

## **Supplementary Note on the Guidance for the 2026 Application Round (Applicable to Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund Applications only)**

As of the end of 2023, the Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund (MCEF) had allocated HK\$50 million to support marine conservation initiatives. Following the completion of some funded projects, a limited amount of returned funding is available to support additional small-scale projects. After review by the Steering Committee of the Environmental Enhancement Funds, it was agreed that these funds should be utilised to support further marine conservation enhancement initiatives.

This Supplementary Note provides guidance on the Year 2026 application for the MCEF and should be read in conjunction with the Guidance Note for the MCEF. Unless otherwise specified below, the terms and conditions set out in the Application Form and the Guidance Note for the Marine Conservation Enhancement Fund shall apply.

### **1. Funding Amount for MCEF**

The maximum funding amount for each application in this cycle is HK\$0.5 million.

### **2. Project Duration**

All funded projects are expected to be completed within one (1) year from the commencement of the Project. The commencement date of the Project must be between 1 December 2026 and 31 December 2026.

### **3. Application Period**

The application period will close at **11:59 p.m. on 10 July 2026**. Late submission will not be considered.

### **4. Funding Themes for MCEF**

Applications submitted in this cycle should align with one or more of the following themes:

- a) Marine conservation;
- b) Habitat restoration and rehabilitation;
- c) Education and ecotourism.

Priority will be given to applications that aim to strengthen the reach and impact of MCEF's funding themes through education and public/community engagement. The sharing of knowledge from previous MCEF-funded projects <sup>1</sup>, as well as other relevant initiatives, is encouraged. In addition, activities such as conferences, workshops and symposiums that facilitate the sharing of findings and enhance community participation, are welcomed.

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the dedicated website for the list of MCEF-funded projects:  
[https://env.hkollng.com/en/mcef/mcef\\_projects.html](https://env.hkollng.com/en/mcef/mcef_projects.html)