



Our Mission:

To safeguard the health and welfare of the community and meet conservation goals by working to achieve and maintain the Water Quality Objective for bathing beaches



The coastline of Hong Kong was embellished with white sand and clear water beaches

Introduction

Hong Kong boasts beautiful beaches with fine sands and clean water along its extended coastline. These beaches attract millions of beach-goers to enjoy their seaside leisure time every month during the summer.

The objective of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD)'s Beach Water Quality Monitoring Programme is to monitor beach water quality and protect the health of bathers. This report summarises the beach monitoring data collected in 2016, the gradings of the beaches and the annual compliance with the Water Quality Objective (WQO) for bathing beaches.



Charming beaches for bathers to enjoy their leisure time

Beach Water Quality in Hong Kong 2016

In 2016, the EPD monitored 41 gazetted beaches and three non-gazetted beaches in different parts of the territory. The gazetted beaches were monitored weekly during the bathing season from March to October, and EPD staff conducted field observations and collected samples for laboratory analyses of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) as the bacteriological water quality indicator. EPD staff also took measurements of dissolved oxygen, pH, salinity, temperature and turbidity of beach water.



EPD staff conducting water sampling and field data recording



Hong Kong's beaches are assessed using a dual system: annual ranking and weekly grading which are both based on the *E. coli* level in beach water to indicate potential health risks associated with swimming. The annual ranking reflects the overall water quality of the beach over the entire bathing season, while the weekly grading denotes the recent water quality of the beach. Under the dual rating system, beaches are categorised into "Good", "Fair", "Poor" and "Very Poor". Those ranked "Good" or "Fair" meet the WQO for bathing waters.



Water quality grading board displayed at the gazetted beaches

Annual Beach Ranking in 2016



The tranquil Tong Fuk Beach in Lantau Island

All 41 gazetted beaches in Hong Kong complied with the WQO in 2016. Compared with the ranking in 2015, the number of beaches ranked as "Good" has decreased from 25 (or 61 %) to 18 (or 44 %) and the number of beaches ranked as "Fair" has changed from 16 (or 39%) to 23 (or 56%). This was mainly due to the combined effects of more rainfall and less bright sunshine in the bathing season of 2016. The cumulative rainfall recorded in

the bathing season of 2016 was 17% higher than the average in the past 30 years (1986 - 2015) while the number of bright sunshine hours was 13% lower than that in the same period. Although the annual ranking of seven beaches have changed from "Good" to "Fair" in 2016, the changes in *E. coli* levels were within the normal range of fluctuation of the bacteriological water quality and had no overall adverse impact on the health of swimmers. No beach was ranked as "Poor" or "Very Poor" in 2016.









Beach Water Anality in Hong Kong 2016

The beaches with "Good" water quality ranking were located in the Southern (Hong Kong Island South), Islands and Sai Kung Districts. Nine of the 12 beaches in the Southern District were ranked as "Good" in 2016, including Chung Hom Kok Beach, Deep Water Bay Beach, Hairpin Beach, Middle Bay Beach, Repulse Bay Beach, South Bay Beach, St. Stephen's Beach, Stanley Main Beach and Turtle Cove Beach. Shek O Beach and Rocky Bay Beach continued to receive a "Fair" ranking, while the ranking of Big Wave Bay Beach has changed from "Good" to "Fair". Of the nine beaches on the Outlying Islands, six were ranked as "Good", including Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach, Hung Shing Yeh Beach, Kwun Yam Beach, Lo So Shing Beach, Tong Fuk Beach and Upper Cheung Sha Beach. Silver Mine Bay Beach remained to be ranked as "Fair", while Lower Cheung Sha Beach and Pui O Beach have changed from "Good" to "Fair". Three of the six beaches in Sai Kung District were rated as "Good" in 2016 including Hap Mun Bay Beach, Kiu Tsui Beach and Trio Beach, while Clear Water Bay First Beach, Clear Water Bay Second Beach and Silverstrand Beach have changed from "Good" to "Fair". On the western side, all eight beaches in Tsuen Wan District and all six beaches in Tuen Mun District received a "Fair" ranking in 2016, among them Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach has changed from "Good" to "Fair".



Dynamic and lively Shek O Beach on a beautiful sunny day



The relaxing Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach

The water quality of Tsuen Wan beaches continued to be satisfactory and suitable for swimming after the commissioning of Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A in December 2015. The seven beaches along Castle Peak Road had once been closed due to poor water quality before 2010. Since the completion of sewerage along Castle Peak Road in

the beach hinterland and the commissioning of the Advanced Disinfection Facilities of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme in March 2010, the water quality of these seven beaches has improved and met the WQO for bathing beaches. This has led to the gradual re-opening of all these beaches during 2011 – 2014 and maintained open since then.

EPD also monitored three non-gazetted beaches in Hong Kong: Discovery Bay (a popular beach in Lantau Island), a sandy beach adjacent to Kiu Tsui Beach in Sai Kung, and a planned artificial beach in Lung Mei, Tai Po. In 2016, Discovery Bay has changed from "Good" to "Fair", largely due to occasional deterioration in water quality after heavy rain. The beach adjacent to Kiu Tsui Beach continued to be ranked as "Good", and Lung Mei as "Fair". Most of the village houses in the Lung Mei area have been connected to the public sewerage network, and the remaining connection work is still ongoing. Together with the pollution abatement measures to be implemented, the water quality at Lung Mei will continue to improve.



Weekly Beach Grading in 2016

To keep the public informed of the latest beach water quality condition, the EPD issues weekly gradings of all open gazetted beaches and one non-gazetted beach (i.e. Discovery Bay) through weekly press release, EPD's websites, the beach enquiry hotline, GeoInfo Map of the GovHK website and noticeboards at the beaches.



South Bay Beach embraced by green mountains

In 2016, the water quality of beaches in the Southern District was largely satisfactory. All ten open gazetted beaches received "Good" or "Fair" grading most of the time in the bathing season. Deep Water Bay Beach and Middle Bay Beach were once rated as "Very Poor" in early September and late July respectively after heavy rain, while Big Wave Bay Beach was rated as "Very Poor" in mid-June due to a series of rain events. South Bay Beach had the best water quality, achieving "Good" grading 97% of the occasions.

The beaches on the Outlying Islands generally had decent water quality. Hung Shing Yeh Beach and Upper Cheung Sha Beach achieved "Good" grading on all rating occasions, while Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach, Kwun Yam Beach, Lo So Shing Beach and Tong Fuk Beach were graded as "Good" over 90% of the time. Lower Cheung Sha Beach was rated as "Very Poor" twice in early May and early August respectively after heavy rain. After Silver Mine Bay Beach was rated as "Poor" or "Very Poor" in the rainy month of April, its water quality continued to improve starting from early summer, and was rated as "Good" toward the end of the bathing season.



Trio Beach – an escape from the hustle and bustle of the city

The Sai Kung beaches were generally suitable for swimming, mainly with "Good" or "Fair" weekly grading. Clear Water Bay First Beach, Clear Water Bay Second Beach and Silverstrand Beach were rated as "Very Poor" on one to three occasions, which were mostly associated with heavy rain. Hap Mun Bay Beach had the best water quality achieving "Good" grading on all rating occasions.

The water quality of the beaches in Tuen Mun area was comparable to that in the previous years, with usually "Good" or "Fair" weekly grading. Butterfly Beach was graded as "Very Poor" on three occasions in July after heavy rain, and improved to "Fair" grading since mid-August.

The water quality of the beaches in Tsuen Wan was mostly satisfactory. Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach was either rated as "Good" or "Fair" grading. The other Tsuen Wan Beaches maintained mostly at "Fair" grading, in which Casam Beach, Hoi Mei Wan Beach and Lido Beach were improved to "Good" grading toward the end of the bathing season. Ting Kau Beach was once rated as "Very Poor" after heavy rain in mid-August.

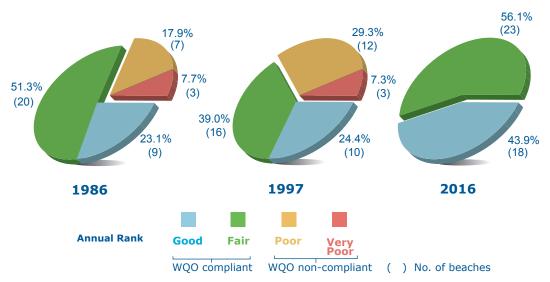


Casam Beach - water quality steadily improving in recent years

Water Quality Trend

The beach water quality in Hong Kong is able to fully comply with the WQO, and suitable for swimming, for the last seven years. The percentage of beaches complying with the WQO had changed from 74% in 1986 (29 of 39 beaches) to 63% (26 of 41 beaches) in 1997, and then increased to 100% since 2010 for all 41 gazetted beaches.

Comparison of annual beach ranking of gazetted beaches in 1986, 1997 and 2016



Note: Two beaches degazetted in 1995 were excluded from all the statistics above

Back in the 1980s, many beaches were closed, such as Cafeteria Old Beach, Castle Peak Beach and Silver Mine Bay Beach, or on the verge of being closed (e.g. Middle Bay Beach and Repulse Bay Beach) due to poor water quality. There was a further drop in compliance rate in the mid-1990s due to population growth particularly in the new town areas. In the last decade, there has been progressive improvement as a result of enforcement of environmental legislation, extension of the sewerage network, provision of new sewage treatment facilities across the territory including the beach hinterland, as well as implementation of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme. Major improvement measures implemented in the past are summarized in the following table.

