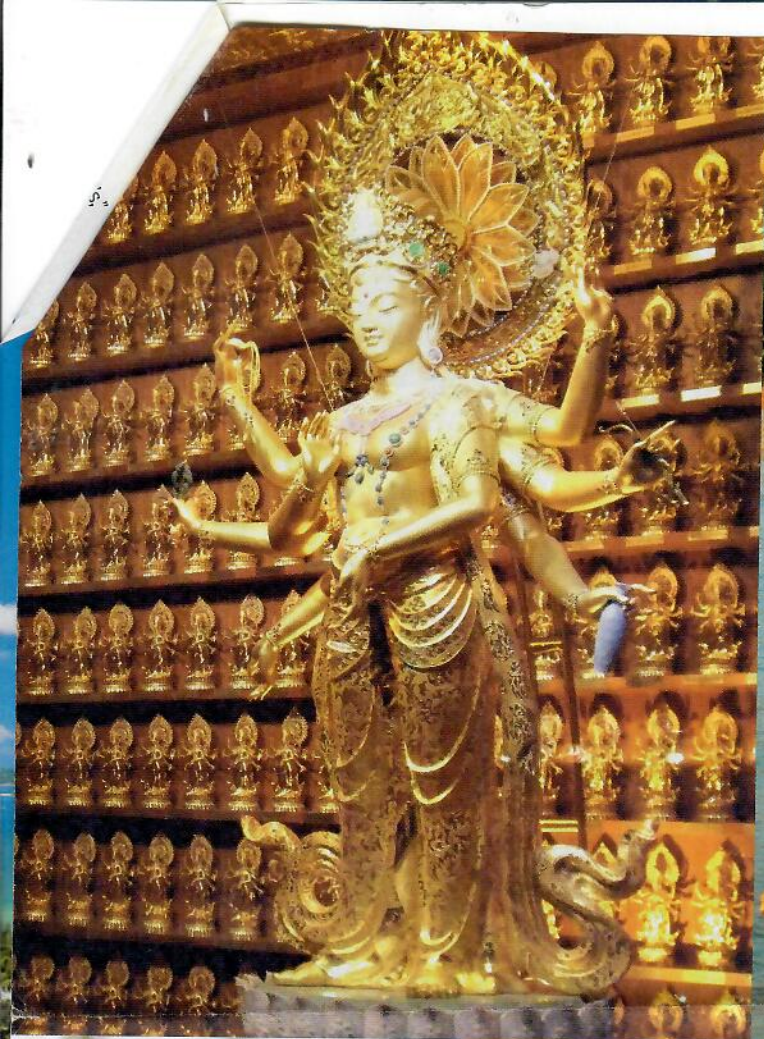
But Mission Hills Haikou mirrors the larger leap of faith the government and investors are taking on Hainan. This hope is the driving force behind the island's construction race to the sky. "There's a lot of pride in building this project," Chu says. "It's not ego pride; it's China pride. It's showcasing the new China to the rest of the world."

Some, however, scoff at the vision put forth by Chu. We met one expat in Bo'ao,

a lazy seaside town on Hainan's eastern coast, who likened Hainan to a teenage girl who "doesn't know she's beautiful just the way she is." The woman, who declined to be named for this article, moved here in 2006 and fell in love with Bo'ao: its charming country lanes perfect for biking, its quaint Buddhist temples and the nearby indigenous communities where villagers practice an ancient agrarian way of life. She treasures the place, and worries that in its rush to appeal to wealthy tourists, her adopted home could lose its individuality. When we tell her about all the glitz we've seen in Sanya, she shakes her head, convinced that decadence is not what Western tourists want. "This is not the Hawaii of the East," she says. "This is China's tropical island. I think it's wrong to say it's the 'Hawaii of,' because the implication is that it can't stand on its own merits."

