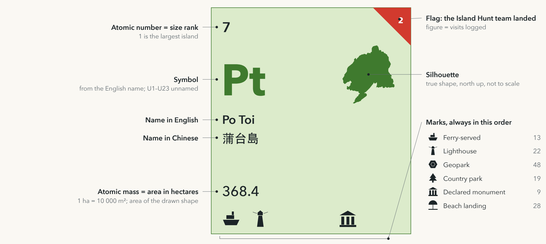
The Periodic Table of

Hong Kong's Islands

香港島嶼週期表

214 Hong Kong islands, from Lantau (14 929 ha) down to 0.1011 ha islets, each a tile like an element. Groups (columns) are 11 sea areas, numbered clockwise round the coast from the Pearl River estuary to Starling Inlet on the border. Periods (rows) are size tiers, and the 95 islets under 1 ha are pulled out below, like the lanthanides. Colour is the family: what kind of island it is. Within a cell, tiles run in size order.

HOW TO READ A TILE



FAMILIES: WHAT KIND OF ISLAND

- La — Island — 174 islands
- Ms — Tidal island — 18 islands
- Mi — Rock — 10 islands
- U1 — Rock cluster — 9 islands
- CI — Man-made island — 3 islands

PERIODS: SIZE TIERS

Huge > 1 km²: 20
Big 10 ha – 1 km²: 29
Medium 1 – 10 ha: 70
Small 0.1 – 1 ha: 95

GROUPS: SEA AREAS

Derived from each island's position, numbered clockwise round the coast; the small map on each column rings its islands in red.

TREND Size falls as you go east: the median island is 5.3 ha in groups 1–4 and 0.8 ha in groups 6–11. The east holds 67% of the islands but 9% of the island area (rank correlation of size with easting -0.29).

TREND Down the periods, names and landings thin out: named 100% to 80%, landed 90% to 39%

	1 Pearl River Estuary	2 Lantau & the Sokos	3 Victoria Harbour & Ma Wan	4 Lamma & Aberdeen	5 Po Toi & Waglan
	12 islands · median 7.2 ha	28 islands · median 4.8 ha	8 islands · median 7.8 ha	12 islands · median 4.9 ha	10 islands · median 3.6 ha
Huge > 1 km² · 20 islands	3 **Cl** Chek Lap Kok 赤鱲角 2 111	1 **La** Lantau Island 大嶼山 14 929 ; 8 **Cn** Cheung Chau 長洲 247.3 ; 12 **He** Hei Ling Chau 喜靈洲 195.2 ; 18 **Ta** Tai A Chau 大鴨洲 118.6 ; 19 **Sw** Shek Kwu Chau 石鼓洲 117.3	2 **Ho** Hong Kong Island 香港島 7 865 ; 5 **Ty** Tsing Yi 青衣 1 068	4 **Lm** Lamma Island 南丫島 1 393 ; 15 **Ap** Ap Lei Chau 鴨脷洲 130.8	7 **Pt** Po Toi 蒲台島 368.4 ; 17 **Be** Beaufort Island 蝶洲 118.9
Big 10 ha – 1 km² · 29 islands	36 **Lw** Lung Kwu Chau 龍鼓洲 38.75 ; 44 **Bd** Blue Dolphin Island 藍海豚島 14.41 ; 48 **We** West Brother 大東刀 12.54 ; 49 **Ea** East Brother 小東刀 11.09	21 **Pg** Peng Chau 坪洲 99.66 ; 25 **Si** Siu A Chau 小鴉洲 72.02 ; 26 **To** Tai O 大澳島 71.87 ; 30 **Sd** Sunshine Island 周公島 54.39 ; 40 **Ky** Kau Yi Chau 交椅洲 22.97 ; 45 **Ip** i-PARK1 綜合環物管理設施第1期 14.34	22 **Ma** Ma Wan 馬灣 98.44 ; 47 **Gn** Green Island 青洲 12.66	39 **Md** Middle Island 蚺蛇洲 23.63 ; 46 **Ro** Round Island 銀洲 14.20	35 **Su** Sung Kong 宋崗 45.96
Medium 1 – 10 ha · 70 islands	53 **Sh** Sha Chau 沙洲 8.689 ; 62 **Sg** Sheung Sha Chau 上沙洲 5.672 ; 80 **Pl** Pearl Island 龍珠島 2.994 ; 90 **Sc** Siu Sha Chau 小沙洲 2.011 ; 114 **Ha** Ha Sha Chau 下沙洲 1.143	56 **Pd** Peaked Hill 鞍冀角 7.557 ; 61 **Mc** Ma Chau 籽洲 5.685 ; 66 **Sy** Siu Kau Yi Chau 小交椅洲 4.901 ; 67 **Mk** Cheung Muk Tau 樟木頭 4.784 ; 72 **Lo** Tau Lo Chau 陶鰲洲 3.972 ; 84 **Yn** Yuen Chau 鏡洲 2.816 ; 86 **Le** Tai Lei 大利島 2.615 ; 98 **Cw** Cha Kwo Chau 茶果洲 1.621 ; 107 **Yk** Yuen Kong Chau (Soko Islands) 鏡幹洲 1.304	81 **Co** Cheung Sok 長雀 2.966 ; 83 **Ln** Tang Lung Chau 燈籠洲 2.848 ; 99 **Lr** Little Green Island 小青洲 1.512	50 **Al** Ap Lei Pai 鴨脷排 9.690 ; 54 **Lu** Luk Chau 鹿洲 8.299 ; 100 **Mg** Magazine Island 火藥洲 1.509 ; 112 **Lc** Lo Chau 蘆洲 1.206
Small 0.1 – 1 ha · 95 islets	176 **Ph** Pak Chau 白洲 0.2641 ; 196 **Tz** Tsz Kan Chau 飽富洲 0.1823 ; 179 **Ki** Siu Ko Pai 小高排 0.2400 ; 195 **U17** Unnamed 未命名 0.1839 ; 214 **U20** Unnamed 未命名 0.1011	149 **Sk** Shek Chau (Soko Islands) 石洲 0.4748 ; 157 **Wh** Wu Lo Chau 烏蘆洲 0.3826 ; 185 **Nu** Ngan Chau 銀洲 0.2189	178 **Nk** Ngam Hau Shek 岩口石 0.2441	131 **Ca** Tau Chau 頭洲 0.8089 ; 137 **Pc** Lo Chau Pak Pai 蘆洲白排 0.6637 ; 204 **U18** Unnamed 未命名 0.1521 ; 210 **Sp** Lung Shan Pai 隆山排 0.1063	147 **Pa** Tai Pai 大排 0.5010

