



Tourism & Conservation

Friends Or Enemies?

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Cross-cultural Bridge

- Culture and traditions as assets
- People visiting different cultures, learning local customs or traditions



[Nature Tourism]



[Human & Nature Tourism]



- Nature / natural resources as assets
- A perfect way to admire landscape beauty
- Opportunity to observe nature in action

[Human & Nature Tourism]



- Observing wildlife in their natural habitat
- All assets need to be maintained or preserved

[Negative Impacts]



[Negative Impacts]



[To Minimize Negative Impacts]

Eco-tourism

- Benefit for local people
- Education
- Benefit for conservation

(Kodhyat, 1999)

[Benefit For Local People]

Community-based Ecotourism

- Communities involvement in ecotourism schemes
- Majority of benefit stays in the community

(Wood, 2000)

Benefit For Local People

KAGUM Community
Cooperative
around Ujung
Kulon NP, Banten
Indonesia

- Community empowerment from individual services to organized tour operation
- Link with market



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[Education]

- To educate visitors as well as operators with ideas of biodiversity preservations
- Increasing awareness level

[Education (example)]

ReefCheck Program

- Train divers with basic coral reef assessment techniques
- Voluntary activities



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[Benefit For Conservation]

- Parts of the revenue is allocated for conservation / environmental purposes (Conservation Fund)
- Active participation in managing biodiversity preservation

Revenue Allocation

NZAid project in Mt Rinjani NP, Lombok, West Nusatenggara, Indonesia

- Clean up program
- Help authority to monitor illegal activities in the Park



[Active Participation]



Barghmara Community Forest, Nepal

- Local community directly manage a forest area
- Sustainable income from tourism

[Constraints]

- Difficult Access to National Parks
- Community empowerment / capacity building is a difficult task
- Environmental monitoring can be difficult / unreliable



[Constraints]

- Marketing
- Infrastructure should comply with environmental requirements
- Lack of Investment



Peace And Eco-tourism

- With careful planning, thorough implementation and strict monitoring, tourism can be “friend” of conservation and biodiversity preservation
- “Good neighbors” of National Parks will reduce conflict between rangers and local people
- Co-management between countries (UNESCO’s trans-boundary World Heritage Sites)

Thank You

