1,062 hawkers held in December

THE Regional Services Department arrested 1,062 hawkers in December as it continued to crack down on illegal hawking and maintain cleanliness in Regional Council areas.

Among those arrested were 676 itenerant hawkers, 205 cooked food hawkers and 73 food hawkers, all of whom were unlicensed.

The rest comprised 57 licensed itenerant hawkers and 51 licensed

fixed pitch hawkers who did not comply with licence conditions.

"We will continue clamping down on illegal hawking which cause hy giene problems, obstruction of ped estrians and traffic and noise nuis-ance," a department spokesman said yesterday.