	6 Shek O to the Ninepins	7 Port Shelter	8 High Island	9 Mirs Bay	10 Tolo Harbour & Channel	11 Double Haven & Starling Inlet
	20 islands · median 0.6 ha	40 islands · median 1.1 ha	36 islands · median 0.6 ha	12 islands · median 1.3 ha	9 islands · median 3.5 ha	27 islands · median 0.9 ha
Huge > 1 km² · 20 islands	10 **Tl** Tung Lung Chau 東龍洲 242.2	6 **Ks** Kau Sai Chau 滘西洲 641.2 ; 13 **Ji** Jin Island 吉蘊洲 183.1 ; 20 **Sr** Sharp Island 橋咀洲 103.2		14 **Gr** Grass Island 塔門 171.0 ; 16 **Pi** Ping Chau 平洲 119.8	9 **Cr** Crooked Island 吉澳 244.5 ; 11 **Do** Double Island 往牌洲 224.7
Big 10 ha – 1 km² · 29 islands	38 **No** North Ninepin Island 北葉洲 24.77 ; 41 **Ni** South Ninepin Island 南葉洲 21.35	29 **Sl** Shelter Island 牛尾洲 56.62 ; 31 **Tc** Tai Tau Chau (Sai Kung District) 大頭洲 54.16 ; 37 **Yt** Yim Tin Tsai (Sai Kung) 鹽田仔 30.45	24 **Ba** Basalt Island 火石洲 81.19 ; 27 **Bl** Bluff Island 沙塘口山 67.88 ; 28 **Tw** Town Island 吠頭頭洲 64.31 ; 42 **Wa** Wong Chau 橫洲 19.53	34 **Pr** Port Island 赤洲 46.61	32 **Ms** Ma Shi Chau 馬屎洲 52.00 ; 33 **Yi** Yim Tin Tsai (Tai Po District) 鹽田仔 48.24	23 **Cd** Crescent Island 鴨脷洲 95.32 ; 43 **Ye** Yeung Chau 洋洲 16.46
Medium 1 – 10 ha · 70 islands	10 **Tl** Tung Lung Chau 東龍洲 242.2	95 **Ka** Kai Chau 雞洲 1.880 ; 97 **Yl** Yau Lung Kok 游龍角 1.627 ; 104 **Tn** Tai Tsan Chau 大鑽洲 1.425 ; 109 **Ge** Green Egg Island 綠蛋島 1.213 ; 105 **Pn** Pin Chau 扁洲 1.413 ; 106 **Sa** Tung Sam Chau 精心洲 1.397 ; 116 **Ku** Kung Chau 弓洲 1.092 ; 77 **Il** Centre Island 丫洲 3.458 ; 73 **Fn** Fun Chau 壞洲 3.947 ; 119 **Tg** Tsing Chau 青洲 1.036 ; 110 **Pm** Ping Min Chau 平面洲 1.213 ; 113 **Mn** Mang Chau Tsai 芒洲仔 1.175 ; 117 **U1** Unnamed 未命名 1.089 ; 118 **Cg** Ching Chau 青洲 1.037 ; 108 **Tm** Tsim Chau 尖洲 1.293 ; 91 **Wu** Wu Chau (Tai Po District) 烏洲 1.975