	Major improvement measures for the beaches since the implementation	of beach water quality
	monitoring programme in 1986	
	1986 – 1990	Beaches with Water Quality Improvement
※	Implementation of the Livestock Waste Control Scheme under the Waste Disposal (Livestock Waste) Regulation.	Most beaches, particularly Silver Mine Bay Beach
*	Declaration of the Southern Water Control Zone (WCZ) under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (WPCO) for legislative enforcement.	Southern beaches
*	Interception and diversion of polluted storm drains at beaches in Southern District.	Southern beaches
	1991 – 1995	
凇	Implementation of chemical waste control.	All beaches
*	Declaration of the North Western WCZ under the WPCO for legislative enforcement.	Tuen Mun beaches
*	Diversion of polluted storm water drains away from Castle Peak Beach.	Castle Peak Beach
*	Provision of public sewers for So Kwun Wat and Sam Shing Estate.	Tuen Mun Beaches
*	Commissioning of Stanley Sewage Treatment Works (STW).	Stanley Main Beach
	1996 – 2000	
泰	Full implementation of the WPCO in all WCZs.	All beaches
楽	Commissioning of the Shek O Sewage Screening Plant and diversion of polluted storm water drains at Shek O Village .	Shek O Beach
泰	Completion of all major works under the Southern Sewerage Master Plan.	Southern beaches
盎	Commissioning of the new 2 km long Pillar Point sewage submarine outfall.	Tuen Mun beaches
	2001 – 2005	
*	Completion of Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 1.	Big Wave Bay, Shek O, Rocky Bay Beaches
*	Provision of public sewers in the Silverstrand area.	Silverstrand Beach
*	Full operation of the Sham Tseng STW.	Beaches along the Tsuen Wan coast
	2006 – 2016	
*	Commissioning of the Advance Disinfection Facilities at the Stonecutters Island STW.	All Tsuen Wan beaches
*	Extension of the public sewerage network to the beach hinterland along Castle Peak Road.	Beaches along the Tsuen Wan coast
*	Full operation of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2A.	Beaches along the Tsuen Wan coast

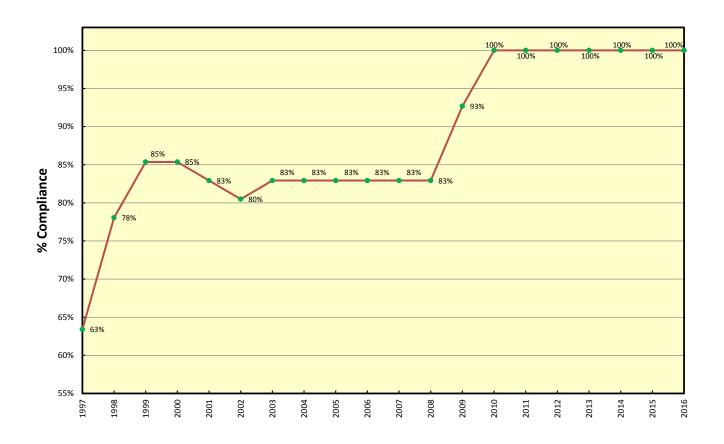






Through continuous efforts of the government to implement pollution abatement measures, there was significant improvement in water quality at the beaches in various districts over the years, and the beaches have consistently complied with the WQO in recent years. With significant improvement of water quality at beaches in Tsuen Wan since 2010, all of Hong Kong's gazetted beaches have now achieved the required standard for swimming for the seventh consecutive year.

Compliance with WQO at gazetted beaches, 1997 - 2016

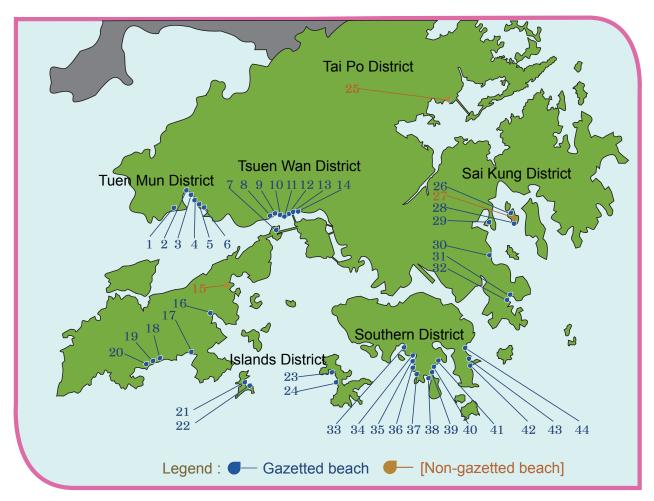


Water quality trend lines of gazetted beaches over the last 31 years are included in this report to show the changes over the years. More in-depth background and details of the beach monitoring programme are available at the EPD's Hong Kong Water Quality Resource Centre thematic website (http://wqrc.epd.gov.hk) or its beach water quality thematic website (http://www.beachwq.gov.hk), which provides user-friendly access to the annual beach reports as well as data published since 2000.



Happy youngsters having fun at the beach

Beaches monitored by the EPD



Tuen Mun District

- 1. Butterfly
- 2. Castle Peak
- 3. Kadoorie
- 4. Cafeteria Old
- 5. Cafeteria New
- 6. Golden

Tsuen Wan District

- 7. Ma Wan Tung Wan
- 8. Anglers'
- 9. Gemini
- 10. Hoi Mei Wan
- 11. Casam
- 12. Lido
- 13. Ting Kau
- 14. Approach

Islands District

- 15. [Discovery Bay]
- 16. Silver Mine Bay
- 17. Pui O
- 18. Lower Cheung Sha
- 19. Upper Cheung Sha
- 20. Tong Fuk
- 21. Cheung Chau Tung Wan
- 22. Kwun Yam
- 23. Hung Shing Yeh
- 24. Lo So Shing

Tai Po District

25. [Lung Mei]

Sai Kung District

- 26. Kiu Tsui
- 27. [Kiu Tsui (New)]
- 28. Hap Mun Bay
- 29. Trio
- 30. Silverstrand
- 31. Clear Water Bay First
- 32. Clear Water Bay Second

Southern District

- 33. Deep Water Bay
- 34. Repulse Bay
- 35. Middle Bay
- 36. South Bay
- 37. Chung Hom Kok
- 38. St. Stephen's
- 39. Stanley Main
- 40. Hairpin
- 41. Turtle Cove
- 42. Shek O
- 43. Rocky Bay
- 44. Big Wave Bay



Reach	Monitoring frequency	uency per month
Beach Gazetted beaches	Bathing season*	Non-bathing season
Gazetted beaches open all year round **	at least 3 times	at least 3 times
Other gazetted beaches	at least 3 times	once
Non-gazetted beaches	at least 3 times	once

- * March to October
- ** Clear Water Bay Second, Deep Water Bay, Golden and Silverstrand Beaches

Overview of various stages of the Beach Monitoring Programme



Hong Kong's annual beach ranking system

Rank	E. coli counts per 100 mL*	Minor illness rate** (Cases per 1,000 swimmers)	WQO Compliance
Good	≤24	Undetectable	
Fair	25-180	≤10	Compliant
Poor	181-610	11-15	
Very Poor	>610	>15	Non-compliant

^{*} Geometric mean E. coli count calculated based on all data collected between March and October

Hong Kong's weekly beach grading system

Grade	Beach water quality	E. coli counts per 100 mL*	Minor illness rate** (Cases per 1,000 swimmers)
1	Good	≤24	Undetectable
2	Fair	25-180	≼10
3	Poor	181-610	11-15
4	Very Poor	>610 or last reading >1,600	>15

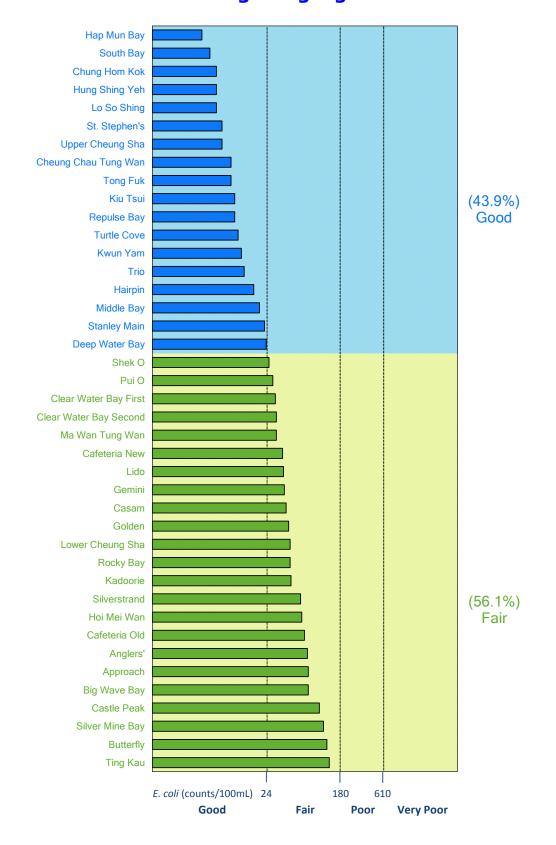
^{*} Unless otherwise indicated, the *E. coli* count represents the geometric mean of the 5 most recent sampling occasions

^{**} Skin and gastrointestinal illnesses

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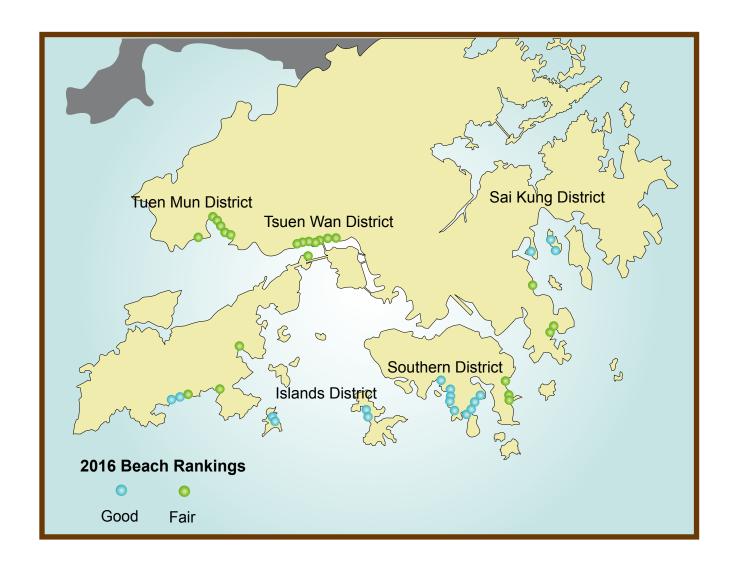


2016 Annual ranking and bathing season geometric mean *E. coli* levels of Hong Kong's gazatted beaches

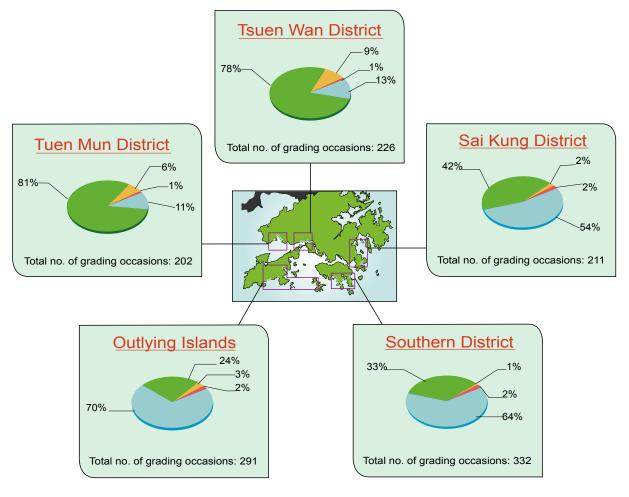




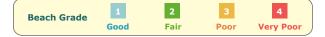
Annual ranking of gazetted beaches at a glance in 2016



