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THE SECOND “ACTION FOR A GREEN HA LONG” PROGRAMME Ha Long Bay, October 24th, 2016

“*Join the fight for a healthy ocean*” is a strong commitment of 110 volunteers attending the first “Action for a Green Ha Long” hosted by IUCN and the Au Co Cruise on June 14th, 2016. As we all love the ocean and understand that:

TRASH IS THE ENEMY OF MARINE ORGANISMS: Every year, more than 100,000 marine turtles DIE because they swallow or get tangled with plastic bags. Trash also accumulates toxins, polluting the ocean and killing marine organisms.

TRASH HURTS MARINE ECONOMIES: Trash damages boats and equipment operated in the sea. Insurance companies have paid more than **\$50 MILLION** to repair the damage on boats caused by trash. Trash is one of the reasons why marine resources are depleted, threatening the lives of millions of fishermen.

TRASH RUINS TOURISTS’ OPINION OF BEACHES AND COUNTRIES: 97% of tourists avoid beaches with more than 10 items of trash/meter (ENCAMS, 2005)

TRASH POSES TREMENDOUS HEALTH HAZARDS: Tourists and local residents risk stepping on pieces of glass on the beaches or contracting skin diseases when swimming in polluted water. Trash spreads viruses and dangerous bacteria.

There are more than **5 TRILLION** items of plastic trash with a total weight of nearly 270,000 TONS in the ocean.

It costs **\$122 million to \$489 million a year** to clean just 1% of five major ocean gyres around the world (NOAA).

Any trash, no matter ocean-based sources or land-based sources, if not properly disposed, can end up in waterways and eventually in the ocean. Therefore, everybody should see their roles in preventing marine debris.

In continuation to the success of the first programme and at the call of 2016 “Clean Up the World” Campaign, IUCN with its partners is going to organize the **Second “Action for A Green Ha Long” Campaign on October 24th, 2016.**

We are calling for the support and participation of individuals and organizations to this campaign



Programme Schedule

TIME	ACTIVITY
6.00 - 9.00	Depart from Ngoc Khanh Bus Station, Ba Dinh District, Ha Noi Arrive at the Au Co Pier, Tuan Chau Island, Ha Long Bay
9:00 – 9:15	Opening Ceremony
9.15 - 9.30	Visit seabin trap models in Ha Long
9.30 - 9.45	Volunteers get on board on three boats. Introduce safety guidelines
9:45 – 10:15	Training on trash collecting, sorting and reporting
10:15 – 10:45	Assign groups and equip groups with tools and reporting forms
11.00 - 12.00	Lunch break
12.00 - 15.00	Groups collect trash and record trash components in Vung Ha
15.00 - 15.30	All 3 groups gather in one beach for group photos and then travel back to the boats by tender boats
15.30 – 17.00	Groups report findings Closing and present volunteers with certificates
17.00 - 18.30	Dinner
18.30 - 21.30	Disembark and return to Ha Noi

Programme Organisers

The programme is brought to you by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in collaboration with its partners including Bhaya Cruise, Coca Cola and Gray Line Cruise as part of the Ha Long – Cat Ba Alliance Initiative, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

The programme organisers will make arrangements for and cover the following items:

- Round-trip transportation from Ha Noi to Ha Long Bay on October 24, 2016
- Training and documents on reporting trash components on October 24, 2016
- Boats transporting volunteers to and from trash-collecting sites
- Lunch and dinner on board on October 24, 2016
- Gloves and equipment for trash collection
- Collecting and treating trash after the programme
- Uniforms and certificate for volunteers

IUCN is calling for more support from businesses operating in and around Ha Long Bay to organize at least one clean-up day every three months. We appreciate if volunteers can help us fulfil this mission!

For more information on IUCN, please visit: www.iucn.org/vietnam

For more information on the Ha Long – Cat Ba Alliance, please visit:

http://iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/asia/asia_where_work/vietnam/factsheet_and_projects_pagename2/ha_long_cat_ba_alliance/

Volunteers

55 volunteers will be chosen for the programme

Volunteers will have the opportunity to

- Receive training in collecting and reporting trash **COMPONENTS**.
- Learn about what **CRUISE SHIPS** do to protect the marine environment
- Demonstrate collective social **RESPONSIBILITY** in conserving global landscape values of Ha Long Bay – a World Heritage

Volunteers do not have to pay any fees for this programme. Volunteers are also awarded with certificates of participation from the organizer.

Notes:

- *Volunteers are responsible for personal expenses, insurance(s) and transportation to and from pick up location: Ngoc Khanh Bus Station, Ba Dinh District, Ha Noi.*
- *Volunteers are responsible for appropriate attires for trash collection.*
- *The programme will start early and end late (scheduled arrival time in Ha Noi: 22.30). Volunteers need to arrive at 6.00 AM sharp on June 14 at the pickup location.*

Eligibility

- Vietnamese citizens, or foreigners based in Vietnam over 16 years old
- Have time commitment and be in good health
- Be enthusiastic and willing to learn about environmental protection, and specifically, about the Ha Long Bay marine environment
- Have basic knowledge in collecting and sorting trash
- Be willing to speak up about the need for much better waste management
- Give accurate and full answers to questions in the Registration Form
- Volunteers participating in the first programme on June 14th, 2016 will be prioritized in reapplying for the second programme.

Registration

Interested candidates can register online and provide full answers to questions in the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/f5HQReGuSYNA03wH3>

Deadline: 17:00, Sunday, October 9th, 2016

Result announcement: Monday, October 17th, 2016

We will post the results via email and on IUCN website.

Notes: We will be able to contact only chosen volunteers and can only communicate via email. Please provide your most accurate email addresses.

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