

## Enabling conditions assessment of the destination: GOVERNANCE AND CONSERVATION

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## 1.1 ENABLING CONDITIONS FOR THE LEC - GOVERNANCE

Topic	Indicator		Ideal performance	Compliance	No data or non-compliant situation	Don't know / Not applicable
<b>1.1.1 Legitimacy and voice</b>	1.1.1.1	Existence of a stakeholder map including an indication of key ecotourism stakeholders.	Comprehensive and up to date	Basic draft available	Not existing	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.1.2.	Relevant rightsholders 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).	As a minimum: 1 business for each of the 4 sectors (accommodation, transport, food and drink, activities, and other services), 1 local administration, all protected areas, 1 CSO, 1 ITO, 1 DMO or Tourism Board	As a minimum: 1 local administration, 2 business of the 4 sectors, 1 PA, 1 ITO (Minimum 5 persons)	Less than the minimum for compliance	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.1.3	What is the female/male ratio of members in the LEC?	Balanced: 40- 60% female/male	Approx. 20-40% female	Approx. less than 20% female or male.	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.1.4	The LEC has a document proving its existence	Existing and specifying its organisation (composition, membership, meetings, tasks, roles, responsibilities)	Existing	Not existing	Don't know / Not applicable

<b>1.1.2 Direction</b>	1.1.2.1.	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.	Existing and already implemented	In preparation	Not existing or planned	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.2.2.	Level of implementation of the actions present in the current strategy 2 years after the start of the strategy.	More than 60% implemented	60-40% implemented	Less than 40% implemented / No data	Don't know / Not applicable
<b>1.1.3. Performance</b>	1.1.3.1.	To what extent does the LEC contribute to the development of the ecotourism offer supported by the park (including MEET itineraries)?	LEC with contributions of additional actors outside the LEC	With relevant members of the LEC	Development is carried out solely by private sector tourism actors	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.3.2	Has the LEC established a procedure to select service providers to be included in the tourism offerings supported by the park?	LEC has a comprehensive procedure	LEC has a basic or in preparation procedure	No existing procedure	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.3.3	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.	Yes, and formalised in agreement	Yes	No	Don't know / Not applicable

	1.1.3.4	The LEC has an action plan specifying its envisaged activities (meetings, activities, events ... ).	Detailed action plan	List of planned activities available	No action plan available	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.3.5	Degree of activity of the LEC (meetings in person or online).	Frequent meetings	At least 2 meetings per year	No meetings	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.3.6	To what extent public authorities and decision-makers are aware of the vision of the LEC and support the further integration of ecotourism aspects into regional policies?	Fully aware and supportive	Generally aware	Not aware	Don't know / Not applicable
<b>1.1.4. Accountability</b>	1.1.4.1	Extent to which information about meetings and activities is shared with LEC members, stakeholders, and rightsholders.	All	Basic information	None	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.4.2.	Extent to which information on LEC meetings, key documents (e.g., strategy, action plan, MEET, ecotourism offer), and activities is publicly accessible.	All	Basic information	None	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.4.3.	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.	Available and actively used	Available	Not available	Don't know / Not applicable

	1.1.4.4.	Degree to which feedback is considered by the LEC.	Fully considered	Partly considered	Not considered	Don't know / Not applicable
<b>1.1.5. Fairness and Rights</b>	1.1.5.1.	Number of substantial complaints yearly reported by local communities, stakeholders and rightsholders related to the ecotourism offer supported by the park (including MEET itineraries).	None reported	Reported and addressed	Reported, not addressed	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.1.5.2.	Number of reported infringements and/or legal problems related to the ecotourism offer supported by the park (including MEET itineraries).	None reported	Reported and addressed	Reported, not addressed	Don't know / Not applicable

### 1.1 ENABLING CONDITIONS FOR THE PROTECTED AREA - CONSERVATION

Topic	Indicator	Ideal performance	Compliance	No data or non-compliant situation	Don't know / Not applicable
<b>1.2.1 Legal designation</b>	1.2.1. 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.	Gazetted, legally designated and having an operational management body	Gazetted and legally designated	No protected area	Don't know / Not applicable.

<b>1.2.2 Conservation planning</b>	1.2.2.	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.	Existence of adopted Management / Conservation plan covering socio-economic and conservation aspects. It has a section detailing visitor management and visitation (e.g., context, objectives, measures)	Existence of adopted Management / Conservation plan	Absence of any plan or plan not adopted	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.2.2.1.	Level of implementation of the actions present in the management plan 2 years after the start of the plan.	More than 60% implemented	60-40% implemented	Less than 40% implemented / No data	Don't know / Not applicable
<b>1.2.3. Visitor management</b>	1.2.3.	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.	In force, applied and available for visitors	Formally in force	No regulation on visiting	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.2.6.	The protected area continuously monitors visitor flows and impacts (seasonality, peaks, numbers, motivation, survey, hot spots, impacts on ecological status of vulnerable/threatened species).	Continuous and comprehensive visitors monitoring system in place	Visitor monitoring-related measures in place but not systematically and	No visitor monitoring system in place	Don't know / Not applicable

				permanently implemented		
<b>1.2.4. Impacts on Conservation from the package</b>	1.3.1.	Existence of nature conservation activities supported/funded by ecotourism related revenues. (*We are very interested to learn about practical activities and mechanisms to finance conservation from tourism revenues. If you have an example, please send it to <a href="mailto:secretariat@meetnetwork.org">secretariat@meetnetwork.org</a> ).	Conservation activity under implementation which has additional socio-economic benefits	Conservation activity identified	No activity identified	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.3.2.	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.	Formal agreement	Informal agreement; no violations	No	Don't know / Not applicable
	1.3.3.	Proof of commitment of tour operators in the LEC to comply with the rules (as amendment to the contractual arrangement).	Formal commitment with additional commitments (e.g., investments) from the TO	Formal commitment	No commitment	Don't know / Not applicable

	1.3.4.	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.	No observed impacts	Observed but managed impacts	Visible impacts which are not managed	Don't know / Not applicable
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