TRADITIONAL VIEWS Clockwise from top left, a gem-encrusted statue of the bodhisattva Kwan-yin at Hainan's Deda Zizai Kwan-yin temple; a Sanya Bay boating scene; carved stones at Tianya Haijiao ("End of the Earth and Corner of the Sea"); a visitor making a wish at Nanshan Temple in Sanya

A STOCK/CORBIS (STATUE), DENNIS COX/ALAMY (BOATS), CHINA FOTO PRESS/GETTY IMAGES (FLOWERS), FRANK LUKASSECK/CORBIS (ROCKS)



DURING OUR STAY, we manage to experience each vision of Hainan. We break away from the lifeguard and enjoy a full hour of whistle-free body surfing. We hike the leafy trails of a rain forest bursting with orchids and banana leaves. We soak in hot springs and drink margaritas at a swim-up bar. We eat at roadside restaurants and savor a favorite local dish, Wenchang chicken, made from birds raised on a diet of peanuts, coconut and banyan seeds.

And while many people we encounter want to make their vision of Hainan the defining one, the island will never be Hawaii or Bali. Nor does it need to be. "In six years, once the boom settles, the culture will start shining through," says Wendy Wu. "It can be a destination of its own."

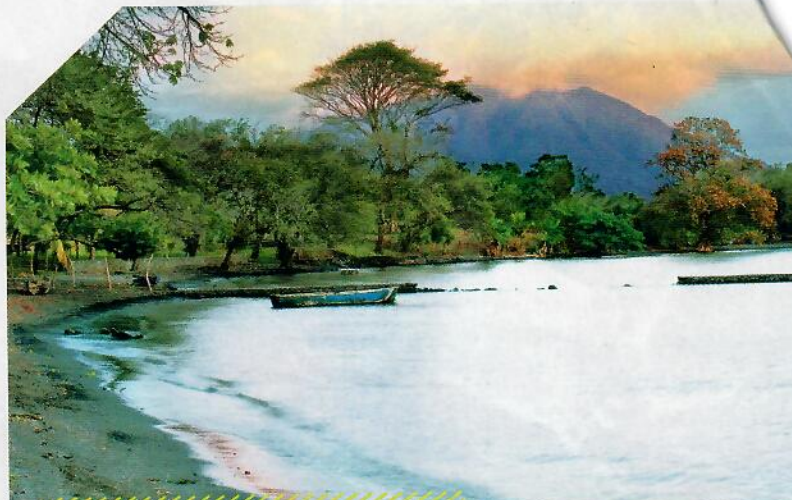
At night, Boao comes to life. Illuminated fishing boats line up in the water in search of squid, looking like a string of pearls against the darkness. We wander onto a bustling street brightened by overhanging lights, where late-night loungers spill out of teahouses onto the sidewalks. We find a table and order an island specialty dessert: *chao bing*. A man pours fruit purée onto a cold metal plate and mixes it with a paddle until the slush forms creamy peaks. He tops it with condensed milk and brings it to our table. The mango-flavored ice is a pleasant contrast to the muggy night.

The locals are chatting away around us and we can smell the briny ocean air. Hainan is not Hawaii. In fact, it may never be. But what it is, is a singular slice of paradise; one we couldn't experience anywhere else.

DEBORAH JIAN LEE and SUSHMA SUBRAMANIAN are buying khaki pants for their next beach vacation.

Island Wisdom, Part 4: Upon deciding to acquire your own island

If you thought shopping for a condo was hard, try having to factor in things like water supply, boat accessibility, tidal variation and foreign property laws. Luckily, there are websites (like privateislands.com and vladi-private-islands.de) that offer plenty of advice, as well as brokered listings for everything from open-water lighthouses to fully developed tropical retreats. —SAM POLCER



YOUR OWN PRIVATE ISLAND HOME

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF \$25,000 IN NICARAGUA

Back in 2003, my friend Lary and I were flying into Managua for vacation, and marveling at the sight of Lake Nicaragua below. The size of a small ocean, it was formed by a volcanic eruption, and the volcano still sits in the center of it, smoking.

From the air, it's one of the most beautiful sights you'll ever see. The lake is shimmering and dotted with islands, hundreds of them. Some are no bigger than a few acres. Many of them are populated with lovely Swiss Family Robinson-type dwellings. And many of those are for sale. Lary's eyes lit up when he saw them. From that moment, he was on a mission.

After landing, we headed to Managua's outdoor market, and Lary started demanding I use my Spanish to ask a merchant how much a cluster of rusty elbow valves cost. "Stop it! You can get that in the States," I said. Then it hit me: He wasn't coming back to the States. What had I done?