Weekly beach grading summary of open gazetted beaches by district in 2016



Note: Figures may not add up to 100% due to roundings

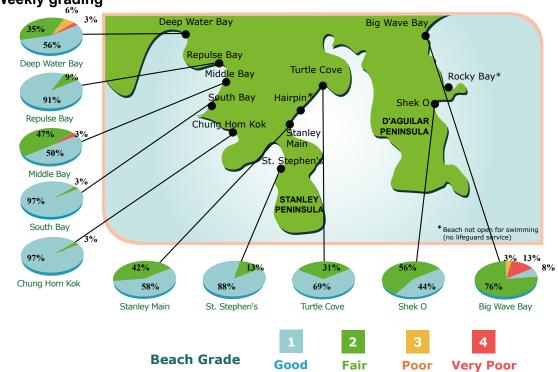


Southern District beaches

Annual ranking



Weekly grading



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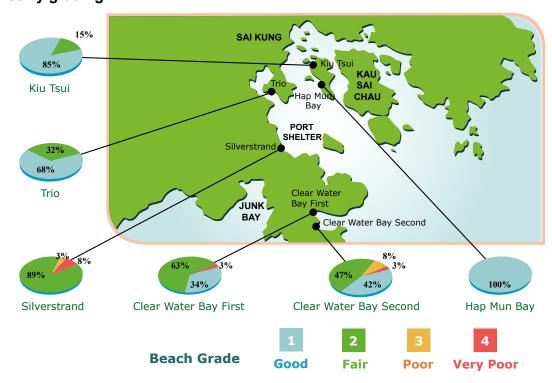


Sai Kung beaches

Annual ranking



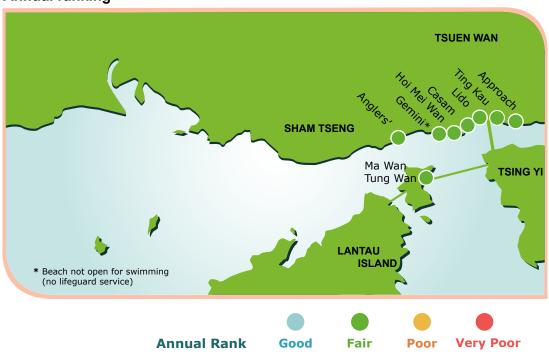
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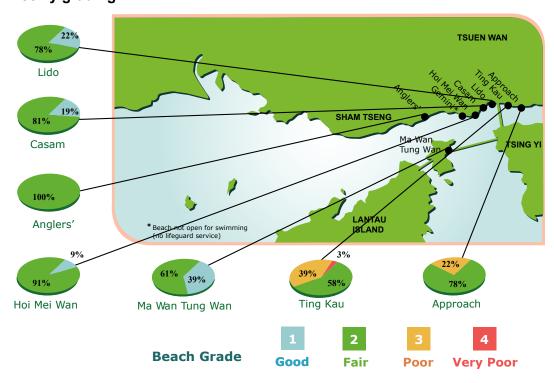
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Tsuen Wan beaches

Annual ranking



Weekly grading



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Tuen Mun beaches

Annual ranking



Weekly grading

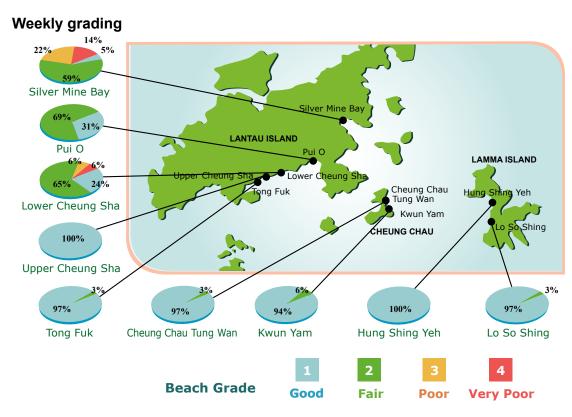


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Outlying Islands beaches

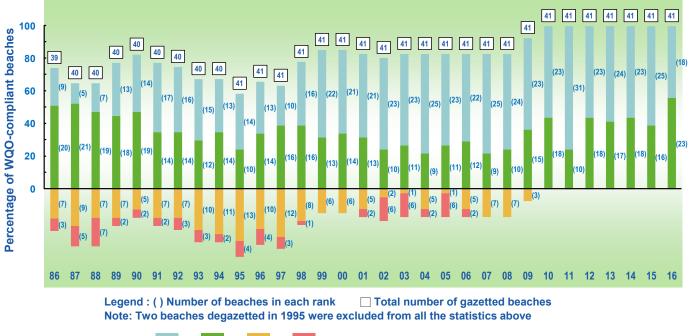
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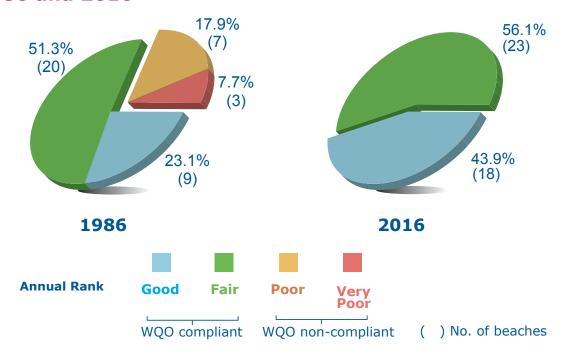
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Annual beach rankings of gazetted beaches from 1986 to 2016



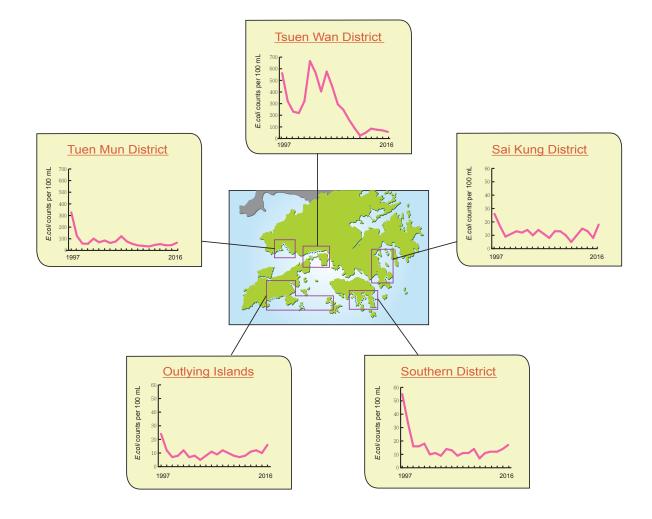
Rank
Good Fair Poor Very
Poor

Comparison of annual beach ranking of gazetted beaches in 1986 and 2016



Note: Two beaches degazetted in 1995 were excluded from all the statistics above

Annual geometric mean *E. coli* levels of gazetted beaches by district, 1997 - 2016



Appendix A - Annual geometric mean *E. coli* levels (1997-2016)

Southern District Annual geometric mean *E. coli* levels

	E. coli counts per 100mL											
Beach	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006		
Big Wave Bay	179	114	77	98	106	23	33	26	101	50		
Chung Hom Kok	22	40	14	8	15	13	14	9	13	10		
Deep Water Bay	55	46	14	16	18	9	9	7	8	7		
Hairpin	44	72	17	18	10	6	7	7	13	11		
Middle Bay	40	16	11	11	8	9	14	12	20	18		
Repulse Bay	23	11	8	9	13	9	12	4	8	12		
Rocky Bay	399	223	72	80	118	43	28	19	30	33		
Shek O	102	70	32	29	31	13	11	16	19	24		
South Bay	17	6	4	7	5	5	11	9	7	7		
St. Stephen's	40	26	11	6	7	5	9	4	12	11		
Stanley Main	72	24	13	12	9	8	6	5	7	10		
Turtle Cove	40	14	12	11	15	8	4	5	8	7		

	E. coli counts per 100mL											
Beach	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Big Wave Bay	17	31	46	149	17	31	21	40	21	78		
Chung Hom Kok	9	13	14	9	5	5	8	13	13	6		
Deep Water Bay	7	9	12	9	6	9	11	14	19	24		
Hairpin	19	10	12	33	6	9	14	12	8	17		
Middle Bay	9	11	12	12	6	15	14	13	13	20		
Repulse Bay	7	14	11	7	6	7	10	11	14	10		
Rocky Bay	17	15	13	50	23	30	22	16	35	47		
Shek O	18	22	11	19	11	16	15	18	29	26		
South Bay	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	5	9	5		
St. Stephen's	6	9	6	4	4	4	10	5	6	7		
Stanley Main	9	10	13	20	6	34	19	9	20	23		
Turtle Cove	5	5	5	8	4	6	6	8	5	11		

Note: Figure in $\ensuremath{\text{red}}$ indicates that the beach was not opened for swimming that year

Sai Kung District Annual geometric mean *E. coli* levels

				E	. <i>coli</i> count	s per 100m	ηL			
Beach	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Clear Water Bay First	62	41	11	16	28	28	17	9	16	20
Clear Water Bay Second	66	44	12	26	22	14	21	10	19	13
Hap Mun Bay	3	2	2	2	1	2	4	3	4	4
Kiu Tsui	5	4	4	5	5	4	5	17	14	11
Silverstrand	148	99	32	61	100	133	97	74	67	30
Trio	30	21	17	10	12	6	10	2	6	5

				E	. <i>coli</i> count	s per 100m	ıL			
Beach	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Clear Water Bay First	14	11	15	10	7	8	24	15	14	31
Clear Water Bay Second	9	19	27	13	5	18	15	18	17	32
Hap Mun Bay	3	5	3	3	2	2	7	4	2	4
Kiu Tsui	6	13	16	13	9	10	13	11	6	10
Silverstrand	33	35	51	28	18	30	39	40	18	63
Trio	2	12	5	6	2	9	8	10	4	13

