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Hong Kong's clean-up operation
香港大清除行动



Transcript 文字稿:

The **clean-up operation** begins.

Millions of pellets which are used to make plastic have been **washed up** on Hong Kong's beaches, following the worst typhoon in 13 years.

Environmentalists are concerned that the pellets will absorb dangerous **toxins**, which could enter the **food chain**.

Several hundred volunteers turned up to try and remove the **translucent** pellets, but the beaches could still take months to clean.

Vocabulary 词汇:

clean-up operation	清除打扫行动
washed up	被冲上海滩
toxins	危险毒素
food chain	食物链
translucent	半透明状的

中文文字稿:

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有无计其数的用来制造塑料的小颗粒物被海浪冲上了香港的沙滩，这是因为这里经历了 13 年来最严重的台风袭击。

环保人士担心这些颗粒将吸收危险毒素，从而进入食物链。

几百名自愿者已经加入清理这些半透明颗粒物的行动，但可能需要好几个月才能完成这次海滩大清洁工作。

Watch this video online: Hong Kong's clean-up operation <http://bbc.in/Rp1NKO>

Exercise 练习:

以下练习中的语句全部选自于 BBC 其他网页。

请从下面的词汇表里选择答案来完成句子。

注意：你可能需要改变单词的时态来完成句子。

clean-up / washed up / toxins / food chain / translucent

1. A dead humpback whale has been _____ in a Australian ocean swimming pool, surprising morning swimmers and causing a major problem for authorities who must remove it.
2. Cigarette butts become trapped between paving stones and are then washed into drains and can cause blockages which in turn can lead to flooding issues. They also leak _____ that contaminate water and can harm marine life.
3. A new inflatable and _____ bubble-shaped hotel has appeared on the shores of the Baltic sea, some 150 kilometres south of the Estonian capital Tallinn.
4. A _____ is continuing in the Borders town of Jedburgh after flooding caused by heavy rain. The town was struck by flash flooding on Sunday after the main streets turned into a river during a two hour downpour.
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