

# \$100m reef plan to revive sea life

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The Government will launch a \$100 million project for the growth and diversification of marine life in the next four years, provisional legislators were told yesterday.

Acting Secretary for Economic Services Maria Kwan Sik-ning said 150 man-made reefs would be dropped into the sea to provide food and protection for fishes.

The first reef would be put in place by the end of the year.

The council unanimously supported independent Lo Suk-ching's motion urging the Government to formulate a long-term policy for the dwindling agricultural and fishery industries.

He said the industries' future would rely on high technology, requiring direct government financial support.

Cheng Kai-nam of the DAB supported the call. "Hong Kong's prosperity started off as a fishing port, it's sad to see the fishing industry become a sunset industry," he said.

He also urged the Government to increase the quota for labour importation for fishing companies.