Tsuen Wan District Annual geometric mean *E. coli* levels

		E. coli counts per 100mL											
Beach	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006			
Anglers'	691	502	442	326	621	1 169	693	619	895	772			
Approach	1 009	435	387	316	411	696	762	470	663	599			
Casam	609	239	231	209	233	741	702	594	716	426			
Gemini	458	399	350	258	323	1 155	875	1 102	1 042	853			
Hoi Mei Wan	471	280	109	177	199	547	442	287	641	308			
Lido	600	262	231	181	269	683	734	523	782	459			
Ma Wan Tung Wan	110	92	51	39	133	201	159	101	132	171			
Ting Kau	1 583	1 045	515	593	739	742	831	412	512	469			

		E. coli counts per 100mL										
Beach	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Anglers'	496	510	276	134	27	69	133	130	77	76		
Approach	352	251	208	124	59	83	106	121	143	78		
Casam	305	289	144	102	21	50	71	63	52	42		
Gemini	566	481	410	137	19	40	135	110	56	40		
Hoi Mei Wan	286	271	130	87	23	51	86	58	90	65		
Lido	280	296	178	87	21	32	53	57	52	39		
Ma Wan Tung Wan	78	53	60	17	10	24	41	31	20	32		
Ting Kau	405	258	145	141	58	88	107	89	151	140		

Note: Figure in $\mathop{\text{red}}\nolimits$ indicates that the beach was not opened for swimming that year

Tuen Mun District Annual geometric mean *E. coli* levels

				E	. <i>coli</i> count	s per 100m	ıL			
Beach	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Butterfly	259	121	44	61	74	60	74	55	55	94
Cafeteria New	309	100	60	51	104	62	80	54	70	120
Cafeteria Old	435	138	58	57	125	74	76	61	81	150
Castle Peak	332	199	57	58	105	58	64	80	90	139
Golden	352	98	44	50	87	66	84	46	62	117
Kadoorie	290	130	109	68	120	114	160	98	117	118

	E. coli counts per 100mL											
Beach	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
Butterfly	84	56	49	30	41	42	71	38	98	131		
Cafeteria New	68	48	38	31	27	47	50	31	30	38		
Cafeteria Old	67	45	46	34	29	48	39	45	41	70		
Castle Peak	64	47	35	63	49	48	78	91	71	106		
Golden	87	63	42	37	26	62	45	39	31	45		
Kadoorie	101	87	48	45	37	40	52	37	29	48		

Note: Figure in red indicates that the beach was not opened for swimming that year

Outlying Islands Annual geometric mean *E. coli* levels

				E	. coli count	ts per 100n	ıL			
Beach	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Cheung Chau Tung Wan	24	19	11	12	16	17	11	12	14	37
Hung Shing Yeh	5	3	3	5	6	2	5	4	4	4
Kwun Yam	32	21	6	10	11	9	7	5	10	13
Lo So Shing	3	2	4	2	5	2	3	2	3	4
Lower Cheung Sha	85	23	10	12	22	10	14	7	12	11
Pui O	36	16	10	10	17	10	15	9	10	16
Silver Mine Bay	481	123	39	50	67	42	50	14	34	52
Tong Fuk	14	10	4	5	6	4	3	4	5	5
Upper Cheung Sha	8	3	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	4

		E. coli counts per 100mL								
Beach	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Cheung Chau Tung Wan	21	15	17	12	6	13	10	14	19	9
Hung Shing Yeh	6	4	6	4	3	4	4	5	4	6
Kwun Yam	9	10	9	8	5	5	9	8	12	12
Lo So Shing	3	5	7	3	3	4	5	5	4	6
Lower Cheung Sha	12	20	13	11	9	10	17	21	17	47
Pui O	30	24	12	14	13	22	51	60	24	29
Silver Mine Bay	22	43	45	31	28	38	39	51	59	119
Tong Fuk	4	10	5	5	4	4	7	4	4	9
Upper Cheung Sha	4	7	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	7

Appendix B - 2016 Beach visitor number

Southern DistrictVisitor numbers during the 2016 bathing season

	Daily	average			
Beach	Weekdays	Weekends & public holidays	Peak day	Peak month	Total
Big Wave Bay	257	1 061	2 200	23 000	125 730
Chung Hom Kok	193	629	1 400	12 530	81 215
Deep Water Bay	873	4 378	15 000	110 000	487 350
Hairpin	137	265	500	7 240	43 640
Middle Bay	198	392	800	12 030	63 650
Repulse Bay	11 523	14 243	20 000	395 050	3 035 350
Rocky Bay	-	-	-	-	-
Shek O	2 914	6 107	24 000	300 600	963 060
South Bay	223	517	2 500	16 440	77 490
St. Stephen's	185	346	800	10 400	57 900
Stanley Main	653	2 777	17 600	68 840	325 650
Turtle Cove	57	476	1 900	9 280	46 570

Note: Information provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Visitor numbers during the 2016 bathing season

Beach	Weekdays	Weekends & public holidays	Peak day	Peak month	Total
Clear Water Bay First	160	612	1 390	13 500	74 410
Clear Water Bay Second	2 336	3 635	20 500	203 600	673 650
Hap Mun Bay	316	1 319	4 200	46 300	155 660
Kiu Tsui	236	796	1 720	15 840	101 590
Silverstrand	158	968	5 300	32 430	101 980
Trio	328	1 036	3 600	33 760	135 580

Note: Information provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Tsuen Wan District Visitor numbers during the 2016 bathing season

	Daily	average			
Beach	Weekdays	Weekends & public holidays	Peak day	Peak month	Total
Anglers'	143	575	1 210	9 830	68 650
Approach	159	325	1 010	9 890	51 900
Casam	65	211	400	4 880	27 290
Gemini	12	33	50	610	4 480
Hoi Mei Wan	49	134	260	3 140	18 600
Lido	358	1 043	9 100	23 230	141 090
Ma Wan Tung Wan	543	2 241	4 320	48 610	265 410
Ting Kau	154	388	1 100	10 040	55 940

Note: Information provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department



	Daily	average			
Beach	Weekdays	Weekends & public holidays	Peak day	Peak month	Total
Butterfly	768	1 439	2 150	35 450	240 560
Cafeteria New	903	1 792	3 600	66 550	290 620
Cafeteria Old	930	1 261	1 950	40 000	253 610
Castle Peak	420	1 340	2 000	23 750	174 570
Golden	1 941	4 438	7 000	100 300	670 350
Kadoorie	640	1 048	1 850	33 250	188 645

Note: Information provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Outlying Islands

Visitor numbers during the 2016 bathing season

	Daily	average			
Beach	Weekdays	Weekends & public holidays	Peak day	Peak month	Total
Cheung Chau Tung Wan	599	1 742	3 400	46 140	235 890
Hung Shing Yeh	692	1 566	3 350	48 120	237 600
Kwun Yam	151	566	1 220	13 330	69 410
Lo So Shing	128	391	820	9 480	51 910
Lower Cheung Sha	351	1 316	2 940	31 360	161 300
Pui O	1 252	2 568	6 000	92 400	409 420
Silver Mine Bay	771	1 498	3 250	44 600	245 610
Tong Fuk	352	621	2 450	25 710	107 180
Upper Cheung Sha	517	747	1 650	31 200	144 650

Note: Information provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Appendix C - Physicochemical water quality data for gazetted beaches, 2016

Southern District Summary of physicochemical water quality data of gazetted beaches, 2016

					Dissolv	ed Oxygen
Beach	рН	Salinity (psu) ¹	Turbidity (NTU) ²	Temperature (°C)	(mg/L)	(% Saturation)
Big Wave Bay	8.31	27.7	3.19	25.9	7.0	97
big wave bay	(8.02 - 8.48)	(6.3 - 32.6)	(0.52 - 10.20)	(16.2 - 31.4)	(5.8 - 9.6)	(82 - 120)
Chung Hom Kok	8.34	28.9	2.64	25.8	6.9	98
Chang Hom Nok	(8.01 - 9.01)	(17.5 - 32.4)	(1.21 - 5.39)	(16.4 - 31.2)	(5.3 - 10.0)	(81 - 130)
Deep Water Bay	8.31	27.7	4.79	25.9	7.0	99
Deep water bay	(7.87 - 8.93)	(16.8 - 32.3)	(1.26 - 17.80)	(16.4 - 31.2)	(5.3 - 10.0)	(78 - 130)
Hairpin*	8.37	28.8	2.49	26.4	7.0	99
Tidiipiii	(8.15 - 8.80)		(0.50 - 11.00)			
Middle Bay	8.35	28.9	3.96	25.6	6.9	98
Wildalo Bay	(8.08 - 9.01)	,				
Repulse Bay	8.34	29.3	3.30	25.6	6.9	97
r topuloo Buy	(8.06 - 8.97)	,		(16.2 - 30.7)	•	
Rocky Bay*	8.26	29.9	2.85	25.5	6.8	95
	(7.97 - 8.46)					
Shek O	8.34	30.8	3.32	26.0	6.8	96
	(8.14 - 8.51)		(0.74 - 7.72)			
South Bay	8.34	28.9	2.77	26.0	6.9	98
	(8.03 - 8.91)	,		(16.0 - 30.9)		
St. Stephen's	8.31	29.0	2.82	25.9	6.8	98
or orophon o	(8.04 - 8.97)			(16.3 - 31.3)		
Stanley Main	8.38	29.0	3.11	26.3	7.0	98
Ciamoj Main	(8.19 - 8.82)	,				
Turtle Cove	8.36	29.0	4.59	26.2	7.0	98
	(8.15 - 8.80)	(17.6 - 32.6)	(0.86 - 19.80)	(16.3 - 32.2)	(5.9 - 8.1)	(82 - 110)

Note: Data presented are arithmetic means; figures in brackets are ranges

^{1.} Practical Salinity Unit; 2. Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

^{*} Beach not open for swimming (no lifeguard service)

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Summary of physicochemical water quality data of gazetted beaches, 2016

