



## SUSTAINABILITY

### OUR PEOPLE, OUR COMMUNITY

Six Senses is committed to sustainability and its obligation to the environment and the community. Widely recognized as having established the initial benchmarks for the hospitality industry showing that a leisure lifestyle could be successfully embraced by the very top tier of resorts, Six Senses has shown that it is possible to enhance the guest experience by respecting nature.

Consistent with the commitment of the group, Six Senses Con Dao develops and invites guests to share the responsibility to offset their carbon footprint. There are programs in place to conserve energy, and wherever possible packaging is kept to an absolute minimum, or is reused. The resort manages its own reverse osmosis plant and crystal water refinery, producing high quality drinking water without the use of plastic bottles. An organic vegetable garden also supports the ultimate aim of self-sustained food and beverages in the resort, drastically reducing the environmental footprint.

### THE RESORT AND SURROUNDINGS

Passionate about supporting and protecting the environment, Six Senses Con Dao demonstrated commitment to sustainability has been recognized as one of the world's top eco lodges by National Geographic Traveler. Lying directly in front of the resort is prime habitat and feeding grounds for endangered dugong. This is the only place where protection is enforced for the small population that resides around Con Dao Islands. Six Senses Con Dao has formed a long-term plan to restore this area to its previously pristine condition.

During the design and construction of Six Senses Con Dao, much care was put into designing the resort along traditional Vietnamese style. The use of natural material, bamboo and wood walls and floors, naturally ventilated areas with the help of jareed (palm leaves core) and shaded areas to minimize the need for air conditioning and lighting, reduces our need for energy. Resembling a traditional fisherman village, Six Senses Con Dao harmoniously blends in the bay. It is an agricultural oasis of indigenous plants, many of which produces fruits and vegetables, as well as animal feed, which increased, among others, our bird species population over the years. Amidst the rugged cliffs of the bay, the resort benefits from raw, untouched and pristine natural surroundings of the National Parks.

Peppered with inlets and islands, the coastline shelters more seabirds than human beings, which has kept pollution levels to a minimal level. True to Six Senses' philosophy of selecting remote yet accessible destinations in areas of outstanding natural beauty, Con Dao is a breathtaking location, which has been protected for decades as a national and marine park.

### SPECIFIC FEATURES

Every aspect of the resort is designed to work in harmony with the environment. The resort's sensitive architecture is matched by intelligent ecological practices, committed to preserving and nurturing our tropical home.

#### **Solar water heaters**

Solar power is being used to heat water for the guests' villas.

#### **Air-conditioning**

All of the air-conditioning units use low environmental impact refrigerant.

### BEST PRACTICES

#### **Recycling**

Six Senses Con Dao tries to recycle all the things that we have in large amounts in the resort. For instance, recycled paving stones are made from crushed glass which is derived from wine bottles. Paper and candles are also recycled on-site.

### **Composting**

The resort separates the bio-waste from the kitchen and is added to garden waste to make compost. The finished product is then used for the organic garden to increase fertility in the soil.

### **Farm-to-Table Dining at Sense of Gardening**

Our organic garden, Sense of Gardening, is the main source of fresh ingredients in our restaurants and bar. Guests can join in a chef-accompanied tour, visit our mushroom hut, and learn about the types of produce, selecting the finest ingredients.

Afterwards, they have the chance to cook together in the Garden kitchen and understand more about quintessential Vietnamese flavors.

### **Earth Lab**

Earth Lab is a space where the resort showcases the sustainability efforts to reduce consumption, produce locally, and support communities and ecosystems. Guests can join a tour to visit the organic gardens, mushroom hut, water treatment plant and any other projects and initiatives we have active at that time.

### **Education for local adults and children**

The team has grown to develop a sense of pride in looking after the community providing English classes from two to three times per week for adults and children.

Moreover, the resort has partnership with a kindergarten where the resort comes once a month to have a talk with the little angels about sustainable food production and consumption, as well as environmental issues which impacts their surrounds.

### **Regular community beach clean-up**

The resort regularly organizes beach clean-up activities at various beaches in Con Dao archipelago. The activity enjoys participation of Hosts, local residents and our in-house guests

### **Sea Turtle Conservation**

In collaboration with National Parks, Six Senses Con Dao has become the proud custodians of selected clutches of turtle eggs, relocated by the National Park team to protect the eggs from being poached from nests on neighboring islands. The recently completed incubation center, "Let's Get Cracking" has since been home to many new hatchlings, where guests participate in the conservation efforts by joining the early morning hatchling releases.

### **Crystal Water Plant**

We provide still and sparkling remineralized drinking water to both guests and hosts from our on-site reverse osmosis plant. This perfect drinking water is bottled in reusable glassware, eliminating the use of plastic saving around 10,000 plastic bottles per month from landfill and ocean waste.

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