



World Ocean Day 2025 Program Thailand's Heart Made Islands Project

“30+ Islands Clean-Up: So Cool Mission”
Theme : WONDER – Sustaining What Sustains Us

Sunday, 8 June 2025

The Aiyapura Resort, Koh Chang, Trat Province
Location: Beachfront area, The Aiyapura Resort, Koh Chang

08:30–09:30 hrs

- Registration of guests, media, and participants

09:30–10:00 hrs

- Arrival of the Guest of Honour
- Exhibition walkthrough

10:00–12:00 hrs

Opening Ceremony: “30+ Islands Clean-Up: So Cool Mission”

- Opening video presentation
- Welcome speech by Mr. Jakkrit Salakpetch, Mayor of Koh Chang Tai Subdistrict
- Progress report by Deputy Director-General, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources
- Official opening of World Ocean Day 2025 by Mr. Nattapong Sanguanjit, Governor of Trat Province
- **MOU Signing Ceremony:** Island community commitment to reduce/eliminate single-use plastics, plastic straws, and foam containers
- Equipment handover for clean-up and group photo session
- **Island-wide signal launch (whistle blow)** from Koh Chang to mark the synchronized start of beach, mangrove, and coral reef clean-up activities across more than 30 islands, joined by Thai and international volunteers
- Executive team joins clean-up activity on Koh Chang

12:00–13:00 hrs

- Lunch

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13:00–16:00 hrs

- Waste sorting, weighing, and data entry into the ICC (International Coastal Cleanup) system
- Calculation of waste volumes by type and distribution to appropriate recycling/disposal facilities
- Estimation of greenhouse gas emissions reduction from coastal, mangrove, and underwater clean-up activities

16:00–18:00 hrs

- Free time and rest

18:00–20:00 hrs

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Thailand's Heart Made Islands Project – 30+ Islands Clean-Up: So Cool Mission

Roundtable Discussion: “Collaborate & Innovate to Solve the Island Waste Crisis” (60 minutes)

Panelists:

- Community representatives from at least 3 islands
- Representative from the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources
- Dr. Wijarn Simachaya, Director of Thailand Environment Institute
- Representative from Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF)
- Representative from Ogga-Circular
- Representative from Indorama Ventures
- Ms. Chochoe Devaporihartakula, Programme Manager, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)/IGES Representative
- Heidy Yu, Founder of Bling Bling Ocean Foundation
- John Thet, CEO of Underwater360 (UW360)

Moderators:

- Mr. Teerasak Suamcheepmaseua
- Acting Sub-Lieutenant Nirawat Boonlap
- Ms. Kriskamon Apibarnsi, Koh Chang Wittayakom School

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Program Agenda

The 3rd Thailand Sustainable Islands Tourism Symposium 2025

Island Wonders: Sustaining What Sustains Us

9-11 June 2025

Klong Prao Resort Koh Chang, Koh Chang District, Trat Province

June 9, 2025

10.00 - 15.00 hrs. Arrival of island leaders and symposium participants on Koh Chang

15.00 – 15.20 hrs. **Welcome Remarks by:**

- Mr. Bunchoet Sornsang, District Chief of Koh Chang
- Mr. Pornchai Khemmaphakkaphong, Former President of the Trat Provincial Tourism Industry Council

15.20 – 17.00 hrs. **Igniting Island Spirit... Passing the Torch to the Next Wave**

@ Wat Salak Phet School

Moderated by:

- Mr. Amarit Siripornchutakul, Former President of Krabi Tourism Industry Council, Advisor to the Krabi Tourism Industry Council
- Mr. Somphot Wasukri, Expert from Subdistrict Community Organization Council, Chair of the Civic Development Center, King Prajadhipok's Institute, Trat
- Mr. Patcharin Polkaj, Chairperson of the Salak Khok Local Tourism Group, Koh Chang

Activity:

“Listening–Voicing–Weaving the Island Community”