					Dissolv	ed Oxygen
Beach	pH	Salinity (psu) ¹	Turbidity (NTU) ²	Temperature (°C)	(mg/L)	(% Saturation)
Class Water Day First	8.37	28.8	5.50	26.3	6.8	97
Clear Water Bay First	(8.11 - 8.69)	(14.3 - 32.8)	(1.19 - 32.80)	(16.2 - 31.8)	(5.6 - 8.4)	(79 - 119)
Clear Water Bay	8.36	29.9	6.40	26.1	6.6	95
Second	(8.14 - 8.65)	(17.3 - 33.4)	(2.14 - 24.20)	(16.0 - 32.3)	(5.3 - 7.8)	(79 - 119)
Hap Mun Bay	8.36	30.6	2.57	26.6	6.6	96
пар мип вау	(8.12 - 8.69)	(26.4 - 33.1)	(0.57 - 9.38)	(16.3 - 32.2)	(5.4 - 9.7)	(82 - 119)
Kiu Tsui	8.34	30.2	2.07	26.6	6.9	99
Niu ISui	(8.10 - 8.86)	(25.5 - 33.0)	(0.69 - 9.03)	(16.2 - 32.1)	(5.1 - 10.0)	(76 - 130)
Silverstrand	8.36	28.0	4.34	26.1	6.5	95
Silverstraild	(8.13 - 8.66)	(21.4 - 32.1)	(1.06 - 16.80)	(15.7 - 32.0)	(5.3 - 8.5)	(78 - 125)
Trio	8.31	28.9	2.71	26.9	6.8	98
1110	(7.96 - 8.89)	(22.4 - 32.4)	(1.00 - 13.10)	(16.3 - 32.3)	(5.6 - 10.0)	(77 - 130)

Note: Data presented are arithmetic means; figures in brackets are ranges

Tsuen Wan District Summary of physicochemical water quality data of gazetted beaches, 2016

					Dissolv	ved Oxygen
Beach	pH	Salinity (psu) ¹	Turbidity (NTU) ²	Temperature (°C)	(mg/L)	(% Saturation)
Angloral	8.17	27.1	3.92	25.5	6.6	93
Anglers'	(7.89 - 8.48)	(16.6 - 32.4)	(1.68 - 10.30)	(16.7 - 29.9)	(4.4 - 9.2)	(65 - 115)
Approach	8.18	25.7	3.73	25.8	6.5	92
Арргоаст	(7.95 - 8.50)	(19.9 - 32.2)	(0.84 - 16.30)	(16.7 - 29.8)	(4.3 - 8.5)	(62 - 120)
Casam	8.19	26.2	3.01	25.8	6.8	96
Oasani	(7.90 - 8.46)	(21.0 - 32.3)	(1.38 - 6.17)	(16.7 - 29.6)	(5.5 - 9.4)	(80 - 129)
Gemini*	8.17	26.7	3.38	25.7	6.6	93
OCITIIIII	(7.92 - 8.41)	(16.0 - 32.3)	(1.66 - 7.12)	(16.6 - 29.9)	(5.1 - 9.9)	(73 - 121)
Hoi Mei Wan	8.17	25.9	3.64	26.0	6.7	94
Tior wor wan	(7.90 - 8.50)	(19.1 - 32.3)	(1.54 - 8.12)	(16.8 - 30.0)	(5.1 - 8.9)	(74 - 129)
Lido	8.17	26.3	3.73	25.8	6.7	94
Lido	(7.98 - 8.45)	(20.7 - 32.3)	(1.56 - 12.60)	(16.6 - 29.7)	(5.0 - 9.1)	(72 - 116)
Ma Wan Tung Wan	8.17	27.5	4.33	25.5	6.5	92
ma rran rung rrun	(7.88 - 8.41)	(19.8 - 32.3)	(1.50 - 8.47)	(16.7 - 29.4)	(4.6 - 9.5)	(69 - 102)
Ting Kau	8.20	25.1	3.98	25.9	6.8	95
Ting Raa	(7.95 - 8.50)	(19.7 - 32.2)	(1.36 - 16.40)	(16.8 - 29.6)	(5.6 - 9.2)	(80 - 130)

Note: Data presented are arithmetic means; figures in brackets are ranges



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^{*} Beach not open for swimming (no lifeguard service)

Tuen Mun District Summary of physicochemical water quality data of gazetted beaches, 2016

					Dissolv	ved Oxygen
Beach	рН	Salinity (psu) ¹	Turbidity (NTU) ²	Temperature (°C)	(mg/L)	(% Saturation)
Duttorfly	8.16	21.9	8.69	26.5	6.6	93
Butterfly	(7.96 - 8.53)	(12.5 - 32.3)	(2.32 - 32.80)	(16.3 - 30.2)	(4.8 - 8.9)	(71 - 105)
Cafeteria New	8.18	21.6	8.85	26.2	6.6	93
	(7.97 - 8.45)	(11.8 - 32.3)	(2.94 - 21.50)	(16.8 - 30.0)	(5.6 - 8.9)	(79 - 103)
Cafeteria Old	8.22	20.9	9.10	26.3	6.6	94
Caletella Olu	(8.02 - 8.51)	(11.0 - 32.3)	(2.35 - 19.30)	(16.7 - 30.9)	(5.1 - 8.9)	(74 - 104)
Castle Peak	8.19	20.9	7.27	26.6	6.9	97
Casile Feak	(7.92 - 8.72)	(9.8 - 32.2)	(1.85 - 32.90)	(16.9 - 31.0)	(5.2 - 9.0)	(73 - 128)
Golden	8.17	21.8	11.35	26.0	6.6	94
Golden	(7.94 - 8.51)	(11.9 - 32.2)	(3.05 - 53.10)	(16.6 - 30.1)	(3.2 - 9.5)	(80 - 105)
Kadoorie	8.17	21.4	5.91	26.3	6.6	94
Naubone	(7.93 - 8.54)	(10.9 - 32.3)	(2.28 - 13.70)	(16.8 - 30.3)	(5.0 - 9.2)	(78 - 103)

Note: Data presented are arithmetic means; figures in brackets are ranges

Outlying Islands Summary of physicochemical water quality data of gazetted beaches, 2016

					Dissolv	ed Oxygen
Beach	рН	Salinity (psu) ¹	Turbidity (NTU) ²	Temperature (°C)	(mg/L)	(% Saturation)
Cheung Chau Tung	8.29	27.0	4.41	25.8	7.0	97
Wan	(8.02 - 8.65)	(19.9 - 31.5)	(1.35 - 24.60)	(16.7 - 30.8)	(5.5 - 9.5)	(80 - 126)
Hung Shing Yeh	8.26	27.9	7.96	26.0	6.6	96
riung Sinng Ten	(7.91 - 8.56)	(18.2 - 32.1)	(1.38 - 48.30)	(17.4 - 30.5)	(5.7 - 8.3)	(81 - 120)
Kwun Yam	8.28	26.7	3.17	26.1	6.9	96
Kwuii Taili	(7.95 - 8.64)	(20.8 - 30.8)	(1.16 - 11.10)	(16.9 - 31.3)	(5.6 - 8.4)	(81 - 122)
Lo So Shing	8.30	28.1	3.85	26.3	6.7	96
Lo do orning	(8.06 - 8.68)	(14.3 - 32.3)	(1.33 - 19.20)	(15.3 - 30.8)	(5.8 - 8.8)	(85 - 111)
Lower Cheung Sha	8.37	25.9	9.37	27.0	6.7	95
Lower officing offici	(7.93 - 8.73)	(10.6 - 31.7)	(2.75 - 32.90)	(16.8 - 33.2)	(5.4 - 7.5)	(80 - 110)
Pui O	8.35	26.4	12.30	27.5	6.5	94
1 41 0	(8.10 - 8.62)	,	,	,	. ,	
Silver Mine Bay	8.21	22.0	10.36	26.7	6.9	96
Chiver White Bay	(7.78 - 8.64)	,	,	,	(5.2 - 10.0)	(68 - 129)
Tong Fuk	8.40	27.1	7.97	26.6	6.7	96
Tong ran	(8.08 - 8.73)	,	• •		,	,
Upper Cheung Sha	8.40	27.1	7.95	26.6	6.8	95
Oppor Oricariy Oria	(8.11 - 8.76)	(17.5 - 32.3)	(1.69 - 21.00)	(16.6 - 30.9)	(6.0 - 8.4)	(85 - 105)

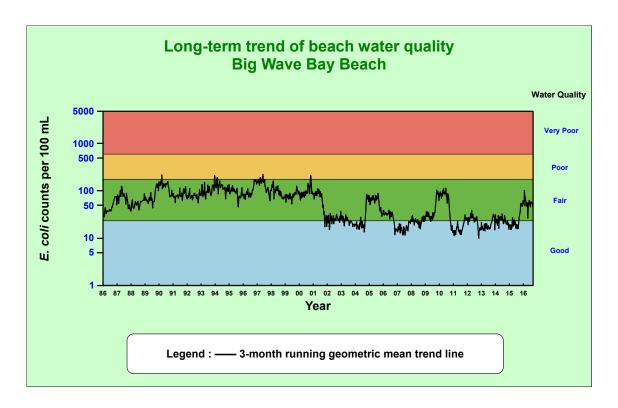
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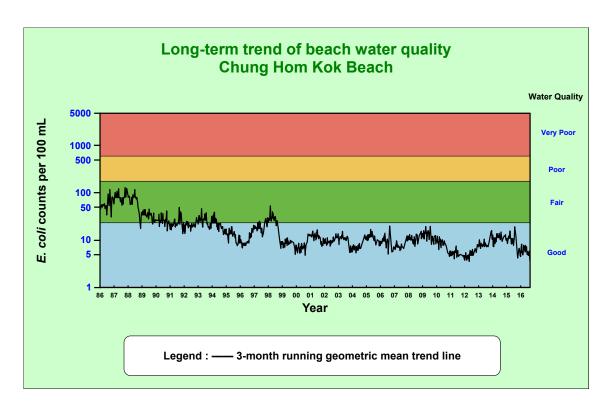


