

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR OFFICIALS

Sir/Madam

As a part of PhD-research activity undertaken on the topic- "Promoting Sustainable Economic Ecotourism Development at Rural areas in Nagpur District". I the undersigned researcher request you to furnish sincere response in the following questions prepared by me. I assure that the responds furnished by you would be used for research purpose only. I solicit your kind co-operation.

Yours faithfully,
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Name : _____

Designation : _____

Department : _____

Role : Planning/ Decision Making Operations Management
 Control & Security Maintenance & Development

Incharge of which project/ region/ destination : _____

1. Which destinations comes under Ecotourism project?

- Pench Tiger Reserve Pench- Ambakhori & Totladoh Umred Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary
 Bor Wildlife Sanctuary Navegaon- Nagzira Waki Woods Khekranala
 Mansar Ambhora Ramtek – Khindsi Chandpur- Idiadoh lake

2. How would you rate this destination on the following parameters?

- a) Natural beauty (Plants & Animals) 5 - Excellent, 4- Good, 3- Average 2- Fair, 1-Poor
b) Other Attractions-Monuments, Entertainment 5 - Excellent, 4- Good, 3- Average 2- Fair, 1-Poor
c) Accessibility (Road & transportation) 5 - Excellent, 4- Good, 3- Average 2- Fair, 1-Poor
d) Restaurant & Lodging Facilities 5 - Excellent, 4- Good, 3- Average 2- Fair, 1-Poor
e) Guide & Department Information Service 5 - Excellent, 4- Good, 3- Average 2- Fair, 1-Poor
f) Local's cooperation 5 - Excellent, 4- Good, 3- Average 2- Fair, 1-Poor
g) Safety & security 5 - Excellent, 4- Good, 3- Average 2- Fair, 1-Poor

3. Are you aware about the term ecotourism & its importance?

- Yes No

4. As per to you what is Ecotourism?

- Visiting to exotic natural environment spots
 Learning & understanding the environment & culture of spots
 Following of ecofriendly practices like Reduce-Reuse-Recycle of energy resources
 Protection & contribution towards wildlife & local financial development
 All of the above

5. As per to you which are the sustainable development practices

- All ecological friendly practices for resources like land, water, nature, electricity management

Optimum infrastructure construction & avoiding high end technology- factors for ecology destruction

Proper treatment of wastes & pollutants

Local community financial development & welfare plans

All of the above

6. Do you agree that following of sustainable ecotourism development practices will benefit all of us & is important?

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. Economic ecotourism development will happen if

a) Local people are given equal chance in tourism activities & development.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

b) Application of low cost sustainable ecotourism practices.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

8. Do you agree that the local financial development is as important as the wildlife conservation.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

9. As Government body is the pivotal part of destination management which of these sustainable ecotourism practices are been considered in managing this place. Kindly tick & rate it as per to its importance.

5- Very Important 4- Important 3- So-so 2- Less Important 1- Not Important

Interpretive/ information centres (informing about place, environment, rules & guidelines for eco conduct) for tourists at destination entry 5- Very Imp 4- Imp 3- So-so 2- Less Imp 1- Not Imp

Controlled access point & cabins 5 4 3 2 1

Carrying capacity of place 5 4 3 2 1

Self guided nature trails for tourists 5 4 3 2 1

Ecofriendly transportation within premises that is eco vehicles which are battery operated/bio fuel/ Bullock or horse carts 5 4 3 2 1

Observation towers 5 4 3 2 1

Sign boards 5 4 3 2 1

Buffer zones 5 4 3 2 1

Eco lodging & dining facilities 5 4 3 2 1

Garbage disposal facility & management 5 4 3 2 1

Hygienic water refilling stations 5 4 3 2 1

Eco sanitation toilets 5 4 3 2 1

Continuous monitoring of adverse effects of tourism 5 4 3 2 1

10. For successful destination management which of the bodies are involved during planning & execution of procedure.

Forest Department Tourism-MTDC Department State Transport Department

Professional landscape architects & urban planners Local Community

Hotel & restaurant Association Travel & tour operators NGO

Tourism Education Institution Others, please specify_____

11. The infrastructures are maintained by whom?

Forest Personnel MTDC Outsourced Locals Others, please specify _____

12. What was the reason to establish this place?

Just Recreation Just Protection Recreation, Protection & Conservation

13. What do visitors do in the spot?

Admire Natural Beauty Refreshment/Picnicking To know Ecology & environment
 Treking Safari Night Halt Others, please specify _____

14. What kind of promotion or marketing schemes has the spot pursued to attract visitors?

Brochures Leaflets Film Shows Guidebook Ads in Media

15. What is the carrying capacity of this place?

16. How many people visit this place each year?

< 5000 5000- 10000 10000- 15000 > 15000

17. Which facility contributes most to the environmental education for visitors?

Interpretive/ information centres Guide's information Guards/ park personnel
 Interpretive sign boards on trails Brochures Locals

18. For continuous monitoring of place & environment which are the below stated practices followed?

GIS- Geo Information System & remote sensing monitoring techniques used for inventory of land & its natural resources
 Fuel woods & forest products monitored by security officials
 Pollution check of vehicles entering spot
 Sanitary condition monitoring in hotels & camp sites
 Water, electricity & sewage –waste disposal management
 Subscribed/ certified to any National or International Accreditation Body. If yes, please specify

19. Any training programs for eco conservation practices provided to the participant in tourism activities?

No Yes If yes, kindly mention the program.

Local Community _____
 Hoteliers & Tour operators _____
 Tourists _____ Guides _____
 Forest & MTDC Department personnel _____

20. What about the local community economic welfare plans, how is it encouraged? Kindly check the implemented ones.

Guide jobs provided to locals
 Home stay facility by locals for tourists
 Farm tourism, Bullock & horse carting

- Gypsy & SUV for safaris by locals
- Home cooked food/ snacks by locals to tourists
- Souvenirs/ handicrafts made by locals on sale
- Incentives/ rewards given for conservation to locals
- Training programs given on livelihood & conservation

21. Are the participants in tourism awarded for practicing ecofriendly sustainable methods?

No Yes If yes, kindly mention the awards.

- Local Community _____ Tourists _____ NGO _____
- Hotel & restaurants _____ Travel & tour operators _____
- Tourism Education Institution _____ Others, please specify _____

22. What are the developments happened in this place?

- Construction of roads Establishment of Hotel & restaurants Toilet, water facility
- Beautification of spot- specify _____
- Formation of conservation organization & Association
- Any future plans please mention _____

23. Do you think that excessive developments can harm place's natural beauty, ecology?

Yes No

24. Is it necessary to have a separate law on ecotourism for effective and sustainable growth of ecotourism?

Yes No

25. Do you think that the present forest procedure of the Government are providing services (good for ecology, economic benefit, social uplift, and economic uplift) to the society?

Yes No, Please suggest _____

Thank you!