Adventures in Conservation

Play your part in conserving the EARTH
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SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Sea Turtles are among the world’s longest lived animals, with a life expectancy of more than 100 years. Graceful swimmers who spend most of their lives underwater, they are so perfectly adapted to their natural environment that they have survived almost unchanged since the Triassic Period. However, after 100 million years of continued success, they are now facing environmental challenges that threaten them with extinction.

Fortunately the sea turtles still have a fighting chance, and you can contribute directly to their long-term survival through the Sarawak Sea Turtle Conservation Program.

The islands of Talang Satang National Park make up one of the most important sea turtle nesting sites in Southeast Asia, with hundreds of female turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs from May to September every year. This is where you can make a difference, by giving up four days of your valuable time to help us conserve future generations of these fascinating marine reptiles.

Objectives
We want you to take part in this program not only to assist us, but also to pass on what you learn to the greater global community, especially:

- Your heightened awareness of the importance of sea turtle conservation
- Your hands-on knowledge and experience of sea turtle conservation
- Your appreciation of the pristine marine environment of the islands

Benefits to participants
You will derive many personal benefits from your participation, including:

- Unforgettable encounters with a 100-million-year old marine species
- Free time spent enjoying an idyllic sand-fringed tropical island
- Forging new friendships with fellow volunteers and conservation staff
- The satisfaction of knowing you have personally contributed to a valuable conservation project

Activities
You will take part in a full range of conservation activities, including:

- Beach patrols to locate turtle landings
- Monitor sea turtle nesting activities
- Tagging and measuring sea turtles
- Transferring eggs to turtle hatchery
- Releasing of turtle hatchlings
- Data recording and on-site conservation activities
# Itinerary

*(may be adjusted to suit weather conditions)*

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THE GREAT ORANGUTAN PROJECT

Volunteer with orangutans on this award-winning orangutan project at Matang Wildlife Centre in beautiful Borneo!

Situated within the tropical Kubah National Park, The Great Orangutan Project is a volunteer experience of major importance: not only is it the very first conservation experience started by The Great Projects, but it is one which we have seen grow from our flagship to a multi-award-winning sanctuary known the world over.
Ulu Ai Project

Introduction

The Ulu Ai Project – a partnership between tour operator Borneo Adventure and the local Iban community – offers an alternative to the usual ‘staged’ forms of cultural tourism found in Sarawak. It forges a sustainable partnership between hosts and visitors, whereby visitors experience the local lifestyle on the host’s own terms. Tours focus on society and environment, rather than on performances and demonstrations. The experience benefits hosts, visitors and local wildlife. Travellers to Ulu Ai stay as guests of the longhouse dwelling Iban people, who benefit economically by providing a range of tourism services. Borneo Adventure supports local entrepreneurship and various community & conservation projects.

Economic Benefits

Successful community-based tourism is about providing tangible benefits to the community in the form of employment and cash income. At Ulu Ai the community is a service provider for Borneo Adventure. In addition to regular operational services, the community derives income from projects such as constructing new lodges or facilities, major repairs and maintenance, cutting new jungle trails and location filming. From 2007 to 2011, Borneo Adventure paid RM 1.8 million to the community for various tourism-related services. In addition to direct payments from the company, the community derives revenue from handicraft sales, tips and gratuities. It is estimated that the community’s average revenue from tourism is around RM 450,000 per year. This is a significant sum for a rural community in Sarawak.

Improving Livelihoods & Development Projects

In addition to creating and sustaining employment and economic opportunities, Borneo Adventure regularly donates money and goods in kind to the community for development projects, community initiatives or medical treatment. For example, we have a long established micro-finance project that offers interest-free loans for villagers to buy outboard engines. Our Welfare Fund assists families with medical treatment or educational expenses. Over the years we have also donated funds for building materials for the longhouse, drainage repairs and sanitation projects.

