

## Location Filming in Marine Parks

**Permit Name** : Permit to Carry On An Activity For Business  
**Licensing Authority** : Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)  
**Inquiry Contact** : Marine Parks Division  
Address : 6/F Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices,  
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon  
Tel : (852) 2150 6875 Fax : (852) 2152 0060

### **The Regulation:**

Section 15(c) of Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulations, Chapter 476A, Laws of Hong Kong

#### **1. Control Subject Matter :**

- No person shall within a marine park or marine reserve except under and in accordance with a permit carry on any activity for the purpose of, or incidental to, any business, except where such activity is otherwise permitted under the Regulations.

#### **2. General Conditions of the Permit :**

- In principle, areas that will not be approved for location filming are marine reserves, marine park areas prone to ecological impacts and marine park management centres.
- Unless with express approval, shooting of the following scenes is strictly prohibited: lighting of fires or the use of fireworks or explosives or any pyrotechnic materials; scenes or acts that would result in contamination or pollution of marine environment; vessels navigating at a speed of over 10 knots; any act of fishing or fishing with spear guns; and any other acts prohibited or controlled under the Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulations.

### **How to Apply:**

1. All applications shall be sent to AFCD at least 8 working days before the intended date of filming with the information on the exact location, scenes to be shot, nature of the activities involved, relevant maps (maps of the countryside or other maps of a minimum scale of 1:20,000), mooring and anchoring of vessels, creating props or structures, and any other activities controlled under Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation. Each application may cover only one location in one marine park.
2. Attached copies of identity cards and vessel's licence mentioned in the application form.
3. Requests for correction or alteration of any information in the permit will be treated as a fresh application, which, once approved, attracts fees at the normal rates of permit fees.
4. All vessels brought into or used in the marine park should have an appropriate licence issued by Marine Department (enquiry tel no.: (852) 2852 4423). Mooring or anchoring outside designated areas is prohibited. In this connection, a separate application has to be made to AFCD.

### **Permit Fees:**

- \$180 per permit

### **Duration of the Permit:**

- two days

### **Form Required:**

- Application form and guidelines are available at the Resource Centre of Film Services Office and can be obtained from AFCD.

**MARINE PARKS AND MARINE RESERVES REGULATION (CAP. 476)**  
**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CARRY ON AN ACTIVITY FOR BUSINESS**

**APPLICATION FORM**

Notes to Applicant

- (a) This application form should be duly completed. It should be delivered to 6/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, by person or by mail.
- (b) All copies of Identity Cards, vessel's licence mentioned in the application form should be enclosed. For enquiry, please contact Marine Parks Division at 2150 6875.

Warning

This permit shall be revoked at any time by the Authority if the applicant furnishes false statements or materials upon application. Please note, the supply of false information or materials is a criminal act, the maximum fine is \$10,000 if he is found guilty.

I. Particulars of applicant

1. Name : Mr/Mrs/Miss \_\_\_\_\_ 2. HK ID Card No. : \_\_\_\_\_
3. Organization (if any) : \_\_\_\_\_
4. Address : \_\_\_\_\_
5. Telephone No. : \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Fax No. : \_\_\_\_\_
7. Postal Address : \_\_\_\_\_

II. Particulars of vessel (if applicable)

8. Licence No. : \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Expiry date : \_\_\_\_\_
10. Length of vessel : \_\_\_\_\_ metres 11. Usual mooring place : \_\_\_\_\_

III. Details of activity

12. Proposed place of activity (Please delete as appropriate)

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| (A) Yan Chau Tong Marine Park              | (B) Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park     |
| (C) Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau Marine Park | (D) Tung Ping Chau Marine Park |

13. Name and particulars of activity :
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

14. Proposed date of activity : \_\_\_\_\_ 15. No. of participants : \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Data Collection Statement :**

- (1) The personal data provided will be used for the purpose of the application only.
- (2) You have the right to request access to and the correction of personal data in this form in accordance with Sections 18 and 22 Principle 6 of Schedule 1 to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

**Official Use**

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| 1. Date of application received : _____ | 2. Demand Note : _____   |
| 3. Permit fee : _____                   | 4. Permit No. : _____    |
| 5. Permit prepared by : _____           | 6. Date of issue : _____ |

## **Filming in Marine Parks**

Nobody shall shoot commercial films in marine parks without first obtaining a permit from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD).

