



Video transcript

Video - Partnering with WWF-HK

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[Maggie Kwok] This is the otter poop. You can see some of the fish scales inside it. Some actually said that it smells a little bit like jasmine tea. It's okay.

So usually we'll come in just before sunrise. We'll basically look for the otter poop. So their spraints.

With fresh spraint sample, we can actually use it to do DNA analysis. We'll be able to see actually how many otters are in that area as well.

Sadly, no spraint today. And I guess it's raining as well, so maybe not.

Mai Po is a globally important staging and wintering area for migratory birds. Most people actually know Mai Po as a bird paradise, but there are also different mammals that you can find.

For Hong Kong, one of the rarest mammals is Eurasian otters. The otters usually come out at night. They're nocturnal.

So that's why we set up the camera trap here, in order to record what they do and also their characteristics as well.

By actually finding out where otters can be found, we'll be able to tackle and then develop specific strategies in order to protect them.

[Text on screen] The Wetland Incubator project is the latest collaboration between WWF-Hong Kong and The Hongkong Bank Foundation.

Dating back to 1999, the partnership between these two organisations is devoted to preserving a critical ecosystem that supports an abundance of wildlife and plants.

[Bonnie Yip] *Saying hi to Aljo. I like his outfit. He has the programme name over there, like an ambassador of Mai Po.*

[Maggie Kwok] For this specific project, we actually use a lot of incubation and also innovations. Conservation detection dog is one of the solutions that we're testing out.

[Bonnie Yip] *Aljo, kiss!*

[Maggie Kwok] He is able to identify the otter poop and he can actually find it in a confined area.

Oh, he found one. Good job.

[Bonnie Yip] Wetlands are definitely a hugely important part of Hong Kong. It has so much ecological value, being a habitat for different species.

There could be a lot of challenges facing wetlands right now.

A lot of the wetlands are converted into farmland or into different kinds of infrastructure.

The Foundation itself has always thought about how to give back to the community. We do have a role in terms of working with different partners, different stakeholders in the area.

We've collaborated with WWF for so many years. We've been training wetland managers across the region.

The wider vision is really to bring different people together and think about the sustainable development of Hong Kong.

[Maggie Kwok] If it hadn't been for The Hongkong Bank Foundation, we wouldn't have this opportunity to create all these amazing solutions.

We hope that some of the solutions that have been created can be replicated in other wetlands, and also let more people take part in wetland conservation.