Community Involvement

From the start, tourism in Ulu Ai has been carried out with the cooperation and agreement of the community. Borneo Adventure’s relationship with the community has been built on mutual respect and trust. Today, Borneo Adventure has close working relationships with three Iban longhouses on the Delok River – Nanga Sumpa, Jambu and Ta’ong. The community is fully involved in tourism operations through a Tourism Committee, which coordinates the provision of a range of tourism services for Borneo Adventure and its clients. This partnership has lasted for over 27 years and is the longest partnership between a tour operator and a community in Sarawak, and possibly in Malaysia as a whole. This model is in sharp contrast to the prevailing norms in Sarawak where partnerships between tour operators and community organisations generally last for relatively short periods of time.
IBEC Open Day 2018 in conjunction with World Animal Day is a two-day event, targeting local students and the general public of Kuching, Kota Samarahan, Bau and other nearby areas, wholly organised by Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation. The objectives of the event is to impart conservation message to the general public, offer skills to students, promote biodiversity as a science, and finally, collaborate and create synergy with other like-minded organisations in nature conservation, research and ecotourism.

Events planned include learning stations, exhibitions, workshops and rapid talks on subjects of popular appeal. Learning stations offer exciting games and posters display to showcase the diversity of the wildlife in the region, especially in Sarawak. Rapid talks are including topic such as ‘Crocodile and Human Wildlife Conflict”, “Calls of Frogs”, “Plants that Heal” and “Don’t Let Your Butter Fly: The Origin of the Golden Churn”. The highlights of the event are showcase of Pangolin Conservation in the Region and the Demonstration of the Surveys Crocodile and Dolphin on The Boat.
So don't forget to join us on that day!!!
THE DIVEHEART EXPERIENCE

Diveheart is a nonprofit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The purpose of Diveheart is to provide and support educational scuba diving programs that are open to any child, adult or veteran with a disability, with the hope of providing both physical and psychological therapeutic value to that person.

We’ve discovered the forgiving, weightless wonder of the water column provides the perfect gravity-free environment for those who might otherwise struggle on land. Underwater, we’re all equal.

Diveheart works with individuals who have a variety of disabilities, including physical and developmental disabilities, vision and hearing impairments, amputations, traumatic brain injuries, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and more. Diveheart seeks to help its participants “Imagine the Possibilities” in their lives.
Awakening of the Green Initiatives

Beyond the vivid musical performance and live events on stage, Rainforest World Music Festival 2018 seeks to enhance guests experience with a greener note.

Sarawak Tourism Board has been engaging with social enterprise, Biji-biji Initiative for sustainable event management since 2016. Together, we are taking the extra mile to incorporate green initiatives into various aspects of the international event, in alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Sustainable Procurement
From the initial planning phase, the Board takes into consideration the supply chain and strive to source for alternatives and eco-friendly products. We are also cooperating closely with food and drinks vendors to select biodegradable tablewares and avoid disposable plates or cutlery made from Styrofoam.

Waste Management Strategy
Across the Sarawak Cultural Village, festival attendees will find bins with creative signages and posters that help to boost recycling efforts. In tandem with waste collection, we are also carrying out proper waste segregation especially for recyclables and food waste. Our trusted partner, Trienekeos is handling the treatments of recyclables and provisions of recycling facilities on site.

Food Composting
Our mission is to keep RWMM organic waste and food scraps out of landfill by closing the loop. Biji-biji alongside with WormingUp, a Kuching-based social enterprise are collecting and channeling leftover food into compost bins. These organic materials will either be given to worm farm to make bio-protein or be donated to farmers for composting.

Got Banner? Upcycle It!
Biji-biji offers an ingenious solution to 2017’s festival banners – by channeling them away from landfill. They created beautifully designed tote bags for this year’s VIP gifts from those banners. To repeat the success, we shall be collecting RWMM 2018 banners for upcycling purposes post-event.

Volunteer & Green Ambassadors
For the last two years, we are able to synchronize waste management strategies across multiple waste stations by enlisting the help of local university students and mobilizing volunteers on the spot. We are proud to have these amazing green heroes spreading message on topics related to recycling and food waste composting and raising public awareness.

Let’s set the bar higher at RWMM 2018 and make zero waste a reality!

*Biji-biji Initiative is an award-winning social enterprise based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Biji-biji aims to inspire businesses to think and act sustainably, collaboratively, and constructively. Visit them at www.biji-biji.com, and follow their activities on Facebook & Instagram.