

Visit to The Endangered Species Resource Centre @ AFCD

The Division of Applied Science and Technology had organized visit to the Endangered Species Resource Centre at the Headquarter of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department on 14 September 2018.



40 year 1 students from Associate of Science in Environmental Studies (who studied “Introduction to Environmental Conservation” course) joined these activities. This visit was led by Judy KIU. Students were firstly briefed by the government staff and afterwards, they

walked around the centre to explore the facts and law concerned about endangered species.

The Endangered Species Resource Centre occupies an area of about 160 square meters and is located on the sixth floor of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department headquarters at Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices. This aims to teach the knowledge of the endangered species conservation and their threats due to illegal international trades.

Endangered species listed under CITES (Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora) are protected by law in Hong Kong. Some species cannot be traded while some species required permits for trading.

For example, Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) is Appendix I level species because A Critically Endangered (CR) species is one which has been categorized by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.

About the flora, most *Orchidaceae* is endangered species, the center demonstrated different types of *Orchidaceae* and then let us to identify. The *Orchidaceae* have a high economic value, the human just connect the wild *Orchidaceae* Ruthlessly, the species decreased in recent years. Wild orchids are difficult to re-grow. In fact, many flora species same with fauna to confront the extinction this problem.

PHOTO FEATURES



Live animals displays



Briefing by the AFCD staff



Students looking at the confiscated items.



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