All applications should be sent to AFCD at least eight working days before the intended date of filming. Each application may cover only one location in one marine park.

At the time of application, the exact location intended for the filming, the scenes to be shot and the nature of the activities involved should be stated clearly, with relevant maps (maps of countryside or other maps of a minimum scale of 1:20,000) attached for reference.

Upon collection of the permit, a non-refundable permit fee at the rate of \$180 for each day of filming in the marine park shall be payable. Each permit is normally valid for two days.

Requests for correction or alteration of any information in the permit will be treated as a fresh application, which, once approved, attracts fees at the normal rates of permit fees.

All vessels brought into or used in the marine park should have an appropriate licence issued by the Marine Department. Mooring or anchoring outside designated areas is prohibited. In this connection, a separate application has to be made to AFCD.

In principle, areas that will not be approved for location filming are marine reserves, marine park areas prone to ecological impacts and marine park management centres.

Besides, unless with express approval, shooting of the following scenes is strictly prohibited: lighting of fire or use of fireworks or explosives or any pyrotechnic materials; vessels navigating at a speed of over 10 knots per hour; any act of fishing or fishing with spear guns; and other acts banned or controlled under the Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulations.

Film companies may apply by writing to the Country and Marine Parks Authority (Tel: 2150 6875), AFCD, 6/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices.



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**(Made under section 20 of the Marine Parks Ordinance (Cap. 476))**

Hoi Ha Wan, Yan Chau Tong, Sha Chau and Lung Kwu Chau had been designated as Marine parks in 1996.

Section 3 to 10 prohibit the park users from performing the following activities inside a marine park or marine reserve:-

- (a) fishing, hunting or the taking away of animals and plants;
- (b) the possession of certain fishing or hunting devices:
  - 1. Any trawl net including stern trawl, pair trawl or shrimp trawl net.
  - 2. Any spear gun.
  - 3. Any fishing device using high voltage electric charge for the purpose of stunning fish or animals.
  - 4. Cha Tsai Peng (oil processing residue from tea-seeds), rotenone, phenthoate, permethrin or cyanide.
  - 5. Dynamite or other explosives.
- (c) water-skiing or boating activities, etc;
- (d) fish culture;
- (e) damaging any shoreline features;
- (f) damaging facilities located inside a marine park or marine reserve; and
- (g) the operating of power-driven vessels exceeding the speed of 10 knots.

Section 11 to 15 control the following activities inside a marine park or marine reserve:-

- (a) the mooring and anchoring of vessels;
- (b) hawking;
- (c) the display of signs, etc;
- (d) barbecuing and camping; and
- (e) meetings and other specified events.

Contact Tel No.: 2150 6875

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**Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department**

**Guidelines for approving commercial filming  
in Marine Parks and Marine Reserves**

1. Filming will **NOT** be approved in the following areas:
  - i. Marine Reserves
  - ii. Marine Parks Management Centre
  - iii. Ecologically sensitive areas within Marine Parks and Marine Reserves
  
2. Filming techniques / scenes are **PROHIBITED**:
  - i. Lighting of fire or the use of fireworks, explosives and any pyrotechnic materials
  - ii. Scenes or acts that would result in contamination or pollution of marine environment
  - iii. Any other activities prohibited under the MPO and MPR
  
3. Filming involving following activities must be **SPECIFIED** in the application for approval:
  - i. Mooring and anchoring
  - ii. Creating props or structures
  - iii. Any other activities controlled under the MPO and MPR

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