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CHILD LABOUR

Around the world, between 13 and 19 million people less than 18 years of age work in an occupation tied to tourism. This represents some 10-15% of the tourism workforce. It is estimated that two million children in the world are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. International tourism is the sector where this evil can be effectively dealt with.

In a project of the ILO Sub-regional Office for the Caribbean and the Government of Canada on Combatting Child Labour in the Caribbean, many activities have been undertaken and a useful website has been created. A recent ILO working paper examines the situation for Asia and the Pacific region on this topic.

Links for further information:

- "It's not child's play" – Forms of Child Labour in Tourism (pdf)
- ILO Office for the Caribbean
<http://www.ilocarib.org.tt/projects/childlabour/>
- Child labour. Report VI(2) to the 86th Session of the International Labour Conference, 1998
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/reIm/ilc/ilc86/rep-vi.htm>
- General information about the ILO International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC)
<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/lang--en/index.htm>