Island leaders present their island stories using visual cards summarizing the **Rapid Island Sustainability Assessment for Tourism**

Presented by:

- Asst. Prof. Dr. Jitsak Phutthachon, Tourism Management Expert, and Team from Silpakorn University

17.00–18.00 hrs. Return to accommodations

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June 10, 2025

The 3rd Thailand Sustainable Island Tourism Symposium (Klong Prao Resort Koh Chang)

08.00 – 08.30 hrs. Registration / Island Welcome Herbal Drink

09.00 – 09.30 hrs. **Opening Flag Ceremony & Symposium Launch**

The 3rd Thailand Sustainable Islands Tourism Symposium 2025

Opening of Exhibition on Sustainable Island Innovations and Solutions

Event Hosts:

- Mr. Teerasak Suamcheepmaseua
- Acting Sub-Lieutenant Nirawat Boonlap
- Ms. Kriskamon Apibarnsi, Koh Chang Wittayakom School

Opening Session:

• Opening Remarks:

- *Overview of the Symposium, Its Significance, and Summary of the 30+ Islands Clean-Up Results*
- Presented by the District Chief of Koh Chang

• Welcome Speech:

- By the Governor of Trat Province

• Official Opening:

- By the Minister of Tourism and Sports

09.30 – 09.50 hrs. **MoU Signing Ceremony CVTEC Koh Chang Collaboration Agreement**
Between:

- Thailand Sustainable Island Alliance (TSIA)
 - Cambodia–Vietnam–Thailand Economic Corridor (CVTEC)
- (A trilateral network to promote trade, investment, tourism, and MICE along the coastal corridor)

Group Photo Session

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09.50– 10.20 hrs. Special Keynote:
“Thailand’s Tourism: Readiness Toward Global Sustainable Standards” By: Mr. Chaturnont Phakdeewanit, Director-General of the Department of Tourism

10.20 – 10.30 hrs. Refreshments Break

10.30–12.00 hrs. **Panel Discussion:**
“Island-by-Island Policy: Charting the Compass Toward Tourism Security for Thai Islands”

Moderator:

– Ms. Natthaya Waewkup, *The Active – Policy Watch*, Thai PBS

Island Community Panelists:

- Ms. Ramluek Atsawachin – President, Koh Tao Tourism Association
- Mr. Phumikit Raktaengam – President, Phuket Sustainable Tourism Development Foundation
- Mr. Theerapot Kasirawat – Advisor, Koh Lanta Tourism Business Association
- Mr. Jakkrit Salakpetch – Mayor, Koh Chang Tai Subdistrict

Academic Panelists:

- Dr. Panet Manomaiwibool – Lecturer, Burapha University International College
- Dr. Kaewta Muangkaem – Lecturer, Tourism and Hospitality Division, Mahidol University International College

Government Representative:

- Dr. Somjin Chankrabi – Manager, Special Area Office for Sustainable Tourism on Koh Chang and Linked Areas (Designated Areas for Sustainable Tourism Administration – DASTA)

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Private Sector / Civil Society:

- Representative from Thailand Environment Institute (TEI)

12.00–13.00 hrs.

Lunch:

- *Traditional Island Community Meal*

ENVIRONMENT (Choose to attend Session 1, 2, or 3)

Session 1: Case Studies, Indigenous Knowledge, Innovation, and Technology: Towards Net Zero Tourism on Islands

A workshop to extract lessons and practices on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from island tourism to develop a **Net Zero Tourism** guide for the Thailand Sustainable Islands Alliance.

13.00–13.10 hrs.

Toward a New Balance in Island Tourism

By Asst. Prof. Supawadee Potirach, Senior Expert, TSR

13.10–13.30 hrs.

