

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Ridge to Reef Environmental Education Program

Life, Society and humanities (History) – Hong Kong Local Oyster Industry and Ridge to Reef

(A) Topics:

- Topic 4: History, culture and heritage of early Hong Kong region
- Topic 12: The growth and transformation of Hong Kong in the 20th century
- (B) Duration: 2 lessons (45min per lesson)
- (C) Venue: normal classroom setting
- (D) Lesson Flow:

Sustainable Development Goal 11.4: strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage 12.8: ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature



		Lesson 1	Lesson 2	
Sub-topic:		Introduction to the Hong Kong oyster farming industry	Oyster industry and sustainable development	
Learning objectives:		Topic 4: History, culture and heritage of early Hong Kong region	Topic 12: The growth and transformation of Hong Kong in the 20th century	
		1. Understand the early life of the local people (Primary production mode)	1. Understand the situation and changes of Hong Kong before and after WWII	
		2. Understand the life of local people by knowing the intangible cultural heritage (HK oyster farm as a case study)	 (oyster farming as an introduction) 2. Understand the socio-economic development of Hong Kong after WWII (oyster farming as an example) 	
Key concepts:		A1 Five major clans and major ethnic groups in Hong Kong A2 Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) A3 Hong Kong's Early Economic Industry and Transformation at the earlier stage A4 Food safety A5 Sustainable development	B1 Oyster reef restoration B2 Man-made oyster reefs B3 Ridge to Reef	
Learning	Knowledge	 From the five major clans and major ethnic groups in Hong Kong, to understand the background and history of local oyster farmers and oyster industry Realize the events and timings affecting the development of the local oyster industry 	 Understand the current situation of Hong Kong's oyster industry Compare the similarities and differences of Hong Kong traditional oyster cultivation method and current oyster cultivation method Using foreign oyster farming as an example, point out the sustainable development elements in oyster farming 	
objectives	Skills	 List out the sequence of the local oyster industry development Based on historical data to make induction and inference and conduct critically thinking 	1. Ability to conduct data comparison	
	Attitude	 Foster students' interest and curiosity in the history of Hong Kong's oyster farming industry 	1. Integrate sustainable development elements into the daily life.	

(Reference: EDB PSHEKLA- History)

Time	Contents	Teaching materials	Guiding questions
		Setting	
5min	Introduction and induce motivation Using life-related experience and news clip as introduction to the topic of local oyster farming industry Introduce the learning objectives: - the background of the local oyster farming industry - the historical events of the local oyster farming industry	News: https://orientaldaily.on.cc/cnt/news/20190731/00176_080.html Main points: 1. 700 years history of local oyster farming industry 2. Listed in the intangible cultural heritage list 3. Unique and a large variety of oysters could be found in Hong Kong	Have your tried oysters? Where are they come from? Have you been to Lau Fau Shan to try the local sea food? Do you know any famous seafood from Lau Fau Shan? Do you know Hong Kong has the production of oysters? How long is the history?
		Development	
15min	 Background of local oyster farming industry The origins of the 5 Great Clans in Hong Kong The early economic industries in Hong Kong The oyster farming industry in Guangdong (including HK): origin and some trivia 	 The background of the oyster farming industry and the 5 Great Clans: the 5 Great Clans: Tang, Man, Liu, Hau and Pang major ethnic groups in HK: Hakka, Tanka and Hoklo moved and settled in the N.T. since the Song Dynasty The Tangs settled at Kam Tin and started oyster farming at the Deep Bay Early primary industries in Hong Kong: fisheries, agriculture, salt, lime, ceramics The lime industry is highly related to the oyster shells Oyster farming in Guangdong Zhujiang Delta is rich in shellfish production However, in the Tang Dynasty and 19th century, because of the extraction of lime, the production of oyster greatly reduced Other factors causing reduction in oyster production: reclamation overfishing due to loosen policies changes in the conditions of estuary (water velocity, temperature, quality and eutrophication) Teacher can briefly introduce the use of oyster shell house	When did the oyster farming industry start to develop in Hong Kong? Who started the oyster farming?
20min	The historical development of the local oyster farming industry Transition to the timeline of local oyster farming The rises and falls of the oyster farming industry	 ^{1st} rise The Tangs settled at Kam Tin and the Ha Village at Lau Fau Shan. They gained the right to run oyster farming from the Qing government ^{1st} fall The oyster breeding grounds were all destroyed because of the WWII. Farmers were forced to abandon the farms 2nd rise 	What makes our local oysters become so famous?

