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Cultural Preservation

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The Cause:

Traditionally the Moken were a nomadic seafaring group that has roamed the Andaman Sea for thousands of years. They would spend most of their time on the sea in their houseboats called 'kabangs' where they would live in harmony with the nature around them. For many Moken communities the tsunami brought a wave of change and opened them up to the modern world. For the Moken on Koh Surin, it kept them land bound to only one beach on the islands that were then overtaken by tourism. Many Moken were relocated to the mainland communities of housing that were built as relief efforts, taking them away from their opportunity to easily acquire work.

How we help:

Elderly Moken Medical Care

The older generation of Moken who spent most of their life on the sea now faces new challenges on land, often lacking the ability to receive proper medical treatment in their aging years. Help our cultural preservation program to provide funds for transportation to hospitals and payment for medical treatment.

Community Based Tourism

A Group of Moken that continue to live on Koh Surin has reorganized a community based tourism group that offers private tours to interested guests of our partner Andaman Discoveries. Your support helps the basic needs of the group to keep the program running, including training and maintenance of the islands Moken informational center and interpretive forest trail.

Moken Youth Program

The Moken hold an indispensable knowledge of the sea and the nature of the Andaman. By offering financial support for community gatherings we are able to give the Moken an opportunity to celebrate and share their traditions. Here senior Moken community members will teach traditional fishing skills to the first generation to be raised mostly on the mainland, as well as handicraft making skills like boat building and weaving.



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