Part 1: Introduction of Facilitators (4 minutes each)

- **Sustainable Island Travel via Electric Boats**

By Teacher Kai – Watcharin Sawaengkan

- **Accommodation:**

Driving **Net Zero Tourism** efforts among lodging providers on islands in Chumphon and Surat Thani

By Ms. Siranee Anantamek, Advisor on Creative and Sustainable Tourism (Samui, Phangan, and Tao Islands, Surat Thani)

- **Food & Waste Management**

By Mr. Niphattaphong Chuanchuen, Coordinator of the "Low Carbon Thai Travel" network (supported by TSRI and PMUC)

- **Marine Tourism Activities**

By Dr. Sitthiporn Pengsakul, Ramkhamhaeng University

Session Moderator:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Thammasak Yeemin

Head of Marine Biodiversity Research Group, Ramkhamhaeng University

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13.30–16.30 hrs. Breakout Group Discussions:

Group 1: Travel & Transportation

Facilitator: *Watcharin Sawaengkan*

Group 2: Accommodation

Facilitator: *Siranee Anantamek*

Group 3: Food, Waste, and Wastewater Management

Facilitator: *Niphattaphong Chuanchuen*

Group 4: Marine Tourism Activities

Facilitator: *Dr. Sitthiporn Pengsakul*

Outcome:

All collected data will be compiled into the **first edition of a Net Zero Tourism Guide**, to be shared across the Sustainable Island Network. Each island is kindly requested to send at least one representative who is familiar with their island's case studies so that every island's input is represented in the final publication.

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Session 2: Island Management Based on Knowledge of Natural Resources and Biodiversity (Nature-Based Solutions)

Venue: Mu Ko Chang National Park Unit – Khlong Phlu Waterfall

Organized by:

- Marine Science Association of Thailand
- Burapha University
- Department of Marine and Coastal Resources

13.00-13.30 hrs. Special Lecture:
“Island Management through Data and Indigenous Wisdom: A Survival Bet in the Era of a Boiling Planet”
 By: **Mr. Sakdanan Platong**, President of the Marine Science Association of Thailand

13.30–16.30 hrs. Showcase of Good Practices & Knowledge Exchange “Hundreds of Local Knowledges: Empowering Sustainable Island Communities”

- **Land Bridge Exchange for Island Futures** – Representative from Koh Phayam
- **The Disappearing Fish** – Representative from Koh Tao
- **Coastal Erosion Crisis** – Representative from Andaman Islands
- **Seagrass Restoration for Dugongs** – Representatives from Koh Libong / Koh Mak

Session Moderator:

Dr. Sarawut Siriwong, Dean, Faculty of Marine Technology, Burapha University (Chanthaburi Campus)

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Session 3: Island Waste Solution – Learning from Island Leaders

Practical Skills for Island Waste Collection: Tackling the Crisis Toward Sustainable Waste Management

Venue: Tao Beach or the Waste Artist's House, *Blue Blue Café*

Organized by:

- Thailand Environment Institute (TEI)
- WWF
- IUCN
- and partner organizations

13.00-14.00 hrs. Open Dialogue: Island Waste Situations
Sharing sessions led by island leaders from:

- Gulf of Thailand island group
- Eastern island group

14.00 -15.00 hrs. Interactive Knowledge Exchange & Expert Q&A

A session led by experienced professionals and practitioners:

- **Island Waste Management Solutions**
– Ms. Wilawan Noipa, Thailand Environment Institute (TEI)
- **Plastic Pollution and Sustainable Solutions**
– Representative from Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF)
- **Plastic Alternatives & Circular Solutions**
– Representatives from Indorama Ventures & Ogga Circular
- **Innovative Waste-to-Fuel Technology**
– Chochoe Devaporihartakula, Programme Manager, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)/IGES Representative
- **Adding Value to Scrap Materials**
– Glass Bottle Group, Federation of Thai Industries
- **Reverse Logistics Model for Island Packaging Waste**
– Representative from Thai Beverage Recycle

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- **Information System for Subsidizing Island Recycling Transport**
– Dr. Khemachart Khemavuthanon,
Lecturer, School of Information
Technology,
and Project Lead of “Sustainable Island Waste and Recycling
Management Study,”
The Coca-Cola Foundation Thailand