You'd think that private island ownership is the sort of option available only to the super-rich, a category to which Lary does not belong. He was born in upstate New York, and when I met him he was living in an abandoned candy factory near downtown Atlanta. And yet if there was anyone who could make a home at the base of a

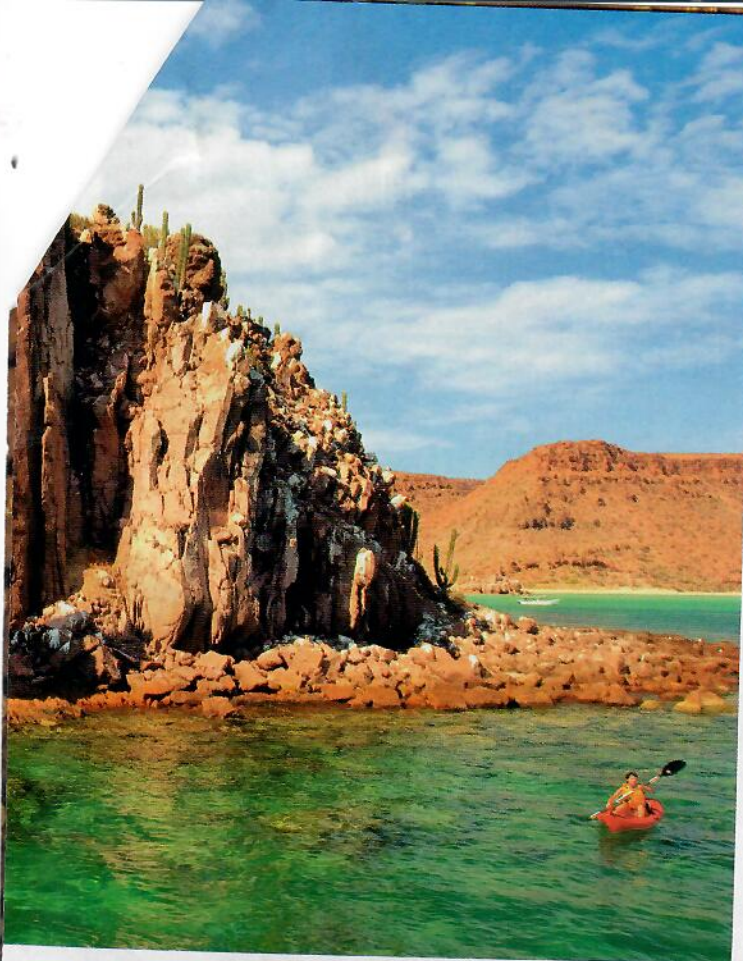
volcano in a massive lake in Central America, it was he. A professional rigger by trade, crankily eccentric and full of theories, he'd figure out how to create a plumbing system carved from the rocks, fashion automated fishing machinery that functioned in accordance with the lunar cycles and then pirate satellite signals when he decided he wanted to connect to the world.

Before I left to return to Atlanta, Lary had his island. It was just 25 grand, bought off a former mercenary. When I left him at a bar in Granada, he was sharing his theory that all things are shrinking. "Even measuring tapes," he insisted. The locals nodded in approbation.

Over the next few years, Lary set up rain barrels, erected windmills and made a reef by dumping discarded concrete and rebar 30 yards off his shoreline. He lived in a tiny cottage, which he expanded until it resembled an eclectic mansion of sorts, with colorful sail shades and bamboo fencing. Then a hurricane hit, and he built it all again.

I didn't see Lary for years after that. But then one day, he just turned up. "Somebody offered me 15 times what I paid for it," he said, adding that he planned to use the money to finance his next project. "Wait until you see what I've got planned," he gushed. "It will be like Graceland, only underground."

—HOLLIS GILLESPIE



Featured Creatures

WHERE TO SWIM WITH WHAT, AND WHY

WHERE: Off Poipu, Hawaii
WHAT: Giant sea turtles
WHY: Sometimes the turtles will bob close enough to look you in the eye, and while it might be just for an instant, it'll feel like having an entire conversation.



WHERE: Jellyfish Lake, Palau
WHAT: Hundreds of thousands of nonstinging jellyfish
WHY: It's utterly hypnotic. Golden or orange and varying in size, the pulsing jellyfish migrate across the lake each day to follow the sunlight, and you can swim right along with them.



