



Dear Friends,

I am writing from Mangrove Action Project's Asia regional office in Trang, Thailand. Ning, Shannon and I've been extremely busy since the beginning of 2011. We are working hard to move MAP's important project work forward, and continue to find better ways to conserve and restore the still beleaguered mangroves of Asia where over 80% of the world's remaining mangroves are found. In a real sense, Asia is on the front lines of the battle to save the mangroves.

First, we'd like to thank you for your continuing interest in MAP and for your past support. Without people like you to spread the word about the state of the world's mangroves and how we can help everyday in simple consumer choices and in contributing to on-the-ground projects, we wouldn't stand a chance in protecting such a vital ecosystem and the vast variety of life it supports.

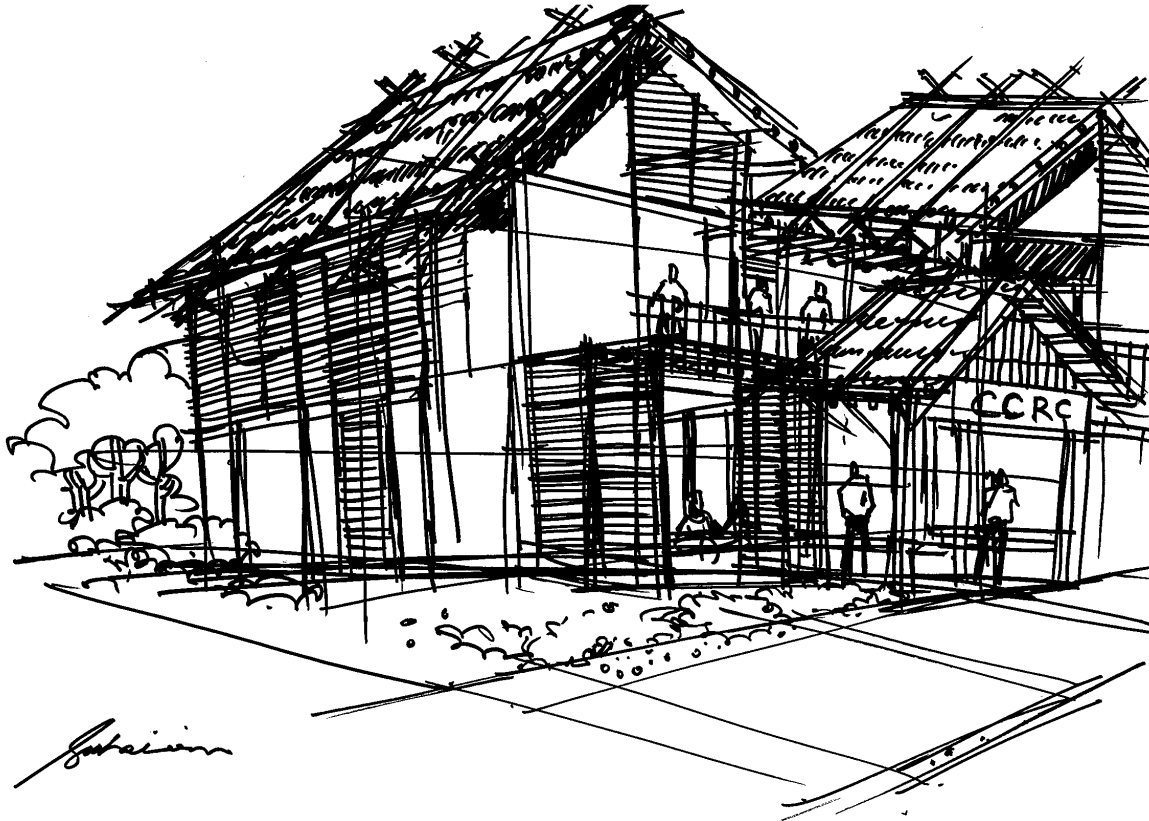
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One place where MAP is taking a stand and drawing that proverbial line in the sand is at Phra Thong Island, whose villages were devastated by the 2004 tsunami. MAP's staff and volunteers in Thailand are working with these displaced villagers to help them conserve and manage their unique area while supporting sustainable livelihood projects that benefit their newly formed community into the future. The community-based homestay program is now operational in Ban Lions Village and is helping to raise much needed supplementary income for the community members. We invite you to visit the village and please spread the word about the benefits of community-based tourism amongst friends.

Koh Phra Thong Lion Homestay: <http://www.andamancoast.org/ban-lion>

Most important to the community is establishing a fully operational Coastal Community Resource Center (CCRC), which will become the heart of the village, pumping information and enthusiasm to people and programs, allowing for future local community development activities and capacity building. Needed renovations **must be completed during this dry season, and so, we need to secure \$8,000 worth of supplies in order to finish construction before the rains begin again in May.** The two houses that the Lions Foundation of Thailand so generously granted for the CCRC need basic retrofitting, as they currently are not rainproof during the monsoons - threatening to ruin environmental displays, they require sun screening protection, and also must be physically connected in order to function properly.

*Future Coastal Community Resource Center of Phra Thong Island*



The center will provide the following activities:

- School Children's Environmental Education
- Sea Turtle & Sea Grass Conservation program
- Mangrove Conservation, Restoration, and Management
- Community-Based Tourism with Homestay and Eco-Tourism Programs
- Women's Handicraft as a Supplementary Livelihood (Natural Tie-Dye, etc.)
- Green Practices Demonstrations (rainwater harvesting, composting, solar power etc...)
- Visitor Center with Ecosystem Exhibits & Displays
- Villager and Visitor Education (Regarding biodiversity on the island and at large)

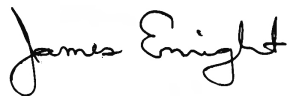
You are invited to help support this important project and help us bring the CCRC into full functional operation. We could sure use your help, and for your donation, we can place your name on a plaque on the wall of the Center thanking you for your contribution and naming you and other donors as project co-sponsors. **To donate for this project, please send a check or money order to: MAP, PO Box 1854, Port Angeles, WA 98362-0279, USA, or pay by credit card via PayPal or Network for Good found on [MAP's webpage](#); [www.mangroveactionproject.org](http://www.mangroveactionproject.org)**

[CCRC Photo Flyer](#)    [CCRC Worldwide](#)

We have plans designed by visiting Architecture students of the University of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. These plans use native, renewable resources in the building design. Purchasing the materials from local villages supports their economy while supporting the use of sustainable building techniques as well. Notice the use of Nypa (nipah) palm fronds for roofing, local timber, bamboo shading, and a passive rainwater collection system.

[Please join us and help make this plan a reality!](#)

Thanks on behalf of the Lions Community Members,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Enright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jim Enright  
MAP Asia Regional Coordinator

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