

# **Serious injury of passenger while engaging in diving activity on board the local pleasure vessel No. 36136 near Beijian Island on 16.10.2005**

## **1. The Incident**

- 1.1 At about 1500 on 16 October 2005, a passenger of the locally licensed pleasure vessel *PV36136* was seriously injured by the propeller of the vessel while he was engaged in diving activities off Beijian Island which lies to the west of Dangan Island (Figure 1).
- 1.2 The injured diver was delivered on board a Hong Kong police launch and was later transferred to a helicopter of Government Flying Service. He was brought by the helicopter to the Pamela Youde Eastern Hospital for medical treatment and was certified dead on arriving at the hospital.

## **2. Findings**

- 2.1 The cause of this fatal accident was due to engagement of astern engine by the Assistant Master to stop the movement of the vessel under the influence of wind and current. However, in manoeuvring the engines, he did not realize that the deceased had just jumped into the water at the astern of the vessel. As a result the deceased was drawn towards the propeller and was killed.

## **3. Lessons**

- 3.1 Every pleasure vessel should have already anchored and switched off the engines prior to carrying out any diving activities.

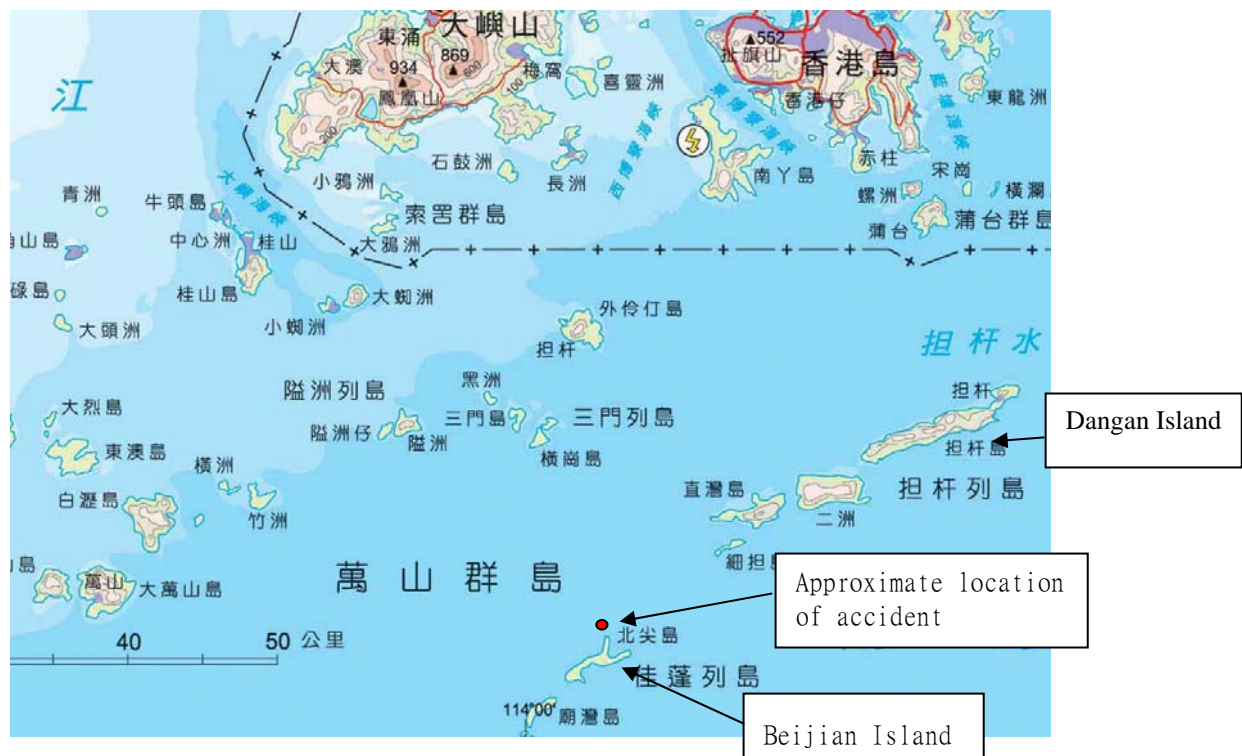


Figure 1 – Approximate location of accident