WHERE: The Gulf of Aqaba, Jordan
WHAT: Lionfish
WHY: The gulf teems with fish, but none is more eye-catching than the lionfish, with its long, feathery fins and zebra stripes. Just keep your distance—it can sting.



WHERE: Off Cocos Island, 300 miles from the Costa Rican coast
WHAT: Hammerhead sharks
WHY: Because sharks are awesome. And these waters, beloved by divers, offer more of them than any other place on earth.
 —STEVE KETTMANN



La Paz. Lounging on the deck of the *Western Flyer*, Steinbeck watched as a yacht cruised by. "On her awninged after-deck ladies and gentlemen in white clothing sat comfortably," he wrote. "We saw they had tall cool drinks beside them and we hated them a little."
 Gazing from my tiny craft over to someone's luxury camp onshore, I know how he felt. Suddenly I'm wishing I weren't facing a 4-mile paddle back to the peninsula, and the nearest margarita. But then, what's 4 miles? With the sun still high over the peninsula to the west, I seal the book in the forward hatch, take a swig of warm water from a plastic bottle and point my bow toward La Paz.



Island Wisdom, Part 1: Upon encountering a kangaroo

Take a *T. rex*, shrink it to about 6 feet, cover it in fur and give it a deer's head, and you've basically got yourself a kangaroo. Put boxing gloves on it, and you've got a sight gag. These are just two of the many things to be learned on Kangaroo Island, a charming wonderland off the South Australian coast

where seals laze on the beach, koalas sleep in trees, wallabies dart across roads and 'roos abound. Most often, the latter will casually hop away if you get anywhere near them. But should you somehow bump into one, resist the urge to put up your dukes: A kangaroo, if so inclined, can lean back on its meaty tail

and deliver a kick that'll put a substantial crimp in your holiday plans. (Not that it will, necessarily. But it can.) That's why your best bet is to seek out the tamer specimens lingering around the visitors center. They're friendly. They like people. They'll eat out of your hand. So bring an apple.
 —JASON FEIFER



