# The CEETO Handbook on **SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN PROTECTED AREAS**

## TOURISM IN PROTECTED AREAS

### WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

The presence of tourists in a Protected Area will always have an impact in the environment and the local communities that inhabit it

### **POSITIVE** IMPACTS



Stimulates the local economy



Supports social development

Helps preserving natural and cultural values

### **NEGATIVE** IMPACTS

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Creates unequal distribution of economic benefits in time (seasonality) and space

Leads Ťħ to social conflicts and uneven social development

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Disturbs the ecosystems by polluting and overexploiting them

there is a way for Protected Areas to benefit from the positive impacts of tourism while minimising the negative ones

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**SUSTAINABLE** Sustainable Tourism takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impacts, TOURISM

However.

#### THE PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Fosters Travelling to natural destinations

Minimizes negative impact of tourism

Builds environmental awareness



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direct economic benefits for conservation

Empowers local people and provides direct economic benefits



Guide

addressing the needs of visitors, the industry,

Learn from the hand of the experts!

THE CEETO HANDBOOK

started with sustainable tourism:

**Benefits** 

Trends

contains the necessary information to get

the environment and host communities

a Reference

#### DO YOU ALREADY **KNOW THE BASICS?**

#### **START developing Sustainable Tourism Strategies!**

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the CEETO Handbook

Check the CEETO Guidelines on Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas Infographic for Policy Makers

#### **START Planning and Managing!**

Check the CEETO Manual on Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas Infographic for Protected Area Managers



Visitors Flow monitoring methodologies

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