	 A lot of experienced oyster farmers moved from Shajing to HK since the WWII. They started the oyster farming again The opening of the road linking Yuen Long and Lau Fau Shan, and the construction of the infrastructure in Lau Fau Shan attracted a lot of tourists 2nd fall In 60s-70s, because of the rapid development of agriculture and industry, the water quality of the Deep Bay 			
	 greatly deteriorated Farmers at Shajing restarted oyster farming. This causes intense competition to local oysters due to the lower price and cost 3rd rise Local farmers adopt modern technology to lower the production cost and raise the quality of the oysters Oyster farming at Shajing was prohibited 			
Conclusion				
5min Summary of the lesson	 The 5 Great Clans in HK, and the background of the local oyster farming industry The historical events and the timeline of the local oyster forming industry 			

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Time		velopment	Guiding questions
10min	 Local oyster industry recent situation 1. Background: current Hong Kong oyster restoration work (TNC) 2. Impacts of oyster restoration (What challenges can be addressed) Improve local water quality Provide natural habitat and promote biodiversity Stabilize shorelines 	Restoring Hong Kong's Lost Oyster Reefs for Nature and People! https://www.youtube.com/wa tch?v=1QaB12zzX9I Current situation about Hong Kong oyster industry. Dialogue with oysters farmer. https://www.youtube.com/wa tch?v=adc01AAEwe4	What are the challenges faced by the local oyster industry?
10min	Different oyster farming methodsBottom culture method- Place young oysters in wild or artificial oysterreef- Harvest in two years- The underdeveloped oysters will be placed onthe recovered oyster shells and continue togrow.Raft culture method (Morton & Wong, 1975)- Place the oysters in a bag or cage and let themfloat in the water- Regularly check the breeding status of oystersuntil they grow to a size suitable for sale- The oyster eggs will be placed on therecovered oyster shell and removed when theoyster eggs matureContinue to circulate and produce more high-	refer to attached file "A timeline for the oyster aquaculture process "	
15min	 Foreign example: The uprise of oyster industry Example 1: Montauk, New York, U.S. I. The income of oyster farmers is largely dependent on changes in water quality II. Farmed oysters can release more than one million sperm or eggs each year, which enables a steady increase in the number of wild oysters. III. Urban development and human activities have brought many major challenges to oyster farming. For example, sewage ponds and septic tanks built near lakes seriously pollute water quality. IV. Factors leading to the decline in the number of oysters: Habitat reduction, growth of harmful algae and nitrogen pollution are the main reasons. Nitrogen pollution caused by sewage caused large-scale fish and sea turtle deaths in Peconic Bay in the early 	We're Oyster Framers - Montauk https://www.youtube.com/wa tch?v=McPQfdNZEY0 Water quality in Long Island: We are oyster farmers- Montauk https://www.nature.org/en- us/about-us/where-we- work/united-states/new- york/stories-in-new- york/stories-in-new- york/long-island-water- quality/we-re-oyster-farmers/	How does water quality affect oyster farming and oyster farming sites? How do human activities affect water quality and oyster farms? What challenges and difficulties might be encountered in the restoration of oyster reef?
	summer of 2015. Example 2: Virginia, Chesapeake Bay, U.S.	refer to attached file	Why do humans fight for