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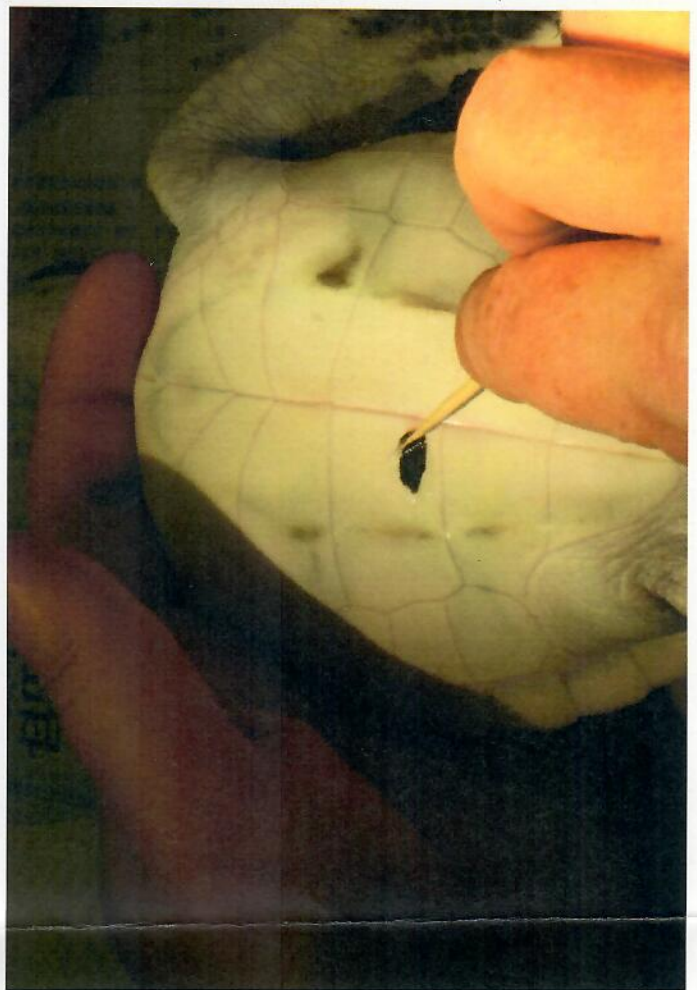
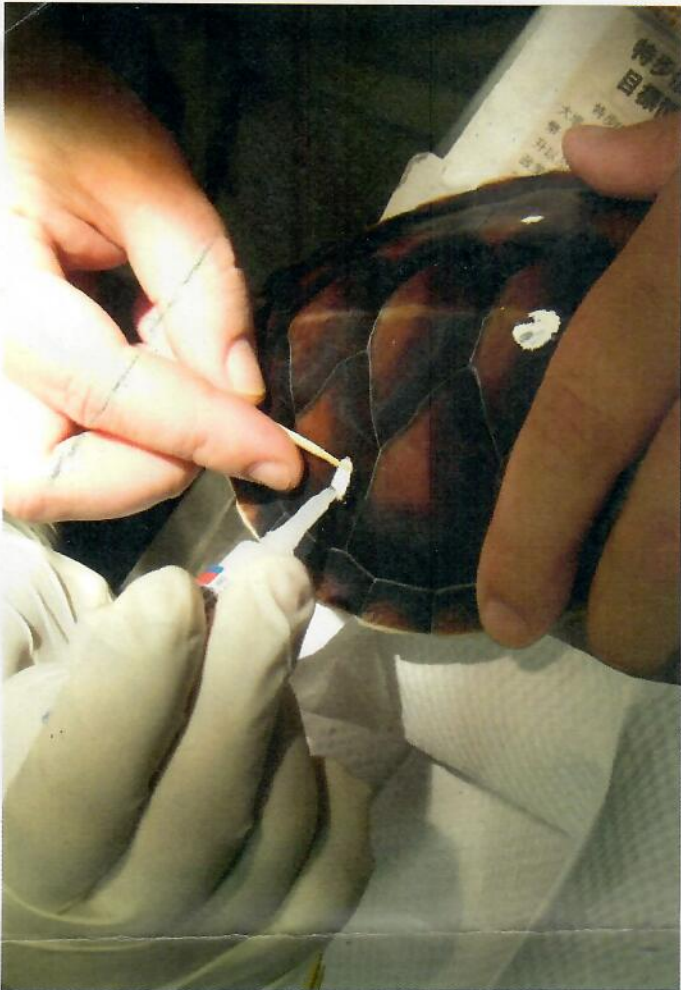
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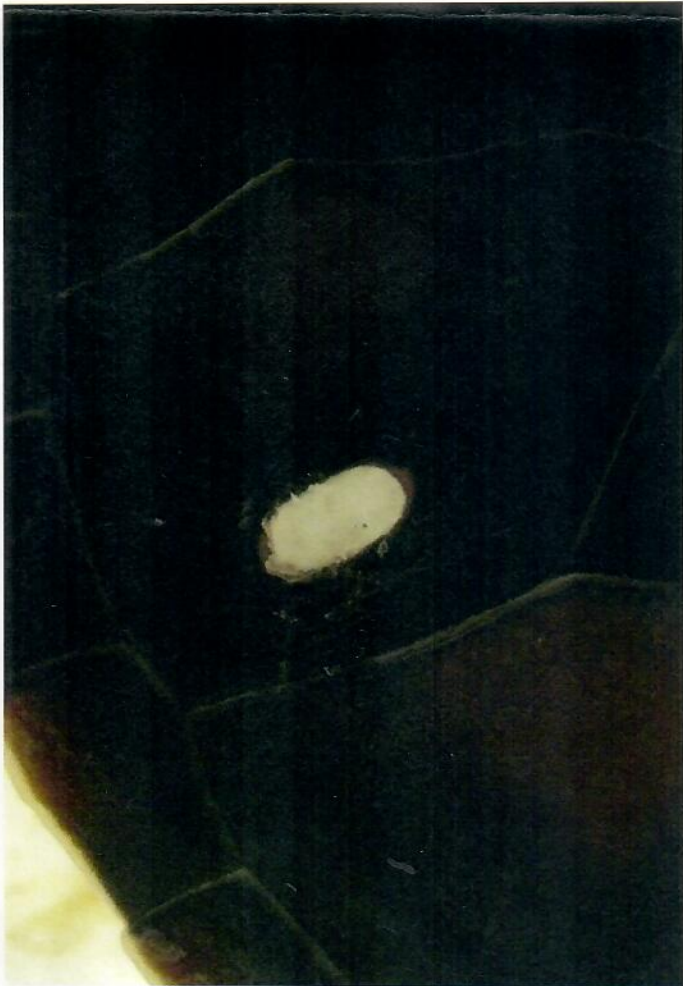
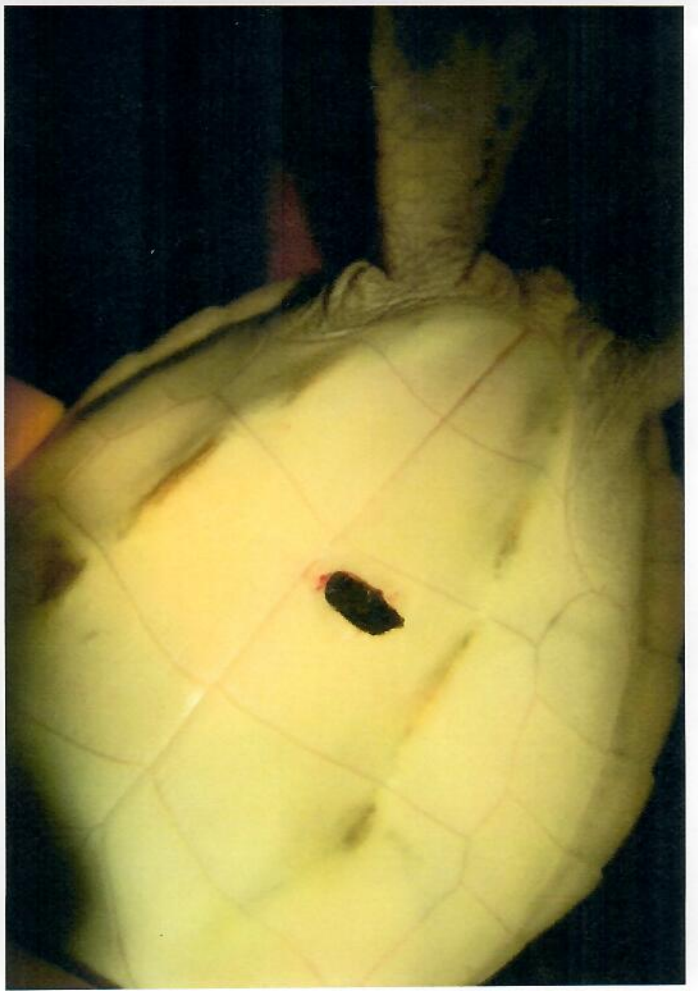
