



## Wild Boar and You

### ✗ The Wrong Way to Meet



Corner or trap wild boar near fences or walls [nowhere for them to escape]



Throw objects at the wild boar



Chase wild boar with sticks



Move too close to a sow and her piglets

### ✓ The Right Way to Meet

- Keep calm, relaxed and observe from a distance
- Wait until the wild boar leaves before you proceed
- If required, back away slowly and give the wild boar plenty of open space to move away
- Dogs should be kept on a lead and kept quiet. They may need to be taken out of view of the boar quickly and calmly, this will avoid any possible confrontation

### Tracks and Signs



Soil disturbed and overturned by wild boar searching for worms and roots



Footprints



Wild boar scat (dropping)



Let's Care About Our Natural Heritage

**WILD BOAR** 





## Learn to Live with our Wildlife

### Key Issues

Wild boar like to live in woodland and grassland. They are omnivorous, eating roots, bulbs, tubers, snails, earthworms and carrion. Sometimes, they enter agricultural areas to search for food items and may dig up patches of crops with their noses. Damage caused is often avoidable if adequate preventive measures are taken, such as the use of electric fences, spiny hedges, scarecrows, strong odours, and security lighting. Generated sound can also be used to prevent boar from entering certain areas, even a ticking clock can scare them away for a short period.

Boar are primarily secretive and nocturnal, and prefer a quiet existence. Normally they are wary of humans and will avoid contact. In Hong Kong, the major predators of wild boar are Burmese pythons and feral dogs.

Report illegal animal traps to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), who can also provide advice on how to deal with wild boar which cause a nuisance.

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▲ Piglets with body stripes



### Are Wild Boar Dangerous?



▲ An adult wild boar in Hong Kong can weigh up to 200kg

Wild boar are not normally dangerous but as with all wild animals, there are times when you need to be careful. They are very shy and will usually run away at the sight or sound of people, if given the chance to do so. If cornered or attacked they will try to defend themselves.

### Healthy Forests



Wild boar can greatly benefit woodland ecology. They enhance plant species diversity by rooting through the surface soil making it loose and aerated, and also aid seed dispersal when seeds caught in their fur or consumed by them are dispersed. They are an important component of our natural heritage.



▲ Wild boar in Chinese culture are regarded as a symbol of the "wealth of the forest"