Small 0.1 – 1 ha · 95 islets	136 **U4** Unnamed 未命名 0.6852 ; 155 **Cs** Cheung Tsui Chau 長嘴洲 0.4000 ; 172 **Lt** Lan Tau Pai 欄頭排 0.2842 ; 205 **U19** Unnamed 未命名 0.1501	139 **Nf** Nam Fung Chau 南風洲 0.6262 ; 159 **Yp** Yi Pai 二排 0.3618 ; 180 **Hp** Lung Ha Pai 龍蝦排 0.2382 ; 206 **Fa** Fan Tap Pai 番塔排 0.1479 ; 142 **Tp** Tai Pai 大排 0.5622 ; 167 **Mf** Mai Fan Tsui 米粉咀 0.3117 ; 187 **U14** Unnamed 未命名 0.2060 ; 207 **Yh** Siu Yuen Chau 小圓洲 0.1413 ; 145 **U7** Unnamed 未命名 0.5465 ; 168 **Py** Po Yue Pai (Northern) 蒲魚排 0.2982 ; 188 **U15** Unnamed 未命名 0.1997 ; 211 **Tk** Tung Kok Pai 東角排 0.1054 ; 152 **Ns** Ngau Shi Pui 牛屎缽 0.4076 ; 169 **U11** Unnamed 未命名 0.2929 ; 193 **Bu** Bun Bei Chau 頭唇洲 0.1873 ; 213 **Sm** Sam Pai 三排 0.1024	158 **U8** Unnamed 未命名 0.3792 ; 165 **U10** Unnamed 未命名 0.3220 ; 209 **Kh** Chau Tsai Kok 洲仔角 0.1375	171 **Pu** Sam Pui Chau 三杯酒 0.2875 ; 199 **Cu** Tang Chau 橙洲 0.1688	133 **Nm** Tai Nim Chau 太笨洲 0.7495 ; 138 **U5** Unnamed 未命名 0.6281 ; 141 **Cp** Lo Chi Pai 鑊鏟排 0.5766 ; 148 **Kt** Kok Tai Pai 角大排 0.4755 ; 150 **Nh** Siu Nim Chau 小笨洲 0.4429 ; 153 **Cm** Shui Cham Tsai Pei 水鑽仔北 0.4053 ; 174 **Wp** Wu Pai 烏排 0.2761 ; 175 **Yu** Po Yue Pai 蒲魚排 0.2661 ; 184 **Na** Wong Nai Chau (Crooked Island area) 黃泥洲 0.2249 ; 189 **An** Ap Lo Chun 鴨somewhere 0.1974 ; 200 **Yc** Yan Chau 印洲 0.1669 ; 203 **Kc** Pak Ka Chau 蚌架洲 0.1541 ; 208 **Ne** Wong Nai Chau Teng 黃泥洲 0.1404

THE ISLETS, pulled out below the table like the lanthanides: same groups, same order

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Small 0.1 – 1 ha · 95 islets

MORE TRENDS

Rocks live only among the islets: all 10 rocks and 8 of 9 rock clusters are under 1 ha.

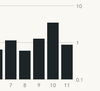
Ferries serve the top of the table: 12 of 13 ferry-served islands are huge or big; the exception is Ap Chau (Ac, 70).

The geopark mark belongs to the east: all 48 geopark islands are in groups 6–11.

Flags gather in group 7, Port Shelter: 11 of the 29 islands landed on. Groups 8, 10, 11 have no flag yet.

Names fade at the bottom: all 20 unnamed islands (U1–U20) are medium or small.

Median island by group, ha (log scale)



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Island Hunt data of 2 November 2026 · 214 islands · sea areas and symbols assigned for this poster · the groups' small maps ring each sea area in red