

Tackling pollution threats

Thailand NATURAL Resources and Environment Minister Varawut Silpaarcha will highlight the urgent need to protect Thai seas from pollution threats when he leads events for World Ocean Day in Phuket on Wednesday.

The United Nations marks World Ocean Day on June 8 every year, when countries around the world promote awareness of ocean and marine resources.

This year's theme is "Revitalisation: Collective Action for the Ocean", under which the UN is calling for urgent action from all sectors as the health of the ocean "is at a tipping point".

The main event in Thailand will be held at

Dolphin park in Phuket's Patong Beach and broadcast live via online media.

The event will feature activities and exhibitions on Thai ocean and marine resources, with representatives of international organisations and other countries in attendance.

Meanwhile, Varawut will give a speech to highlight Thailand's determination to preserve its ocean and marine resources in the face of plastic pollution, oil spills, tourism development and other threats.

Parallel events will be held in 10 other coastal provinces to encourage people to participate preserving the marine ecosystem. — The Nation/ANN

