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## TAT New Governor



TAT announced the appointment of Thapanee Kiatphaibool as a new governor, effective from 1 September. Thapanee Kiatphaibool, a seasoned professional in the tourism industry, having joined the TAT in 1999 after earning a master's degree in science from the University of Surrey in the UK, Thapanee has held various positions within the organisation, including deputy governor for tourism products and business. Once officially appointed, she plans to announce her working direction and collaborate with the private sector to develop tourism promotional strategies.

## Opening/closed status of Thailand's national parks



As of 6 July, 2023, the National Park's Office on its Facebook page: *National Parks of Thailand* lists 133 national parks as open, of the 155 nationwide.

It is recommended tourists maintain a watch on the list regularly updated by the National Park's Office Facebook page: *National Parks of Thailand*.

Please do note that the bringing into and use of single-use plastics and foam containers at any of the 155 national parks in Thailand is banned. Plastic food containers, plastic glasses, plastic straws, plastic spoons and forks, plastic packaging such as plastic handles, and foam containers - essentially any item that is used once and thrown away - is strictly prohibited with a maximum fine for violations of up to 100,000 Baht, under the National Parks Act B.E. 2562 (2019).



### Liveaboard in Thailand

Thailand offer a wide range of dive sites to satisfy all types of preferences for beginners to experienced divers, and from a fun snorkeling trip to a challenging scuba diving excursion.

The diving programs in Thailand vary from a one-day trip to a multi-day diving trip where divers stay on a liveaboard.

The facilities on a liveaboard boat include comfortable accommodation, food and beverage, tanks, weight belts, and professional dive guides.

In Thailand, there are many liveaboard boats, both of in the Andaman Sea and in the Gulf of Thailand.



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