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Year	1986	1991	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
%	66.60	78.60	34.15	36.59	21.95	14.63	14.63	17.07	19.51	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.07

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
%	17.07	7.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Operational Definitions

The percentage of gazzetted beaches ranked as poor/very poor according to the Water Quality Objectives (WQO). The objective set for all bathing beaches is that "the level of E.coli should not exceed 180 per ml for all samples collected from March to October (bathing season)" (Water Pollution Control Ordinance). The annual rank (excellent, good, fair, poor, very poor) of each of the beaches is determined with the monitoring data collected. Beaches with poor rating refer to beaches with more than an annual average geometric mean of 180 E.coli count per 100ml.

Footnote

All figures are collected from Census and Statistics Department since 1981.
Figures are extracted from Hong Kong Annual Digest of Statistics. The earliest figure available is that for 1988, which is used as a proxy for 1986. No data is available for 1981.