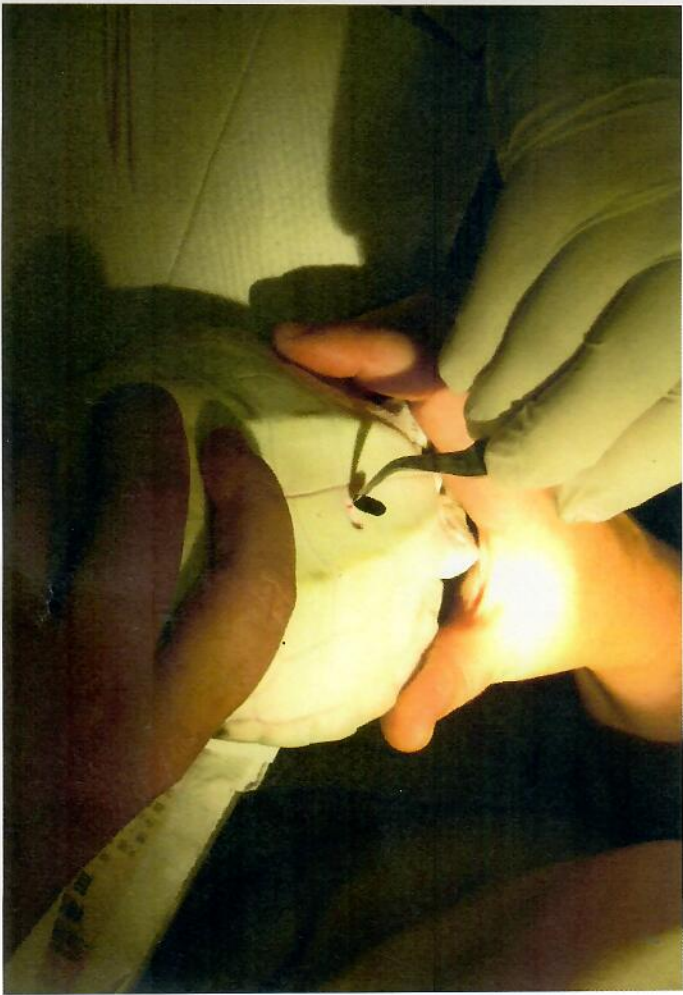
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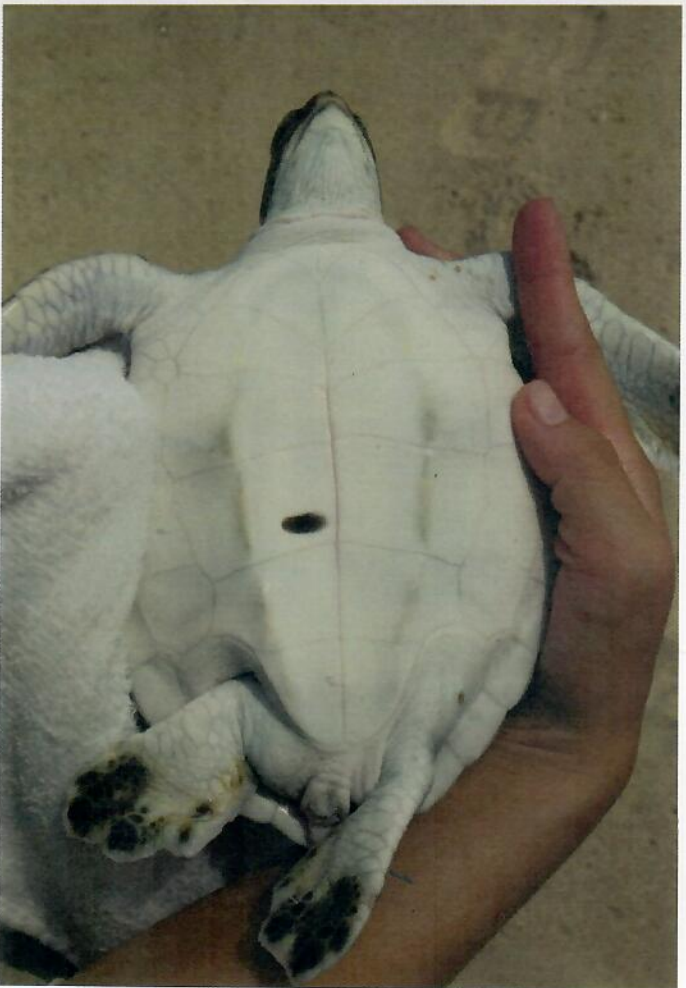
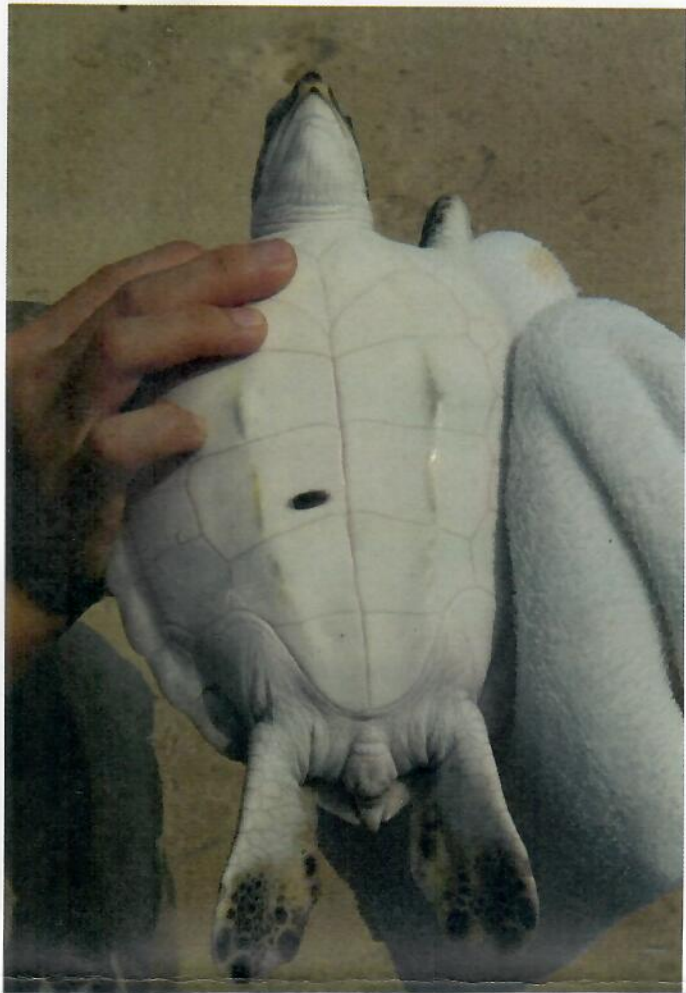
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- 1 minute
- 1 hour
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- 1 leap year
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- 1 quart (qt.)
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- 1 bushel (bu.)
- 1 cord = 128 cu. ft.

