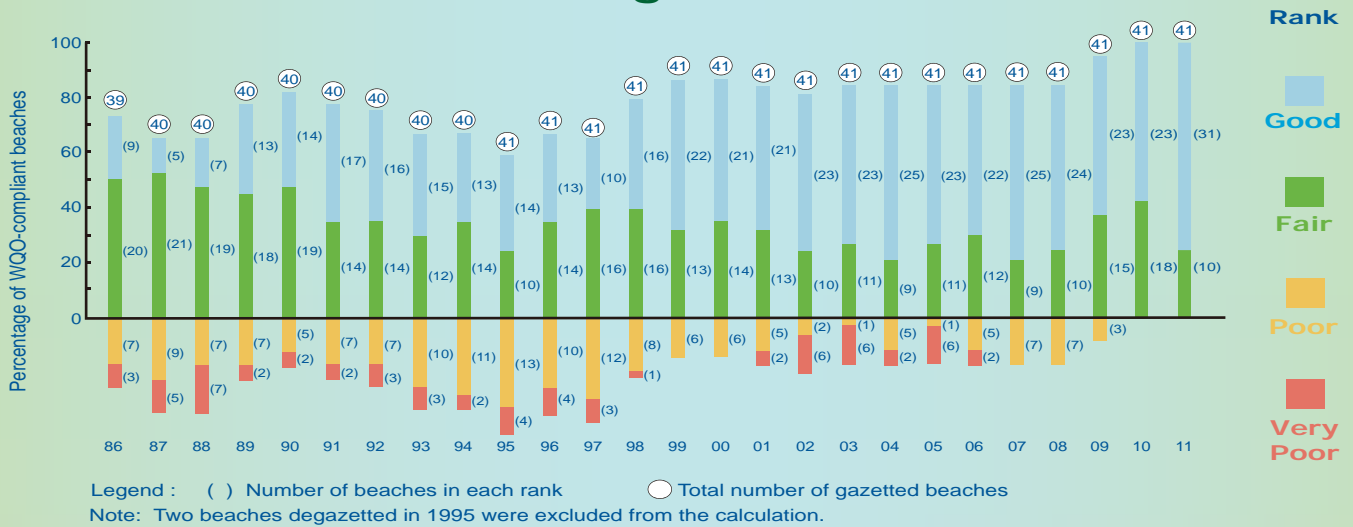


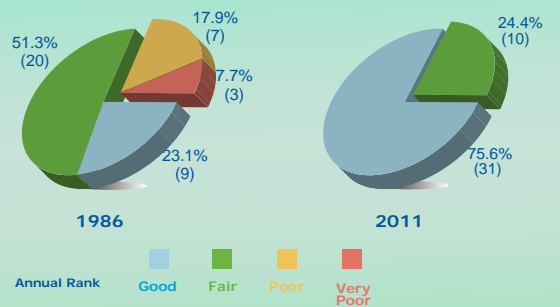
Overall improvement in beach water quality in Hong Kong

Annual beach rankings from 1986 to 2011



- Overall beach water quality improved in the last 23 years, despite pollution impact arising from rapid population growth and economic development.
- WQO-compliant beaches have gradually increased from 74% in 1986 to 100% since 2010.
- A beach water quality monitoring programme has been a mastermind to chart the changes and identify problematic beaches that need further improvement measures. It has expedited the early improvement of beach water quality and to protect the health of millions of beach-goers every year.

Annual beach ranking of 1986 and 2011 compared



Beaches rated as “Good”, the top rank, have significantly increased from 23% in 1986 to 76% in 2011.



Changes over the year e.g. Stanley Main Beach in the early 1980s (above) and in 2008 (below). Insets are the beach water monitoring teams at the time.

Examples of beaches with marked improvement in water quality

| Beach | 80s | 90s | 2011 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Cafeteria Old | Very Poor | Very Poor | Fair |
| Castle Peak | Very Poor | Very Poor | Fair |
| Middle Bay | Very Poor | Fair | Good |
| Repulse Bay | Poor | Good | Good |
| Silver Mine Bay | Very Poor | Poor | Fair |
| Approach | Poor | Very Poor | Fair |

Annual Rank

- Very Poor (Red)
- Poor (Yellow)
- Fair (Green)
- Good (Blue)