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OUTCOMES, CHALLENGES AND NOVEL ENFORCEMENT SOLUTIONS FOLLOWING THE 2004 CITES APPENDIX II LISTING OF THE HUMPHHEAD (=NAPOLEON) WRASSE CHEILINUS UNDULATUS (ORDER PERCIFORMES; FAMILY LABRIDAE)

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Venue: Room 6N-11, KBSB



About the speaker:

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Abstract:

Humphead (=Napoleon) wrasse, *Cheilinus undulatus*, is one of the top-priced internationally traded live reef food fish predominantly destined for consumers in Mainland China, Hong Kong and other Chinese communities. High economic incentives have driven serious overfishing of the species which, in 2004, was listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List, and added to the Convention on *International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)* Appendix II to avoid utilization incompatible with its survival. Hong Kong, as a signatory party of CITES and global trade hub for the species, must implement appropriate trade management and enforcement measures for its sustainable trade. This study assesses trade patterns in the species following its CITES-listing, into and through Hong Kong, evaluates enforcement effectiveness and develops novel solutions to address implementation shortcomings detected, and to enhance research capacity and education.