

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

General

We aim to be a responsible tourism business and continually strive to improve our environmental performance through reducing our impacts in the areas of energy and water consumption, water use, waste production, and chemical use.

Operations and Management

Our business has a written environmental and responsible tourism policy that is publicly displayed to our staff and guests.

We have already implemented the following specific environmental initiatives:

Energy

- Energy efficient lighting installed in all guest rooms / offices
- Laundry is washed in cold water as much as possible
- We remind all our staff and customers to be energy efficiency

Water

- Flow restrictors fitted to guest room showerheads and taps
- Guest towel reuse/bed linen changing program. We work with hotels that promote this policy
- Our hotels use reusable water bottles
- We have replaces plastic water bottle In the car for our customers and instead we give them a reusable water bottle that they can use during all their stay in Indonesia.

Waste and Recycling

- Recyclable items (cardboard, paper, plastic, glass, metals, food waste, etc.) are collected separately from general waste throughout the hotels we work with.
- Receptacles have been placed in guest rooms for recycling cardboard and paper
- We use whenever possible recycle paper
- We avoid as much as possible printing documents. We share all our information via email, newsletter, WhatsApp or instagram.

Cleaning Products

- We purchase cleaning materials with low environmental impact whenever possible

Staff and Customer Outreach

- We encourage guests to buy locally made products to support our local and regional economy

Initiatives

We work with TREE NATION. Tree-Nation is a non-profit organisation that allows citizens and companies to plant trees all around the world and offset their CO2 emissions. We keep track of our impact of our tree planting with our personalized counters. We can easily know how much CO2 our trees are compensating so that we stay always on the green side. We also engage our customers to build trust and loyalty around our company.

To be CO2 neutral we have a plan that offsets the emissions directly related to employees, like their office space, electricity at work, food, small office material and short distance travel.

Future Initiatives

In the next five years we plan to:

- Promote Eco-tourism in Togean. We collaborate with Togean Conservation Foundation. Togean Conservation Foundation is supporting local resorts and tourism businesses to reduce their environmental impact while developing guidelines for responsible tourism for guests, dive centres, resorts and tour operators. The Foundation is working directly with villages to develop appealing, low impact projects that help the village build sustainable incomes that rely on healthy ecosystems and preservation of their traditional culture and knowledge. It is hoped through these initiatives that we encourage the local community to protect and promote the incredible biodiversity and unique culture that draws visitors to Togean Islands and makes them fall in love with one of the few wild places left on earth.
- We would like to build an eco-hotel in Togean Islands following the guide of Togean Conservation Foundation and be part also of Travel Life recommended hotels.
- Install water saving devices on toilets and shower heads
- Install solar panels in our offices
- Try to work as much as possible with eco-hotels and /or hotels with a good environmental policy. Even though they are not eco-hotels, the most important thing is that they are environmentally and socially responsible.
- Try to speak with the government to modify legislation to recycle.