

ECHO RESORTS

Sustainability Highlights 2024–2025

(October 2024 – September 2025)

Our Island, Our Promise

At Gayana Marine Resort and Bungaraya Island Resort & Spa, sustainability isn’t just a policy — it’s our way of life. We are deeply committed to caring for the natural beauty of Gaya Island and supporting the people who make Sabah special. Through energy savings, waste reduction, and marine conservation, we continue to uphold our Travelife Gold & Beyond Green Certifications while creating unforgettable guest experiences that tread lightly on the planet.

Key Achievements at a Glance

Focus Area	2024–2025 Highlights
Energy Efficiency	8–10% reduction in energy use per guest night
Water Conservation	11% less water used
Fuel Use	9% drop in generator fuel consumption
Plastic Reduction	15,000+ plastic bottles avoided with Eco Pure water system
Coral Conservation	Regular coral planting activity with MERC
Community Outreach	200+ students and volunteers engaged in marine education

Together, these efforts reduced our overall footprint while enhancing our guests’ stay.

Smarter Energy, Cleaner Future

We have switched almost all lighting to energy-saving LEDs, added timer and expanded solar pathway lights. Next up: extending solar hot water systems to half of our villas by 2026.

-Power saved is paradise preserved.

Every Drop Counts

Our water conservation journey continues: Smart water-saving fixtures in all villas. Dual-flush systems and guest awareness campaigns reduced usage by 11% this year

-Goal: Keep consumption below 250L per guest per day by 2026.

Waste Not, Want Not

We have introduced composting for organic waste and improved waste segregation to over 70% accuracy. All departments now recycle and reuse wherever possible. Even our gardens thrive with compost made right here on the island

Protecting Our Oceans

Together with the Marine Ecology Research Centre (MERC) we are restoring coral reefs and increasing marine awareness. With our many Coral replanting programmes, giant clam rehabilitation programmes, daily debris clean-ups and school programmes are our continuous effort in protecting our beloved ocean.

Caring for Our Community

Sustainability means giving back, too. Over 200 students joined our Marine Awareness Month, 100 island families received reusable bags and bottles, and 98% of our team members are proudly from Sabah.

-When the community thrives, the island flourishes.

What's Next for 2025–2026

Goal	Target
Further 10% reduction in energy & water per guest night	By September 2026
Hybrid boats for guest transfers	By late 2030
Digital dashboard for real-time sustainability tracking	In progress
Expand local sourcing & community engagement	Ongoing
Continue coral & clam restoration with MERC	Continuous

-Small steps, big impact — for our guests, our community, and our planet.

Message from Our Resort Manager

“Every sustainable action we take today ensures that the beauty of Gaya Island will continue to inspire generations to come. Thank you to our guests, team members, and partners for helping us protect this precious island home.”

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