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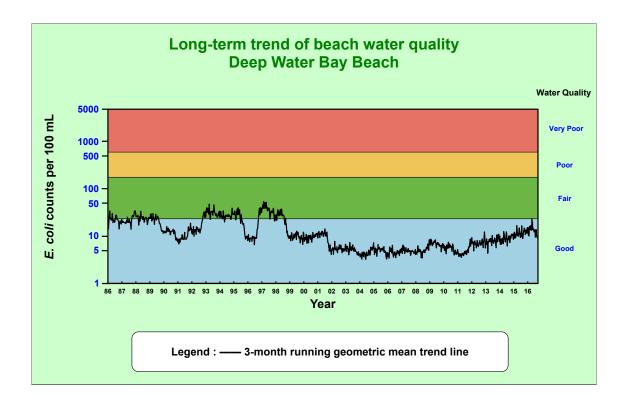
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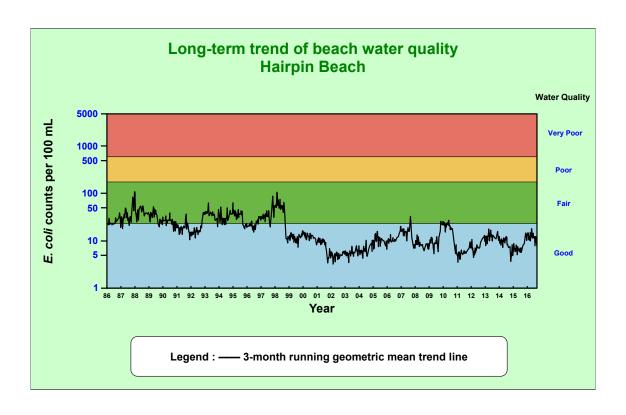
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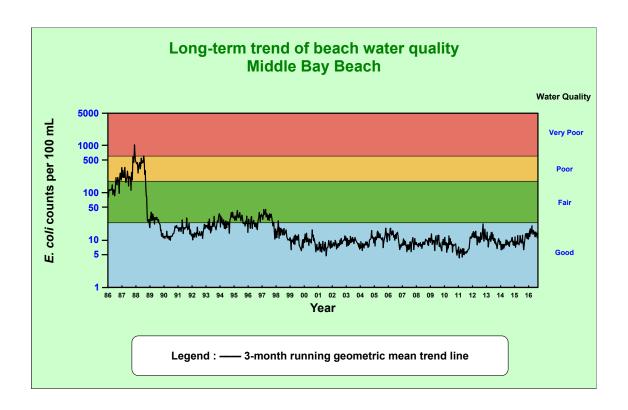


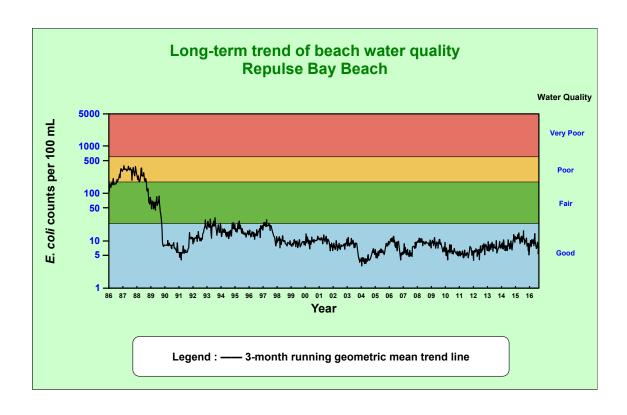






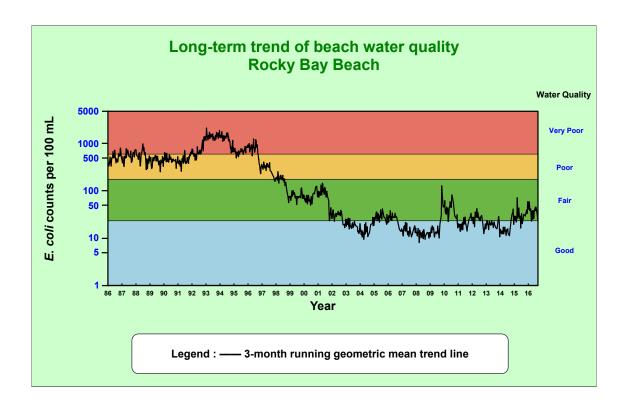


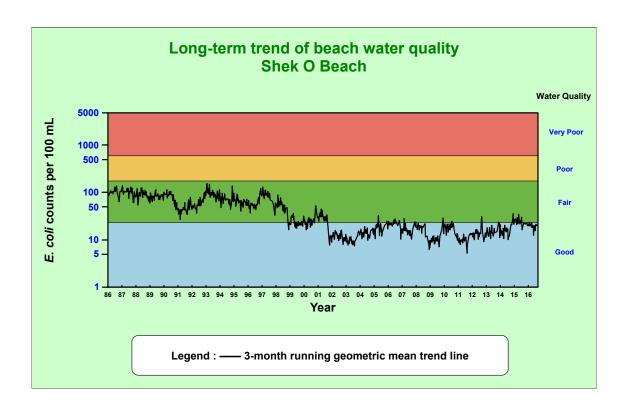


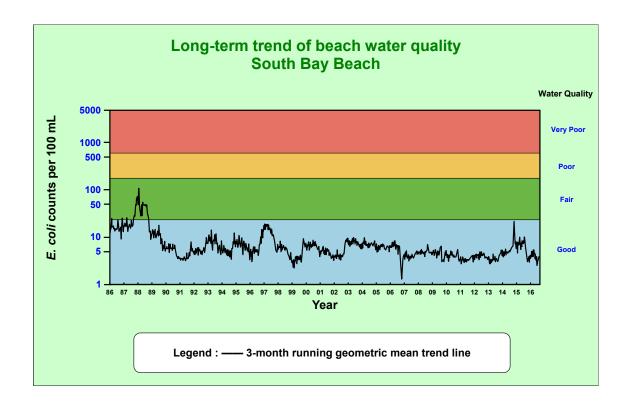


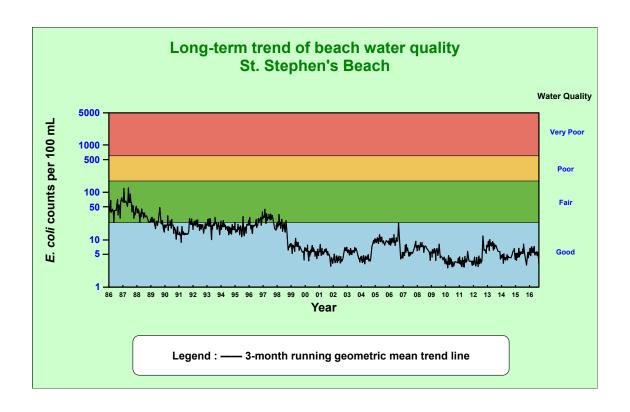






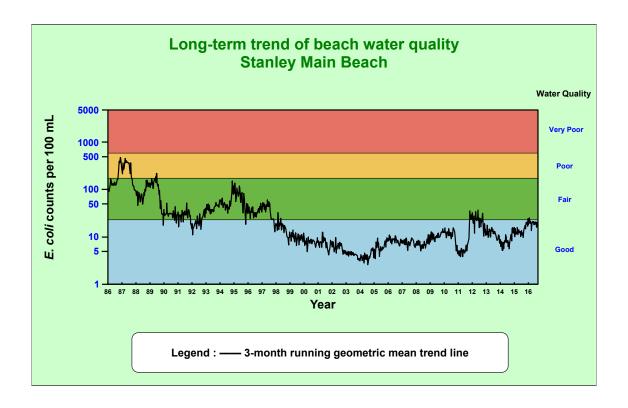


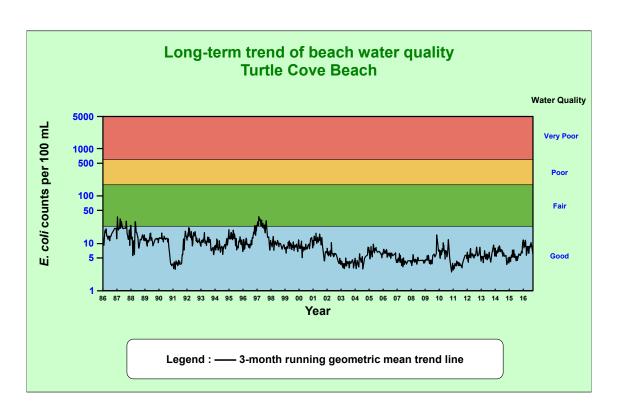




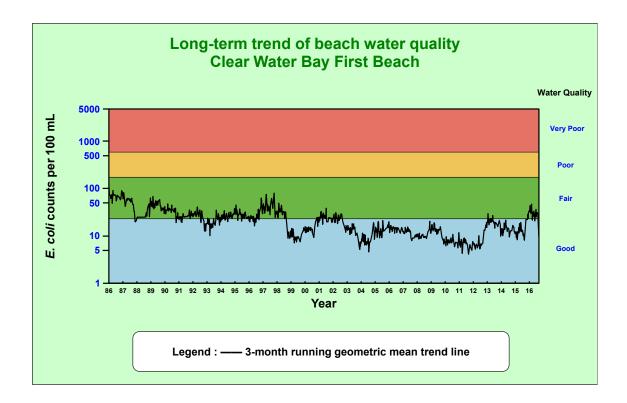


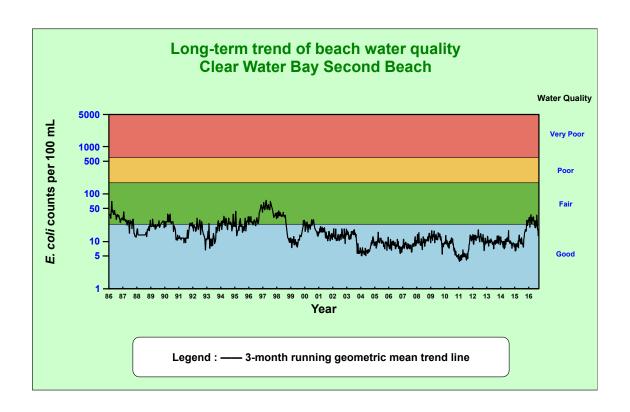






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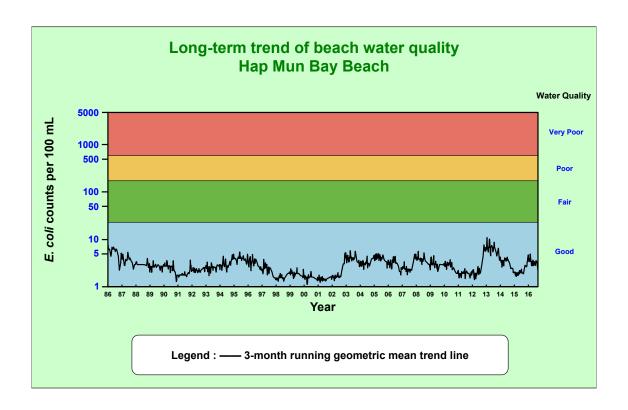


