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Islands and Beaches in Cambodia

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Song Saa
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Cambodian islands are very beautiful and untouched. Tourism in Cambodia will be boost because of islands in the five next year.

Cambodian Island Koh Tonsay made it on Yahoo's front page (Yahoo Travel) as one of 10 Untouched Island Escapes!

Quote:

Koh Tonsay
Cambodia

The tiny, practically deserted island of Koh Tonsay, just south of the resort town of Kep, is Cambodia's best-kept secret for seaside relaxation among the natural splendor of the Gulf of Siam.

See the whole list here: [http://travel.yahoo.com/p-interests-34501134](http://travel.yahoo.com/p-interests-34501134)

Wow the Beaches are very beatiful
Proud to be Cambodian & Asian

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Stunning Beautiful Video of Phnom Penh !!!
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Asian kid
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Tourism Ministry applies for coastline award

Monday, 14 June 2010 15:01
Chun Sophal

CAMBODIA has applied for 450km of coastline, stretching from Koh Kong to Kep, to be recognised by an international organisation in a bid to increase visitor numbers, Minister of Tourism Thong Khon has told The Post.

At a meeting held in Preah Sihanouk province late last week, the Minister said that the Kingdom has applied for membership to an organisation called the World’s Most Beautiful Beaches Club.

The club was established in Berlin in 1997 and has certified 30 beaches in 22 member countries so far.

Cambodia’s application, which was made on April 30 and is backed by the private sector, has been made to support tourism and to provide an ongoing means of income to the local population.

“We hope Cambodia’s beaches will be officially recognised as a member of the World’s Most Beautiful Beaches Club next year because our coastal area has protected natural resources which are a big attraction,” Thong Khon said.

Club membership also has the potential to develop the national economy, he added.

To become a member, a country must fulfill requirements, which include requiring its beach to have projects in place to protect natural resources, be an attractive natural area and have the potential for economic development.

“We will act vigorously to implement environmental protection in all coastal provinces to ensure our beach is a beautiful area for both local and international visitors,” added Environment Minister Mok Mareth.

Government officials met with provincial authorities and business owners in Sihanoukville on Thursday to draft a strategic plan to prevent coastal areas from being polluted.

Thong Khon said the Kingdom’s coastline could become the second-most important attraction for international tourists after Angkor Wat, if it achieved official Club recognition.

Representatives from the beach body are expected to visit Cambodia to examine and evaluate its...
Representatives from the beach body are expected to visit Cambodia to examine and evaluate its coastline in November this year.

According to a Ministry of Tourism report, only 7.15 percent of last year's 2.16 million international tourists visited the Kingdom's beaches.

Ang Kim Eang, president of the Cambodia Association of Travel Agents, said that if Cambodia's coastline was recognised by the Club, the country would be able to increase tourist numbers by 50 percent over the next five years.

Officials applied for the award following encouragement from the Apsara Authority and UNESCO.

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That's good news for Cambodia... Hope They get in.... good Luck Cambodia!!!!

Cambodia "Kingdom Of Wonder"

June 15th, 2010, 10:56 AM

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I support this candidature !

June 15th, 2010, 06:03 PM

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me too !! go cambodia !!!!!!

June 17th, 2010, 02:51 PM

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June 17th, 2010, 03:43 PM

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Quote:
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This one always make problem!
Maybe he is the one who always drunk at the early morning!
Let me show him! 1 2 3 😄 Sang Long (Sra Sor)
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A new project development for Koh Rong Saloem island.
Cambodia coastline and islands are now almost all in development around Sihanoukville.

Ecodevelopment resort in the two islands! Very good news.

Quote:
Island project sparks concerns
Friday, 25 June 2010 15:02 Brooke Lewis and Mom Kunthear
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A CONSERVATION NGO collaborating with an investment firm told residents of an island off the coast of Preah Sihanouk province this week that they would be restricted to a 12.3-hectare piece of land in order to make way for a development project, Paul Ferber, the founder of Marine Conservation Cambodia (MCC), said.

Ferber said the meetings between the residents of Koh Rung Sangleum and representatives of Fauna and Flora International (FFI) took place on Monday and Tuesday. He noted that the size of the land could be subject to change.

Toby Eastoe, project manager for FFI, confirmed that the meetings had taken place, and said his organisation was working with the Hong Kong-based investment company Lime Tree Capital on the development project. He said the size of the land for villagers and the details of the development project had yet to be finalised.

MCC, an ecotourism business based on the island, has criticised the restriction that could be imposed on the 92 families who stand to be affected by the project, saying it would constitute an unnecessary impingement on their rights.

"FFI, even with knowledge about the reduction of community land, seems happy to support a concessionaire that has created a master plan without any local consultation, regardless of the effects to the community," Ferber said by email Thursday.

He said the restriction, which has yet to be approved by the Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC), would leave "absolutely no room for the village to grow".

But Eastoe defended FFI’s work with Lime Tree Capital, saying they were working together to mitigate the potential effects of the project on both the environment and the local community.

He said Lime Tree Capital was granted a concession with a 99-year-lease in mid-2008, and asked FFI later that year to act as environmental consultant for the development of the island.

He said he could not provide the size of the concession.

"Because the company who took this lease on is a responsible company, they asked us to come out and conduct a survey, which basically tells us what sort of flora and fauna are on the island," he said, and added that FFI staff conducted their first survey on the island in early 2009.

