



Finding out about Phuket's Marine Biodiversity

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Dr Lalita Putchim (Nan) and Ms Tipwimon Rattanawongan (Praew) scientists from the Phuket Marine Biological Centre served as Guest Speakers at the Rajaprajanugroh 36 School.

This session was part of the International SeaKeepers Society, Asia Educational Outreach Programme: Introduction to Marine Science and Conservation programme, in collaboration with Phuket Has Been Good to Us Foundation.

Organised at the afterschool programme, Coconut Club*, it was a very special introduction to Phuket's Marine Biodiversity and the challenges. The session touched on the importance of coral reefs; its basic biology and the major threats to coral reefs in Thailand, Phuket and more specifically in Kamala Bay where the school is situated.

Students who are keen to study marine science were exposed to coral and marine life, learned about ocean conservation, and were excited to see drone footage of their own local beaches!

**Coconut Club offers a programme of on-going leisure and education development activities that provide after-school, weekend and inter-session experiences to the 200 residential students of Rajaprajanugroh 36 School in Kamala. It serves the additional function of supporting the Foundation's language programme by supplementing classroom English instruction, offering additional opportunities for Thai children to practice their conversational English outside the classroom in a more relaxed social environment. For more information, please visit phukethasbeengoodtous.org*

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Phuket has Been Good to Us Foundation: <https://phukethasbeengoodtous.org/>

Phuket Marine Biological Centre: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqI6NFVskIM&feature=youtu.be>

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