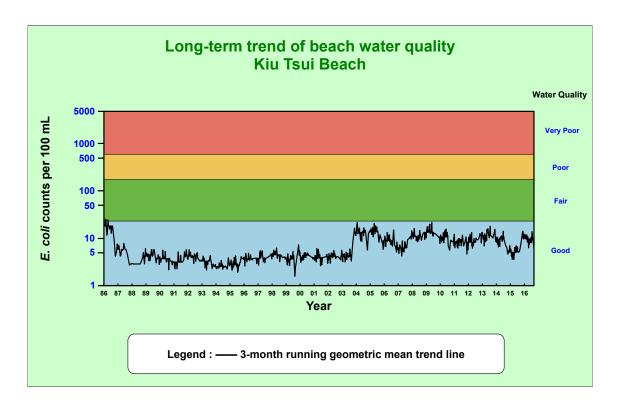


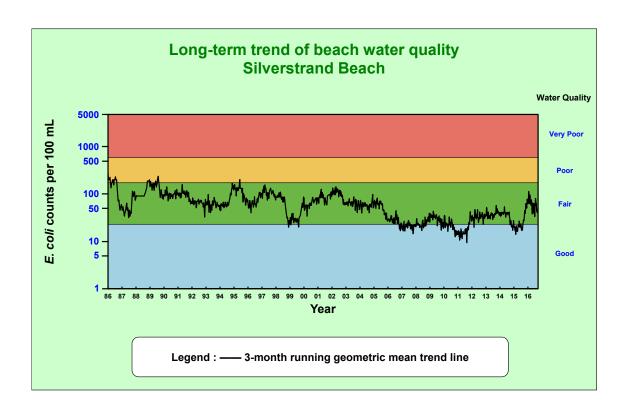


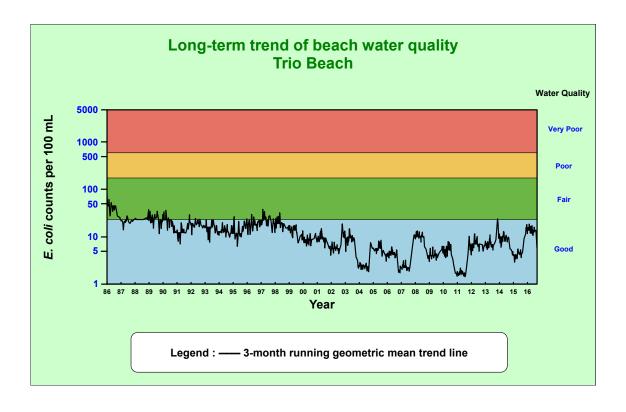








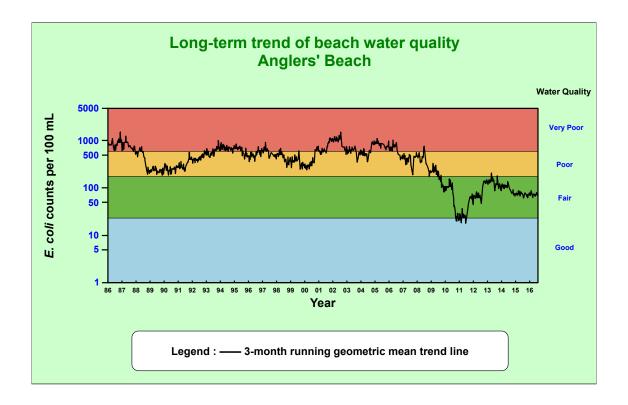


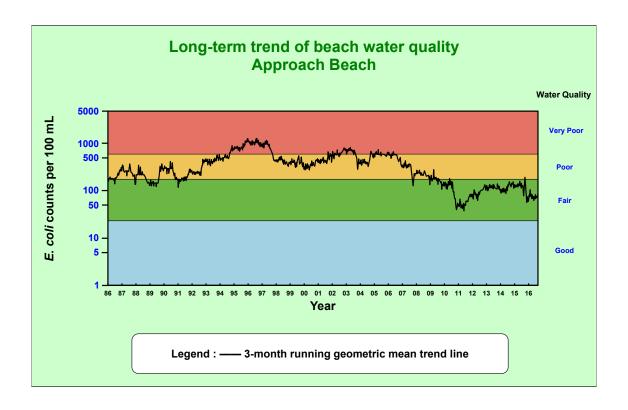


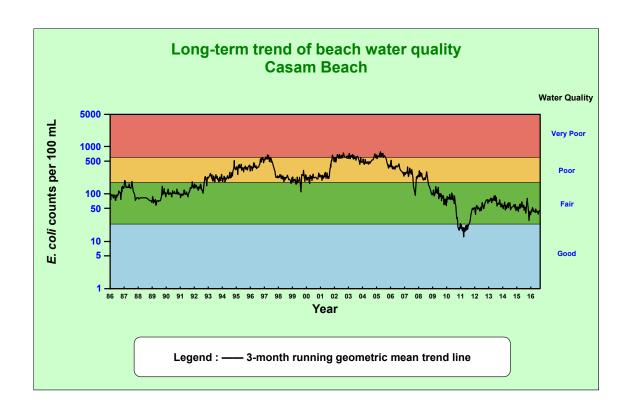


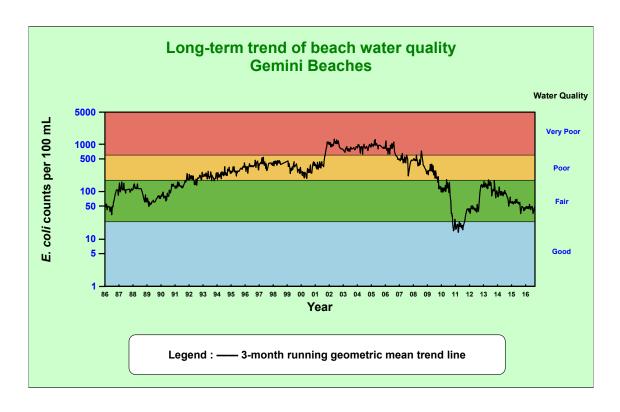


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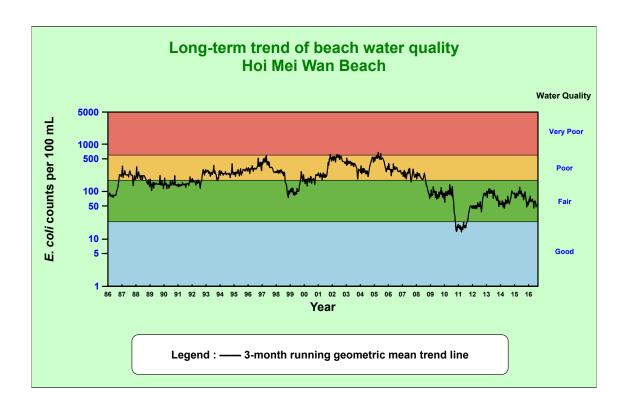




