



SANTO DOMINGO'S MALECON CLEARED FROM GARBAGE

Santo Domingo, July 25, 2018. The Ministry of Tourism of the Dominican Republic reports that due to heavy rains produced by Hurricane Beryl, a stack of solid residue unexpectedly washed up on Santo Domingo's coast, prompting immediate action from Dominican authorities.

Under the leadership of the Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Santo Domingo's municipal authorities joined forces with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, the Dominican Army, port authorities, Association of Industries of the Dominican Republic, national and international NGOs, and hundreds of volunteers who came together for a quick and effective solution to the waste accumulation.

"The competent actions undertaken by the authorities to overcome potential consequences of the trash that surfaced in the south coast, deserves the recognition of Santo Domingo's hoteliers," said Roberto Henriquez, President of the Santo Domingo Hotel Association. He also thanked the work of other authorities, national and international organizations, and volunteers who took part in the cleaning efforts.

The Ministry highlights that the garbage buildup only affected the Santo Domingo *Malecon*. The rest of the Dominican destinations – including Punta Cana, Puerto Plata, Samana, Juan Dolio and La Romana – were unaffected and continue to welcome visitors from all over the world.

The sustainability of tourism activities and the wellbeing of visitors is a top priority for the Ministry of Tourism of Dominican Republic, and it will continue to cooperate with other institutions and environmental stakeholders to guarantee that tourist attractions are in optimal conditions.

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