

# Silver Mine Bay Beach

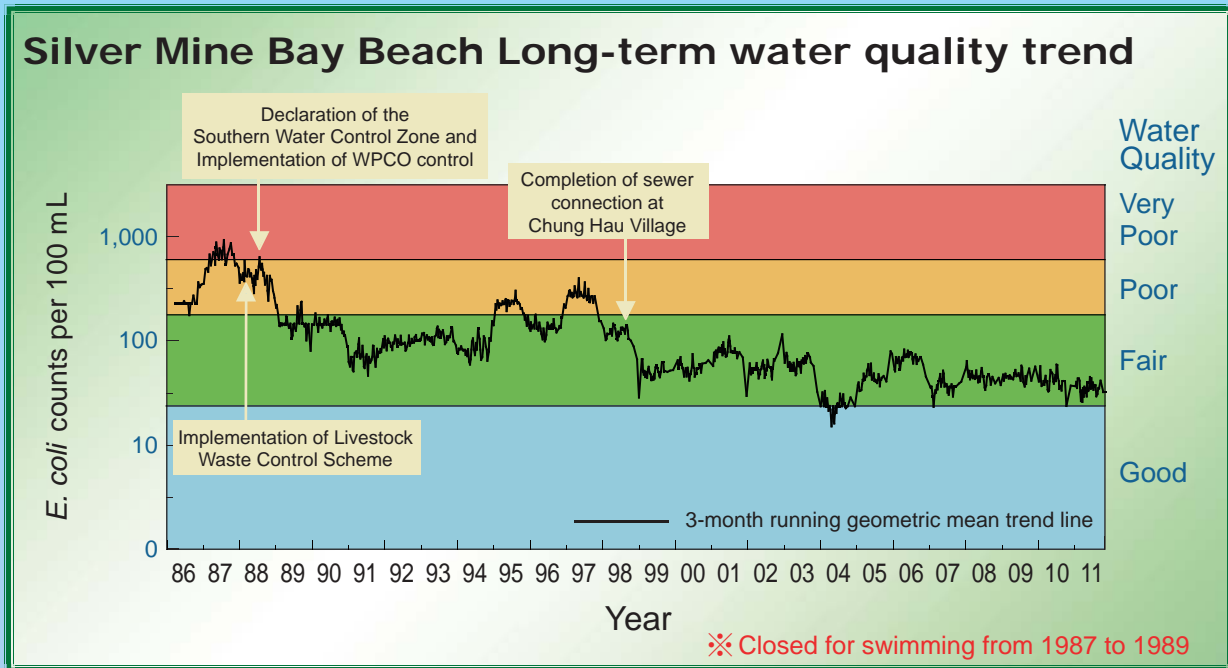
- A scenic beach on Lantau Island was closed from 1987 to 1989 due to unacceptable water quality.
- Annual geometric mean *E. coli* level was 2400 count/100 mL in 1987.



A close-up shot of Silver Mine Bay Beach

Major pollution sources:

- Livestock farms in Mui Wo.
- Unsewered villages.



Government's mitigation measures:

- Introduced Livestock Waste Control Scheme in Mui Wo in 1988 to stop illegal discharge from livestock farms.
- Commissioning of Mui Wo Sewage Treatment Works and implementing the wastewater control under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance in 1989.



Drainage construction works at Chung Hau

Improvement observed:

- Silver Mine Bay Beach started to comply with the Water Quality Objective in 1989.
- Generally maintained at "Fair" or above ranking since 1989.



At the beach: fun and exercise for families

*Further improvement is expected...*

*Sewerage improvement works in Mui Wo area are on-going and should be completed in 2013. More houses in the hinterland will be connected to the public sewers.*