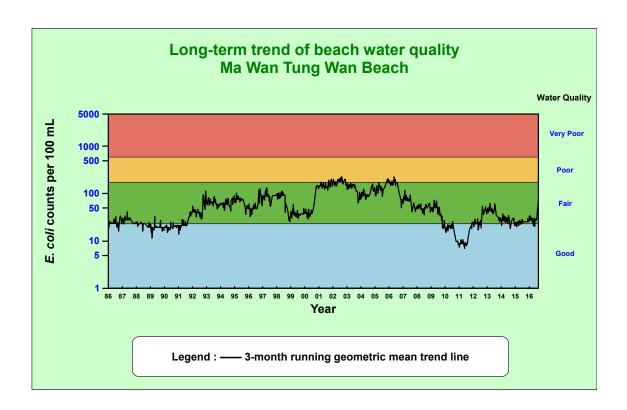


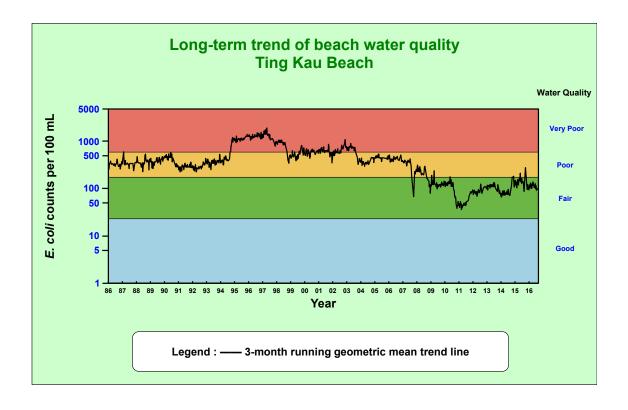








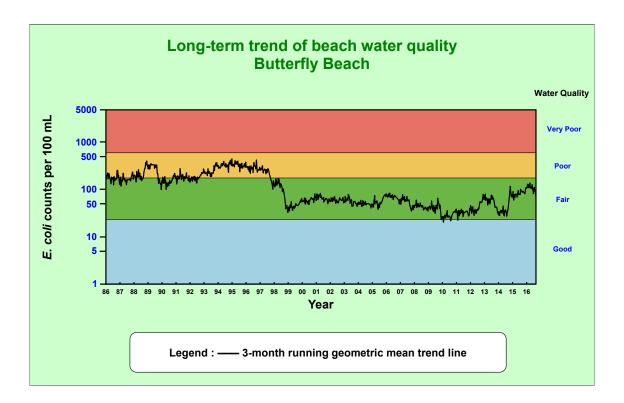


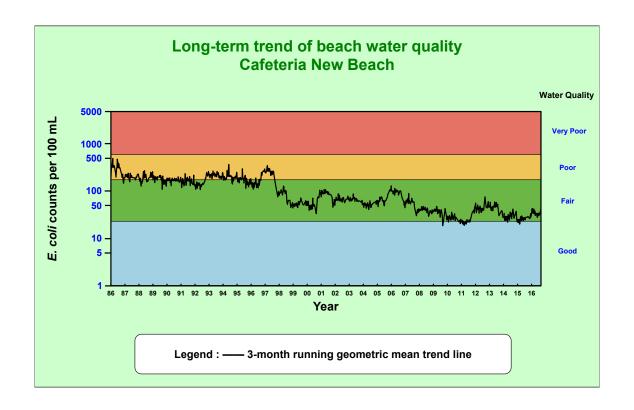


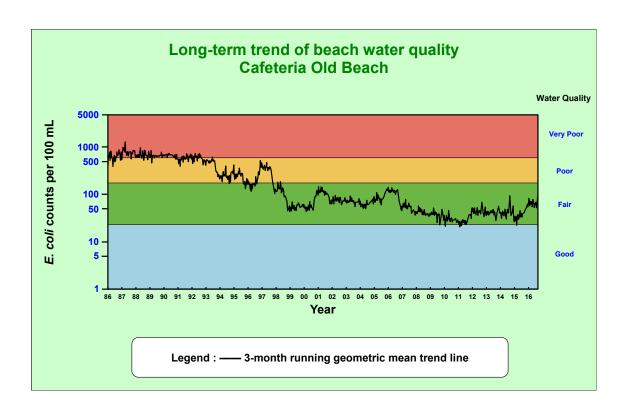


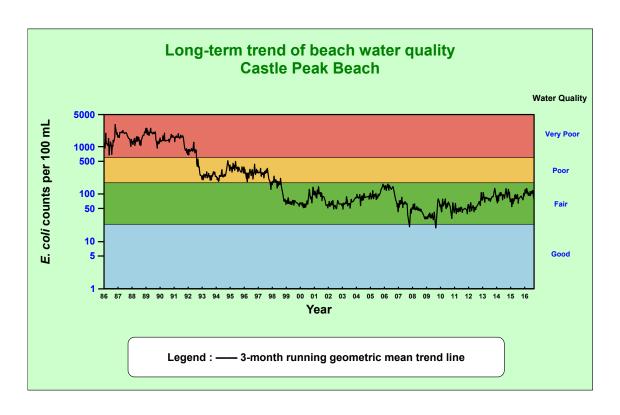


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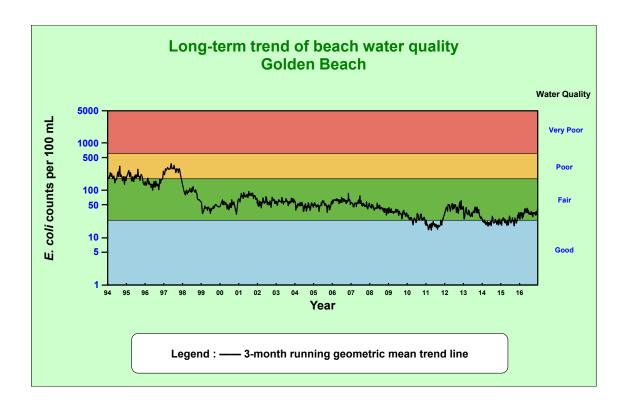


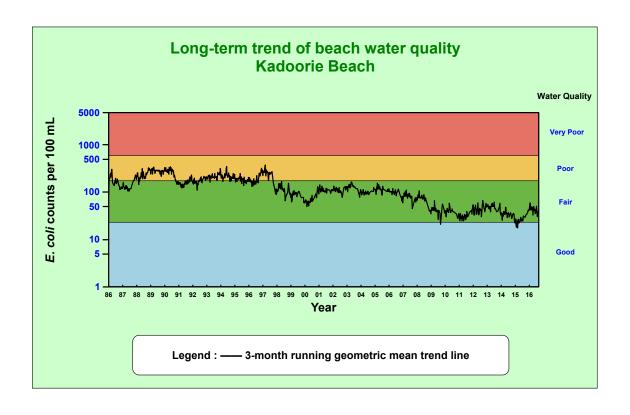




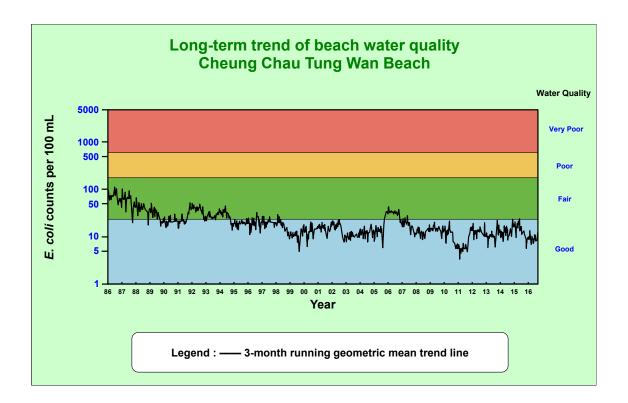


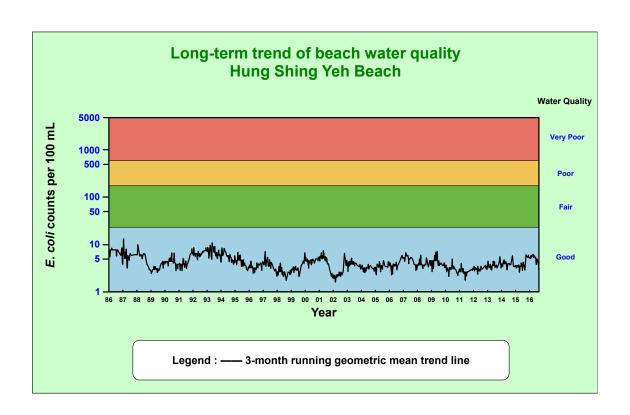


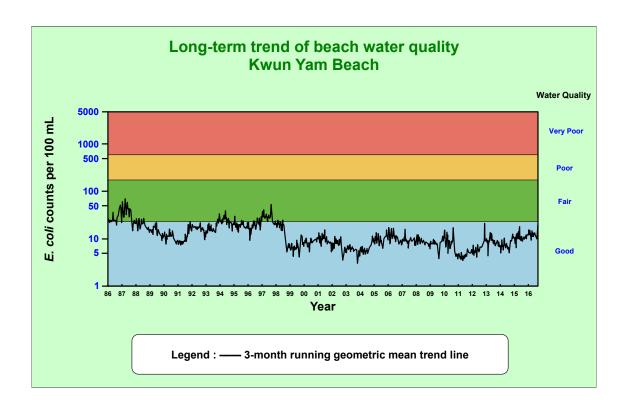


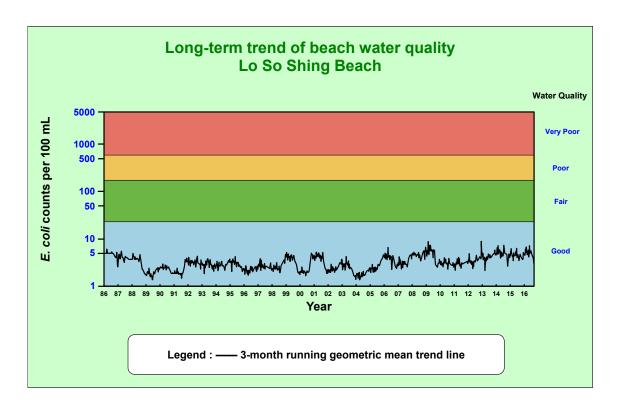


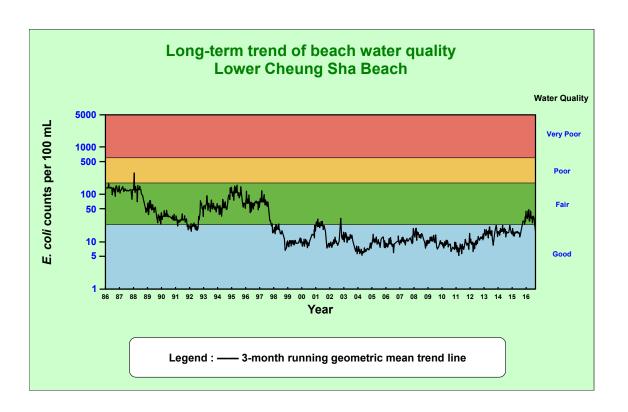
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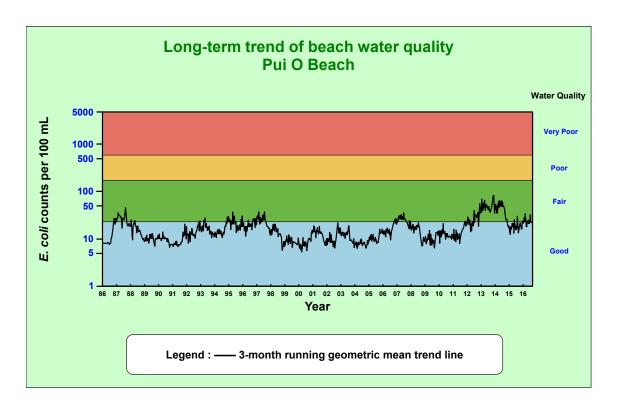






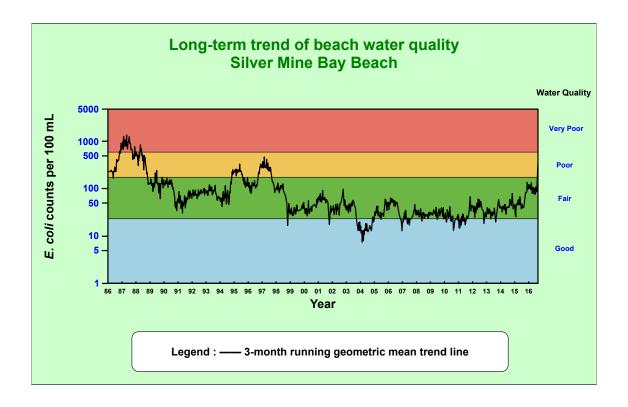


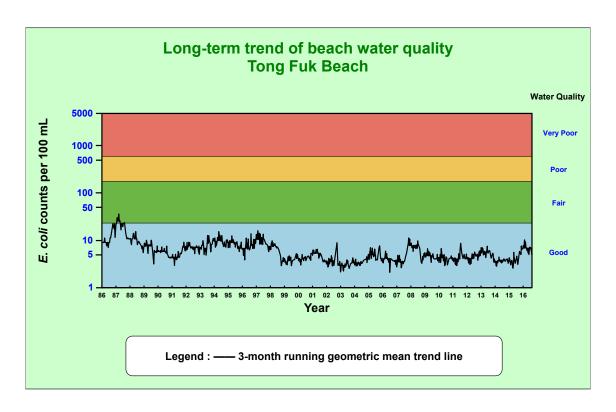


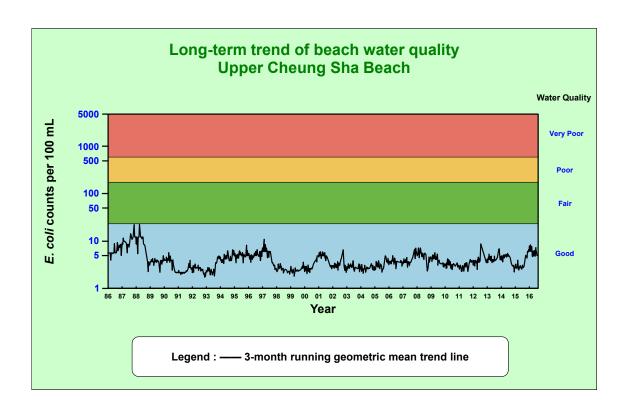














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