Session Moderator:

Ms. Narisara Bhrikul, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

15.00 – 16.30 hrs. Setting Goals and Designing Practical, Island-Specific Waste Solutions

“Islands Waste Solution: Answering the Island Waste Crisis” Led by island leaders and participants

Collaborative Reflection & Problem Solving with expert input from:

- Dr. Peerayut Wannapruk
Expert in Waste Management and Sustainable Urban Development
- Dr. Paiboon Pothisuwan
Expert in Community-Based and Local Participatory Waste
Management

16.30–17.30 hrs. Free Time / Open Circle Activities

(Gather to Vent – Gather to Empower – Islander Soul Healing... Spiritual
Healing Exercise)

17.30–19.00 hrs. Dinner

“Island Showcase” Segment

Explore the **Islanders’ Exhibition** featuring local lifestyles and natural
beauty, along with shopping and tasting experiences at the **Green
Local Market** (by 4 villages in Koh Chang Municipality).

Enjoy:

- 3 performances by local **traditional dance troupes**

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- Wellness cuisine
- Live music by the **Mu Ko Chang National Park band**

Fishbowl Session: Island Leadership Forum

19.00–21.00 hrs. Opening Circle Dialogue: The 3rd Islander Forum on Sustainable Island Tourism

Islanders gather in a relaxed circle to **share, learn, and exchange stories** — accompanied by live music.

Open exchange led by **island leaders** and **relevant partners**

Moderators:

- *Mr. Chaiwat Thirapant*, Director, Institute of Learning for Civil Society Development
- *Asst. Prof. Dr. Jitsak Phutthachon*, Tourism Management Expert, Silpakorn University

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ECONOMIC: Upgrading High-Value Island Tourism (Choose to attend Session 4, 5, or 6)

Session 4: Global Sustainable Tourism Standards & Thai Island Tourism

Venue: Klong Prao Resort Koh Chang

Organized by:

- Burapha University
- Mahidol University
- Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT)
- Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB)
- CVTEC
- Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Target Audience:

Ideal for **tourism leaders and professionals**

Note:

- Simultaneous interpretation and headsets will be available
- **Island representatives from Vietnam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan will also join the session**

09.00–09.30 hrs. Why Do Global Sustainable Tourism Standards Matter for Island Tourism?

By Dr. Panet Manomaiwibool, Lecturer at the International College, Burapha University, and Evaluator for Tourism Sustainability under the GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council)

09.30–10.30 hrs. Understand the Standards – Drive the Change – Regenerative Tourism (Beyond Sustainable Tourism)

By Asst. Prof. Dr. Kaewta Muangkaem, Department of Tourism Hospitality, International College, Mahidol University

10.30 – 12.00 hrs. Mini Workshop: Developing Islands for Sustainable Tourism (World Café format)

1. **Basic Data Collection – 5As for Tourism Inventory**
2. **Conservation-Based Tourism – Minimizing Negative Impacts**
3. **Eco-Restoration Tourism – Promoting Ecosystem Recovery**

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Session 5:

Blue Investment for a Sustainable Island Future – Innovative Solutions Beyond Island Clean-Ups

Venue: Klong Prao Resort Koh Chang

Organized by: Thailand Sustainable Island Alliance (TSIA)

Target Participants:

Ideal for **island representatives, companies, and organizations** committed to long-term solutions for sustainable island waste management.

09.00–09.30 hrs. Introduction to the “Green Shark” Process: Pitch Your Island Waste Idea!

An orientation for island representatives and company/organization delegates interested in sustainable island waste management.

The session aims to connect innovative island waste solutions with potential investors and supporters.

09.30–12.00 hrs. Island Representative Presentations (*For those registered to participate*)

Island representatives will each present their **sustainable island waste management project** for approximately **5–10 minutes per island** to attending **companies/agencies** that have also registered to join.