The meetings held this week, he said, were intended to outline provisional village boundaries, though he noted that these boundaries were at the centre of ongoing discussions with the CDC.

"There is a master plan that is being talked about with the CDC, [but] they are still negotiating exclusion areas that won’t be developed," he said.

CDC officials with knowledge of the Lime Tree Capital project could not be reached for comment this week.

Eastoe said he was “probably going to advise the company to expand the exclusion area”
Eastoe said he was “probably going to advise the company to expand the exclusion area” following his trip to the island this week, but emphasised that such decisions were not FFI’s to make.

“We’re advisers to Lime Tree. We can’t tell them what to do,” he said.

Lime Tree Capital could not be reached for comment.

Eastoe said Ferber may have personal reasons for raising concerns about the size of the exclusion area.

“The exclusion area at the moment probably scares Paul because his bungalows are outside the exclusion area and the company probably has a right to throw Paul off the island,” he said.

However, village chief Lay Thai said Wednesday that he, too, was concerned about the project and the proposed restriction.

He said a group of 50 villagers had attended this week’s meetings with FFI representatives, who he said told them to immediately stop cutting down trees and constructing buildings.

Like Ferber, Lay Thai said he was worried that the restriction would prevent the village from growing.

“The FFI officials pointed out the border of the land for us to live on, and they don’t allow the villagers to build new houses when their children want to live separately from their parents after they get married,” he said.

Eastoe, however, said FFI had taken the unusual step of working with a development company because it saw an opportunity to help reduce the environmental impact of rapid coastal development.

“This is a new thing for FFI – we usually work with the government – but there are a lot of new land concessions along the coast, and we’re worried that if someone doesn’t work with them, things will get out of hand,” he said.

“We want to make sure developers don’t just wipe everything out and build hotels.”

Ferber said that he would be happy to work with FFI and developers, so long as conservation projects do not harm the local community.

“If FFI want to set up a conservation project and support the community, they have my full support and cooperation,” he said.

International recognition for Cambodia’s Koh Rong

Andrew Batt | Jul 20, 2010 | Comments 14

International business magazine Forbes has recognised three pristine Cambodian beaches – including Koh Rong – in its ranking of “Asia’s Best Beaches”.

On the list of the top 22 were O’Tres Beach in Sihanoukville, nearby Ream Beach in Prey Nop, and the sands of Koh Rong, an idyllic island just 30 minutes off the Cambodian coast which is being developed as the region’s first environmentally planned resort island.

Although largely unknown to international tourism, Cambodia’s 443 kilometre coastline is studded with ‘paradise’ islands bordering Thailand to the north and Vietnam to the south. It is being touted as the “next Asian Riviera” to rival Phuket and Koh Samui.

Tourism in Cambodia has developed strongly over the past decade, reaching 2.16 million last year, but by far the main attraction is Angkor Wat. Unlike neighbouring Thailand, where most tourism concentrates around beach resorts, a mere 7.7 per cent of Cambodia’s tourism is so far “coastal”. Visitors to Cambodia
tend to combine Angkor Wat with a beach holiday elsewhere in Asia, overlooking the unspoiled beauty of the country’s undeveloped coast.

Development of the Koh Rong as “Asia’s first environmentally planned resort island” for high-end tourism is now gathering pace, and was featured by Property Report South East Asia in its July 2010 edition.

Behind the visionary plan is one of Cambodia’s largest business, property and infrastructure conglomerates, The Royal Group. Headed by prominent tycoons Kith Meng, The Royal Group has been granted a 99-year lease by the Cambodian government to develop the island.

A team of leading international consultants has started realising the vision – with a Master Plan nearing completion by MAP Architects of Hong Kong, in consultation with world renowned environmental and airport consultants Scott Wilson.

Leading international property frm CB Richard Ellis is advisor and sole agent driving the marketing campaign targeting international tourism infrastructure developers and operators. “The main focus is on developers with plans for exclusive, environmentally sensitive tourism projects,” said David Simister, Chairman, CB Richard Ellis Thailand and Indochina.

The Koh Rong archipelago is already setting the benchmark for luxury tourism off Cambodia’s coast. On a nearby island, Song Saa Resort is on schedule to open next year as Cambodia’s first international quality resort. The exclusive private island resort is being developed by Brocon Investment Co., Ltd. It comprises 14 one and two-bedroom residential villas, with facilities including a 5-star ‘over water’ restaurant and bar, swimming pool, spa & wellness centre, yoga & meditation centre and water sports centre.

International investors snapped-up the villas at Song Saa ahead of completion, and Simister said: “Song Saa is the first project to target foreign buyers and its runaway success indicates the interest in this area. The Koh Rong story is similar to that of Samui and Phuket 20 years ago. It is one of the last undiscovered paradises in South East Asia.”

Rory Hunter, Chairman of Brocon Investment Co., Ltd. said: “The launch of Song Saa Island Resort has put Cambodia on the global map and paves the way for future developments in the area.”

Bart Kluskens, a conservation adviser for Song Saa Resort and a member of the panel consulted for the Forbes list, said: “The further you go from the mainland, the more and more beautiful the beaches are.”

I read this articles too. I wonder if Forbes talks about Koh Rong Saibem instead ? But Koh Rong look like KRS and even more beautiful. So if Forbes appreciates KRS, it will be the same for KR.

who cares both are good and most tourist would visit both when the bridge link is built.

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