

Long Term Volunteering

Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it.
(Chinese proverb)



Kok Payom (fishermen village)

in Thailand, hosted by DALAA Thailand

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| Theme: | Environment |
| Location | Kok Payom village, La Ngoo district, Satun province (south of Thailand) |
| Duration: | Minimum 2 months all year around. |
| Application: | Volunteer will get a decision about his/her application within 2 or 3 weeks. |
| Vacancies | 6 |
| Languages: | |
| ↔ Project: | English |
| ↔ Local: | Other |

If you are interested in taking part in this project, or if you would like to get more information about becoming a long term volunteer, please contact your local SCI organisation. You can search for the contact information here: <http://www.sciint.org/contact-us/local-sci-branch-or-partner>

Project Description:

Kok Payom is a strong community surrounded by mangrove forests few kilometers from the Andaman coast. Villagers want to preserve their life style and the nature for the next generation. They welcome visitors, activists and volunteers to join in any useful activity. The community has recognized their problems and is working hard to find solutions to the issues they face. The work can go from education to environment, sustainable agriculture to health, to promote solidarity. The main activity for most volunteers is teaching English but as a tool to get together for the community's future.

Work: Join a strong local fisherman community. Join them to raise awareness about environmental issues and self-sufficiency. DaLaa is joining activities in Kok Payom since 2009. To be a part of the future, we started a new project there in 2011. Creation of an alternative school (Klong toh Lem Academy) in the mangrove forest near Kok Payom. This green school aims at enabling the human being to live in harmony with nature. Every Sunday, we go to the Academy with children of the village. The children can learn ancestral way of life in Kok Payom from the villagers. How we can live in concordance with the nature. To

be independent and self-sufficient, a lot of fruit trees, vegetables, and spices were planted.

The volunteer can possibly do the following activities: - Teach at the local school - Organize nature trips with children - Plant young seedlings in the mangrove forests - Cultivate more seedlings in the nursery - Organize fun and enjoyable activities to the village's children

Requirements: This project is for volunteers who: - respect and are willing to understand other cultures and backgrounds - are open-minded and flexible - love nature and like enjoying all its benefits - love children - love organizing fun activities for kids - are willing to live together and work together with the local community and the other volunteers - are willing to adapt and enjoy simple conditions of living, Thai style - do not mind having little privacy - like doing physical work

Food: Volunteers usually eat at school for lunch (when they are teaching). For dinner, volunteer cook by themselves. Sometime villagers come and join to have dinner together. We are in fisherman's village, so expect a lot of fish and of course rice.

Accommodation: You will stay in a wooden hut, dormitory style with the other volunteers. Most of the time volunteers stay at Sala, the meeting, eating and teaching place of the village. The shower and toilets are really basic and typical local style.

Pocket money: None

Insurance: Participant is responsible for their own insurance. Volunteers should take an insurance from their own country.

Fees: 200 EUR per month. Accommodation, food, transport during the project, materials and partly for our organization

Visa: We provide the documents to request a NON-Immigrant visa at a Thai embassy or consulate in your country. It is a 90 days visa with single entry (1 year "multiple" is hard to get). You can renew this visa at the Thai embassy in Malaysia, Penang.

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