

Enabling Conditions in the Destination: Governance & Conservation

This tool assesses the enabling environment to check with certain conditions that must be met to ensure that tourism benefits conservation as well as local communities and to make sure that no negative impacts on conservation occur.



Legitimacy and voice

Existence of a stakeholder map including an indication of key ecotourism stakeholders

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Relevant rightholders and stakeholders are represented in the LEC (Local Ecotourism Cluster) and can have a say or participate in decision-making (PA = Protected Area; CSO = Civil Society Organisation; ITO = Inbound Tour Operator / DMC/ Incoming Agency; DMO = Destination Management Organisation)

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Ratio of male and female members in the LEC (Local Ecotourism Cluster).

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Direction

Existence of an ecotourism strategy including an agreed action plan to provide a framework for the development of the ecotourism offer in and around the Protected Area

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Performance

Degree of participation of the LEC in the development of the ecotourism offer supported by the park (including MEET itineraries)

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The LEC has specified the procedure to select service providers to be included in the tourism offer supported by the park

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The LEC has formally identified one or several Inbound Tour Operators (ITO) that can, and is willing to, develop and operate the ecotourism offer supported by the park (including MEET itineraries) and the required monitoring procedures.

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The LEC has an action plan specifying its envisaged activities (meetings, activities, events...)

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Degree of activity of the LEC (meetings in person or online)

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Extent to which public authorities and decision-makers are aware of the vision of the LEC and support the further integration of ecotourism aspects into regional policies.

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Accountability

Extent to which information about meetings and activities is shared with LEC members, stakeholders and rightsholders

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Extent to which information on LEC meetings, key documents (e.g. strategy, action plan, MEET, ecotourism offer) and activities is publicly accessible.

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Presence of an easily accessible mechanism to receive and react to feedback regarding the package and the work of LEC from customers, LEC members and general public.

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Degree to which feedback is considered by the LEC

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Fairness and Rights

Number of substantial complaints yearly reported by local communities, stakeholders and rightsholders related to the ecotourism offer supported by the park (including MEET itineraries)

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Number of reported infringements and/or legal problems related to the ecotourism offer supported by the park (including MEET itineraries)

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Legal designations

The site meets the IUCN definition of a Protected Area and/or is recognised as a "Conserved Area". It is assigned to one of the IUCN PA Management Criteria OR is a legally established protected area according to national legislation.

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Conservation planning

The protected area has a current management / conservation plan or equivalent in place (formally adopted) that is used to guide management-related priorities and activities. It has stated conservation, but also socio-economic objectives. The park is aware of the major pressures, threats and park values to enable effective ecotourism planning.

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Visitor management

The Protected Area has visitor regulations in place (group size, mode of transport, waste disposal, noise pollution, etc.) designed to minimize negative impacts on biodiversity/natural resources. The information is accessible to users and visitors.

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The Protected Area continuously monitors visitor flows and impacts (seasonality, peaks, numbers, motivation, survey, hot spots, impacts on ecological status of vulnerable/threatened species.

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Impacts on Conservation from the package

Existence of nature conservation activities supported/funded by ecotourism related revenues (*We are very interested to learn on practical activities and mechanisms to finance conservation from tourism revenues. If you have an example, please send it to secretariat@meetnetwork.org)

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The tour operators in the LEC formally state that they understand, and comply with, existing local, national and international regulations and guidelines concerning wildlife interactions, including wildlife viewing

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Proof of commitment of tour operators in the LEC to comply with the rules (as amendment to the contractual arrangement)

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There is no clear evidence that potential environmental impacts of the ecotourism offer in the protected area are significantly threatening the achievement of the protected areas objectives

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