



# THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF TOURISM

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A clean, healthy environment is essential to future development. Without one, a destination will lose its capability to attract tourists. (Edgell and Smith in Ritchie and Goeldner, 1994).

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But efforts to enhance the environmental quality and minimize the impacts of tourism should be of importance for local life, otherwise it might be questionable.



# The (+) Environmental Impact of Tourism

Tourism, on its positive side, reinforces conservation and preservation. It helps to maintain the existence of endangered wildlife as well as for the reservation of ancient monuments, sites and historic buildings.



# The (+) Environmental Impact of Tourism



*National Park Rila*

It is a benefit for the protection and improvement of the environment quality by the creation of national parks and wildlife parks; protection of reefs and beaches; and the maintenance of forests.



# The (+) Environmental Impact of Tourism



Greater protection of specific ecosystems



More control of harmful economic activities such as logging and commercial fishing.

# The (+) Environmental Impact of Tourism



Part of visitor expenditures may be reinvested in research and better conservation programs.



Greater understanding among local residents of environmental issues .

# The (-) Environmental Impact of Tourism

Tourism has its negative side such as pollution to water, air and soil.

Machines and motors being used are adding to noise pollution.

Activities demand for more earth mineral, oil and energy that could lead to the extinction.





# The (-) Environmental Impact of Tourism

- Changes of land use;
- Congestion and air pollution;
- Contribution to worldwide environmental problems;
- Deterioration and disturbance of the natural ecology as well as archaeological, historical, architectural, and natural sites



# The (-) Environmental Impact of Tourism



Impacts of foot traffic.  
Pollution of beaches, lakes, rivers,  
and underground water.



Visual clutter.



# The (-) Environmental Impact of Tourism

- Insufficient utility service capacities
- Global Warming
- Climate Change





# The (?) Environmental Impact of Tourism

When evaluating the net worth of preservation and conservation activities, the potential costs associated with such activities must be taken into account.



# The (!) Environmental Impact of Tourism

Green tourism & **Eco-tourism**

Solutions to tourism related pollution in the travel and tourism industry are **Technologically Available**.





# The (!) Environmental Impact of Tourism

The tourism-related companies have every opportunity to institute voluntary initiatives and self-regulation to address green tourism advocates and those calling for government regulation.





# The (!) Environmental Impact of Tourism

- The establishment of formal environmental management systems (EMSs) in each business
- The establishment of waste reduction programs
- Use high capacity airplanes to reduce noise and emissions of pollutants and fuel consumption.



# The (!) Environmental Impact of Tourism

A declaration in the 1990s states that if individuals demand tourism, they must take responsibility for the environment and host societies: tourists share responsibility for conservation of the environment and cultural heritage.

(Osaka Tourism Declaration, WTO, 1994)



Take only memories,  
leave nothing but  
footprints!