

Thai Marine National Park & Research Centre

South Thailand

Project



If you're looking for an amazing marine and coastal volunteer placement untouched by tourism, yet near bustling tourism spots and beaches on Phuket Island then this project is for you! This project is heavily involved in saving marine wildlife (including sea turtles and tropical fish) and coral reefs as well as the threatened mangrove forests with a special mangrove trail just outside the Park office. Wildlife also includes many species of shellfish, water monitors, and birds.

Openmind Projects is helping this National Park and Marine Research Center organize coral reef surveys to check the impact of tourism (which is an increasingly major problem because of its impact on the environment) and welcomes qualified volunteers to help with them.

Volunteer tasks may include teaching basic and tourism English vocabulary, helping with nature surveys and helping the staff when foreigners visit the National Park. Interested volunteers can help develop new informational and promotional materials in English and may be asked for their own creative ideas on developing the mangrove trail and other visitor activities. They may also

teach English at the nearby school.

Experienced divers may participate in surveys and reef cleaning at different sites off the coast in the Andaman Sea and documenting findings as instructed by the local manager. The diving season normally runs from October to May, and there is no diving during the monsoon season. Diving possibilities depend completely on local staff projects and weather (wind, rain, waves etc).

Accommodation



Volunteers are accommodated in staff bungalows at the Center, and eat meals with the staff.

Location



The Center is close to the beach while the myriad of Phuket Island attractions aren't far away including boating tours yachting, fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving, and of course the night life for those interested!

The Center is located conveniently close to Phuket airport.

Project type:	Marine Conservation Ecotourism
Country:	Thailand
Location:	Phuket Island
Accommodation:	Bungalow

A marine biologist's or diver's dream project!

Links:

- [Brochure made by volunteers](#)