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THE Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD, 漁農自然護理署) wants the public to help reduce waste. It also wants to encourage hikers and country park visitors to develop responsible habits about the environment. Therefore, it has worked with many green groups and hiking organisations in Hong Kong to launch the Country Parks Waste Reduction Campaign 2015-2016 (郊野公園減廢計畫 2015-2016). The theme is "Take Your Litter Home" (「自己垃圾自己帶走」).

How will they encourage the public to take their litter home? Simple. By taking away the rubbish bins! Almost all the litter bins in Tai Po Kau Special Area (大埔滘自然護理區) and along four hiking **trails** are gone. The four trails are the Ma On Shan Country Trail (馬鞍山郊遊徑), the Tai Lam Chung Country Trail (大欖涌郊遊徑), the Dragon's Back (龍脊) on Hong Kong Island (香港島) and the Lantau Trail Section 3 (大嶼山鳳凰徑第三段). The only places that have rubbish bins are the main entrances.

This is a one-year **trial**. After that, the department will determine what to do next.





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## Too many rubbish bins

HONG KONG may have too many rubbish bins! HSMG Workshop (會社民工工作室), an environmental group, found that the city has about 43,000 rubbish bins. Depending on the area, the **density** is 6 to 15 times that of other major cities! Here are two **shocking** examples: In Kwun Tong (觀塘), they found 28 rubbish bins within a minute's walk of each other! On Shek O Beach (石澳泳灘), there are about 50 rubbish bins, with less than 10 metres between each of them!

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