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### **Turtle Discovery to save our seas and marine life**

**Phuket, Thailand January, 2009** - At the Kids Club of JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa, the Foundation has opened its "Turtle Corner" which will be used as an educational corner covering the Turtle Discovery program including A turtle's life cycle, Food that turtles eat, Dangers that turtles face and How we can help the turtles. The aim of each 30 minute activities based lesson is to give children a better idea of the lives of turtles and the role we play to help them not to become extinct. The Turtle Discovery program will officially commence on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2009.

In 2009, the Foundation launches its latest project entitled "Saving our seas and marine life". This project comprises of several eco-educational and fund raising events to assist marine life.

The proposed projects for 2009 are:

February – Grant support to PMBC for their Marine Animal Stranding Rescue Project

April 13 – Songkran Turtle Release on Mai Khao Beach

May 24 – Turtle Fun Run & Educational Day

July / August – Saving our seas and marine life workshop for adults

October / November – Beach and reef clean up

November – Annual Gala Dinner

In 2008, the Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation conducted 8 events in its Environmental Awareness & Solutions Project 2008. Events included 3 environmental education workshops with primary school children, tree planting, turtle release/rescue, beach and reef cleanup, Turtle Fun Run and the energy saving Earth Hour Picnic.

For more information, please contact Ms. Michelle Mouillé, the Foundation's coordinator, at [info@maikhaoturtlefoundation.com](mailto:info@maikhaoturtlefoundation.com) or visit our website [www.jwmarriottphuket.com/maikhaoturtlefoundation](http://www.jwmarriottphuket.com/maikhaoturtlefoundation)



Turtle Corner in the Kids Club at JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa

*Editor's note:*

*The Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation was launched in March 2002 during the grand opening celebrations of JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa to raise funds and awareness of the endangered leatherback turtles which nest on the Mai Khao Beach. Over the recent years, the Foundation has broadened its environmental projects to not only conservation of the leatherback turtles but also the environment with the involvement of local communities, schools, universities and government organizations. Foundation activities include beach and reef cleaning, educational workshops, recycling projects, tree planting, turtle rescue/release and support of other marine conservation organizations.*