	I.	In the 1970s, the Chesapeake Bay's	Ovster Wars The Historic	ovsters?
		water ecological environment was	Fight For The Bay's Riches	
		had with poor water quality and	(Kimmel 2008)	
		overfishing as the main problems	(Rimmer, 2000)	
	п	The number of wild overage in the		How is the oyster industry
	11.	Chasenaalka Day has dronned to a		affected?
		Listerial law with last then 10	Aquaculture in the	
		historical low, with less than 1%	Chesapeake Bay	
		remaining.		How is the number of overage
	The sha	rp drop in the number of oysters has	https://www.nature.org/en-	offected?
	greatly	affected the ecological environment of	us/about-us/where-we-	anected?
	the Bay	Area. The ability of seawater to purify	work/priority-	
	sedimer	nts and remove harmful substances such	landscapes/chesapeake-	
	as nitro	gen and phosphorus has been greatly	bay/aquaculture-by-design-	
	reduced	1.	chesapeake-bay/	
	Exampl	le 3: Oyster restoration: increase the	Aquaculture by Design,	
	number	of ovsters	Chesapeake Bay	What are the advantages and
	I	Shelter for shellfish artificial ovster	https://www.youtube.com/wa	disadvantages of artificial ovster
		reef	tch?v-CUWePUvBGBF	reef?
	п	Sustainable development of fishery		
	11.	products ousters	A que culture by Decign	Who are the stakeholders
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		A. Gradually increase the haditat	Chesapeake Bay: Results	involved in the restoration of
		of finitsh and shellinsh.	nups://www.youtube.com/wa	Oyster reel?
		B. By 2025, the work of	tch?v=WI-VK1Sgv18	
		conserving oyster glutinous		What challenges and difficulties
		habitat will be extended to	Aquaculture in the	might be encountered in the
		ten rivers.	Chesapeake Bay	restoration of oyster reef?
	III.	Benefits: Improve breeding efficiency	https://www.nature.org/en-	
		and ability to resist diseases	us/about-us/where-we-	
	IV.	For every 100,000 oysters cultivated,	work/priority-	
		six pounds of nitrogen and phosphorus	landscapes/chesapeake-	
		can be eliminated from the ocean	bay/aquaculture-by-design-	
	V.	Ovsters can absorb waves, resist and	chesapeake-bay/	
		stabilize the coastline		
	VI	Influencing factors/challenges	Results of the Chesapeake	
		opposition from farmers government	Bay Oyster Restoration	
		funding and legal restrictions	Work-Data	
		runding and legal restrictions	https://www.chesapeakeprog	
			ross com/obundant	
			life/oustors	
10 .	G 1		onclusion	
Iumin	Conclus	sion	Class discussion and PP1	What are the benefits of
		~	present	developing an oyster industry in
	1.	Summarize the knowledge learned in		Hong Kong?
		the past class	Cooperation with restaurants-	
	2.	Lead students to brainstorm with	Hong Kong launches the first	Which method of oyster
		guiding questions	shellfish shell recovery	cultivation is better? Is the
	3.	Introduce sustainable development	project-helping to rebuild	previous or current method
		through class discussion	natural oyster reefs	better? why? (Try to start from
				the perspectives of cost-
			https://www.hk01.com/18 届	effectiveness and sustainable
			新聞/615817/與黎甌合作-木	development.)
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			<u>/它非目间凹收只规取计劃</u> 一一一千四十二 如 拉克·哈	Is the restoration of the
			月旫里廷大然翳礁	Chesapeake Bay ovster reef
				applicable to Hong Kong? why?
				applicable to Hong Kong; why?
				How can the overar inductor
				achieve susteinable
				development?
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Task Sheet

Let's watch the video!

Watch the video and answer the following questions.

1. How long is the history of the local oyster farm development?

2. What is so special about the local oysters?

3. What is the relationship between the local oysters and cultural heritage?

*4. What is the name of the unique oyster species of Hong Kong?

<u>Let's learn more!</u> The 5 Great Clans and the oyster farm

What are the "Five Families" in Hong Kong? Which of them started oyster farming in Hong Kong?

Please mark down the location where they settled and started oyster farming in the map below.



