

SJV1417 INFOSHEET

CAN GIO MANGROVE BIOSPHERE RESERVE NATIONAL PARK



CODE NUMBER AND TIME

SJV1417 01/07/2014 - 12/07/2014

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT

Can Gio, Ho Chi Minh city.

WELCOME WORDS FROM OUR CAMP LEADER

Dear volunteers,

Firstly, it is a great honor for me to be able to welcome you here in Vietnam. I would like to express how happy I feel to have the opportunity to manage and meet a group of people like you who have travelled from different countries. I believe we can do our best to utilize an environmentally conscious attitude, bring a smile to the children of the reserve, and become closer by working together on this project.

Welcome to Vietnam, I am sure you will be inspired by the country, the local people and, Vietnamese food. Finally, I would like to thank you for your interest in volunteering in Vietnam. We respect you and your kindness. I look forward to meeting you in Vietnam.

Best wishes,

Do Minh Duc

Tong Quang Nam

Nguyen Minh Than

Work camp Coordinators

BACKGROUND OF PROJECT SITE

Known as “ the green lung of Saigon”, Can Gio biosphere reserve to the south of the city covers around 80,000 ha of the river delta and is cloaked in rich mangrove forest that is full of wildlife. This huge mass of green so close to the centre of Ho Chi Minh City helps clean the air of the city and protect against coastal erosion and storms coming in from the sea. During the war, the mangrove was a dense hiding place from which to launch attacks on the city, which both the Vietnamese and Americans found extremely difficult to penetrate or patrol. Now the government is beginning to recover and is protected by the government and international laws and also there are efforts to reintroduce much of the wildlife that fled this area.

ROLES AND TASKS

- Joining a training session how to plant mangrove trees at beginning of the workcamp.
- Planting and Taking care of Mangrove trees.
- Organize workshops of environmental topics to exchange with local staff of Management Board of Mangrove Forest.
- Carrying out common action about environmental activities with local community

DAILY LIFE

Accommodation food:

Volunteers will stay at the center of Manage Board of Mangrove Forest with basic and simple facilitation of living in Can Gio nearby project site with basic and simple condition of living, 4 persons sharing a room. Shower and toilet are available in each room. There is no washing machine provided so volunteers are expected to wash by hands.

Meals are self-prepared by volunteers at the center. Vietnamese food is considered as easy to eat, if you have special diet, please inform us before hand.

Leisure and exchange activities:

Free times should be used for inter-cultural and leisure activities of the group. So please come with some ideas of games and entertainment.

Volunteers will have weekend off, a chance for everyone to travel and take an interesting and relaxing break together. There are beaches close to Saigon or maybe a trip into the Mekong Delta region. SJV does not cover this cost for you but we can help arrange with ideas and planning details.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ability to do manual work.
- Willing to work and stay in forest
- Strong inter-personal skills, and experience in working with a wide variety of people, cultural sensitivity.
- Commitment to volunteerism
- High motivation and come ready to live as the locals do (basic accommodations, transport by bus or bicycle, local food). Be ready to face many difficulties such as language barriers, culture differences, low budgets, etc.
- Be patient and empathetic with the disabled children
- Follow rules of the centre

WHAT TO BRING:

- ▲ A raincoat
- ▲ Cap
- ▲ One long sleeve shirt
- ▲ Water-proof clothes and shoes
- ▲ Sleeping bag
- ▲ Pillow
- ▲ Mosquito spray
- ▲ Mosquito net



- ▲ Basic pharmacy kit
- ▲ Pictures of your hometown and family
- ▲ Games, objects or food from your country
- ▲ Craft materials for your project, if possible
- ▲ Copy of your passport

MEETING TIME AND MEETING POINT

Meeting point: at Ben Thanh Bus Station in district 1 (downtown of HCM City).

Meeting time: 9:00 AM, the first day of workcamp.

HOW TO GET TO MEETING POINT



International Airport: take a taxi from the taxi rank in front of arrivals. It's best to walk left and take a taxi from there – not the Saigon Airport Taxi. Take the taxi to **Ben Thanh bus station** and the price is around **180.000 VND** (9 USD). The ticket for the taxi to exit the airport toll gate is **10.000 VND** which the customer pays. You should get some money changed in the airport so

you can pay for the taxi in local currency.

Ben Thanh Bus Station

In case of an emergency or you need assistance please contact our coordinators

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONDITION

The total fee is 5,000,000VND/participant which includes transportation to and from the project site, food, basic accommodation and materials for the work camp. This fee will be paid upon arrival at the work camp on the first day. Participation fees enable SJ Vietnam to take care of you during your stay and to fund their projects. Volunteers' activities in the evenings or on the weekends are their own expense.

Address to transfer fee:

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Feel free to contact us anytime if you want more information. We look forward to meeting you soon in Vietnam.

