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ONE EA's First CSR Activity: Mudflat & Beach Clean Up - Horseshoe Crab Habitat Restoration

CSR ACTIVITY REPORT

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Hong Kong

Region:
East Asia

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Type of Activity:
Environmental
Protection

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ONE EA, held its first CSR activity to clean the mudflats and beach of Shui Hau Wan, Lantau Island of Hong Kong for the restoration of feeding ground for horseshoe crabs on 17 November 2018.

Horseshoe crabs are considered “living fossils” as they are creatures living on the earth for more than 200 million years, with brownish hard shell, ten pairs of eyes, five pairs of legs, and a needlepoint tail. Despite of their “weird” outlook, the extract of their blood (blue in colour) is widely used to make bacterial detectors for medical products testing. With the explanation and facilitation of the activity by the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong, the participants understood the ecology of this unique species and what we could do to restore their habitat, such as by cleaning up the mudflats, which are the primary home for the juvenile ones.

Under nice autumn breeze, a group of more than 40 keen ONE EA staff and their family members started to clean the beach whole-heartedly. Within the couple of hours of sweat, the group collected over 100 kg (!) of garbage of all sorts in the area.

Feedback of this CRS activity has been all positive from the participants. Here are some of the voices: “It was definitely a very meaningful activity in which myself and my kids were reminded of the importance of protecting the nature for the baby horseshoe crabs”; “we were lucky to see that many baby horseshoe crabs that day and hope we can keep the place continuously clean for more to reside in Hong Kong”; “we were surprised by the different kinds of urban garbage tangled in the mangrove and we tried hard to untangle them”; “it was a good company-family crossover activity!”; “look forward to more of the meaningful CSR activities to come!”.