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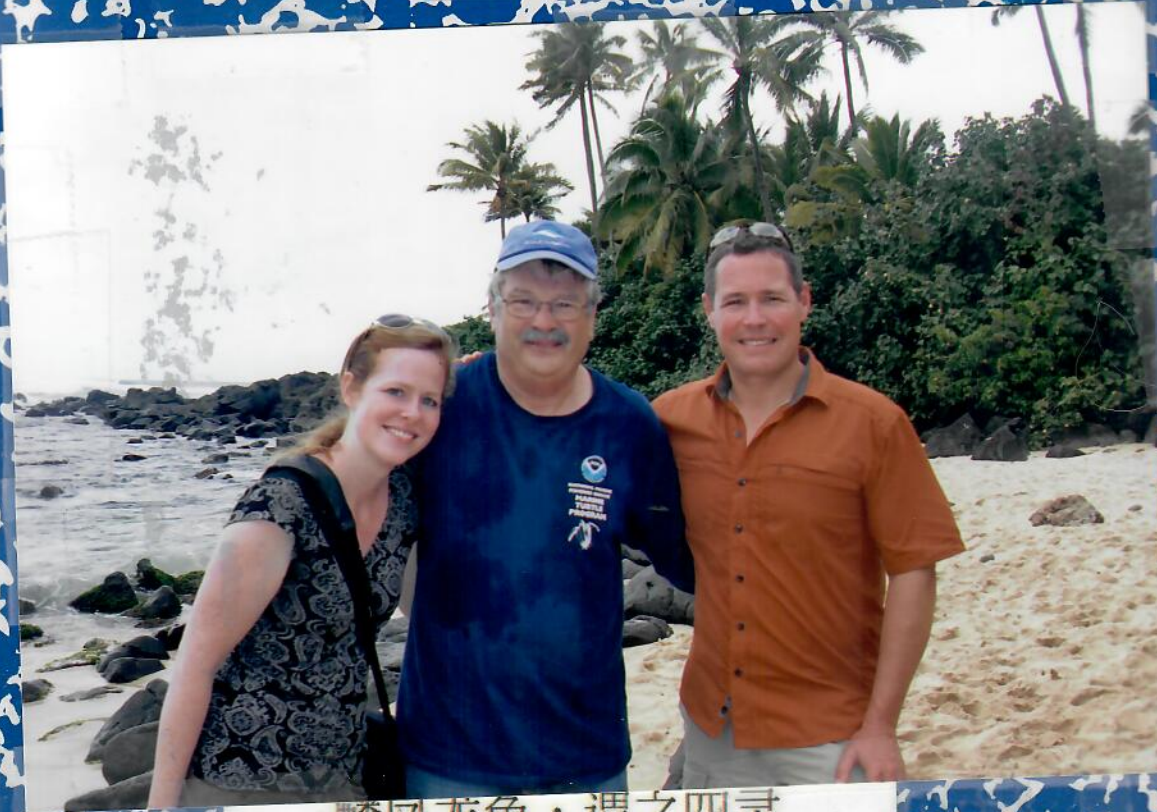
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