



Hong Kong Bird Watching Society
香港觀鳥會

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Tap Mun Tern Festival – Call for Donation and Volunteers

Dear Members,

Every summer, three species of terns, (Bridled, Black-naped and Roseate) come to breed in Hong Kong. They will raise their young at a few small outlying islands from May and return to the oceans between August and September. Under the existing limited conservation measures, tern breeding colonies are threatened by human disturbances from time to time. This has probably contributed to the decline in Roseate Tern counts in recent years.

Since 1998, the Society has been studying local breeding terns and monitoring the amount of human disturbance to the colonies. In late 2002, the Tern Research Group was formed to run a tern conservation project funded by the Environment and Conservation Fund. A booklet on terns was published in 2003 summer. Tern watching trips were organized to introduce the ecology and conservation needs of the bird to local tour operators, hiking groups, teachers and university students.

To better protect the breeding colonies, the first step is to let the public know the birds and understand the need for conservation. To this end preparation is being made to launch a “Tap Mun Tern Festival” between June and July this year. The programme includes a tern webpage, booklet, public and school seminars, road shows at train stations and Tap Mun, as well as a few tern-watching tours.

The Festival will be a non profit-making project that requires about \$10,000 from donations plus volunteers to run. If you are interested to help, please complete the form below and return it to us. Donors who contribute \$500 or more may join one of the tern-watching tours free. Any excess amount left over will be retained for tern conservation work in the following years.

Please help to protect the few tern breeding colonies in HK. Keep the terns coming every summer.

Alan CHAN
Tern Research Group, HKBWS

To: Tern Research Group, HKBWS

- I would like to donate HK\$_____ for the Tap Mun Tern Festival. A crossed cheque payable to “**The Hong Kong Bird Watching Society Ltd**”, no. _____ is attached.
- I volunteer to help in the Tap Mun Tern Festival.

Name : _____ Membership No. : _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature

Date

Please mail or fax the completed form to HKBWS (Box 12460, G.P.O., H.K.; Fax:2314 3687) For enquiries, please contact Mr. Stanley NG on 2377 4387 or email: membership@hkbws.org.hk.