The early Primary industries in Hong Kong				
What are the primary industries in the early times of Hong Kong? 🗹 the appropriate				
boxes.				
Fisheries	Agriculture	Livestock rearing		
🗌 Lime	Mining	Ceramics		
Oyster Farming in Gua	ngdong			
What are possible reasons causing the reduction in oyster yield?				
i				
ii				
iii				
iv				

Development history of the local oyster farms

<u>Let's sequence!</u>

Finish the timeline below by marking the historical events of local oyster farm.





The History of the Local Oyster Farming Industry

What are they in common?







Have you tried this before? What is so special about this?



香港巨牡蠣 Magallana hongkongensis

Video Watching

Watch the news report on local oyster growing industry and answer the questions in the worksheet



https://orientaldaily.on.cc/cnt/news/20190731/001 76 080.html (Source: OnCC)

Local Oyster Farming Industry

-700 years of history
-One of the intangible cultural heritage in HK
-Among all 36 species of oysters, 20 species can be found in HK
-"Hong Kong oyster" is the unique oyster

species in HK

What is the history of local oyster farm?



The relationship between the 5 Great Clans and the oyster farming industry

- Tang, Man, Liu, Hau, Pang
- Major ethnic groups: Hakka, Tankas (boat people), Hoklo
- Moved and settled in HK in the Song Dynasty --> 5 Great Clans
- The Tangs settled at Kam Tin and started the oyster farming at the Deep Bay



Early Primary Industry in HK

- Fishing (Deep Bay and Pak Sha Wan)
- Agriculture
- Salt
- Lime(石灰)
- Porcelain (瓷器)

→ Lime industry is closely related to the oyster farming industry



Oyster shells alongside the creek before transport to the lime works.

Oyster Farming Industry in Guangdong

- Pearl River Delta Region is rich in shellfish
- Since Tang Dynasty, because of the extraction of lime, the yield of oyster greatly decreased:
- **D** Reclamation
- Overfishing due to loosen policy
- Change in estuary environment (river velocity, temperature, quality, eutrophication)





What is the history of the local oyster farm?





Origin

The Tangs from the Ha Village in Yuen Long rent oyster farms from the government

Tang Chek Hing, the ancestor of the Tangs started the oyster farming business (including retail and restaurant)

A lot of oyster farms were destroyed due to prolonged wars. At the same time, a lot of oyster farmers moved from Shajing and settled at Deep Bay

Redevelopment

- The new labour facilitated the • redevelopment of oyster farming.
- The road linking Yuen Long and ٠ Lau Fau Shan facilitated tourism in Lau Fau Shan.
- The government built more ٠ infrastructure at Lau Fau Shan



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Development

The advancement in 'technology under China-HK cooperation facilitated the • development of the oyster farming • Water quality was poor as the Deep Bay was polluted by the fast-growing livestock rearing industry

- Rumours that the local oyster had excessive heavy metal
- Oyster from Mainland was competitive (cheap and fresh)
- Advancement in local technology → higher yield with lower cost

Redevelopment

 Prohibition of oyster farming in Mainland HK oyster entered the Mainland market

Redevelopment

 The unique oyster species of HK was named Magallana hongkongensis

Summary

- The 5 Great Clans <-> The early development of local oyster farm
- The timeline and major historical events of the local oyster farming industry



An example of human use of marine resources: Hong Kong's oyster farming

Lesson 1 The Habitat of Oyster





























How is the mudflat formed?



















The Characteristics of Mudflats

? Areas that are intermittently flooded by seawater ? The ground is covered with fine sediments Pabitats of many species (rich in biodiversity)









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Creating a new home for the Olympia oyster

100 reef balls were lowered into the shallow waters off Point Pinole Regional Park, creating a man-made oyster reef. Here's how it will work.

with a mix of concrete. silt and shells.

 Reef balls are created
 The hard textured surfaces are ideal for Olympia oyster larvae to latch onto.

 The artificial reef also creates an environment attractive to other marine animals and plants.



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