



## Santa Marianita beach invites tourists for the holiday



(Manta, Manabí. May 25).- On May 25, people in Santa Marianita beach did voluntary labor to collect waste. This activity was carried out before the holiday by more than 100 people including students, brigade members, police officers and inhabitants from the community in Manta.

Leonardo Alonso, president of the District Council indicated that after the quake, Santa Marianita aims at recovering its economy and having more tourists visit "this town in Manabí whose accommodation and food establishments are ready to provide their service."

Manta's Tourism Direction supported this activity, Brenda Terán affirmed that this is a new way to encourage tourists to come to beaches and enjoy activities planned for the holiday. "We will have an art festival that will start on Friday at the main square, there will be a ceviche exhibit with restaurant owners on the next day and on Sunday, kitesurfing season will be inaugurated in Santa Marianita and San Mateo, there will also be water sports exhibitions and art performances."

Gema Ceballos, District 4 coordinator of the Ministry of Tourism, indicated that this is another action undertaken to recover the province's economy after it was affected by last April 16<sup>th</sup> quake. "This voluntary labor and those in San Mateo and Puerto Cayo show that our province is ready and committed to welcome tourists, so they can enjoy our beaches, landscapes and our delicious food." She emphasized that events planned by the Ministry of Tourism were not going to be suspended and added that constant campaigns will be promoted for its recovery.

If tourists want information about available hotels in the area, they can visit the web page of the Ministry of Tourism where they will find updated information.