Presentation Format:

- Each island must be represented by **at least one presenter**
- Presentations should include **no more than 5 slides**, or may use display boards or alternative media
- A **project concept document** should accompany the presentation, outlining:
 - Background and rationale
 - Identified problems
 - Objectives
 - Planned activities
 - Timeline
 - Budget
 - Responsible party

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Feedback Session:

- Companies/agencies will provide a **satisfaction score** and **brief comments** (max **5 minutes per island**) to support consideration of potential collaboration or funding.

SOCIAL: Driving Mechanism for Sustainable Island Power

Session 6: Adaptive Strategies for Natural Disaster Risks and Development Impacts / Sustainable Island Management through Integrated Community Participation

Venue: Klong Prao Resort Koh Chang

Organized by: Expert Committee on Spatial Information Management

Target Participants: Ideal for **local leaders** and **local government representatives**

09.00–09.30 hrs. Mapping Island Geography to Reflect Community Risk A Tool for Integrated Coastal Management (ICM)

Presented by:

- **Prof. Dr. Santi Phailoblee (Mit Earth)**

Lecturer, Department of Geology, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University [Visual presentation]

- **Asst. Prof. Dr. Jitsak Phutthachon**

Tourism Management Expert, Silpakorn University

09.30–10.30 hrs. Marine Spatial Planning / Community-Based Management (LMMA)

By Mr. Sakdanan Platong, President of the Marine Science Association of Thailand

10.30 – 12.00 hrs. Group Discussion and Idea Exchange

Assessing Risk and Disaster Preparedness

With island leaders, focusing on **sustainable island management** through **integrated community participation (LMMA)** within local administrative areas. **Facilitator:**

Dr. Sarawut Siriwong, Dean, Faculty of Marine Technology, Burapha University (Chanthaburi Campus)

12.00 – 13.00 hrs. Island-Style Community Lunch

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Closing Ceremony & Handover of the Flag to the Host of Year 4**

13.00–14.00 hrs. Symposium Wrap-Up and the Way Forward for the Thailand Sustainable Island Alliance

By **Mr. Chaiwat Thirapant**, Director of the Institute of Learning for Civil Society Development, and the islander community

Closing Remarks and Flag Handover Ceremony

“The 4th Thailand Sustainable Islands Tourism Symposium (2026)”

Led by the Director-General of the Department of Tourism, with leaders from the Koh Tao, Koh Lanta, and Koh Chang networks, taking a group photo with the host team from the Gulf of Thailand island group.

Wishing you a safe journey home.

* The agenda is subject to change as appropriate.

** The event will be broadcast live via Facebook Live on ***The Islands’ Guardian*** and local island media channels.

A Waste Station will be set up at the event as a collaborative effort to ensure our Islander Symposium is environmentally friendly.

The goal is to reduce, sort, and collect waste properly to facilitate efficient management by category and minimize landfill waste on Koh Chang.

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Travel Information

There are **4 ways to travel to Koh Chang**:

1. Travel independently

Meet at the **registration point** at *The Aiyapura Koh Chang Resort*

- Room keys will be distributed upon arrival

2. Meet in Bangkok and travel to Koh Chang via event shuttle (Koh Chang TSIT Symposium vehicles)

Pick-up points (please arrive **before 11:00 AM**):

- > Suvarnabhumi Airport
- > Don Mueang Airport

3. Meet in Trat via Trat Airport

Event shuttle service (Koh Chang TSIT Symposium) available from Trat Airport **before 13:00 and 17:30 hrs** to Koh Chang

Note:

This travel arrangement is in accordance with the reimbursement policy outlined in the official invitation letter.

Participants who wish to travel via **Bangkok Airways (Bangkok–Trat route)** are eligible for a **special airline discount**.

Parking fee at the airport: THB 250 per day.

You may **scan the QR code to contact the Koh Chang coordination team via LINE** for further assistance.



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